

James became an activist in local civic organizations. He served as President of the Orange County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for over 15 years.

In addition, he spent more than two decades on the Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC) Board of Directors as a representative of the NAACP.

He also carried out duties of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the African American Beverage and Grocers Association Scholarship Fund and was a long-term member of the National United Merchants and Beverage Association.

James was married to Betty J. Colquitt for over 63 years and spent 50 of those years together in Placentia. James and Betty raised four children, who blessed them with six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Please join me in honoring the legacy of James Douglas Colquitt, a patriot who dedicated his life to his family, country, and community.

GENERAL JAMES N. MATTIS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, all of Central Washington's constituents are special, and I am proud to represent each of them in our nation's capital. One constituent I am most proud of is General James N. Mattis, decorated four-star general and former U.S. Secretary of Defense. He exemplifies the American principles of hard work, patriotism, and integrity. He can communicate and resonate with everyone—from heads of state and Members of Congress to local business leaders and young students. His military and civilian service serves as an example for all, and I am honored to call him my friend.

Jim Mattis is a Washingtonian through and through. He was born in Pullman, raised in Richland, and attended college in Ellensburg. When he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1969, I doubt he realized the impact his service would have on the people of Washington State—and the entire nation.

His devotion to defending the United States and our Constitution has earned the deepest degree of trust, respect, and admiration from our men and women serving in uniform across the globe. He was the first United States Marine Corps officer to command a Naval Task Force in Afghanistan following the attacks on September 11, 2001. He bravely commanded forces including the U.S. Joint Forces Command, NATO's Supreme Allied Command for Transformation, and U.S. Central Command. When President Donald Trump nominated General Mattis for United States Secretary of Defense, he served honorably until December 31, 2018.

General Mattis is recognized around the world as an exemplary military general, and he is revered in Central Washington as a hometown hero. Despite his outstanding career and numerous awards, he remains humble and involved throughout Washington state. From volunteering with the Tri-Cities Food

Bank to hosting ceremonies for Vietnam veterans, General Mattis continually demonstrates his commitment to our local community.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest honor the United States Congress can bestow on an individual. The greatest generals, thinkers, and leaders in our nation have received this award, including, but not limited to, George Washington, Ulysses S. Grant, Douglas MacArthur, and Harry S. Truman. I believe General Mattis belongs amongst these giants of American exceptionalism.

That is why I am introducing the General James N. Mattis Congressional Gold Medal Act with the full bipartisan support of the Washington congressional delegation. If signed into law, this bill would bestow our hometown hero with this great honor. As I told General Mattis, I will work my hardest to ensure he is the next distinguished leader to receive the Congressional Gold Medal. I urge all of my colleagues to support the General James N. Mattis Congressional Gold Medal Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on October 23, 2019, I was absent from votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "Nay" on Roll Call No. 579; "Nay" on Roll Call No. 580; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 584; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 581; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 582; and "Yea" on Roll Call No. 583.

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 Tuesday, October 29, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

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 Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State.

SD-419

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

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1665, to modify the procedures for issuing special recreation permits for certain public land units, S. 1723, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, and S. 1967, to promote innovative approaches to outdoor recreation on Federal land and to increase opportunities for collaboration with non-Federal partners.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Aneliz N. Castillo, of New York, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Alma L. Golden, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and