

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AND REMEMBERING THE MEMBERS OF THE GREATEST GENERATION WHO SAVED FREEDOM IN THE WORLD

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, tomorrow, June 6, marks the 75th anniversary of Allied Forces' audacious amphibious landing at Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944.

This joint undertaking to liberate the continent of Europe from the clutches of an evil aggressor enemy was the first and most emphatic demonstration of the invincible strength of democratic nations when acting collectively.

For nearly seventy years, from April 4, 1949 to January 20, 2017, peace in Europe has been secured and no adversary, not the old Soviet Union or the contemporary Russian Federation, has dared to risk war by attacking a European ally of the United States because every American president has made clear that the United States is committed to Article V of the North Atlantic Treaty which holds that an attack on any NATO member is regarded as an attack on all of them.

Madam Speaker, "Operation Overlord," as D-Day was formally known, was the largest single amphibious assault in the history of warfare.

The success of D-Day, which was far from certain at the outset, led to the liberation of Western Europe, signaled the death knell of the German Wehrmacht, and paved the way to unconditional victory by the Allied Forces over the evils of Nazism, fascism, and Japanese imperialism.

It is no exaggeration to say that D-Day changed the course of human history.

The aim of the meticulously planned D-Day operation was to open a second front in the European war theater from which the Allied Forces could attack the German army and push east to capture Berlin.

With the Russian Army advancing from the east, coupled with the southern front opened by the Allied invasion of Italy from North Africa in 1942, the opening of a western front would set in motion the pincer movement that would catch the German Army in a trap from which there would be no escape.

The formidable German Army expected that the Allied Forces would try to launch an invasion from the western beaches of France.

They just did not know when or where.

So, in anticipation of an Allied invasion, the Nazis constructed the infamous Atlantic Wall, an extensive system of coastal fortifications built along the western coast of Europe and Scandinavia.

Under the direction of Field Marshal Rommel, the Atlantic Wall was reinforced by the addition of concrete pillboxes built along the beaches to house machine guns, antitank guns and light artillery.

Mines and antitank obstacles were planted on the beaches themselves and underwater obstacles and mines were placed in waters just off shore.

By the time of the D-Day landing, the Nazis had laid almost six million mines in northern France.

And awaiting Allied soldiers who made their way onto and away from the beaches were gun emplacements and minefields extended inland.

"War is hell," said General William Tecumseh Sherman during the Civil War.

And that is an apt description of what awaited the brave Allied warriors who set sail from England to the beaches of Normandy in the early morning of June 6, 1944, at the beginning of what has rightly been called "The Longest Day."

But they were buoyed in their resolve by the millions of prayers from Americans and others back home, of all races, religions, and creeds, invoking the Lord's blessing, mercy, and grace.

With the outcome in doubt, President Franklin Roosevelt asked the nation to join him in this solemn prayer:

"Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

"Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

"They will need Thy blessings.

"For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace.

"They fight not for the lust of conquest.

"They fight to end conquest.

"They fight to liberate.

"They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and goodwill among all Thy people.

"They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home."

The prayers were needed because the cost of D-Day was high; U.S. casualties on D-Day totaled more than 2,499 dead, 3,184 wounded, 1,928 missing, and 26 captured.

Our British and Canadian allies suffered terrible losses on D-Day as well: approximately 2,700 for the British and 946 for the Canadians.

German casualties are estimated at 4,000 to 9,000.

In total, the number of combatants killed, wounded or missing in the Battle of Normandy for both sides exceeded 425,000, not including the estimated 15,000 to 20,000 French civilians killed.

But the operation was a success.

More than 156,000 troops or paratroopers came ashore on D-Day, 73,000 from the U.S., 83,000 from Great Britain and Canada.

By the end of June 11, D-Day +5, 326,547 troops, 54,186 vehicles and 104,428 tons of supplies had come ashore.

And with them came the seeds for the victory in Europe that would come less than a year later, on May 8, 1945, with the fall of Berlin and the unconditional surrender of the Nazis.

On the eve of the Normandy invasion, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, addressed the soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Forces and said to them that they were about to embark upon a "Great Crusade," and that the "eyes of the world" were upon them.

He told them that their task would not be easy because the "enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely."

But, General Eisenhower said, "this is the year 1944. The tide has turned. The free men of the world are marching together to victory."

And march to victory they did, fully justifying General Eisenhower's "confidence in their courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle."

Because of the heroism of these men who willingly risked their lives to be the tip of the spear of liberty, the war was won, and a world was saved for freedom.

Madam Speaker, D-Day was, and remains, a day like no other in the history of man's sojourn on earth.

We remember Gettysburg.

There, President Lincoln paid tribute to those "who gave their lives so that the nation might live."

It is equally fitting and proper that we never forget D-Day and that we continue to honor those who risked all and gave all so that the light of freedom would never be extinguished in the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following votes because I remained in my congressional district due to a death in the family.

Had I been present, I would have voted: yes on Roll Call Vote No. 232; yes on Roll Call Vote No. 233; yes on Roll Call Vote No. 234; yes on Roll Call Vote No. 235; yes on Roll Call Vote No. 236; yes on Roll Call Vote No. 237; yes on Roll Call Vote No. 238; no on Roll Call Vote No. 239; and yes on Roll Call Vote No. 240.

COMMEMORATING THE 115TH ANNIVERSARY OF THAYER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Thayer United Methodist Church of Thayer, Illinois, for celebrating their 115th anniversary.

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In 1904, Thayer United Methodist Church was officially opened as a place of worship for the residents of the town. Since then, the church has grown immensely; it now provides the area with far more than a place to pray. This is where the residents of Thayer come to make strides towards improving their local community.

The Thayer United Methodist Church is known throughout the area for the services that it has provided for the community over the last 115 years. Today, we celebrate the church for their dedication to serving Thayer. I extend my sincere congratulations to the Thayer United Methodist Church for a successful 115 years, and I wish them even more success going forward.

HONORING LAUREN BROWN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, a biology teacher in the Second Congressional District has been selected as the 2019 Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year of South Carolina by the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT).

According to the New Irmo News, "the award is given annually to a teacher who shows a passion for teaching biology. Each state, province, and territory recognizes an Outstanding Biology Teacher."

Ms. Lauren Brown has been teaching biology for 9 years, the last five years have been at Spring Hill High School. She was also honored as the American Legion Teacher of the Year from Chapin Post 193. She has also served for three years as a coaching teacher with the University of South Carolina's Education program.

Our communities in the Second Congressional District are grateful for leadership like Ms. Lauren Brown's. Congratulations to Lauren for earning this distinct honor.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on June 3, 2019, I missed Roll Call Number 234, On Approving the Journal, due to a longstanding prior commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remind everyone that we have a

responsibility to do everything we can to address the epidemic of senseless gun violence that is plaguing our nation.

June is Gun Violence Prevention Month and we must use this opportunity to come together to not only raise awareness of gun violence but also take action.

We're reminded again after the recent Virginia Beach Shooting that too many of our loved ones are lost to senseless gun violence that could be prevented by keeping firearms out of dangerous hands.

That is why I was proud to vote for H.R. 8 and urge my Senate colleagues to do the same.

This common-sense bill will prevent private firearm sales to prohibited purchasers, and close online and gun show loopholes. Thus, we will move towards ensuring firearms are obtained responsibly.

While this bill does not cover everything, it is a step in the right direction that will make the United States safer for our families and communities.

CONGRATULATING KENN AND BETH ZELTEN FOR BEING NAMED 2019 CITIZEN DRIVERS

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Kenn and Beth Zelten for being named 2019 Citizen Drivers. Through their dedicated service, exceptional leadership, and steadfast devotion to their community, Kenn and Beth have become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The Citizen Driver program honors the hard-working professional truck drivers that demonstrate good citizenship, safety, community involvement, and leadership. None are more deserving of this honor than Kenn and Beth. During their more than 30-year career as a team, they have driven nearly 5 million miles, receiving multiple awards for their customer service, safety, efficiency, and overall excellence. When they're not driving, Kenn and Beth are active in their community—supporting charities like the St. Christopher Fund, The Salvation Army, Mission of Hope, and Landstar BCO Benevolence Fund, and working with several groups to help the less fortunate like Abundant Life Mission and Project Give.

There are more than 3.5 million professional truck drivers in the United States. While their work often goes unnoticed and underappreciated, it is vital to keeping our economy moving and daily life on track. Programs like Citizen Driver are a tremendous opportunity for us to recognize the hard work and dedication of professional drivers like Kenn and Beth that go above and beyond and serve as role models for every American.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Kenn and Beth Zelten for their decades of service and for being named 2019 Citizen Drivers. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such selfless and devoted individuals. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Kenn and Beth all the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained from the floor on Monday, June 3rd. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 232, YEA on Roll Call No. 233, and YEA on Roll Call No. 234.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COLONEL RICHARD BELAND

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor life of Colonel Richard Beland of Poquoson, Virginia—a dedicated patriot and public servant who passed away surrounded by family on Friday, May 10, 2019.

His 30 years of service in the United States Air Force included training students for a decade, flying 290 combat missions in Vietnam, serving as an Advance Agent for Support and Security for Air Force One for two different administrations, and serving as a member of the NATO Flight Safety Group. Following his retirement in 1989, Colonel Beland served his local Poquoson Community's Board of Zoning Appeals for 18 years, with eight of those years as Chairman. He also faithfully served as a lector and usher at Langley Air Force Base Chapel.

Colonel Beland's dedication to his country and local community brings great honor to our district. I am proud to recognize Colonel Beland's leadership and the role he played in making America a better place.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, as an original co-sponsor of H.R. 6—American Dream and Promise Act, I would have voted YES on roll call No. 240, had I been present.

TORNADOES AND HEROISM

HON. WARREN DAVIDSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of heroes, in support of unity, and in support of the compassion that I witnessed in the Eighth District of Ohio after 19 tornadoes devastated Southwestern Ohio last week.

On May 27th, communities in Mercer, Miami, Darke, and Preble Counties, and counties adjacent to the Eighth District, were devastated by tornadoes with winds upwards of 140 miles per hour.

My wife Lisa and I took shelter in our basement as the storms passed. The totality of the destruction emerged with Tuesday's sunrise.

The caved roofs, toppled power lines, and staircases without surrounding structures gave powerful testimony to the violence of the storms.

Despite the terrible destruction in our district, we also saw signs of hope. Our communities always come together to help one another in times of need. It is why southwest Ohio is such a special place to call home.

Our first responders do an amazing job. There were no Democrats, no Republicans; there were just neighbors helping neighbors. It's too bad that it often takes a tragedy to highlight this special quality in us, but it is there—and it is a great thing to see.

I want to thank our first responders, Ohio Senators PORTMAN and BROWN for their leadership during this time of crisis, the Ohio delegation, Governor DeWine, and leaders across the country who are standing with the people of Ohio.

Madam Speaker, as relief and recovery efforts continue in Southwest Ohio, I use my time on the floor today to honor the heroes and survivors. We will rebuild and be stronger than before.

RECOGNIZING THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF NON-STOP TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Croatian Caucus, I rise today to bring attention to a very special milestone scheduled to take flight this coming Friday. On June 7, 2019, for the first time in twenty-eight years, non-stop transatlantic air travel will occur between the United States and the Republic of Croatia. American Airlines will have the honor of transporting passengers directly from Philadelphia International Airport to Dubrovnik International Airport in Croatia.

This event is especially momentous to me because my congressional district is home to the largest concentration of Croatians living in the United States. In fact, several of my constituents from San Pedro, California, will be on hand in Philadelphia to witness the inaugural flight and celebrate this exciting partnership with fellow Croatians, Croatian government officials, diplomats, and prominent civic leaders from Philadelphia.

The return to direct non-stop air service is yet another example of the United States' strong economic and political relationship with Croatia, a very important NATO ally. For me and my constituents, this new chapter will not only enhance these relationships but create opportunities to connect our communities and cultures. With this in mind, I am including in the RECORD a letter from Steven Rukavina, President of the National Federation of Croatian Americans, to Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney underscoring the significance of this first flight from Philadelphia and the strengthened relationship that will result between our two countries.

I wish this new endeavor between the United States and Croatia every success and look forward to one day soon being a passenger on this flight.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CROATIAN AMERICANS CULTURAL FOUNDATION, Washington, DC, May 10, 2019.

Hon. JIM KENNEY, Mayor, Philadelphia, PA.

DEAR MAYOR KENNEY: On behalf of the National Federation of Croatian Americans Cultural Foundation (NFCA), and as a proud resident of Philadelphia, please allow me to share with you a quickly approaching milestone for our City.

The Croatian American community is so pleased that we will see the Croatian flag raised at City Hall on Friday, June 7th. Of course, we are thrilled that you and so many of Philadelphia's civic and business leaders will attend the Croatian gala celebration at the National Constitutional Center on June 6th, too.

These events will salute the first commercial non-stop flight in twenty-eight years from the United States to Croatia, which will depart Philadelphia International Airport on the evening of June 7. This historic American Airlines flight will touch down on Croatia's Adriatic coast in the City of Dubrovnik the next morning. I must say that I am very honored to be able to fly on this inaugural flight that night.

The non-stop flights that will follow will directly connect our World Heritage City of Philadelphia to the City of Dubrovnik—which is known as the “Pearl of the Adriatic” and which has also been included as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1979. This important Croatian city holds historic relevance as a significant Mediterranean port and sea power since the 13th century. Dubrovnik flourished really well throughout the 15th and 17th centuries and was lauded internationally for its skilled diplomacy and wealth! It is also historic and coincidental that the Republic of Ragusa—an aristocratic maritime republic that once included Dubrovnik—was one of the first political entities to recognize the independence of the United States of America in the 1770s.

In the coming years tourism between our two countries will only grow, and Americans will be able to further engage in the rich culture and history of Croatia. These newly inaugurated American Airlines non-stop flights will specifically allow Philadelphians the ease and comfort of non-stop travel to the Adriatic Coast. This will prompt many in our City to take a unique trip that they may not have before considered. This kind of unprecedented access will also draw many tourists to visit Philadelphia, too, as the departure city for their travels to and from Croatia.

The Croatian American community has also held a significant place in the history of the State of Pennsylvania. Croatian American immigration helped to significantly propel the steel industry in the western part of our Pennsylvania during the Second Industrial Revolution. Significantly, the Croatian Fraternal Union of America (CFU), which is now headquartered in Monroeville PA, will celebrate its 125th anniversary from September 21–25 in Pittsburgh.

The special bond between the U.S. and Croatia has been further strengthened during the past ten years with Croatia's 2009 ascension into full membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). This multilateral Euro-Atlantic security alliance membership and treaty, now has only further cemented the strong bilateral relationship between our two nations over the last ten years.

Looking to the future—with Croatia assuming the Presidency of the European

Union in January, 2020—we hope to build on the success of these important air flight activities beginning in June via additional global-oriented events within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during 2020, especially in our City of Philadelphia.

We applaud all your efforts to promote Philadelphia as a global destination for tourism, for international business growth, and now as a bridge to the City of Dubrovnik, another World Heritage site with a special bond to our historic American city!

Sincerely,
STEVE RUKAVINA,
President, National Federation of
Croatian Americans Cultural Foundation.

HONORING THE WORK OF KOJO NNAMDI

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kojo Nnamdi and The Kojo Nnamdi Show for two decades on air with WAMU 88.5, Washington's National Public Radio news station.

No other local radio program brings the depth, sensitivity and familiarity with the important issues of the Washington, D.C. region better than The Kojo Nnamdi Show. Hosted by the universally beloved Kojo Nnamdi, the show has been at the center of critical conversations about society, community, race, housing, education, politics, the arts and more for 20 years.

While divisiveness has become the talk show norm, Nnamdi takes the time to create thoughtful dialogue—engendering trust among guests and listeners alike. Whether talking to citizens or politicians, he generates honest, productive discussions with guests, incorporating engagement with listeners.

Nnamdi makes it a priority to meet people where their lives happen—in the community. Nnamdi's conversations in communities around the region amplify the voices of those who would not be.

A native of Guyana, Nnamdi moved to D.C. in 1969 to engage with the civil rights movement. Now a longtime D.C. resident, Nnamdi brings both a global perspective and vast knowledge of the region to front page headlines and explores emerging stories before they are news.

From 1973 to 1985, Nnamdi worked at WHUR-FM, where he served as news editor and then news director, producing the award-winning local news program The Daily Drum. From 1985 to 2011, he hosted Evening Exchange, a public affairs television program broadcast by WHUT-TV at Howard University. Nnamdi became host of a WAMU program called Public Interest in August 1998, and the name was changed to The Kojo Nnamdi Show in September 2002.

In 2001, Nnamdi was honored as a civil rights hero by the National Council for Community Justice. In 2003, the Library of Congress selected Nnamdi as the keynote speaker for African American History Month. In addition to his hosting duties, Nnamdi has chaired the board of the Public Access Corporation of Washington, D.C. for the past 25 years. In 2014, Nnamdi was inducted into the Hall of

Fame of the D.C. chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, and in 2018, he was inducted into the D.C. Hall of Fame Society.

The Kojo Nnamdi Show has won numerous awards, including multiple Public Radio News Directors Incorporated and Associated Press honors, as well as the National Association of Black Broadcasters Salute to Excellence Award.

Over the years, Nnamdi has taken listeners on both intellectual and emotional journeys around the rapidly evolving Washington region. He has convened critical conversations for 20 years at the heart of change.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House to please join me in recognizing Kojo Nnamdi and The Kojo Nnamdi Show for 20 years of dedicated work in the Washington, D.C. area.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CATHOLIC PARISH

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Parish in Rogers City, Michigan. Through its dedication to education, faith, and its local community, St. Ignatius has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Founded in 1919 by Father C.T. Skowronski, St. Ignatius Church grew rapidly to serve the thriving community and growing Catholic congregation during the early 20th century. Over the next 100 years, St. Ignatius continued its success and worked to fulfill its mission of faith-filled liturgies, hospitality, evangelization, family life, and life-long education. The parish's dedication to its local community serves as an example for every person in Northern Michigan, and its impact on Michigan's First District cannot be understated. As Saint Ignatius of Loyola said, "Love is shown more in deeds than in words."

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Parish and its parishioners for 100 years of success, service, and faith. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in its future endeavors.

HONORING THE ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS WHO HELPED RESTORE ELECTRICITY TO PUERTO RICO

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the service of dozens of Arizonans who worked around the clock to repair the Puerto Rican electrical grid in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Their life-saving efforts helped restore food production, transportation, education, and health care services.

In the fall of 2017, Irma and Maria struck Puerto Rico in quick succession, less than two weeks apart. A Category 4 storm, Maria's 155 mph winds and rainfall compounded Irma's damage, and further devastated an island that is deeply vulnerable to the extremes of climate change. Flash floods and high winds damaged neighborhoods, houses, roads, schools, and businesses in a matter of mere hours. The storm also completely destroyed Puerto Rico's electric grid: 89 percent, or 2,100 miles of the island's transmission lines, and 24,000 miles of distribution lines, were gone.

This was the largest blackout in United States history. All 3.4 million of our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico lost power, including those for whom access to electricity can make the difference between life and death. Thousands of citizens, for example, rely on electricity for essential medical needs—to power their respirators, refrigerate their insulin, and sustain their dialysis treatments.

In the wake of Maria's landfall, with death tolls rising to 2,700, Puerto Ricans went to sleep each night in total darkness and uncertainty. This is why we recognize the commitment of the 83 Arizona Public Service line workers who, between January and March of 2018, traveled 3,000 miles from Arizona to Puerto Rico to rebuild and reenergize the island's electric grid. These Arizonans left their families for more than six weeks to work alongside new friends and fellow Americans in Puerto Rico. Together in partnership with Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) and 12 other public power utilities, APS workers helped install 5,000 poles and 4,400 miles of wire, restoring power to 97 percent of the island's residents.

I want to thank them for their service at a time of such dire need. As Puerto Ricans continue to rebuild after the hurricane, residents have rallied around the saying, "Puerto Rico se levanta!"—Puerto Rico is rising again! But the APS line workers who served in Puerto Rico have demonstrated something more: "Cuando Puerto Rico se levanta, el mundo se levanta también." When Puerto Rico rises, the rest of the world rises in tandem, alongside them.

IN HONOR OF ALVIN HUSTON PERRY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Mr. Alvin Huston Perry of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. Mr. Perry is part of a special group of heroes that served our nation during World War II.

Mr. Perry was born in August of 1923 and grew up on a farm in rural Anderson County. He was drafted into the United States Army in November of 1943. He was assigned to the 331st Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division. Mr. Perry's unit was part of the second wave of men to land on Omaha Beach after the D-Day invasion. German forces surprised Perry's company as fighting ensued in the hedgerows in Normandy. Mr. Perry was injured in the shoulder and his company was captured. He was taken to a German field hospital in Ruins, France where he was treat-

ed. From there, he was taken to Stalag XII-A in Limburg, Germany and later to Stalag VII-A in Musburg, Germany. He and his fellow prisoners lived in boxcars and were taken to Munich every day to work. He was a prisoner of war from July 1944 to April 1945.

Following liberation by American forces, Mr. Perry returned to serve stateside. At the war's end, he farmed and created a milk route delivering milk containers from dairy farms to distribution plants. He married his sweetheart Oneida, who he met in grade school.

Mr. Perry earned a Purple Heart, a Prisoner of War Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, and a WWII Victory Medal. He will be honored on June 7, 2019 with the French Legion of Honor, the highest decoration bestowed in France.

Mr. Perry and his fellow veterans are true heroes. As members of the "Greatest Generation", they willingly served to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor the service of Mr. Alvin Huston Perry before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RICKIE SPOULE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life and service of Rickie Sproule. As a proud Veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Rickie has proven himself to be an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

The Continental Marines were formed by decree of the Second Continental Congress on November 10, 1775. Since the Revolutionary War, Marines served with the American Expeditionary Force on the Western Front of WWI, island hopped in the Pacific, landed on the beaches of North Korea, fought to protect the Republic of Vietnam, and defended Americans from the threat of global terrorism. Rickie served a crucial role during his service in the Marines, maintaining jet engines and ensuring the safety and fighting capacity of our Airmen. His unwavering devotion to duty perfectly exemplifies the spirit of the U.S. Marine Corps. We owe Rickie and his brothers in arms an enormous debt of gratitude. He has served our nation willingly, honorably, and without bias.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor today to acknowledge the extraordinary life of Rickie Sproule. I ask that you join with me and the people of Michigan's First District in thanking him for his unwavering commitment to our nation and its people.

HONORING THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, over the years, the Navy League of the United States has compiled an impressive record of accomplishments and is widely respected by both the private and public sector.

Navy League programs are welcomed in communities throughout the nation and its members are recognized for their integrity and patriotism.

In the words of President Theodore Roosevelt, "It seems to me that all good Americans interested in the growth of their country and sensitive to its honor should give hearty support to the policies which the Navy League is founded. For the building and maintaining in proper shape of the American Navy, we must rely on nothing but the broad and farsighted patriotism of our people as a whole."

In keeping with the wisdom and principles of President Theodore Roosevelt, it is my honor and privilege before the 116th Congress to recognize the 50,000 members and over 250 Councils of the Navy League of the United States at its National Convention June 19 to 22, 2019.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine data brokers and the impact on financial data

privacy, credit, insurance, employment, and housing.

SD-538

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the crisis at the southwest border, including S. 1494, to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to protect alien minors and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to end abuse of the asylum system and establish refugee application and processing centers outside the United States.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of William B. Kilbride, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine the state of patent eligibility in America.

SD-226

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold hearings to examine the global narcotics epidemic and the United States strategy to confront the rising epidemic.

SD-215

JUNE 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission.

SD-G50

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife

To hold a joint hearing to examine Waters of the United States regulations, focusing on their impact on states and the American people.

SD-406

10:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Russia's counterproductive counterterrorism.

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2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Jeffrey Byard, of Alabama, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Troy D. Edgar, of California, to be Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Homeland Security, John McLeod Barger, of California, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and B. Chad Bungard, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine competitive implications of vertical consolidation in the healthcare industry.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration's contracting programs.

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3 p.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness

To hold hearings to examine China's belt and road initiative.

SD-215

JUNE 13

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine certainty in global markets for the United States agriculture sector.

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