

I can attest, during his medical challenge, which had been significant and prolonged, he never yielded. His dutiful work sustained the hope of his family and colleagues. History will attest his vision will have laid the foundation for a more honorable and respectful approach to governance of a free people.

May I extend my deepest condolences to his family, his devoted wife Maya, daughter Jennifer, and the people of greater Baltimore for sending a man of such substance and bearing to serve the people of the United States.

Elijah, the proud son of Baltimore, left his community, our nation, and this world a better place through his service. And for that, we shall remain eternally grateful. May God rest his soul peacefully and in full communion with the power of creation.

HONORING THE STRAND THEATRE
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS RIBBON
CUTTING CEREMONY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Ms. STEFANK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Strand Theatre on the occasion of its Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

At nearly a century old, the Strand theatre has been a staple of the Hudson River community since the 1920s. It has played host to the evolving nature of entertainment since that time. First being used as a Vaudeville theatre, it evolved with the times to start featuring films. Over the years, the Strand fell into disrepair. However, Hudson River Music Hall Productions stepped in and has just finished a full renovation and modernization project to bring the Strand back to its former glory.

On behalf of New York's 21st district, I want to congratulate Hudson River Music Hall Productions and all those who worked so hard to revive this historic venue. Historic places like the Strand connect us with our history while we chart our own paths forward. I look forward to seeing its renewed role as a centerpiece of the Hudson Falls community and to the new memories being created there.

COMMEMORATING IDAHO WHEAT
60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, Idaho is recognized around the world for producing high-quality wheat. Sixty years ago, Idaho wheat farmers decided to join together and form the Idaho Wheat Commission to develop export markets, conduct research, and educate growers.

Much has changed over the past 60 years. In 2018, Idaho was the highest yielding state in the nation with an average of 90 bushels per acre. Idaho ranked fifth among wheat producing states at more than 100 million bushels.

Idaho has one of the most consistent harvests of any wheat-growing area. Wet springs

and warm, dry summers combined with rich volcanic solids create ideal conditions for our high-quality wheat. Nearly two-thirds of Idaho wheat is grown under irrigation, allowing for Idaho growers to manage the crop to customers' specifications.

Idaho is one of few states that grows all five classes of wheat.

About half of the 100 million bushels produced each year in Idaho are exported. Idaho is uniquely positioned to access the global marketplace by moving grain through the Columbia-Snake River system to Portland, and then onto foreign customers, particularly Asian markets.

The other half of Idaho's wheat production goes to domestic markets via trucks and rail into products we all know and love like Pepperidge Farms Goldfish Crackers, Wheaties and Wheat Chex cereals, pasta, cookies and pastries.

This year, the Idaho Wheat Commission is celebrating 60 years of service to wheat growers in Idaho providing growers with market development, research, and education.

Let it be known that Idaho wheat is Quality Wheat Simply Grown and let us join Idaho's wheat growers in celebrating 60 years of the Idaho Wheat Commission.

CELEBRATING BRYAN K. EXUM'S
RETIREMENT

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Bryan K. Exum. Bryan began his career with Farmers Home Administration (aka Rural Development) as a Student Trainee Agriculture Management Specialist on May 18, 1980, in the Pine Bluff, Jefferson County Office. He worked in that office for three months and then was transferred as a Student Trainee to the Paragould, Greene County Office. While working Bryan was attending Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and received a degree in Agriculture Business. In December 1982, he was hired as the Assistant County Supervisor in the Greene County Office. In 1989, Bryan was transferred to the Marianna, Lee County Office and in 1992 he was selected as the County Supervisor.

In 1995 Bryan was selected as the Rural development Manager for Greene, Craighead and Poinsett Counties and was an Area Specialist from August 16, 2007 until January 2011, in the Jonesboro Area Office. On January 16, 2011, Bryan was selected as the Area Director for the Jonesboro Area Office. In addition to his duties as Area Director in Jonesboro, he was Acting Area Director for the Forrest City Area Office on two different occasions for an extended amount of time.

Bryan K. Exum, throughout his lifetime of service, has played a significant impact on eastern rural Arkansas. Bryan is a loyal and dedicated Arkansan, and we are a better State because of his service to the agriculture business.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
JOHN CLAYTON REPPERT

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Brigadier General John Clayton Reppert of Anna, Illinois, who passed away peacefully earlier this month. General Reppert dedicated his life to his God, his country, his family and his friends.

As a young man, John was a star on his high school football team and worked at his hometown, family-owned newspaper, the Anna Gazette-Democrat. While attending Kansas State, he met and later married Patricia Ann Rash. Soon after graduating, John was drafted as a private and assigned to Officer Candidate School before serving in Vietnam as a Signal Corps Officer. General Reppert proudly served in the Army for 33 years, with a focus on issues impacting relations between the United States and former Soviet Union. General Reppert became the Defense Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, playing a key role in shaping American military and diplomatic policy.

General Reppert earned a master's degree and a Ph.D., leading him to an influential career as a professor. He later taught classes at schools such as Harvard University and West Point. He eventually served as Harvard's Executive Director for Research. Though he maintained an extremely busy life after his military and educational careers, General Reppert remained involved in his community as a Sunday School teacher at his local church. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, General Reppert lived his life in full measure, leaving his mark on all on who knew him.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Brigadier General John Reppert of Anna, Illinois, and celebrate the incredible life he lived. May he rest in peace.

ELIJAH MARLER EAGLE SCOUT

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elijah Marler of Boy Scouts of America Troop 46 from Fort Morgan, Colorado. On August 28, 2019, Elijah was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout for his outstanding accomplishments. Since 1920, the Boy Scouts of America has helped mold young men in a disciplined environment with only a fraction achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Over the years, the Eagle Scout rank has become an American icon symbolizing the core principles of honor, duty, resourcefulness, and courage.

Throughout his time as a scout, Elijah has grown as a leader among his peers and is dedicated to serving others. For his Eagle Scout service project, Elijah helped organize a creative mural project at the Converge Daytime Treatment Center in Brush, Colorado. This specialized treatment center provides a therapeutic treatment program and targeted academic instruction in a structured, small

group setting for students with emotional disabilities or autism spectrum disorders in the northeastern Colorado region. Artwork is a critical component of many therapy programs, and I commend Elijah for his commitment to serving his community in this capacity.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Elijah Marler for his many accomplishments, including earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call Vote 571 which took place on October 22, 2019. However, if I had been present, I would have voted "NAY" on Ordering the Previous Question; Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2513) Corporate Transparency Act.

COMMENDING PASTOR TOMMY LEGRAND

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I wish to commend Pastor Tommy Legrand, who has been a leader in our community for 50 years.

After Tommy Legrand served our country, he served in a different capacity as a Pastor of the Faith Temple Church of God and Christ in Hamlet, NC. Starting with street-side sermons, Legrand has shepherded the church to become a figure in the local community. He has started several ministries within the church such as the Southview Learning Center, Faith Academy, Prayer and Faith Temple Food Pantry and Life Center which continue to serve countless members of our society.

Pastor Legrand continued to follow his calling and later graduated from Shaw University with a Master's degree in religion and philosophy, and later from Family Bible Institute with a Doctorate in divinity 2015. As a prayer leader in the National Church of God in Christ and the Greater North Carolina jurisdiction, and even on his own radio ministry, Pastor Legrand is a true example of a life dedicated to service in every sense of the word. It is a pleasure and an honor to represent him in Congress.

COMMEMORATING THE COMPLETION OF A RAIL SPUR TRANSFER IN MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the completion of project critical

to the economic development and prosperity of Mountain Home, Idaho: the official transfer of a rail spur from the Mountain Home Air Force Base to the City of Mountain Home. With this transfer, the City of Mountain Home will attract new businesses to the adjoining rail industrial park and increase economic activity in the region.

This rail spur transfer represents the extraordinary teamwork that is so often displayed in Southern Idaho. It took the combined efforts of the City of Mountain Home civic leaders, including Mayor Richard Sykes; the Mountain Home Economic Development team; the Special Military Liaison to the Governor of Idaho; Mountain Home Air Force Base personnel; and more to complete the transfer. I also wish to thank the Air Force House Liaison Office, House Armed Service Committee professional staff, and Billy Valderrama and Katherine Myers on my personal staff for facilitating the inclusion of the transfer language in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2018.

Congratulations to all parties, and I look forward to following the progress of new economic development in Mountain Home as a result of this rail spur transfer.

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, October 24, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 29

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lisa W. Hershman, of Indiana, to be Chief Management Officer, Dana S. Deasy, of Virginia, to be Chief Information Officer, and Robert John Sander, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine aviation safety and the future of Boeing's 737 MAX.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Roxanne Cabral, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Robert S. Gilchrist, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, and Yuri Kim, of Guam, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

OCTOBER 30

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine the use of technology and innovation to increase water security and enable economic development in the West.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sean O'Donnell, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Health Care

To hold hearings to examine Medicaid, focusing on compliance with eligibility requirements.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations.

SVC-217

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990.

SD-608

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management

To hold hearings to examine the unauthorized and unaccountable government.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine promoting the useful arts, focusing on how Congress can prevent the issuance of poor quality patents.

SD-226

OCTOBER 31

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine supply chain security, global competitiveness, and 5G.

SD-342