

itself in countless ways over the years, including in his recent effort to collect and donate several boxes of clothing, shoes, and blankets to victims of Hurricane Harvey in 2017. For his remarkable service, Gene has been honored with several awards, including the proclamation of Eugene R. Parkison Day—which has been celebrated in Lexington on July 1st of every year since 2013.

Admired and respected by all, many current and former Lexington City councilman have cited Gene as an important mentor in their lives—both professionally and personally. However, beyond his work in local government, Gene has served the Lexington community in a number of other capacities as well, including as a member of the Catholic Charities Board.

As family, friends, and Lexington gather to recognize Gene's outstanding career, I salute him for his ongoing commitment to service above self. Mayor Parkison can take great pride in all he has accomplished and in the positive impact that his work has—and will continue to—have.

I thank Gene for his devotion to bettering Lexington, Ohio and in turn, I honor him for his incredible record of achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Mr. MOULTON. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was not able to vote on Thursday, November 21, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 637; YEA on Roll Call No. 638; YEA on Roll Call No. 639; YEA on Roll Call No. 640; YEA on Roll Call No. 641; YEA on Roll Call No. 642; YEA on Roll Call No. 643; and YEA on Roll Call No. 644.

IN SUPPORT OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

SPEECH OF

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, the Congressional Black Caucus is leading a Special Order Hour discussing support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions. Congress must provide mandatory funding for these institutions.

Fighting for historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) is one of the Congressional Black Caucus's highest priorities because HBCUs are critical contributors to the strength of the Black community and our country.

Many Members in our caucus have attended great HBCUs such as American Baptist College, Central State University, Clark Atlanta University, Fisk University, Florida A&M, Howard University, Jackson State University, Morehouse College, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, Prairie View A&M University, South Carolina State University, Texas Southern University, Tougaloo College, Tuskegee University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, and Wiley College among others.

In the 115th Congress, the CBC launched a tour of HBCUs called #CBCOnTheYard. The goal of the tour was to listen, involve, and mobilize students to effect change in their communities and to get their thoughts on the direction of the country and issues that affect their lives. The CBC hosted events at Morehouse College, Xavier University, Bowie State University, and Howard University.

According to the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, HBCUs account for 22 percent of current bachelor's degrees granted to African Americans. Moreover, among African Americans, 13 percent of CEOs, 40 percent of engineers, 40 percent of health care professionals, 50 percent of teachers, 50 percent of non-HBCU professors, 50 percent of lawyers, 80 percent of judges, and 90 percent with bachelor's degrees in STEM subjects graduated from an HBCU.

The economic impact of HBCUs is equally impressive. A report by the UNCF called HBCUs Make America Strong: The Positive Economic Impact of Historically Black Colleges and Universities shows that HBCUs generate \$14.8 billion in economic impact annually.

HBCUs are vital to the students who attend them and the entire country, which makes use of the valuable skills these graduates bring to the private and public sectors.

Our nation must continue to invest in HBCUs and Minority-Serving Institutions.

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, December 5, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 10

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the upcoming implementation of the International Maritime Organization's new global sulfur standard for marine fuels, which is set to take effect on January 1, 2020.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine encryption and lawful access, focusing on evaluating benefits and risks to public safety and privacy.

SD-226

DECEMBER 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 2641, to promote United States national security and prevent the resurgence of ISIS, and other pending calendar business.

S-116

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Inspector General's report on alleged abuses of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold an oversight hearing to examine modernization of the United States Copyright Office.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold closed hearings to examine an update on the situation and United States strategy in Afghanistan.

SVC-217

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael D. Weahkee, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-628

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A