

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Speaker, I was not present the week of February 25–28, 2020 on account of supporting my son's continuing recovery. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 71; YEA on Roll Call No. 72; YEA on Roll Call No. 73; NAY on Roll Call No. 74; NAY on Roll Call No. 75; YEA on Roll Call No. 76; YEA on Roll Call No. 77; and NAY on Roll Call No. 78.

RECOGNIZING MS. ELIZABETH MANN AS THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Elizabeth Mann as the Santa Rosa County Teacher of the Year. Ms. Mann has served the Santa Rosa County School District with talent, passion, and an unwavering commitment to serving her students.

In Northwest Florida, we are fortunate to have some of the best teachers in the Nation. Teaching is a difficult profession, yet immensely rewarding. Ms. Mann has performed her teaching duties exceptionally, while also being an active and supportive member of our Northwest Florida community.

Her passion for teaching stemmed from her childhood, as both of her parents served as educators. I commend her for her steadfast willingness to serve those that matter most—the students and youth of our Nation.

Ms. Mann has set an example for all of her students, and has achieved the excellence that we strive for in Northwest Florida.

For all of her contributions to our community, I am truly proud to have Ms. Mann as a constituent in Florida's First Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Ms. Elizabeth Mann for her many accomplishments, and her deep commitment to excellence, professionalism, innovation, and collaboration in the Santa Rosa County School District. I thank her for her service, and I wish her all the best for her continued success.

HONORING DELEQUA DRAKE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant Ms. Delequa Drake.

Ms. Delequa Drake was born in Natchez, MS on December 12, 1986. She graduated with honors from Natchez High School in 2005. From there, she received an Associate of Arts degree from Copiah-Lincoln Community College in 2007. After receiving her Associate's degree, she transferred to Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in education. Upon arrival, she discovered a field (kinesthesiology) that piqued her interest as well as fed her burning desire to learn anything about everything. Two years later, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a concentration in Clinical Exercise Physiology. It was after this feat that this young adult experienced one of life's many curveballs.

While prepping and planning to attend graduate school at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, this 22-year-old, Delequa Drake, received a call that would change her life forever. Her favorite person in the world, her grandmother, had just been notified that the lump in her breast was malignant. Ms. Drake decided to put her plans on hold and stay home to be closer to her family. She began working odd jobs that had no connection to her degree to make ends meet. In her downtime, she also volunteered to coach pee-wee basketball in the local recreational league. It was then that she first discovered her love for working with children. The philosophy for her players was "Grades before Plays" which worked out fine for everyone except a struggling young reader on the team. Ms. Drake took it upon herself to tutor this struggling reader while coaching him.

Much to his surprise and hers, the tutorials worked better than expected. The student's grade began to increase mightily. His reading grade improved from a letter grade of D to a letter grade of B by the end of the semester. Still, Ms. Drake had no clue that teaching was where she belonged. It wasn't until a few more success stories later that she even considered reverting to her original plan of teaching. After a lot of urging from family and friends, she was now 27 years old and finally decided to pursue her passion by taking the necessary steps toward becoming a teacher. She enrolled in Belhaven University's Master of Arts in Teaching program in the Fall of 2016 and never looked back.

Ms. Drake became the 2019–2020 Teacher of The Year from Gilmer McLaurin Elementary School. Congratulations to Ms. Delequa Drake for her accomplishments. She still lives by the philosophy of "Grades before Plays" and tries to instill in every child that she crosses paths with the importance of learning and her love for reading.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Delequa Drake for her dedication and tenacity to serving the community and the desire to be an example for all.

PEACE CORPS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important contributions of the Peace Corps and its necessity to U.S. national security on its 57th Anniversary.

Over 235,000 volunteers have served in the Peace Corps since its creation in 1961. Of those volunteers, approximately 7,600 have been native Coloradans. All have played a critical role in creating community links that remain the foundation of U.S. security and diplomacy as well as building international personal relationships and living out a mission of service that extends beyond their tenure with the Peace Corps.

From teaching English, to helping farmers increase crop yields, to advising local business, the projects these volunteers pursue are wide ranging. In these various capacities, they function as the face of America overseas in locations where people have likely never met an American previously. Immersed in the local community through language and cultural immersion, volunteers are trusted by local decision makers.

As an important part of America's soft power arsenal, the Peace Corps has shown exceptional mission, vision, and outcomes. Its work abroad has resulted in improvements along U.S. borders because of its presence in Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru, helping to fix conditions that have pushed citizens to leave their homes. In 2017, 121 retired generals and admirals wrote to Congress to convey their support for the Peace Corps because of this work, calling it vital to preventing conflict and reducing the need for military personnel to be put in harm's way.

Madam Speaker, through the dedication of each volunteer, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encouraging partnerships, creating opportunity, and expanding development at the grass-roots level in the developing world. I hope its service inspires other students and professionals from all walks of life.

EMMETT TILL ANTI-LYNCHING ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, one hundred years ago, Missouri Republican Congressman Leonidas Deyer introduced an anti-lynching bill in the 65th Congress. The legislation eventually died in the Senate in 1918. In the one hundred years since that failure, there have been over two hundred unsuccessful attempts to prohibit lynching in the

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United States through legislative redress. Those one hundred years saw the advent of the civil rights movement and Jim Crow, but it also was marred by undercurrents of racism and random acts of violence.

As the Representative of the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia and a senior member of the House Judiciary, this legislation, which would finally make the act of lynching a hate crime, has particular significance to me and my constituents. Our district is home to Stone Mountain which is commonly known as the symbolic birthplace of the modern Klu Klux Klan. Since 1915, the Klu Klux Klan has met at Stone Mountain and as recently as 2018, white supremacist organizations sought to rally atop the mountain with Confederate flags. Over the years, many civil rights battles have been won in our district, but our fight for equality is not over.

Lynching is a vestige of slavery and America's views on race and racism in this country. It has long been a practice used to keep enslaved Africans, and later, free Black men, women, and children living in terror. The practice has irrevocably damaged the American psyche. It is time to formally distance our country from these heinous acts and raise the crime to the consideration of a hate crime. In doing so, we declare to ourselves and the rest of the world that we will not tolerate bigotry in the United States and that those who would harm others because of the color of their skin will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Rep. BOBBY RUSH's Emmett Till Antilynching Act will finally be considered by the Full House. This bill honors Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African American boy lynched in Mississippi in 1955. As we progress towards a more perfect union by recognizing lynching for what it is—a hate crime, we reflect on how this heinous practice has been wielded to oppress minorities throughout American history.

My good friend Rep. RUSH brings this legislation to the House floor citing the riots that took place in Charlottesville in 2017 and during the deadly El Paso shooting in 2019. The lynching of black and brown people in our country is truly, as he says, prevalent in American society today. Its face may have evolved, but the crime of hate that it represents is indisputable.

The Senate passed a resolution in 2005 that apologized to victims of lynching crimes; however, lynching still is not classified as a federal hate crime. We honor, today, the herculean efforts from American heroes like my fellow Georgia Congressman JOHN LEWIS, who worked to mobilize our country against these violent acts.

We have waited too long to raise this crime to the level of a federal hate crime, and we cannot delay any longer. Only when we reckon with our troubled history and the epidemic of hate crimes against black and brown people in the United States can we begin to construct a more perfect union.

I'm proud to lend my support and my vote to this important legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO DESIGNATE THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AS AN EMPOWERMENT ZONE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 2, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a bill that would statutorily add the District of Columbia to the national empowerment zone program, which provides federal tax incentives for businesses to locate and invest in low-income areas. In 1993, Congress created the national empowerment zone program and left it to federal agencies to designate a certain number of low-income areas as empowerment zones. The District was not one of the areas selected. However, in 1997, working primarily with Republicans in Congress, I created federal tax incentives for investment in the District by businesses and individuals. The business incentives were similar to, but more generous than, those available under the national empowerment zone program. I got the D.C. incentives reauthorized regularly until 2011, when Congress refused to extend only the D.C. program. At the same time, the national empowerment zone program continued to be reauthorized and was reauthorized last year through 2020. Under my bill, certain low-income neighborhoods, particularly in Wards 5, 7 and 8, would be treated as empowerment zones as long as the national empowerment zone program remains in effect.

The wisdom of the bipartisan, modest, targeted business tax incentives for D.C. has been amply and visibly demonstrated in the economic resurgence of parts of the nation's capital where they were applied. Among the most visible examples are the formerly run-down area around the Verizon Center (now Capital One Arena), which is now surrounded by offices, restaurants and vibrant nightlife, and the Penn Quarter neighborhood, which had limited residential, commercial and retail spaces, and is now a popular mixed-use neighborhood.

Unfortunately, the D.C. tax incentives were allowed to expire before the poorest D.C. neighborhoods were ready to make use of them, especially in Wards 5, 7 and 8. Withdrawing the D.C. tax incentives, particularly after they had proven to be effective in other areas of the city, has left the nation's capital with essentially half of a revival, and was tragically timed just as the lower-income parts of the District, which need the incentives most, are ready for redevelopment. The effectiveness of these incentives for the District has been demonstrated and their costs have been de minimis compared to the measurable benefits they have generated in the District.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING AL WHITE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant Mr. Al White.

Mr. White was born in Duck Hill, Mississippi in July of 1955. Duck Hill is in Montgomery County, a county laden with much civil rights history. Mr. White has committed his life to documenting and preserving this history.

Mr. White graduated from Duck Hill High School in 1973. He is also a graduate of Mississippi Valley State University. Mr. White worked with "Why Was Mississippi Burning" in response to the "Mississippi Burning" documentary. He documented the inception of Southern Echo and other entities. He's worked with the NAACP, COFO, ACLU, Kellogg, and the Algebra Project. He also continues to be instrumental in documenting the conferences, events, and interviews around the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement.

Mr. White is currently the Director of the MVSU TV Studio and Instructor at Mississippi Valley State University. In this role, he shares the history of the civil rights movement with his students, ensuring that this history is passed on to the next generation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Al White for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, on Friday, February 28, 2020 I regret not being present for a vote session. Had I been present, I would have voted in support of H.R. 2339—Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019, Roll Call vote 78, and voted in support of H.R. 2819—Gold Star Mothers Families National Monument Extension Act, Roll Call Vote 76.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 2, 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. 76; Yea on Roll Call No. 77; and Nay on Roll Call No. 78.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BILL O'ROURKE, JR

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bill O'Rourke, Jr., a beloved pillar of our community, who passed away on January 28, 2020.

Mr. O'Rourke was above all an educator, coaching hundreds of students in the Webster Central School District for over forty years. Under the coaching of his father, O'Rourke became an outstanding player at St. John

Fisher, eventually leading the New York Knicks to draft him. During his tenure at Webster Thomas High School, he coached the boys' varsity basketball team where he was inducted into the Section V Basketball Hall of Fame and the Frontier Field Walk of Fame. He completed his career with two Section V championships and 468 wins.

O'Rourke understood that the game of basketball is mastered not simply through dedication, but with a commitment to spirit and integrity. We did not just lose a wonderful basketball coach, we lost a devoted man who dedicated his life to his family, friends, and community. His legacy will live on through his family, his players, and the hundreds of lives he touched. He is survived by his wife, Marsha Barber, five children, two grandchildren, one brother, and one niece.

While I am saddened by Mr. O'Rourke's passing, it brings me great pleasure to have represented a man who lived his life inspiring all those around him. My heart is with his entire extended family.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body join me to recognize Bill O'Rourke, Jr.

HONORING VALERIE BERNARD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a resourceful and ambitious woman, Ms. Valerie Bernard. Valerie has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Ms. Valerie Bernard who is amid her 24th year teaching, is a second-grade teacher at Dana Road Elementary School in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

With both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Elementary Education from Mississippi College, Bernard began her career teaching in the Jackson Public Schools at Powell Middle School. She also taught at Sykes Elementary School in Jackson before moving to St. Therese in the Diocese of Jackson in 2011. In 2014, she returned to Jackson Public Schools, teaching math and social studies at John Hopkins. She later moved to fifth grade at John Hopkins before coming to Dana Road Elementary in 2018.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Valerie Bernard for her passion and dedication and a desire to make a difference in the lives of children.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters and the 60th anniversary of the Miami-Dade County chapter.

Founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920, the League of Women Voters has never

wavered in its fundamental belief that all citizens should make their voices heard not only at the ballot box but also through continuous participation in every aspect of civic life. This organization is comprised of more than 700 state and local chapters dedicated to protecting voting rights and empowering voters to advocate for themselves and their communities.

The League of Women Voters of Miami-Dade County has helped shape our community for six decades. This chapter supports a variety of issues, from ensuring adequate funding for our county library system, to fostering environmental resilience, to expanding early voting sites to the campuses of our public universities and colleges.

Miami-Dade County is richer and fuller thanks to the efforts of the League of Women Voters, and I am grateful for their advocacy and commitment to our shared community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, due to unavoidable scheduling conflict, I needed to be in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 76; YEA on Roll Call No. 77; and NAY on Roll Call No. 78.

HONORING MRS. FAYE BROWN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a principal at the Jefferson County Junior High School, Mrs. Faye Brown.

Mrs. Faye Brown was born and grew up in West Palm Beach, Florida. She attended school and graduated from Palm Beach County School District. Mrs. Brown continued her studies at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, where she received her undergraduate degree in Political Science with a minor in Management and Organization. After her undergraduate she went on to pursue a master's degree from Alcorn State University in Guidance Counseling, and later a Specialist in Educational Leadership from Jackson State University. Currently, Mrs. Brown is enrolled at William Carey University where she has completed all coursework and is working on the final two chapters of her doctoral dissertation.

Mrs. Brown has served the educational community in Jefferson County since August 1998. She is known to have unique distinction of serving educationally from multiple perspectives. She was initially hired in the school district as a high school English teacher. After years progressed teaching ninth and twelfth grade English for four years, Mrs. Brown worked as the high school counselor and test coordinator for five years. During the time as a high school counselor Mrs. Brown became a certified school bus driver. It was at the culmination of five years as a high school guidance counselor that Mrs. Brown moved into

service as a school administrator. She started her administrative career at the Jefferson County Elementary School as assistant principal. After five years, she became the Jefferson County Upper Elementary principal and during her tenure it led her to the appointment as the district's School Improvement Officer and Curriculum Director. In this position she was to oversee more than 1-million-dollar SIG grant implementation. At the culmination of the SIG grant, Mrs. Brown returned to a high school and junior high school-based administrative leadership.

Mrs. Brown has worked with the Mississippi Department of Education and was selected as a Mississippi Teacher Fellowship participant, as well as a 2017 Prospective Superintendent Leadership Academy completer.

Mrs. Brown is committed to improving students educational outcomes at her school and she fully embraces their theme, "Inspiring Excellence and Promoting Success".

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Faye Brown for her hard work and dedication in the Jefferson County School District.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WILTON MANORS MAYOR JUSTIN S. FLIPPEN

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Wilton Manors Mayor Justin Flippen, a dedicated public servant, who loved his community and contributed greatly to the people of Broward County, Florida. Justin passed away on February 25, 2020 at the age of 41.

A graduate of Coconut Creek High School, Broward College, and Florida Atlantic University (FAU), he became Florida's first openly gay student body president at FAU, as well as serving as an intern for United States Senator Bob Graham. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Florida College of Law. Justin was a Wilton Manors City Commissioner before being elected Mayor in 2018. Active in the community, he became a member of the Wilton Manors-based Dolphin Democrats in 1997 and served as president from 2008 to 2009, overseeing the growth of the club to over 400 members. Justin was also a member of the Florida LGBT Democratic Caucus.

When marriage equality became legal in 2015, Justin officiated the Valentine's Day marriages of nearly 40 couples at city hall as part of a city-sponsored marriage equality mass wedding program entitled, "We Do It!" He successfully worked to have Wilton Manors become the first city in Broward County to raise the Pride Flag outside city hall for National LGBT Pride Month, and then less than a year later to have Wilton Manors become the first city in the nation to permanently raise the Pride Flag as the foundation to a monument and memorial dedicated to the contributions of the LGBT community and their allies.

In November of 2018, the people historically elected Justin as their Mayor by one of the largest margins of victory in a contested race. Now as "The People's Mayor," but more importantly as a product of our city and community, Justin believed in upholding the highest

standards and to serve with his best and nothing less. He believed that all elected, and government officials should remember and heed the words of Thomas Jefferson who said, "Governments are the servants, not the masters, of the people."

Madam Speaker, Mayor Justin S. Flippen's spirit and loving memory will always live on. His contributions to our community will be remembered for generations to come. I offer my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and the entire Broward County community during this time of great sadness and loss.

IN MEMORY OF ELLEN M. BLOOM

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Ellen M. Bloom, a dedicated public servant, beloved Congressional staffer and compassionate constituent of mine in Silver Spring whose earthly journey concluded on February 4, 2020. I include in the RECORD her obituary, which was published in the Washington Post on February 7, 2020 and tells the story of her wonderful life.

ELLEN M. BLOOM

A highly accomplished consumer advocate, mother, wife, sister, aunt, friend, mentor and devoted D.C. sports fan whose professional life was committed to public service, died February 4, 2020 surrounded by her loving family at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Ellen's four-decade career included 18 years on the senior staff of Senator Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH); within the Clinton Administration where she helped set national telecommunications policy and later served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Commerce Secretary William Daley; and led the federal policy office of Consumer Reports. She graduated from the University of Maryland-College Park, and earned her Masters in Public Administration from George Washington University.

But Ellen's most cherished position was as the gravitational center of her family. With her husband of 33 years, David Bushnell of Silver Spring, MD, she raised two children, Michael W. Bushnell and Jenna L. Bushnell, both of Washington, D.C.

While the kids were growing up, the family set out on extended cross-country road trips. As a foursome, they trekked through three dozen national parks, visited all 50 states and traveled thousands of miles together while enjoying all America has to offer.

Among her surviving family is her brother, Alan Bloom of Montclair, NJ, her sister-in-law, Miriam Bloom of Teaneck, NJ, eight nieces and nephews and two grand-nephews who knew her as Aunt Ellen. She was the daughter of the late William and Sydelle Bloom of Silver Spring.

Ellen's untimely death followed a three-decade battle against two blood disorders, and a recent stem cell transplant at Johns Hopkins. The family's profound sadness is eased by the joy and inspiration Ellen shared with all who knew and loved her.

HONORING HELEN CARTHAN INGRAM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable hero, Helen Carthan Ingram.

Helen Carthan Ingram was born March 16, 1952. She is the second child born to Will Carthan, a railroad worker for Illinois Central and Doris Carthan, a housewife.

Helen Carthan Ingram spent all her time in Lambert, Mississippi. She was always involved in civil rights from an early age of 16.

May 1968, Ingram was involved in the civil rights walk out for the seven civil right workers that were incarcerated in Quitman County Jail. She and three hundred students marched from the Quitman County High School to Quitman County Jail. The jail was guarded by the United States Army National Guardsmen where they were beaten by the United States National Guardsmen. But after all of this, it still did not deter her from being involved with the civil rights movement.

Ms. Ingram attended Northwest Community College from 1970 to 1971. She received an associate degree in business administration. She later attended Coahoma Community College from 1982 to 1984, where she received an associate degree in elementary education. She attended Mississippi Valley State University where she received a bachelor's in elementary education. She received a certificate in interim denominational faith from Morehouse University. She was an advocate for civil rights and worked tirelessly to obtain housing for families. She also helped organize the first commemoration of the Mule Train in 1996. She is still actively involved in working with the Poor People Campaign, and with the Mule Train.

Ms. Ingram works diligently with Quitman County and the City of Lambert, trying to get different things for the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Helen Carthan Ingram for her dedication and remarkable works.

CELEBRATING ADVENTIST HEALTH WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S MALCOLM BALDRIGE NATIONAL QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE AWARD

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adventist Health White Memorial Hospital as a recipient of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The Boyle Heights hospital is the first organization in Los Angeles, the only hospital in Los Angeles County, and the twelfth hospital in the nation to receive this prestigious award.

The Baldrige Award is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence an organization in the United States can receive. Since 1987, the award has been given to organizations and businesses in that

have demonstrated visionary leadership, operational excellence, and drive for providing innovative solutions to complex challenges. It is the dedication, hard work, and outstanding achievements of White Memorial Hospital's associates, physicians, and partners in delivering quality healthcare that caught the attention of the Baldrige Award examiners.

Founded in 1913, the White Memorial Hospital has since become one of the region's leading nonprofit, faith-based hospitals, providing a full range of inpatient, outpatient, emergency and diagnostic services to the medically underserved communities in and near downtown Los Angeles. As a major teaching hospital, White Memorial also plays a vital role in training future physicians, nurses, and other medical professionals.

It is fitting White Memorial Hospital's mission is "living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness, and hope" because the hospital's volunteers and staff demonstrate daily, their commitment and service to improving the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the community. This award only underscores this exemplary level of excellence and dedication and I have no doubt, the important role White Memorial Hospital will continue to have in the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Adventist Health White Memorial Hospital on receiving the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAKU AND SUMGAI POGROMS

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to help commemorate the Baku and Sumgait Pogroms and to reaffirm that the U.S. stands on the side of democracy and peace—and that means standing with the Armenian people.

Thirty years ago, as the lines of the Soviet Union were fading, the people of Artsakh were united and voted for greater independence from Azerbaijan. But this peaceful movement for self-determination was followed by premeditated and government-sponsored attacks. Over the next two years, the Armenian population of Artsakh was repeatedly victim to brutal and racially motivated pogroms. Hundreds were murdered, and thousands were displaced; not only in Baku, but in places like Sumgait and Kirovabad as well.

These pogroms were a direct assault on the right of self-determination in Artsakh. And it is an assault that is continuing today. I know, because I have recently returned from my first ever trip to Armenia and Artsakh.

Since being elected and getting to know the Armenian community myself, I have wanted to visit Armenia. And this visit was so much more than I could have imagined. I was able to meet both the Prime Minister and the President, have incredible dialogues with the new parliament of Armenia, and take in the beautiful country.

But I also knew that while I was there, I had to visit Artsakh. Prior to my trip, my office was visited by the consulate of Azerbaijan. They

told me not to go, that it was too violent, and that there would be consequences. But I knew I had to go, and I had to see for myself.

Not only was it not a war-torn area, as Azerbaijan would have you believe, but Artsakh was beautiful and charming. And I was able to see and feel the national pride that was there. Azerbaijan may not want to recognize Artsakh, but all you have to do is walk around and talk to the people there and you will know. The Armenian people are alive and thriving in Artsakh.

But something else I saw while I was there was the lingering damage caused by Azerbaijan's war on Artsakh. Land mines still make so much land unusable, threatening the lives of farmers, children, or people just out for a walk. And Azerbaijan's military still threatens the peace along the border. That is why, last year, I introduced and secured House passage of a pro-peace amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act. This common-sense amendment urged all parties to agree on the non-deployment of snipers, heavy arms, and new weapons; the deployment of additional OSCE monitors, and; the placement of gunfire-locators along the line-of-contact. But sadly, despite overwhelming support in this House, the Senate caved to pressure from Azerbaijan and stripped this amendment.

And now, in another gift to Azerbaijan, the State Department seems ready to end funding for demining. This is unacceptable. I was privileged to visit the HALO Trust in Artsakh, which leads the demining work there, and I was amazed at how much land was cleared and made usable again. Thanks to HALO, thousands of mines and unexploded ordnance have been identified and removed, and Armenians in Artsakh are able to reclaim lands that had been too dangerous before. We cannot let this work go unfinished. I am committed to standing with the people of Artsakh though, and that is why, as we consider Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations, I will be supporting no less than \$10 million for Artsakh demining and rehabilitation services.

You can count on me to always stand with the Armenian people and to stand up for democracy and peace in Artsakh.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I was not present for votes on March 2, 2020 due to family medical matters in Alabama. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on H.R. 5003, the Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act and YEA on H.R. 5932, the Ensuring Chinese Debt Transparency Act of 2020.

HONORING NSOMBI LAMBRIGHT-HAYNES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a worthy mem-

ber of our society, Mrs. Nsombi Lambright-Haynes.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Nsombi Lambright-Haynes. Nsombi Lambright-Haynes is the Executive Director of One Voice, a statewide leadership development and policy advocacy organization, headquartered in Jackson, MS. The goal of One Voice is to build leadership in an effort to address structural oppressions that show up in the institutions that are significant in the lives of families, including the public education system, voting, the environment, and the criminal justice system.

Before beginning her role at One Voice, Nsombi Lambright-Haynes served as the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Mississippi for eight years. Under her leadership, the ACLU challenged the state's prison system, the denial of voting rights for people with felony convictions, and a number of schools to prison pipeline cases. The ACLU also led several LGBTQ cases during her time there.

Nsombi Lambright-Haynes serves on the City of Jackson's Civil Service Commission and Criminal Justice Taskforce and served on the transition teams of Jackson Mayors, Chokwe Lumumba and Chokwe Antar Lumumba.

She has received several honors including the Chokwe Lumumba Award for Advancing Social Justice (2019) the Fannie Lou Hamer Humanitarian Award (2012) and the Young Women in the NAACP Award (2008).

Nsombi Lambright-Haynes is a 1994 graduate of Tougaloo College (B.A. English-Journalism) and a 1996 graduate of Jackson State University (Master of Public Policy and Administration).

Nsombi Lambright-Haynes sits on the boards of the Center for Constitutional Rights, the National Network for Justice and the Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and is also a Life Member of the Jackson Branch of the NAACP. She worships at Christ The King Catholic Church in Jackson.

She is the mother of an adult son, Julian Lambright and resides in Jackson with her husband, Joseph Christopher Haynes.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Nsombi Lambright-Haynes.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD SNYDER

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Howard Snyder the founder and long-time Executive Director of the Northwest Side Community Development Corporation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For nearly 40 years, Howard has been a critical ally for economic development in some of Milwaukee's most disadvantaged areas and this year will be stepping down from his role.

Howard began his career as a community organizer for the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center advocating for housing on Milwaukee's Northwest Side. After serving for six years, Howard saw the communities dire need for economic development and founded the

Northwest Side Community Development Corporation (NWSCDC) in 1983. His vision for NWSCDC was an organization that could help lead the transformation of the Northwest Side of Milwaukee into a preferred destination for business and residents.

Under Howard's leadership, the NWSCDC has served the development needs of Milwaukee's low-income communities by assisting the expansion of industries and small businesses. Since the year 2000 alone, the NWSCDC has lent over \$10 million to several major projects for its constituency. As a result, economic growth has continued to spur, creating new jobs, markets, and services for these communities. One of these notable projects included the redevelopment of the Villard Avenue Library on Villard with 47 housing units for "grand families", grandparents serving as the primary caregivers for their grandchildren.

Today NWSCDC is one of the oldest and most dynamic community development corporations, serving as a model for the rest of the country. It has been a catalyst for change in our city; rehabbing properties and lending funds to new businesses. In a community that is still recovering from the effects of deindustrialization, this organization has given our community hope for a grander future.

Words cannot express how grateful we are to have a leader like Howard in our community. His heart has always been set on improving the lives of the community he serves. The compassion and ongoing success of NWSCDC reflects the kindness and leadership he has provided to the Greater Milwaukee community.

While he may be entering a new chapter of his life, I know that his work and dedication will not end. Madam Speaker, Howard Snyder has made Milwaukee and the 4th Congressional District, a better place and I salute him for his love and service to its residents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, on Friday, February 28, 2020, I was unable to vote on any legislative measures. Had I been present, I would have voted the following: (Roll no. 76) On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2819—Gold Star Mothers Families National Monument Extension Act, had I been present I would have voted yes. (Roll no. 77) On Motion to Recommit with Instructions of H.R. 2339—Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act, had I been present I would have voted yes. (Roll no. 78) On Passage of H.R. 2339—Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act, had I been present I would have voted no.

RECOGNITION OF RICK KELLER'S SERVICE TO IDAHO AGRICULTURE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Rick Keller on

his outstanding and impactful tenure as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Idaho Farm Bureau. Rick has dedicated the past 41 years of his life to the Farm Bureau and protecting the many great farmers of Idaho. Throughout his leadership, total membership increased 39 of the 41 years he held the office of CEO.

Over the years, Rick has been an active and spirited member of the Idaho Farm Bureau. Originally starting as a field manager for Southeast Idaho, Rick worked fervently and eventually was named Organizational Director. Under this title he has worked with members and officials from each of the 37 individual county Farm Bureaus to ensure ample access to county, state, and national insurance benefits for each member. Along with these benefits, the Bureau protects member farmers through creating and pushing legislation both on the State and National level, working closely with appointed officials for the benefit of our farmers. I had the pleasure of working with Rick at the State and Federal level.

Admirably, one of Rick's favorite jobs was working with the many volunteer leaders within the organization, who forfeit their free time in order to help farmers and ranchers. Even though he progressed to a higher office, he never forgot his roots.

Madam Speaker, Rick Keller's many years of service and advancement of farmers across our state, as well as his example to the citizens of Idaho will be widely missed. I commend the work he has done over the years. May he enjoy his retirement with his wife Alene.

HONORING RUTHIE MAE RANSOM MORRIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Ruthie Mae Ransom Morris.

Ruthie Mae Ransom Morris was born on October 24, 1942 in Leland, Mississippi, to Henry Parker Ransom, Sr. and Blanche Johnson Ransom. She was the sixth of their ten (10) children.

Ruthie accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized under the leadership of her uncle, Reverend Clarence Johnson, who was the Founder and Senior Pastor of the Shady Grove South Missionary Baptist Church (SGSMBC) in Greenville, Mississippi. During her years at SGSMBC, Ruthie sang in the Senior Choir, typed and printed the Church bulletins, organized special events, and served as a trusted confidant and adviser to Reverend Clarence Johnson as well as to his successor, Pastor Solomon B. Miller. Following Pastor Miller's departure from SGSMBC, Ruthie continued to serve under Pastor Gregory C. Lance, Sr., who, like Pastor Miller, not only became the Senior Pastor of SGSMBC, but was also "a spiritual son" to Ruthie.

In 1997, Ruthie joined Agape Storge Christian Center (ASCC) under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Paul Williams, who was a lifelong family friend and former member of SGSMBC.

During her years at ASCC, Ruthie served as a Greeter before answering God's call for her

to become an ordained minister. In 2011, Ruthie obtained her Minister's License after graduating from the ASCC School of Ministry. She faithfully served on the Ministry Team until her health began to fail in April of 2019.

Ruthie was educated in the Bolivar County Public Schools in Rosedale, Mississippi and in the Greenville Public Schools where she graduated from Coleman High School in the Class of 1960. She also attended Alcorn A&M College in Lorman, Mississippi where she first majored in Early Elementary Education. However, after her first day of practice teaching with a classroom full of young children, Ruthie quickly realized that she was in the wrong field and changed her major to Business Administration. She was the first of her siblings to both graduate from high school and attend college.

After leaving Alcorn A&M College, Ruthie returned home to Greenville where she worked as a Secretary in the Greenville Public Schools at T.L. Weston High School and E.E. Bass Jr. High School before starting her banking career as a Teller. Throughout her career in banking, she worked at various banks including Commercial National Bank, Trustmark Bank, and Sunburst Bank, which later became Union Planters Bank before eventually becoming present day Regions Bank.

Ruthie's natural gift for accurately and speedily counting money; her excellent people skills; and her strong work ethic led to her meteoric rise in every bank where she worked. Not only was she chosen to train numerous Tellers who came after her, but she eventually became the first African-American Branch Manager of a bank in Greenville, Mississippi.

After retiring from Regions Bank, in the summer of 1996, Ruthie was hired as the Office Manager at Infipro Security for several years before her love for both ministry and business led her to become the Bookkeeper at The Salvation Army in Greenville, Mississippi. She "officially" ended her work career when she retired from her bookkeeping position at The Salvation Army in 2012. However, in 2016, Ruthie was recruited to become the Office Manager at Jackson Heating and Air Conditioning where she remained for two (2) years and acquired yet another "spiritual son," Malcom Jackson, who was her boss.

Despite being a working mom with three (3) children, Ruthie still found time to be civically and politically active in her community. For more than thirty (30) years, Ruthie served on the Board of Directors of the Brent Daycare Center, which later became known as The Greenville Daycare and Learning Center (TGDALC). While serving on the Board of TGDALC, Ruthie worked closely with her fellow Board Members as well as various Directors, including Ruby Gloria Washington, who also became a close friend of Ruthie's; and Dollie Creath, who became a mentee of Ruthie's. Throughout her years on the Board of TGDALC, Ruthie formed strategic partnerships with various agencies to secure the necessary funding in order to ensure that numerous children throughout the South End and all over the City of Greenville were able to obtain an excellent pre-school education. She remained on the Board of Directors of TGDALC until it eventually closed its doors.

In addition to her civic engagements with several organizations including her beloved Coleman High School Class of 1960, Ruthie was passionate about politics. In fact, she canvassed Delta neighborhoods and traveled

around the State of Mississippi in order to get Democratic candidates elected on the local, state, and national levels.

For many years, Ruthie was an active member of the Washington County Democratic Party, and she worked closely with the Democratic National Committee (DNC). She not only campaigned for State Democratic candidates such as Robert Clark, but in 1987, Ruthie campaigned diligently to elect Mike Espy to the U.S. House of Representatives (MS 2nd District). Then, in 1993, she helped to secure victory for Bennie Thompson when he successfully ran for Mississippi's same 2nd Congressional seat after Mike Espy became the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

In 1988, while serving as the Precinct Captain of 3-1, Ruthie galvanized the highest voter turnout in the precinct's history, which played a pivotal role in electing Mississippi's 60th Governor, Raymond Mabus, Jr.

In 1993 and 1994, Ruthie was also instrumental in helping to elect Greenville attorneys, Johnnie E. Walls, Jr. and Willie Bailey to the Mississippi State Senate (12th Senatorial District) and the Mississippi State House of Representatives (49th District), respectively.

Because Ruthie was such a gracious hostess who maintained a lovely home, she was often called upon to host visiting dignitaries at her residence, including The Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr., Minister Louis Farrakhan, Judge James Earl Graves, Jr., and former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young's daughter, Andrea Young, just to name a few.

Moreover, long before the "Me Too Movement," Ruthie recognized the need for women to hold political offices. As a result, she served as the Campaign Manager or as a volunteer for numerous female candidates, including Vernita King Johnson, Bernadine Young (Deceased), Laverne Moore Holmes, Margaret Carey-McCray, and Estelle Pryor, among others.

Ruthie was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Blanche; her siblings, Martha (Bay) Birkhead Brewer, Alma Catherine (Gloria) Ransom, Marguerite (Sister) Clark, Betty Jean (Beh Jean) Walker, Henry (Bay Brother/Ramp) Ransom, Jr., Clarence (Scrappy) Ransom, and Charles (Bimbo) Ransom. She will be missed by many more.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Ruthie Mae Ransom Morris for her dedication to serving others and giving back to her community.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST 2020 GRADES 6-8

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize exemplary middle and high school students from Virginia's Fourth Congressional District who were selected as winners of the Black History Month essay contest I hosted earlier this month. I am inspired by the words of these students, and I encourage young people across our country to reflect on what this month means to them personally.

Since its creation less than 50 years ago, Black History Month has been a time to honor

and recognize the remarkable achievements of the African-American community. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these distinguished students and their accomplishments in celebration of Black History Month.

I include in the RECORD Trenton Blake Townes' winning essay:

WHAT BLACK HISTORY MONTH MEANS TO ME
(By Trenton Blake Townes)

As an African American male, Black History means a great deal to me. In today's society racism impacts the lives of my people in a number of ways and for me that is very scary. Black history means to me that no matter how the world views me, I am somebody and I stand on the shoulders of those before me. I can not think of what black history means to me without thinking of the years of slavery my ancestors had to endure. I think of the world we live in, and I don't understand why racism continues to exist today. The achievements of black people compared to the many pitfalls set before us should allow people to see how strong and resilient of a people we are, instead they only continue their attempts to destroy us and what we value and love.

I wish black history month would mean to everyone what is means to me. Black history month means to me that in times of turmoil I have the strength to rise victorious. Black history month is a time where all can reflect, not on the narrative they want us to believe in, but one that is factual and full of strength, hope and promise. It's one where Mansa Musa was King of the Mali empire in 1312 and is regarded even today as the richest man in the history of the world. Black history month means to me even as an enslaved people, Harriet Tubman led about 13 missions to help many to freedom and shared she could have freed more if they only knew they were enslaved. Black history month means to me we must pass the knowledge of the achievements of our ancestors like the establishment of what was known as Black Wall Street. Black wall street was a very prosperous and self-sufficient business district in Oklahoma where black people owned barbershops and stores, schools and even a local newspaper. Black history month means to me that I can help the advancement of the world like Dr. Gladys West who is a mathematician who grew up locally in Sutherland VA and helped with the technology used to create the GPS systems everyone uses today.

Black history month means to me it is a time where all people should be able to reflect upon the history of African Americans. This is a time where our culture, contributions, music, and arts should be celebrated as a positive influence and reviewed as leaving a positive impact on the entire world. Black history month is a time where we should be able to come together as a people and uplift one another and celebrate the many achievements of our past and the hope and realization of a rich future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I was necessarily absent and unable to cast my votes on all or part of June 4 and June 25. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA Roll Call No. 235; YEA Roll Call No. 236; YEA Roll Call No. 237; YEA Roll Call No. 238; NAY Roll

Call No. 239; YEA Roll Call No. 240; YEA Roll Call No. 403; YEA Roll Call No. 404; NAY Roll Call No. 405; YEA Roll Call No. 406; NAY Roll Call No. 407; YEA Roll Call No. 408; YEA Roll Call No. 409; YEA Roll Call No. 410; and NAY Roll Call No. 411.

REVERSING THE YOUTH TOBACCO EPIDEMIC ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2020

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I will vote in support of H.R. 2339, the Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2020.

Despite a previous years-long decline in youth tobacco use, we have witnessed a sharp rise in youth tobacco use and nicotine addiction in recent years. At the heart of this trend are flavored e-cigarettes, which Big Tobacco companies have marketed toward young people in their ongoing drive to increase their profits at the cost of public health.

I believe H.R. 2339 takes important steps toward tackling the youth tobacco epidemic and curtailing Big Tobacco's unfettered promotion of these highly addictive products, including closing loopholes in current law that cover traditional tobacco products but not e-cigarettes.

This includes H.R. 2339's provisions to prohibit the marketing, advertising, and promotion of e-cigarette products to individuals under 21 years of age; ban online sales of e-cigarettes; close a tax loophole for e-cigarettes by establishing tax parity with current tobacco taxes; apply graphic health warnings to cigarette packages; and provide funding for tobacco cessation research, therapies, and counseling, as well as for outreach and grants to medically underserved communities.

I also support provisions in H.R. 2339 which would waive Medicare's coinsurance requirements for colorectal cancer screening and increase access to asthma medications. While I will vote in support of H.R. 2339, I believe important improvements could have been made to strengthen the overall bill.

For example, in light of the legislation's ban on all tobacco flavors—including menthol—I strongly opposed the inclusion of a provision that creates a discriminatory exemption for premium cigars. This clearly unfair provision protects the tobacco habits of wealthier individuals—who use premium cigars at higher rates—while imposing new restrictions on tobacco products that low-income individuals and communities of color are more likely to use.

I also believe H.R. 2339 should have contained stronger provisions to alleviate criminal justice concerns that this legislation could disproportionately impact people of color, increase criminal penalties in state and localities across the country, and potentially encourage harmful police practices.

Additionally, while I am pleased H.R. 2339 takes vital steps to address the youth tobacco epidemic, this legislation unfortunately does not address the disturbing outbreak of vaping-related lung illnesses and deaths that we witnessed in recent months. The CDC found that

these deaths and illnesses stemmed primarily from black market THC-containing e-cigarettes with vitamin E acetate—an additive that can damage lungs when inhaled.

Despite these concerns, I believe the clear public health benefits of this legislation outweigh its faults. There is no time to waste. I will not stand idly by while corporate greed and Big Tobacco marketing tactics threaten to engulf yet another generation to the ravages of addiction, cancer, stunted brain development, damaged lungs, and more.

You can be sure I will work with my colleagues in the Senate to improve this legislation in order to put forward well-balanced legislation that can comprehensively address the youth tobacco epidemic.

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, March 3, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED MARCH 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the National Guard and Reserve.

SD-138

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Transportation.

SD-192

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold open and closed hearings to examine the Department of Defense review of vetting policies for international military students following

the attack on Naval Air Station Pensacola.

SR-232A

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Navy ship-building programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine 5G supply chain security, focusing on threats and solutions.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Peter Cronan, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Thomas T. Cullen, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Jennifer P. Togliatti, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

SD-G50

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine the impact of invasive species on Bureau of Reclamation facilities and management of water resources in the West.

SD-366

2 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine S. 1863, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the sites associated with the life and legacy of the noted American philanthropist and business executive Julius Rosenwald, with a special focus on the Rosenwald Schools, S. 1910, to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park, S. 1969, to authorize the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 2206, to express the sense of Congress regarding restoration and maintenance of the Mardasson Memorial in Bastogne, Belgium, S. 2340, to establish the Cahokia Mounds Mississippian Culture National Historical Park in the States of Illinois and Missouri, S. 2827, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the U.S. African-American Burial Grounds Network, S. 2924, to establish the Bandler National Park and Preserve in the State of New Mexico, S. 3098, to redesignate the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site as the "Jimmy Carter National Historical Park", S. 3119, to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, S.

3121, to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, S. 3265, to redesignate the Weir Farm National Historic Site in the State of Connecticut as the "Weir Farm National Historical Park", S. 3331, to modify the boundary of the Rocky Mountain National Park, H.R. 182, to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, and H.R. 1472, to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park.

SD-366

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Energy.

SD-138

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Aviation and Space

To hold hearings to examine the role of global aviation in containing the spread of infectious disease, focusing on coronavirus.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine resources and authorities needed to protect and secure the homeland.

SD-342

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 2610, to reauthorize certain programs under the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs of the Department of Energy, and S. 2891, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish Tribal Wildlife Corridors.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine big tech and Beijing.

SD-226

MARCH 5

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Federal interagency response to the Coronavirus and preparing for future global pandemics.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Commerce.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Education.

SD-124

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine threats posed by state-owned and state-supported enterprises to public transportation.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the latest developments and longer-term prospects for global energy markets, with a special focus on the United States, from the perspective of the International Energy Agency.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development

To hold hearings to examine the Global Engagement Center, focusing on leading the United States Government's fight against global disinformation threat.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, Stanley Blumenfeld, and Mark C. Scarsi, each to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, John Charles Hinderaker, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, John Leonard Badalamenti, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, William Scott Hardy, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, John F. Heil III, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, David Cleveland Joseph, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Anna M. Manasco, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Drew B. Tipton, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and Grace Karaffa Obermann, of Virginia, Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, Kathryn C. Davis, of Maryland, and Edward Hulvey Meyers, of Maryland, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

SD-226

MARCH 10

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's semi-annual report to Congress

SD-538

Committee on the Judiciary	on how other countries are handling	in review of the Defense Authorization
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition	digital piracy.	Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Fu-
Policy and Consumer Rights	SD-226	ture Years Defense Program.
To hold hearings to examine competition		SD-106
in digital technology markets, focusing	MARCH 11	
on self-preferencing by digital plat-		
forms.		
SD-226	10 a.m.	MARCH 24
	Committee on Veterans' Affairs	10 a.m.
	To hold a joint hearing with the House	Committee on Banking, Housing, and
	Committee on Veterans' Affairs to ex-	Urban Affairs
	amine the legislative presentation of	To hold an oversight hearing to examine
	The American Legion.	the Office of the Comptroller of the
	SD-G50	Currency.
2:30 p.m.		SD-538
Committee on the Judiciary	2:30 p.m.	
Subcommittee on Intellectual Property	Committee on Armed Services	
To hold hearings to examine copyright	To hold hearings to examine personnel	
law in foreign jurisdictions, focusing	programs in the Department of Defense	