

Gold Medal for Valor and a Silver Medal for Valor: Officer Nicholas Kelly, Officer Jordanis Lozier.

Investigative Merit Award: Detective Nathan Thomas, Detective Robyn Hyatt, Detective Victor Cordero, Detective Josh Lane, Crime Analyst Jacquelin Graham, Crime Analyst Dawn Locke-Trilhaase.

Merit Award for Valor: Officer Sean A. Richards.

Hillary Robinette Award: Officer Darrick Dillon, Detective Joshua Lane, Detective Jeremy Booth, Detective Simon Chu, Detective Alicia Larkins, Detective Kevin Morin, Detective Matthew Newton, Detective Walter O'Neal, Detective Daniel Sekely, Detective Wayne Smith, Detective Nicholas Waymire, Detective Robert White, Sergeant Ryan Pavol, First Sergeant Kenneth Hulsej, Special Victims Bureau—Detective Helga Thorsdottir.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients of the Prince William County Police Department. The selfless acts of heroism by this distinguished group of men and women merits our highest praise. I thank each honoree, as well as all Prince William County Police Department law enforcement professionals, for their dedication and commitment to the protection of our communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THURSDAY LUNCHEON GROUP

**HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2019*

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Thursday Luncheon Group, an organization that serves as an effective platform to help African-Americans play an equitable role in the formulation, articulation, and implementation of U.S. foreign policy.

When I travel the world, I witness firsthand the importance of having an inclusive diplomatic corps reflecting the American people's rich cultural tapestry. As the U.S. Department of State's oldest Employee Affinity Group, TLG has been instrumental in leading the charge to promote diversity within the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

In 1973, two senior USIA Officers, William B. Davis and Robert A. Dumas, urged their friends at USIA, the State Department, and USAID to consider what could be done to encourage a significant role for African-Americans in foreign affairs. These founding members began meeting regularly on the first Thursday of every month to discuss issues affecting the careers of African American Foreign Service and Civil Service personnel and to create space for open exchanges with guest speakers. This group of trailblazers understood then, as we fully appreciate now, the struggle for representation is often long but begins with a dedicated few.

Nearly five decades later, the Thursday Luncheon Group has over 500 members, including retired and current Department of State and USAID employees, and dedicated members from five other federal agencies. Their members have taken prominent roles in

the development and execution of U.S. foreign policy, including Chiefs of Mission, Career Ambassadors, and Assistant Secretaries. TLG members monitor recruitment, assignments, employment practices, training and other matters of vital interest to minorities at the State Department and USAID.

In addition, TLG works to improve the career development and networking opportunities among their members. The organization is committed to mentoring entry-level and mid-level officers in an effort to prepare them to become the future leaders in international affairs.

What is most impressive is their commitment to giving back. The organization sponsors two paid summer internships at the Department of State. TLG also established the Terence A. Todman Book scholarship (named after the first African American to be named Career Ambassador, the highest rank among the diplomatic corps) for students at eight Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

With the Thursday Luncheon Group's strong commitment to diversity and excellence in international affairs, TLG has set the standard for all other affinity to follow. I congratulate the members of the Thursday Luncheon Group for forty-five years of service to our country. Our country is better because of your service.

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 20, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 25

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the state of the derivatives market and perspectives for Commodity Futures Trading Commission reauthorization.

SR-328A

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine whether Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac should be designated as systematically important financial institutions.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet

To hold hearings to examine the use of persuasive technology on internet platforms, focusing on optimizing for engagement.

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

SD-366

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 727, to combat international extremism by addressing global fragility and violence and stabilizing conflict-affected areas, S. 1102, to promote security and energy partnerships in the Eastern Mediterranean, S. 1309, to identify and combat corruption in countries, to establish a tiered system of countries with respect to levels of corruption by their governments and their efforts to combat such corruption, and to assess United States assistance to designated countries in order to advance anti-corruption efforts in those countries and better serve United States taxpayers, S. Res. 34, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military and to immediately release unjustly imprisoned journalists, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, S. Res. 198, condemning Brunei's dramatic human rights backsliding, S. Res. 206, marking the 70th anniversary of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, expressing concern about significant violations of international humanitarian law on contemporary battlefields, and encouraging United States leadership in ensuring greater respect for international humanitarian law in current conflicts, particularly with its security partners, S. Con. Res. 10, recognizing that Chinese telecommunications companies such as Huawei and ZTE pose serious threats to the national security of the United States and its allies, the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc.113-04), protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc.112-01), the Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the "proposed Protocol"), both signed

on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 (Treaty Doc.114-01), protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc.111-08), the nomination of Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, and other pending calendar business.

S-116

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety

To hold hearings to examine technological innovations in transportation.

SD-562

JUNE 26

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine unprecedented migration at the United States southern border, focusing on the exploitation of migrants through smuggling, trafficking, and involuntary servitude.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine Amtrak, focusing on next steps for passenger rail.

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine S. 325, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Garrison Diversion Unit Project Oakes Test Area in Dickey County, North Dakota, to the Dickey-Sargent Irrigation District, S. 860, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify the terms of the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in Colorado, S. 990, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program First Increment Extension for threatened and endangered species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin, S. 1305, to establish a Federal cost share percentage for the Milk River Project in the State of Montana, S. 1758, to extend a repayment contract relating to the Purgatoire River Water Conservancy District and to authorize the District to develop an excess capacity contract to offset repayment costs, and S. 1882, to make available the continued use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program project use power by the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

S-116

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine fixing a broken budget and spending process, fo-

cusing on securing the nation's fiscal future.

SD-608

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration's Small Business Investment Company program.

SR-428A

JUNE 27

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine options for the interim and long-term storage of nuclear waste, including S. 1234, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste.

SD-366

JULY 23

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary  
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold an oversight hearing to examine enforcement of the antitrust laws.

SD-226