

As we bring attention to this far too common tragedy, I would like to thank some of the incredible organizations in Collin County who work tirelessly to help survivors.

Traffick 911, CASA of Collin County, Rescue Her, Treasured Vessels, New Friends New Life, and the Collin County Sheriff's office are all helping lead the fight against human trafficking.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking these organizations and recognizing the importance of spreading awareness about Human Trafficking today and every day.

We must continue the battle to keep all children safe.

HONORING MARIA
PAPANASTASSIOU

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work and dedication of Ms. Maria Papanastassiou, a librarian and Kids' World assistant manager at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. Ms. Papanastassiou was one of 10 librarians in the country to receive the national "I Love My Librarian Award" for 2019–2020 from the American Library Association.

Maria Papanastassiou was nominated by her colleagues who felt that through her work, families with diverse needs have found a home and a welcoming, inclusive place at the library. Ms. Papanastassiou works hard to help families connect with one another and receive crucial support.

Ms. Papanastassiou leads play groups for children with Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, sensory processing disorders and language delays. She organizes creative learning opportunities such as story boards with felt characters to help with language development, crafts for fine motor development, instant snow powder for sensory exploration, a circus tent for children who require low-sensory environments, stepping stones for gross motor skills, and activities to facilitate imaginative play. And she instituted "Early Open for Families" so that children of diverse needs can experience library exhibits in a quiet setting before the library opens the door to the public.

In addition to her service to children with special needs, Ms. Papanastassiou created meetups for parents, caregivers, and developmental therapists to get together in an informal setting. She also leads the Arlington Heights Memorial Library's partnership with C.I.T.Y. of Support, a nonprofit that aids families with children in therapy.

My office has worked closely with the Arlington Heights Memorial Library to ensure that our shared constituents receive effective and efficient assistance. My district staff holds regular neighborhood office hours in the library.

Maria Papanastassiou is a dedicated, compassionate and creative librarian and I deeply

admire her conscientious work to provide a safe place and learning environment for families with diverse needs. On behalf of the constituents of the 9th Congressional District, I thank Maria for her service and congratulate her on this award.

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 28, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 29

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2336, to improve the management of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2864, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on information sharing between the Department of Veterans Affairs and designated relatives and friends of veterans regarding the assistance and benefits available to the veterans, S. 524, to establish the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs, S. 2594, to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify certain requirements with respect to service and retirement for the purposes of veterans' preference for Federal hiring, S. 850, to extend the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of awarding grants to veterans service organizations for the transportation of highly rural veterans, S. 3110, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disability and pension benefits provided to members of the National Guard and members of reserve components of the Armed Forces by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 123, to require the Secretary of Vet-

erans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health Administration facility and to provide individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services to which they received was below the standard of care, S. 450, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to expedite the onboarding process for new medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to reduce the duration of the hiring process for such medical providers, S. 3182, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women's Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, and the nomination of Grant C. Jaquith, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

SR-418

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine protecting seniors from the Social Security Impersonation Scam.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine stakeholder perspectives on the importance of the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

SD-406

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine human rights and democracy, focusing on obstacles and opportunities in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe region.

LHOB-1334

JANUARY 30

9 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Africa Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

FEBRUARY 5

9:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the power and purpose of parliamentary diplomacy, focusing on inter-parliamentary initiatives and the United States contribution.

CHOB-210