

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor from January 6 through January 10, 2020 due to a family matter.

Had I been present, I would have supported the final passage of all bills and resolutions considered on the floor. I strongly supported the passage of H.R. 535, the PFAS Action Act. PFAS pose a critical threat to human health, and I was proud my amendment, which would promote resources for private well water testing and treatment, was included in the bill. Wisconsinites deserve clean drinking water, and I am proud the House of Representatives is taking steps to address PFAS contamination across the country.

I also strongly supported the passage of H. Con. Res. 83. This resolution sends a clear message to this Administration, our men and women in uniform, and all Americans: we will not go into another war without the President making the case to the American people and seeking approval from Congress.

CELEBRATING BETTER MADE'S 90 YEARS OF BUSINESS—THE SNACK OF DETROIT

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Better Made, a snack foods manufacturer based in Detroit, Michigan.

Founded in 1930 by Sicilian immigrants Cross Mocerri and Peter Ciripriano, Better Made produces a wide array of snack foods beloved throughout metropolitan Detroit and Michigan. Its founders set out to make a better potato chip, the genesis of the Better Made brand name. The company has grown from its humble beginnings, one of countless small manufacturers of potato chips that sprang up during the Great Depression. Better Made's most popular product is still made from potatoes harvested primarily from Michigan, using upwards of fifty million pounds of potatoes annually.

Better Made, a true American success story, embodies Detroit's spirit of tenacity. As a Detroit, growing up you did not think about a potato chip without thinking about Better Made chips. That remains true to this day. Better Made is a staple to many in Southeast Michigan and those who are hundreds of miles away. It's surely at the top of the list of items put in care packages sent from the Detroit area.

Please join me in celebrating Better Made's longevity.

KOREAN AMERICAN DAY 2020

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, as the representative of Queens, where so many Korean Americans call home, I wish everyone a Happy Korean American Day. New York State has the second largest number of Korean Americans in the country. Every day in Queens, I see the vibrant influence of Korean Americans in my congressional district.

Over 117 years ago, Koreans arrived on our U.S. shores. Since then, Korean Americans have enriched every facet of American history, culture, and cuisine. Whether in the entertainment industry or academia; whether in medicine or public service—Korean Americans have made and continue to make immeasurable contributions to this nation.

In fact, over 70 years ago, a Korean American became the first Asian American to win an Olympic gold medal, and later became the first American to win back-to-back Olympic gold medals in platform diving. Since the 116th Congress, we have the first Korean American Democratic Member of Congress. We also now have the first Korean American NASA astronaut. And in January 2019, I was proud that Jin Park, the first Dreamer Rhodes Scholar and one of my constituents, joined me as my guest at the State of the Union Address.

Fighting for issues that matter to Korean Americans is a personal one. After all, half of my family are Korean American; my two boys are half-Korean American. Even as we celebrate the admirable history, contributions, and of course the incredible foods of Korean Americans, we cannot ignore the critical issues like human rights, immigration, health care, and education, which impact Korean Americans.

On human rights, I introduced the H.R. 1771, the Divided Families Reunification Act, which would require the U.S. Secretary of State and the U.S. Special Envoy on North Korea Human Rights Issues to prioritize helping Korean American families reunite with family members in North Korea. The Korean War was a heart wrenching event that not only split the peninsula in two, it tore families apart. I am thrilled this bill passed out of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in October 2019, and it is now awaiting consideration before the full House of Representatives.

On immigration, Koreans make up the highest number of Dreamers from non-Latin American countries. I am fighting for a path to citizenship for those individuals, including Korean Dreamers, who have known this country as their only home. In June 2019, I was proud to cosponsor and vote for the House passage of H.R. 6—the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019, which would finally provide a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers like Jin Park.

I am also proud to cosponsor the Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2019, which would close the

loophole in the 2000 Child Citizenship Act. Today, there are 35,000 adult international adoptees who are in the U.S. without citizenship and are at risk of deportation. This includes thousands of Korean adoptees who are undocumented in New York.

On health, while Asian Americans only make up 6 percent of the U.S. population, our community makes up more than 50 percent of hepatitis B virus cases in the nation. This is a tragedy. That is why, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Hepatitis Caucus, I secured almost \$40 million in federal funds for the CDC's Division of Viral Hepatitis to eliminate this deadly disease.

On education, over 40 percent of Asian Americans are in community colleges. That is why I introduced the Community College Student Success Act which would improve graduation rates at under-resourced public community colleges with high percentages of low-income and minority students. And in the most recent federal funding bill that was signed into law, I secured nearly \$4.5 million grant funding for institutions that have a significant number of Asian American students. After all, everyone deserves their best chance at a quality education, no matter their background.

Madam Speaker, on these and so many other important issues, it is important to recognize and continue the fight. I am excited to celebrate Korean American Day with all the Korean Americans in Queens, and across our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF ESTANISLADO "TONY" CASTRO III

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tony Castro of Mukwonago, Wisconsin for his heroic actions.

While Tony and his wife were driving in Mukwonago on December 26, 2019, Tony noticed that there was an unattended bicycle on the corner. He then immediately noticed two children screaming for help in the middle of an icy pond.

Tony jumped out of the car and ran to the edge of the water. He began to calm the children down. 911 was called and Tony let the children know that help was on the way. The children were struggling in the icy water and Tony continued to coach them through how to stay above water.

While his wife, Danielle, ran back to their house to grab a rope, Tony stayed with the children. When Danielle returned, she saw that Tony and a Mukwonago police officer had jumped into the pond to rescue the children. Tony was in water up to his neck and was warning the police officer that the bottom of the pond was slick with a steep drop off. Danielle had found an extension cord at their

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house and threw it to Tony. He tied the cord around the police officer. Tony held the extension cord tightly while the police officer attempted to break through the ice to save the children.

Mukwonago Fire and Rescue arrived while Tony and the police officer were in the icy pond. The Fire and Rescue members began throwing additional rope to Tony, the police officer, and the children. The members of the rescue unit pulled everyone to shore. During this whole situation, Tony was in the icy water for over five minutes trying to reach the children. He showed bravery and risked his life to save the children.

Tony's quick thinking and selflessness led to the two children being saved. He is a hero.

On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, I thank Tony for his heroic actions. When faced with a decision to risk his life and save these children, Tony did not think twice.

REMEMBERING JEANNE SULLIVAN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Jeanne Sullivan, who passed away on November 24th after a courageous two-year battle with cancer.

Jeanne was born in China and spent most of her childhood in Brazil and Montreal, Canada, before immigrating to the United States with her parents. She graduated from Boston University with a degree in Comparative Religion and spoke five languages fluently.

In her free time, Jeanne read thousands of books and was an accomplished artist. Her home was filled with art, as well as projects for her church, community, and grandchildren. Loving wife, mother to her three children, Tamara, Pandi and Nick, and dedicated grandmother, she brought a sense of imagination and profound love to everyone she touched.

Jeanne lived her life helping others and caring for the community around her. Even in her final days, she was thinking of others, and told her children that her greatest purpose in life was bringing joy to all people. Jeanne will always be remembered for her knowledge, spirit, and commitment to her community—all of which she passed down to her children.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, due to a family illness, I was not in Washington, D.C. on January 8, 2020, and, as a result, I missed three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on roll call vote no. 2, ordering the previous question providing on H. Res. 779; "aye" on roll call vote no. 3, on agreeing to H. Res. 779, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 535, the "PFAS Action Act of 2019;" and "aye" on roll call vote no. 4, final passage of H.R. 2281, the "Secure 5G and Beyond Act of 2020."

I had to leave Washington, D.C. on January 9, 2020, and, as a result, I missed one vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on roll call vote no. 8, final passage of H.R. 5078, the "Prison to Proprietorship Act."

I was also not in Washington, D.C. on January 10, 2020, and, as a result, I missed five votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on roll call vote no. 9, agreeing to the Burgess Amendment to H.R. 535; "no" on roll call vote no. 10, agreeing to the Balderson Amendment to H.R. 535; "aye" on roll call vote no. 11, agreeing to the Pappas Amendment to H.R. 535; "no" on roll call vote no. 12, the Motion to Recommit H.R. 535 with instructions; and "yes" on roll call vote no. 13, final passage of H.R. 535, the "PFAS Action Now Act."

THANKING FRAZIER PAYNE FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO ALABAMA'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. BYRNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share my deepest appreciation for my Deputy District Director, Frazier Payne, for his 17 years of service to Alabama's First Congressional District. Today marks Frazier's final day serving the people of Southwest Alabama.

After graduating from the University of Alabama, Frazier jumped headfirst into politics working for the successful campaign of my predecessor representing Alabama's First District, Jo Bonner. Frazier faithfully served Congressman Bonner during his entire tenure in office, and I and the people of Southwest Alabama were very fortunate when Frazier agreed to join my staff as well.

As Deputy District Director, Frazier has been invaluable as my representative in communities throughout our district. Few people know Southwest Alabama better than Frazier. He is well-known by constituents, local leaders and elected officials. More importantly, he has their trust. And they know he has mine too.

People are drawn to Frazier not only because of his likability but because he is trustworthy. His reputation for integrity and as someone who can be relied upon has been so valuable to me and my staff. He has always had my full trust, and I have been better able to serve my constituents because of his wise counsel.

Next week Frazier will begin his next chapter as Regional External Affairs Liaison with the Alabama Community College System, covering southwest Alabama and its three community colleges. I am so pleased he will remain in Mobile, and I am confident he will continue as an engaged leader in our community.

I thank his wife Lesley and children Lula and Corrine for allowing their husband and father to serve the people of the First District for 17 years. We've scored so many significant victories for Southwest Alabama during this time, and we are all better for his service.

On behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District, I congratulate Frazier for beginning an exciting new opportunity and thank him for his years of hard work, commitment, and service to Southwest Alabama.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. MCHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. MCHENRY. Madam Speaker, due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, I was unable to vote on the first two amendments to H.R. 535. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 9, and YEA on Roll Call No. 10.

SERGEANT MAJOR SERGIO MARTINEZRUIZ RETIRES FROM THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary service and career of Sergeant Major Sergio MartinezRuiz, who will retire from the Marine Corps on January 10, 2020 after a twenty-seven-year career serving our nation.

Sergeant Major Martinez enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 1993. Upon completion of both Marine Combat Training and Basic Engineer School, he was assigned to the 8th Engineer Support Battalion (ESB) as a combat engineer. During his time with 8th ESB he deployed numerous times in support of Joint Task Force (JTF)-6's counter drug operations. Sergeant Major Martinez has served as a Drill Instructor and Senior Drill Instructor, as well as an Assistant Marine Officer Instructor and Marine Officer Instructor. Over the course of his impressive career, Sergeant Major Martinez has deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and once to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and his decorations include a Bronze Star Medal.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I offer Sergeant Major Sergio MartinezRuiz my sincere congratulations on his retirement. As a retired Marine myself, I know how difficult this change can be, but I am truly grateful to him for his outstanding service to our nation. Semper Fi.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL JOHN EDWARD GRAY

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Retired Colonel John Edward Gray of Mount Ulla, North Carolina, who passed away earlier this month at age 94.

Colonel Gray was born in Cleveland, North Carolina on August 24, 1925 and went on to serve in five campaigns against the Japanese in the Pacific theater in World War II.

Following the war, he returned home and resumed his education at Davidson College. After he graduated in 1949, he served again in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Selfless, legendary, and valiant are all words that come to mind when thinking about all that this man accomplished in his life.

Colonel Gray is survived by his wife Sue of 72 years, five children, 12 grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Colonel John Edward Gray.

RECOGNIZING THE OPENING OF
THE FRIENDSHIP CAFÉ

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Friendship Café, a restaurant created by the nonprofit The Friendship Circle of Fort Lauderdale. This café uplifts adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities by providing them with jobs and employment training in the food service, hospitality and customer service industry.

According to the Department of Labor 80 percent of adults with disabilities do not enter the workforce due to various barriers to employment. The Friendship Café aims to lower that percentage by fulfilling a vital role in Fort Lauderdale as a safe, secure, and educational environment where adults with disabilities can earn a living wage.

The café will serve a Mediterranean inspired menu curated by world renowned Israeli chef Yoram Getter. Bill Fienberg, the President of Allied Kitchen and Bath, donated his firm's labor and materials to build the café, International decorator Perla Lichi of Perla Lichi Designs helped the café complete their image with a French inspired interior design. Due to the leadership at the Las Olas Chabad Jewish Center and their support and partnership with the Friendship Circle adults with disabilities in Fort Lauderdale are now provided with resources to help them succeed in finding employment.

Please join me in congratulating the Friendship Circle and their community partners on the opening of the Friendship Café.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 8; YEA on Roll Call No. 9; YEA on Roll Call No. 10; NAY on Roll Call No. 11; YEA on Roll Call No. 12; and NAY on Roll Call No. 13.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. KATHRYN
LANGE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the exceptional service

of Ms. Kathy Lange, who served as the Congressional Liaison and Patient Advocate at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia.

Kathy began her Federal service career in 1999 with the DEA and has since put in over 21 years of dedicated service. From 2009 to 2015 she served as the Director's secretary at the Richmond VA Medical Center, playing an invaluable role within the support team. She then progressed to become a Congressional Liaison/Patient Advocate in 2015 where she has served until her retirement this year.

Kathy's exceptional service to Virginia veterans is unmatched in her compassion and dedication. In her years as a Congressional Liaison, she assisted the Virginia Congressional Delegation's staff with veteran's casework needs, highlighting her passion to provide excellent service. She often goes above and beyond to ensure the needs of veterans and staff are met. She will certainly be missed in her retirement.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Ms. Lange and congratulating her on a job well done. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LEAGUE
OF CITIES' LESBIAN, GAY, BI-
SEXUAL, TRANSGENDER LOCAL
OFFICIALS CONSTITUENCY
GROUP

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the National League of Cities' (NLC's) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Local Officials (LGBTLO) constituency group for their continuing service furthering the rights of the LGBTQ community. The LGBTLO constituency group advocates for the inclusion and full participation of LGBTQ municipal officials, and supporters, in the National League of Cities.

Established in December 1993 by a group of municipal officials attending the Congress of Cities in Orlando, Florida, LGBTLO became a constituency group of NLC under the leadership of Councilmember Sherry Harris from Seattle, Washington. The members of NLC LGBTLO work to encourage equality, inclusiveness and non-discrimination, and have focused on several issues including: the Census, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, both as a public health and a health care funding issue; domestic partnership policies and legislation; and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the current LGBTLO leadership: Vice Mayor Tom Green (Wilton Manors, FL), Mayor Jeffrey Slavin (Somerset, MD), Councilmember Victor Aguilar, Jr. (San Leandro, CA), Commissioner Andy Amoroso (Lake Worth, FL), Councilmember Chris Clark (Mountain View, CA), Commissioner Tim Lonergan (Oakland Park, FL, Councilmember Ty Stober (Vancouver, WA) and Councilmember Nancy VanReece (Nashville, TN) for their hard work and dedication to promoting equality for all and ensuring the voice of the LGBTQ community is included in municipal discussions.

HONORING THE USS
"PITTSBURGH"

HON. CONOR LAMB

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. LAMB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the USS "Pittsburgh" on its decommissioning on January 17, 2020.

The USS *Pittsburgh*, a *Los Angeles*-class fast-attack submarine, was launched on December 8, 1984 and commissioned on November 23, 1985. This submarine is the fourth ship to receive the name USS *Pittsburgh* and has long had a special relationship with the city through the Navy League Pittsburgh Council, the Submarine Veterans Association of Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh Relief Crew.

The USS *Pittsburgh* conducted submarine-launched Tomahawk missile attacks during both Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom and completed many other missions vital to national security. In November 2017, the USS *Pittsburgh* completed its 1,000th dive, an achievement few boats carry.

The USS *Pittsburgh* carries the fitting motto "Heart of Steel", which reminds me of the determination and passion of all Pittsburghers. Please join me in honoring the USS *Pittsburgh* for its nearly 35 years of service protecting U.S. interests around the world and all the remarkable crewmembers who have served aboard it during that time.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WEIGH
HABITATS OFFSETTING LOCA-
TIONAL EFFECTS ACT OF 2020

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Weigh Habitats Offsetting Locational Effects Act of 2020, or the WHOLE Act. As Central Washingtonians know all-too-well, Endangered Species Act (ESA) listing and delisting decisions have huge, lasting impacts on local communities and environments. The ESA was signed into law to protect and revitalize species of endangered or threatened animals and wildlife, but as time passes, this law, which has not been updated since 1973, has had increased negative effects on local communities—where the true impacts of species recovery unfold.

Unfortunately, the law has been used as a political spearhead for frivolous litigation that can negatively affect private property rights, public land use decisions, and American jobs. And like many other regulations coming out of the nation's capital, relying on top-down decisions from bureaucrats only limits economic prosperity, local conservation efforts, and the celebration of recovered species.

Under current law, only conservation efforts taking place within the critical habitats of endangered or threatened species are considered during environmental reviews or impact studies of federal actions. But we know that habitats and ecosystems expand beyond arbitrary government-drawn lines.

My legislation would ensure that all conservation measures are considered when federal decisions that impact ESA-listed species

are being made. By establishing a process that considers the totality of conservation efforts, we incentivize private investment in species recovery, streamline federal decision-making, and promote the comprehensive efforts of states, local communities, and tribes.

Efforts to strengthen the ESA are—and have been—ongoing. This legislation is part of a larger legislative package of 18 bills introduced by Members of the Congressional Western Caucus, a group of 75 representatives who focus on addressing issues impacting local communities in the rural West and beyond, including strengthening and modernizing the ESA. As a Western Caucus Member, I am proud to work with my colleagues to advance priorities like this for Central Washington. The package also includes efforts I have supported in the past, such as ensuring the best available science is used to make ESA listing decisions and providing more transparency by making this data publicly available.

By bringing the ESA into the 21st Century, the Western Caucus aims to create a more comprehensive, streamlined approach to species recovery, while ensuring our communities are not burdened by overregulation and misleading data. We should not tie our hands when it comes to species recovery. Using the best available science, considering all ongoing conservation measures, streamlining the process for listing decisions, and empowering state and local efforts will create a comprehensive approach to advance species recovery and fulfill the true intent of the ESA.

The ESA was created to protect and recover endangered and threatened species. We must remain committed to this shared goal by strengthening and modernizing the Endangered Species Act for future generations. The WHOLE Act and these legislative efforts put forward by the Western Caucus are a strong step forward, so I humbly ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the WHOLE Act of 2020.

CELEBRATING MARGARET PHILLIPS MOORE McCLANAHAN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th birthday of Margaret Phillips Moore McClanahan of King, North Carolina. Margaret was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on January 16, 1920.

Margaret is a graduate of King High School and the Women's College of the University of North Carolina—now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. After graduation, she went on to complete a dietetic internship at the Duke University Medical Center and then served as an industrial dietitian at Western Electric for 33 years. From age 65 until her 80's, she was heavily involved in public health in Stokes County.

A woman who is invested in her community, family, and faith, Margaret has made a profound impact on western North Carolina. She was a founding member of the King Outreach Mission in the mid 1970's and was a founder

of the Stokes County Habitat for Humanity in 1999. Since the founding of the King Outreach Mission, she's served as a weekly volunteer, board member, newsletter writer and editor, and organizer of a fundraising rummage sale which eventually led to establishment of a thrift shop.

As an active member of her church, Margaret plays the piano for the Special Ministries program and previously served as the church historian. For years, she directed the preparation of Wednesday night suppers for church members who attended weekly groups. But her activities don't stop there. She also competed in Seniors Games and has gone in to win medals at the regional, state, and national levels in swimming.

To her family, Margaret is the quiet, wise matriarch, and continuously showers love, pride, and wise counsel to her three children, two grandchildren, and three great-granddaughters. Her compassion, modesty, and faith make her a remarkable role model. I wish Ms. Margaret Phillips Moore McClanahan a very happy—and blessed—100th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 2; NAY on Roll Call No. 3; and YEA on Roll Call No. 4.

HONORING CARY JONES' 44 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the career of Cary Jones of Oregon for his 44 years of public service to our nation and our Veterans as he retires on January 31, 2020 from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Cary began his service to our nation when he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and served honorably for twenty-six years before retiring as a Senior Chief Yeoman. On July 1, 2001, Cary started working with VA Portland Health Care System as Personal Support Assistant in the Public Affairs, Release of Information and Patient Advocates, Release offices. It was during this time that Cary began working with members of the Oregon delegation and responding to congressional inquiries.

During my time in Congress, Cary has always been the point of contact for my office. He was responsible for helping the countless veterans who reached out to my office for assistance, often out of pure desperation, to get a response to grievances with their care. I will always be grateful for Cary's approach to the job. His professionalism and dedication to our men and women in uniform showed in the way he treated every inquiry with the utmost ur-

gency they deserved to ensure our veterans concerns were addressed.

The VA Portland Health Care System, our Veterans, and the Congressional delegations of Oregon and Washington will be losing an institution on January 31st when Cary officially retires. I would like to once again thank Cary and wish him and his wife Linda a well-deserved retirement after forty-four years of dedicated federal service. I hope he can finally enjoy some much-earned time in his workshop.

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, January 14, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine industries of the future.

SH-216

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine an update on implementation of the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on United States-Iran policy and authorities for the use of force.

SVC-217

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement.

SD-430

JANUARY 16

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Charles Williams, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, both of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement, the nominations of Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil,

John Hennessey-Niland, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Dorothy Shea, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic, and Donald Wright, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, all of the Department of State, and other pending calendar business.

S-116

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, John Charles Hinderaker, and Scott H. Rash, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Joshua M. Kindred, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, Matthew Thomas Schelp, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern

District of Missouri, Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, Stanley Blumenfeld, and Mark C. Scarsi, each to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Stephen A. Vaden, of Tennessee, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Grace Karaffa Obermann, and Stephen Sidney Schwartz, both of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

SD-226

CANCELLATIONS

JANUARY 16

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219