

HONORING DR. AMARJIT SINGH
MARWAH

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of his 94th birthday, I rise today to honor Dr. Amarjit Singh Marwah, a pioneer in the Indian American community and a Los Angeles civic icon.

Since coming to the United States in 1953 as a Fulbright scholar, Dr. Marwah has been a trailblazer. Drawing on an educational pedigree that included fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the University of Illinois, Chicago (where he pursued an MS in Pathology), Howard University (where he completed a two-year program in Doctor in Dental Surgery), and a professorship at the University of Southern California, Dr. Marwah became the first Indian doctor in the United States to obtain a license to practice dentistry.

Dr. Marwah also helped make U.S. history through his work on Dalip Singh Saund's congressional campaign. As a young aide to the candidate, Dr. Marwah helped propel Saund to victory in the 1956 election, ushering in the first Sikh American, the first Indian American and the first Asian American ever elected to the U.S. Congress.

Being a pioneer, Dr. Marwah has worked to encourage and grow the nascent Sikh American community of Southern California, of which he is a member. For many years, his Baldwin Hills home served as a place of respite for the immigrant community; and Dr. Marwah founded just the third Sikh Temple in the United States, whose location in Hollywood now bears the name "Dr. Amarjit Singh Marwah Square."

As a friend and advisor of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, Dr. Marwah made an indelible mark on Los Angeles civic life. Dr. Marwah was appointed a Los Angeles City Commissioner in 1975 and served for 18 years. He chaired the Cultural Heritage Commission and the Hollywood Art Commission, and he helped to preserve over 300 sites, including the Walk of Fame and the Roosevelt Hotel.

As a public servant, a leader in the Indian American community and a philanthropist, Dr. Marwah has made a positive impact on countless people around the world. Dr. Marwah was supported in all these endeavors by his late wife, Kuljit Kaur Marwah, as well as his three daughters and their spouses and grandchildren.

I wish my friend Dr. Amarjit Singh Marwah a very happy and healthy 94th birthday.

HONORING KERRY SMITH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kerry Smith for years of exceptional public service to the young people of Lake County, California and to honor her as the Lake County Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Smith was born and raised in Lake County, California. She graduated from Kelseyville High School before earning her AA in Child Development at Santa Rosa Junior College. She attended Sonoma State University, where she graduated with a degree in Environmental Studies and a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential with an emphasis in early childhood education. These outstanding credentials coupled with her passion and diligence enable Ms. Smith to connect with her students and enlarge their understanding.

Kerry Smith is outstanding in many ways. As a Resource Teacher for students grades six through eight at Mountain Vista Middle School, it is Ms. Smith's responsibility to provide support to students who need additional help in math. In this role, she has spearheaded a model that allows a collaboration of math teachers to help struggling students. This approach has been so successful that nearly all her students are no longer in need of additional help and are performing well in their respective math classes. She not only has the instructional skills required to be a highly effective teacher, but also holds those intangible qualities that are at the heart of a successful educator. She is beloved by her students, often described as funny, kind, exciting, friendly, and positive.

Ms. Smith is a natural leader. She has mentored many new educators throughout her career and continues to inspire those around her with her joyful attitude and dedication to her students. Teachers travel from across the school district to observe Ms. Smith in her classroom and they always leave impressed. She is the model of a lifelong learner, one that is constantly striving to improve her own practice and eager to try a new approach.

Madam Speaker, there is not another individual who exemplifies the profession of teaching better than Kerry Smith. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Ms. Kerry Smith here today.

**RECOGNIZING AIDAN COHEN AS
CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH**

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize 17-year old North County resident, Aidan Cohen, as my Constituent of the Month for January. In a moment of quick instinct, Aidan heroically rushed to help his next door neighbor, pulling him from his burning home and saving his life.

On the evening of December 12, 2019, Aidan Cohen and his older brother Ryan were enjoying a late-night snack when the power suddenly went out. Soon after, the brothers heard an explosion and rushed outside to find their next door neighbor's home engulfed in flames.

The brothers shouted the owner's name, but received no response. Overcome by smoke he had collapsed on the hallway floor. Aidan spotted him through a window, and without hesitation, broke the back door open and pulled the neighbor out to safety.

Everyone involved was grateful for our local first responders who were on the scene minutes later to administer first aid to the neighbor and save Aidan's family home.

I launched a Constituent of the Month program to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond to make our region a stronger place for everyone to live and thrive. Aidan's selflessness is an extraordinary reminder that in severe times of need, setting aside our own fears to assist one another is a crucial foundation of community. I thank Aidan for being an exemplary model of true neighborly kindness in California's 49th District.

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, February 6, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States strategy in Afghanistan.

SD-G50

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

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Trade, and Consumer Protection

To hold hearings to examine the state of intercollegiate athlete compensation.

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine ensuring appropriate medical care for children.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management

To hold hearings to examine the Afghanistan Papers, focusing on costs and benefits of America's longest war.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine the Digital Millennium Copyright Act at 22, focusing on what it is, why was it enacted, and where are we now.

SD-226