

In 75 years of service, Riviera Presbyterian has shown inspiration and love to whoever walks into the church, regardless of culture and background. Riviera Presbyterian was the first Anglo Presbyterian congregation to welcome a black man into pastoral leadership and ordained the first woman of the Presbyterian Church in South Florida. May the church continue to break barriers while assisting our beautiful community.

I'm deeply grateful to Riviera Presbyterian Church for its hard work and dedication to the Miami community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on January 29 and January 30 due to joining U.S. Surgeon General VADM Jerome Adams while touring healthcare facilities across the First District. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 29; YEA on Roll Call No. 30; NAY on Roll Call No. 31; YEA on Roll Call No. 32; NAY on Roll Call No. 33; and NAY on Roll Call No. 34.

HONORING MR. RONALD EDWARDS

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of a prominent Civil Rights activist, leader and advocate Ronald Edwards. He truly loved Minneapolis and is deeply appreciated and treasured by the people of Minneapolis.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, during the Jim Crow segregation era, Mr. Edwards had early experiences of racial inequality growing up in the south. Mr. Edwards moved to the Twin Cities with his father, who worked on the railroad. Mr. Edwards always fought against racial inequality and injustices not only for the Black community but for everyone. During his lifetime, Mr. Edwards was the longest-serving chair of the Minneapolis Urban League, was prominent leader for the Minneapolis NAACP, led the Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission, and also sat on numerous civic boards and panels. For the past ten years, Mr. Edwards co-hosted a radio program where he used his platform to hold people in power and in the community accountable.

Mr. Edwards was deeply dedicated to his family, friends, and community. He fought passionately for the Minneapolis community and used his tight connections within our neighborhoods to help those in need. I ask that we remember the spirit and passion for equality and justice that Ronald Edwards helped shape in the city of Minneapolis.

HONORING THE CAREER OF TOM NASSIF UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Tom Nassif, as his service as President and CEO of Western Growers comes to an end.

The career of Tom Nassif has been defined by strong consistent advocacy for growers of produce in the western United States. The national discourse on immigration, trade, and water policy has been distinctly shaped by his work for more than four decades.

Tom Nassif received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from California State University, Los Angeles and his Juris Doctorate from California Western University, School of Law in San Diego, California.

Nassif has set himself apart by serving in a multitude of prestigious positions. He was a labor attorney for the agricultural industry, and most notably, one of the first attorneys to try a case before the Agricultural Labor Relations Board. In President Ronald Reagan's administration, he was appointed Deputy and Acting Chief of Protocol for the White House. In 1983, he was promoted to Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian affairs. After two years, President Reagan appointed him to be his ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco. After his term, he moved on to work as chairman of Gulf Interstate Engineering in Houston. Next, he became managing partner of Aequitas International Consulting, an international business and political consulting company.

In February of 2002, Nassif became President and CEO of Western Growers. In 2013, he utilized his legal skills to help produce an immigration bill that passed in the Senate. Not only that, under his leadership, he assisted with the first time specialty crops received recognition in federal policy, with the passage of Specialty Crop Competitiveness Act as part of an agriculture appropriations bill. He also was a huge contributor for the specialty crop provisions in the Farm Bill. Nassif was named the Western Growers' 2019 Award of Honor in recognition of his unique approach and impact on the produce industry. This is the highest recognition of achievement in the industry.

Tom Nassif has left his mark by advocating for transparency and quality service. Nassif's affinity for protecting farms has directly resulted in laws and programs that will carry on his legacy in the industry. He has commitment to creating programs to address areas like food safety and technology that are state of the art.

Now, Nassif serves on the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C. and is one of the three national co-chairs for the Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Mr. Tom Nassif and wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote January 29 due to National Guard obligations. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 28; YEA on Roll Call No. 29; YEA on Roll Call No. 30; NAY on Roll Call No. 31, and YEA on Roll Call No. 32.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the tireless work of school counselors across the country and in the 38th district of California that I am honored to represent. These public servants help develop well-rounded students by guiding them through their academic, social-emotional, and career development.

Humberto Solorio, a counselor at California High School in Whittier, California, is exactly the type of champion students need. Humberto has been a counselor at the school for eighteen years and has been instrumental in the lives of the students he works with in the school and its Business Academy.

He is also a Program Lead for the school's Fresh Air Mentoring program, which is a new creative and strategic intervention program at California High School. The program provides support to at-promise male students. Humberto, along with a team of counselors and teachers, help these students by teaching healthy coping strategies, planning for life after high school, and building authentic and genuine relationships.

Counselors, like Humberto, provide so much for our students. Not only do they help with career and college choices, but they are often the ones who help students cope with serious and common challenges of growing up, including peer pressure, bullying, mental health issues, trauma, disciplinary problems, and more. Unfortunately, the average student-counselor-ratio is 442-to-1 nationally which is almost double the American School Counselor Association recommended ratio of 250-to-1. Our students deserve to have the support of school counselors, and school counselors deserve our support.

That is why I am proud to introduce a resolution to designate the week of February 3, 2020, through February 7, 2020, as National School Counseling Week. I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the extraordinary work and dedication our school counselors have done to better the lives of young students.

THE LIFE OF REVEREND DR.
WALLACE HARTSFIELD, SR.

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and memory of the late Reverend Dr. Wallace Hartsfield, Sr., a prominent religious and civil rights leader who devoted his life to the uplifting of mankind. Rev. Hartsfield's passion for community was only rivaled by the fierce adoration he had for his wife, four children, and many grandchildren. On Thursday, January 23, 2020, Rev. Hartsfield passed away after a deeply inspiring ninety years of life.

Born on November 13, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. Hartsfield was an only child, raised by his mother in Jacksonville, Florida. Reverend Hartsfield proudly served his country, completing a three-year tour of duty with the United States Armed Services in the Philippines before going on to attend Clark College, where he graduated in 1954. Rev. Hartsfield later earned his Master of Divinity from Gammon Theological Seminary and went on to serve churches in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Wichita before settling in Kansas City. He served as senior pastor of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, one of Kansas City's largest African-American churches, from 1962 to 1968 and again from 1972 until his retirement in 2008. Rev. Hartsfield's son, Pastor Wallace S. Hartsfield, II succeeded his father's tenure at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist and continues the legacy of faith and leadership that his father established.

In connection to his lengthy and dedicated career of spiritual work, Rev. Hartsfield played a crucial role in the civil rights movement. Growing up in the segregated south, he was no stranger to the dark and deeply painful realities of our nation's history. Rev. Hartsfield committed himself to the fight for a more just world, using the negative experiences he endured and witnessed as motivation in the fight for equality and a better life for African Americans. Marching alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and working with Reverend Jesse Jackson on the PUSH campaign to improve economic opportunities for African Americans, Rev. Hartsfield embodied true leadership, compassion, and activism.

In all that he approached, Rev. Hartsfield did so with a fervent passion and steadfast desire for change. By serving on local, regional, and national boards, including as Chairman of the Congress of National Black Churches and President of the Baptist Ministers Union, creating the Concerned Clergy Coalition in an effort to combat crime, and leading a multi-million dollar campaign for Kansas City health centers, Rev. Hartsfield proved time and time again that he was truly a man of unparalleled dedication.

As an unwavering voice for doing what was morally just, Rev. Hartsfield helped to positively shape the future for generations to come. By serving as a beacon of light through dark moments in our history and ushering in hope in times of hopelessness, Rev. Hartsfield leaves behind a monumental legacy of service, courage, and perseverance.

Madam Speaker, please join Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the life of

Reverend Dr. Wallace Hartsfield, Sr. Let us carry forth with the same sense of duty and compassion of Rev. Hartsfield, always remembering his profound words: "I may not have the power to change things, but I can be a voice for change."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Speaker, I was not present the week of January 27 through 31, 2020 on account of supporting my son's continuing recovery. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 23; YEA on Roll Call No. 24; NAY on Roll Call No. 25; NAY on Roll Call No. 26; YEA on Roll Call No. 27; NAY on Roll Call No. 28; YEA on Roll Call No. 29; YEA on Roll Call No. 30; NAY on Roll Call No. 31; YEA on Roll Call No. 32; NAY on Roll Call No. 33; and NAY on Roll Call No. 34.

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, February 4, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 5

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the VA MISSION Act, focusing on the implementation of the Community Care Network.

SR-418

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

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine athlete safety and the integrity of U.S. Sport.

SH-216

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Fish and Wildlife Service.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kipp Kranbuhl, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Sarah C. Arbes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Jason J. Fichtner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board.

SD-215

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

FEBRUARY 6

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

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

SD-G50

FEBRUARY 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine a roadmap for effective cybersecurity, focusing on what states, locals, and the business community should know and do.

SD-342

FEBRUARY 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine protecting the United States from global pandemics.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress.

SD-538

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine United States-Libya policy.

SD-419

FEBRUARY 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jessie K. Liu, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury, and Judy Shelton, of California, and Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SD-538

FEBRUARY 25

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on public transportation stakeholders' perspectives.

SD-538