

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my LGBTQ+ family, friends, colleagues, and constituents in celebrating the many hard-earned gains that have been made for equality in our nation and around the globe. We have come a long way in the last several years: from the passage of the Equality Act in the House last year, to same-sex marriage being legalized in twenty-nine countries, and now the Supreme Court holding that the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits sex discrimination, applies to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

This Pride Month, as our nation reckons with its long history of racism and police violence, we must remember that the fight for LGBTQ+ rights goes hand-in-hand with the fight for racial equality. On June 28, 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in New York City, the police rounded up and arrested LGBTQ patrons and forced them into police cars. Fed up with police harassing and brutalizing the gay community, other Stonewall Inn patrons started an uprising outside the bar. Among them were Marsha P. Johnson, a black drag queen and Sylvia Rivera, a Latinx drag queen, both pioneering activists who were key figures in resisting police violence that night, alongside other transgender and queer activists. The LGBTQ+ rights movement as we know it today was born out of these brave people resisting police mistreatment.

This year would have marked the 50th anniversary of the Chicago Pride parade, and 51 years since the Stonewall riots. While we cannot march and gather this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we can continue to celebrate our progress and our shared history in the LGBTQ+ community. I'm particularly proud of the role my district has in the LGBTQ+ community, with the Pride Parade stepping off just blocks from my Chicago District office, to the historic Andersonville neighborhood, and to being the home of so many historical institutions like the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives, the Baton Show Lounge, the Test Positive Aware Network, and the Leather Archives and Museum.

Despite our many advances, LGBTQ+ people, and disproportionately Black trans women, still face hatred, discrimination, violence, and police harassment and brutality around the country and globe. Over one-third of Black trans women who interact with law enforcement in the U.S. are assumed by police to be sex workers, leading to harassment, abuse, and mistreatment. Since 2013, about 111 out of at least 157 transgender and gender non-conforming victims of hate killings have been Black trans women. And just last week, we lost two Black trans women, Riah Milton and Dominique "Rem'Mie" Fells, who were brutally

murdered. They were the 13th and 14th trans women in the U.S. to be killed this year alone. And the violence extends to the transgender community overall, including right here in Chicago. Last month, Selena Reyes-Hernandez was killed by an 18-year old man who shot her in her home on the south side of Chicago. We will not forget them, and we will continue to seek justice, equality, and liberty on their behalf.

This Pride Month we must also remember and celebrate Aimee Stephens and Don Zarda who passed away before seeing the outcome of their nearly decade long case that made it all the way to Supreme Court. Aimee, who was fired for being transgender, and Don, who was fired for being gay, fought relentlessly to ensure that LGBTQ+ people can go to work as themselves without fear of retaliation. This week, in perhaps the biggest LGBTQ+ case in U.S. history, the Supreme Court sided with Aimee and Don and held that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects LGBTQ+ workers from discrimination. Let this victory renew our hope and our drive to continue fighting for a world where everyone can live freely and authentically.

My hope for our country this Pride Month is that we can reflect on the decades' long fight for LGBTQ+ equality, learn from our mistakes, and look forward to righting the wrongs of our past. As a proud grandmother of a young trans man, and as a Representative in the U.S. House, I will continue fighting to ensure my grandson and all LGBTQ+ people inherit a world that embraces everyone regardless of sexuality, gender identity, race, or class. Love is love.

HONORING JOYCE SMITH

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joyce Smith, who is retiring as Chief Executive Officer of the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

NACAC, founded in 1937, is an organization of more than 14,000 professionals from around the world dedicated to serving students as they make choices about pursuing postsecondary education.

Ms. Smith has served NACAC for 33 years, including 22 years as CEO. She has been in the college admissions profession for more than 40 years.

Under her leadership, membership has increased from approximately 6,000 members in the mid-1990s to more than 14,000 college counseling and admission professionals today; attendance at NACAC's signature event, the annual national conference, has more than doubled in 20 years from 3,518 attendees in San Francisco in 1997 to 7,934 attendees in Boston in 2017; and the National College Fair program hosts 95 fairs throughout the U.S. an-

nually, with nearly 200,000 students each year gaining exposure to more than 1,700 colleges, universities, and other postsecondary programs.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Smith has worked tirelessly on behalf of students around the country and world, helping to ensure they reach their academic dreams and fulfill their potential. The profession and the college application process are constantly changing but Ms. Smith has led the association with distinction.

Our students and our colleges are better because of Ms. Smith's leadership.

Please join me in wishing Ms. Smith the best in her retirement.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MR. ANDREW JAMES

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and express sadness over the passing of Mr. Andrew James. Mr. James was a chronically homeless man who spent nearly 20 years suffering on the streets, vulnerable and struggling with mental illness. He was able to find hope, treatment, and housing security through the help of The Lord's Place. The staff that worked with him at The Lord's Place described him as a "gentle soul, showing nothing but kindness to all he met, despite being treated unjustly while on the streets."

After receiving assistance through The Lord's Place, Mr. James flourished. He was placed in a supportive housing program and was connected to mental health care, but it was the connection to others that made all the difference in his life. He loved others and they certainly loved him too.

Mr. James passed away with dignity, in his own home on May 15, 2020. I extend my heartfelt condolences to all who were lucky enough to know Mr. Andrew James. He will be dearly missed.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF PATROL AGENT FELIX CHAVEZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and service of Chief Patrol Agent, Felix Chavez. Chief Chavez has retired after several decades of service as a member of the U.S. Border Patrol.

Chief Chavez began his service with the U.S. Border Patrol in 1985 at the Sierra Blanca Border Patrol Station in what is now Big Bend Sector. Over time, Chief Chavez would

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go on to serve in a variety of roles and Sectors before eventually becoming Chief Patrol Agent of the Laredo Sector. As Chief, he was responsible for over 86,673 square miles in 101 counties from the U.S.-Mexico borders to the Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas borders.

Chief Chavez showed strong direction and experience as Chief Patrol Agent of the Laredo Sector. In addition, he also ensured that the Laredo Sector was led with honor and integrity. He developed these leadership qualities and skills over the course of his career after serving in a variety of positions including: Border Patrol Agent, Senior Patrol Agent, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, Field Operations Supervisor, Patrol Agent in Charge, Assistant Chief Patrol Agent, Deputy Chief of Southwest Border Operations, Deputy Chief Patrol Agent for the Tucson Sector, and Chief Patrol Agent of Del Rio Sector.

In addition, Chief Chavez is a graduate of Ashford University with a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management. In addition, he completed the Executive Institute at the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business and the Customs and Border Protection Command Leadership Academy. He is also a graduate of the National Defense University Capstone Program.

As we move forward, let us take the time to appreciate the service of individuals like Chief Chavez and all the men and women who risk their lives each day to protect our communities. However, in the words of President John F. Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

RECOGNIZING BELOVED RADIO HOST, GRISEL BARAJAS

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and recognize Grisel Barajas, a leader in the Hoosier Latino community who tragically passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2020.

Born in Guadalajara, Mexico, Grisel moved to the United States at the age of 10, first to Chicago and then to Indianapolis where she graduated from North Central High School. She faced many difficulties as an immigrant and was inspired to practice social work to help other families navigate the same hardships and language barriers. After obtaining a bachelor's degree in Social Work and Spanish, she decided to change career paths, earning a master's degree in Mass Communications and Media Studies from University of Southern Indiana.

Grisel began her radio career in 2013 when she co-hosted "Soul & Salsa" on Magic 98.5 before returning to Indianapolis in 2015 to become a host for the Continental Broadcast Group's Radio Latina. Grisel also worked as an education and communications director for the Indiana Latino Institute, mentoring Latino high school and college students. In 2018, Grisel helped to establish Radio One's La Grande 105.1 radio station, becoming its first Program Director and serving as the afternoon host for "El Relajo de La Tarde" show. Grisel

was also a news personality for Telemundo Indy.

Grisel was an important voice for Latinos in Indianapolis, helping to inform, entertain and encourage the community. She served as a frequent master of ceremonies for local non-profit events, organized yearly toy drives, and continued to mentor and inspire high school students. During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Grisel worked with local organizations to help inform the Latino community about how to stay safe.

Grisel is survived by her parents, Genoveva and Salvador Barajas, and her sisters.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Grisel Barajas, a dedicated and beloved community advocate who will be dearly missed by her family, friends and community.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, the Historic Virginia Key Beach Park was established on August 1, 1945 as the "Colored only Beach" in Miami, Florida. Today, the civic, social, and environmental characteristics of the park hold national, state, regional, and local significance in the history of civil rights, highlighting the achievements of local African American communities and providing an opportunity for the public to explore various environmental phenomena unique to the park.

The Historic Virginia Key Beach Park was added to the national register of historic places in 2002, added to the State of Florida Heritage Trail in 2006, included as a major stakeholder to the Virginia Key master plan in 2010, and added to the City of Miami's Historic and Environmental Preservation List in 2013. In 2006, the Miami City Commission approved the Virginia Key Beach Park master plan, which included the restoration of the park and the creation of a museum. The museum will showcase the history and contributions of the communities the park has served, the natural environment of the park, and the creation of a Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation.

The history of the Historic Virginia Key Beach Park highlights the contributions of civil rights leaders from our communities. Today, the park is a model of social engagement opportunities through the incorporation of the public shoreline, green space, and the various amenities on Virginia Key.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FLORIDA'S FIRST WOMAN SENATE PRESIDENT GWEN MARGOLIS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of my dear friend, Florida's first woman Senate

President, Gwen Margolis. Gwen was a trailblazing figure in Florida and Miami-Dade politics, who dedicated her life to public service. During this time of great sadness and loss, it is helpful to reflect on the wonderful life she led. Gwen's reputation for honesty, kindness, and generosity made her the loving mother, great friend, and respected public official that she was. She was an excellent role model, not just for people wanting to follow in her footsteps, but for everyone in our community.

Gwen compiled an exemplary record as a Miami-Dade County Commissioner, including time as that body's first female chair. She also served multiple terms in the Florida legislature. Gwen was beloved throughout South Florida and will always be remembered for her selfless dedication to public service.

Madam Speaker, I extend my heartfelt condolences to Gwen's family and friends. As we honor the life and legacy of Senator Gwen Margolis, we will always be grateful for the glass ceilings she shattered and her indelible mark in history. I pray that her family finds comfort during this extremely difficult time. She will be dearly missed.

CONGRATULATING THE THREE GRADUATES FROM THE KEETON FAMILY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate three phenomenal women in the Keeton family who graduated from school this year.

After a successful 20-year career at the Johnson Space Center and raising an incredible family of four children, Jasmine Keeton graduated with her master's degree in engineering management. Coincidentally, two of her daughters also graduated from college as well. Unfortunately, like many people, their graduation celebrations were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Looking to find a way to honor her daughters' hard work, Jasmine reached out to the "Today" show to be included in a virtual party for 2020 graduates. Jasmine was even more surprised when they were asked to speak on-air.

Jasmine's younger daughter, JoyLynn, graduated from Robert Turner College and Career High School and Alvin Community College with her associate degree. Her oldest daughter, Jadean, graduated from Prairie View A&M University with a bachelor's degree in social work. This fall, Jadean will begin pursuing her master's degree in social work at the University of Houston and JoyLynn will be continuing her education Howard University to pursue a career in journalism. Their mom, Jasmine, may pursue a doctoral degree in engineering. Education lifts people up and helps them achieve their God-given potential. American education has extended a ladder of opportunity to help people across the nation and from every generation improve their quality of life. The Keeton family grabbed hold of that ladder, and they're not done climbing yet.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to the Keeton women for your scholastic achievements. Their drive in their educational pursuits sets an example for others to follow.

RECOGNIZING FIRE CHIEF AND
EMERGENCY COORDINATOR
STEVE LANDIN

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and service of Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator, Steve Landin. Chief Landin has retired after 30 years of service as a member of the City of Laredo's Fire Department.

Chief Landin is an individual who showed true leadership and poise under great pressure. Since first becoming emergency management coordinator in 2005 and eventually Fire Chief, he helped lead the City of Laredo through three federally declared disasters as well as the ongoing pandemic. In addition, despite these difficult circumstances, he also managed to be a devoted family man and example for his community.

I have personally worked with Chief Landin over the years and witnessed first-hand the important work he has done for our area. Through his efforts, he helped ensure that Laredo's Fire Department was amongst the best in the country. In addition, he has set the standard for future fire department leaders.

Chief Landin's service to the City of Laredo will never be forgotten. He cared deeply about the people he was serving and consistently showed what it meant to always put the safety and well-being of others first. The dedication that he showed to us all should be a constant reminder of how we should be in our daily lives.

However, Chief Landin's service to others is not over. He will now be working for Webb County as its new Emergency Management Coordinator. Once again showing his commitment to others and devotion to our community.

As we move forward, let us take the time to appreciate the service of heroes like Chief Landin and all the individuals who risk their lives each day to keep us safe. However, in the words of President John F. Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

HONORING STEPHEN KONZ

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Stephen Stanley Konz for a life of service to his country, his family, and his community.

Steve was born in Poland on September 6th, 1926 to Lillian Kwiatkowski and Michael Rosinski. As a three-month-old baby he came to America through Ellis Island in the arms of a teenage mother. He joined the Navy at age 17 where he served until the war ended in August 1945.

After the war, Steve moved to Republic, Washington to teach fifth grade. During this time, he raised five children, built a log home, and grew a cattle herd. While the log home burned in 1978, it was rebuilt with the help of friends and neighbors.

Steve was passionate about politics, advocating for the Constitution, individual freedom, property rights, limited government, and the right to bear arms. Steve was deeply involved in the community as a member of the Kiwanis Club, Grange, PTA, local school board, Cattlemen's Association, and Washington Farm Forestry Association. He also served as the manager of the Ferry County Fair, the President of the Republic Chamber of Commerce, and a district court judge for 14 years.

A captivating storyteller, Steve often had listeners laughing and crying. In 1994, at age 75, Steve drew up plans to convert his ranch into a guest lodge. The foundation was completed in 2000, and for the next 17 years Steve could be seen with a smile on his face, working every day from dawn to dusk to complete his dream lodge.

Steve Konz passed away at age 90 in the lodge he built, on the ranch he loved, with family at his side.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation and Washington's Fifth Congressional District may we rise to remember Steve and his legacy. His service and passion will inspire generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JOE "CAPTAIN" HYDE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Retired Captain Joe Hyde, who passed away in his home on June 10 surrounded by family.

Captain Hyde, a 1965 graduate of Independence High School, served with the Southaven Police Department for 31 years. He was one of the fast investigators and first SWAT team members to serve the Department and continued to serve the Senatobia Police Department for another 10 years. Captain Hyde, also a part of the Mississippi National Guard, was one of only two officers to receive the Department's Medal of Honor, its highest commendation, for valor, combat, and life saving skills.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Barbara; his stepchildren: Kim Mitchell (Ricky), John Parker (Christy), and Christy McGregor (Kevin); as well as many friends and extended family members.

I am thankful for Joe "Captain" Hyde's service to Mississippi. He will be greatly missed by his family, community, and all whom he encountered.

IN MEMORY OF EARNESTINE "WARNET" DAVIS

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Earnestine Davis, a beloved resident of the city of Detroit.

Earnestine Warnet Davis was born on January 18, 1951 to the late Dulcy B. Smith and Hubert Lee Lockett in Detroit, Michigan.

Earnestine, affectionately known as "Warnet" or "Net", was the eldest of five children. She embraced the role of leader and "big sister," often helping her mother with caring for her younger brothers and sisters.

Upon graduating from Detroit's Mumford High School, Warnet moved to Miami, Florida to live with her late father, Hubert Lockett, and his wife, Dale Lockett, to attend Miami Dade Community College. In 1969, she married the love of her life, Michael Davis, Sr., who preceded her in death. They returned to Detroit to focus on raising a family. Warnet and her husband were blessed with five beautiful children: Desmond Michelle, Michael, Dulcy Marquita, Leigh Christine, and Robert Trevor-Blair Davis.

Determined and strong-willed, Warnet did not let the challenge of raising a large family deter her from accomplishing her life's goal of becoming a nurse. After the passing of her husband Michael, Warnet reenrolled in college. Focused and driven, Warnet juggled raising her children with long hours of study and hard work to realize her dream. In 1986, Warnet graduated with two degrees and with Honors from the distinguished Nursing Program at Highland Park Community College. Warnet's passion for the healing arts drove her to focus on passing her state licensing exams to obtain her professional licensing to become a License Practical Nurse (LPN) and Registered Nurse (RN). Succeeding in her goal, Warnet enjoyed a long career in nursing, specializing as a psychiatric care nurse attending to those with mental illness. Her love for her career was evident to all who knew her.

Even while managing a busy career, Warnet made the most of her time spent with family. She was known as the life of the party and took joy in organizing large family gatherings at her home. She held a keen appreciation for the preciousness of life and always went out of her way to bring family together. This sensibility extended into Warnet's strong spiritual life. She served as a deaconess at Park United Presbyterian Church in Highland Park, Michigan for many years, where she organized numerous community events.

Please join me in tribute to Earnestine Warnet Davis, a generous soul who will be missed by her family and community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COVID-19 HOSPITAL LOAN FORGIVENESS ACT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the COVID-19 Hospital Loan Forgiveness Act to provide immediate, vitally needed relief to hospitals and health care providers who are under water as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our nation's hospitals have invested heavily to prepare for the coronavirus pandemic. They canceled tens-of-thousands of elective surgeries and non-emergent patient tests at the government's request to help ensure adequate hospital capacity, preserve gear and equipment, and reduce the risk of unnecessary patient spread. This major shift has put some of America's hospitals on the brink of financial disaster.

Without further support, hospitals will face another financial crisis just months from now as the government begins to withhold Medicare payments for services provided after the pandemic fades and until the loans are repaid. While the \$175 billion provider grant program, designed to provide support to all providers, is helpful, much more support is needed.

This legislation will provide Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payments loan forgiveness to ensure the additional financial support hospitals and other providers direly need. Forgiveness would be for health care related expenses or lost revenues that are directly attributable to coronavirus. And, just like the requirement in the provider grant program, providers electing to have their advance payment loans forgiven would be obligated to abstain from balance or surprise billing any patient for COVID-related treatment.

The bill outlines: forgiveness would be for health care related expenses or lost revenues that are directly attributable to COVID-19, providers electing to have their advance payment loans forgiven would be obligated to abstain from balance billing any patient for COVID-related treatment, and criteria for transparency and accountability of the loan forgiveness, including no executive compensation.

Hospitals across my district have shared that in the absence of more financial support, including this forgiveness, it is possible some hospitals will be forced to close or significantly scale back operations. This would be a tragic consequence, especially if the country is hit with another round of the viral epidemic in the near future. I thank my colleague and fellow Ohioan Representative BOB GIBBS for his bipartisan work on this, and our growing list of bipartisan cosponsors—we look forward to working with the Senate to further action on hospital loan forgiveness.

MAREK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES THEIR 2020 KINDERGARTEN CLASS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marek Elementary School in Alvin, Texas for their work making their kindergarten class' graduation special amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students and parents were caught off-guard by schools closing their doors for the rest of the school year in March due to the coronavirus. Many worried that their students would not experience their last days of kindergarten. However, the staff at Marek Elementary came up with a creative way to stay safe while celebrating its younger learners: a drive-by parade.

The Marek Elementary staff held the parade so that the students had a fun way to say goodbye to their kindergarten year without going inside the building. Music, decorated cars and costumes filed in outside of the school to let students know the pandemic would not stop their graduation.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I thank the staff of Marek Elementary for making sure these students were able to celebrate moving onto first

grade. Congratulations to the kindergarten students of Marek Elementary for finishing their kindergarten year.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON BIGGS

HON. RUBEN GALLEGOS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. GALLEGOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 95th birthday of George Washington Biggs, and recognize his service as a veteran of Army Air Corps and Air Force. As a Tuskegee Airman and recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal, he is an exemplary American and Arizonan to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude.

A native of Nogales, Arizona, Mr. Biggs joined the Army Air Corps in 1944 and trained at the Tuskegee Institute, the all-black flight training school in Alabama. He was one of two Arizonans to graduate from the program. After training during World War II, Mr. Biggs re-enlisted in the Army Air Corps as a non-commissioned officer and subsequently received direct commission as an officer in the newly formed United States Air Force. He went on to achieve the rank of major and flew B-47 and B-52 bombers in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Since retiring from the military, Mr. Biggs has lived and worked in Nogales for the U.S. Customs Service. He has raised a family and since retired. In 2007, Mr. Biggs and other Tuskegee Airmen received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian recognition awarded by Congress, for the group's "unique military record that inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces."

I believe that Mr. Biggs' character and actions truly embody what it means to serve one's country. Not only did he fly in multiple wars, he rose above expectation and obligation as a pilot and an officer. In addition to his time in the Army Air Corps and Air Force, his integrity, modesty, and principled character are values that we can all learn from and should strive to emulate.

I would like to express my personal appreciation for the service of George Washington Biggs, and my hopes that he has a happy 95th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF RALPH BUNCHE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the great history of Ralph Bunche High School in King George County, Virginia. As one of the first African-American schools to receive equitable contributions in its funding, Ralph Bunche High set the standard for our nation in addressing racial inequality.

At the time of Ralph Bunche High School's inception, America was still under the wing of the discriminatory Jim Crow laws. It was a

somber period where African-Americans were treated unjustly and were not afforded equitable opportunities. Moreover, school segregation made it such that African-American students were not sufficiently supported in terms of decent provisions in technology, infrastructure, and even quality of education.

Finally, on July 29, 1948, Civil Action 631 set the stage for the construction of Ralph Bunche High School and provided much-needed relief for the students that attended the school. Just like other prominent civil rights leaders, the plaintiffs for this case faced the same dangers from radical segregationists. Nevertheless, the brave plaintiffs, composed of pupils and concerned parents, persevered and provided a great service to their community by advocating for equal financial distribution for African-American students.

The construction of Ralph Bunche High School was a landmark event for King George County. The school's namesake has a noteworthy history in serving both his community and country. For instance, his steadfast efforts in achieving the 1949 Armistice Agreements between the Arab states and Israel culminated in his award for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950. In addition, during the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Bunche played a significant role by participating in iconic events, like the 1963 March on Washington.

To sum up, the legacy of Ralph Bunche High School lives as strong today as it did in 1949. Among the first cases to be brought forward, Civil Action 631 begun a series of cases that ultimately led to the integration of African-American students nationwide and mandated that the latter receive equitable educational support. Having the school named after Dr. Bunche proved highly commendable and the school's designation as a State and National Historic Landmark was well-deserved.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in remembering the history of Ralph Bunche High School, the heroes that participated in its birth and those who continue the legacy to preserve educational equality.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JASON TERRELL

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Jason Terrell, who passed away on Tuesday, June 9, after a long battle with cancer.

Jason was born on July 10, 1974, in Indianola, Mississippi. Shortly after graduating high school, Jason joined the United States Marine Corps and fought our nation's enemies during Operation Restore Hope Somalia. He went on to obtain the rank of Corporal, and later joined the Mississippi Highway Patrol. Jason not only patrolled Mississippi highways, but also served as an expert marksman for the Mississippi Highway Patrol SWAT team. When Sargent First Class Terrell was not patrolling Mississippi highways, he was hunting, fishing, or worshipping at First Baptist Church of Vardaman.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Tara Winter Terrell; daughter, Maddie Terrell; mother, Beverly Charlotte Mitchell; step-father,

Howard Mitchell; step-mother, Linda Terrell; two brothers: Brian (Lisa) Terrell and Billy (Shanin) Vowell; as well as many other friends and extended family members.

Jason's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

CONGRATULATING THE SEVEN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL PRESS STAFF FOR FINISHING STRONG IN THE FACE OF A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Seven Lakes High School press staff on their hard work and dedication in completing their school yearbook amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

With schools being closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, it would have been easy for the Seven Lakes High School press staff to stop working on their yearbook and final newspaper edition until they were certain what would happen with the rest of their school year. Yet these incredible students refused to let COVID-19 stop them. When they realized that the coronavirus would bring their school year to an early end, these students turned lemons into lemonade.

Using video conferencing software to host meetings, the Seven Lakes High School press staff would regularly pitch stories and develop plans to complete their yearbook and final newspaper. Often, these students would continue working on it after the school day had ended. Thanks to their hard work and perseverance, the students of Seven Lakes High School will have a record of the memories they made during the school year with their yearbook and final newspaper edition.

On behalf of the 22nd Congressional District of Texas, I would like to congratulate the press staff of Seven Lakes High School for completing their work in the face of incredible odds. The Katy community is very proud of them.

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 infor-

mation, 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, June 23, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 24

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the impact of COVID-19 on mineral supply chains, focusing on the role of those supply chains in economic and national security, and challenges and opportunities to rebuild America's supply chains.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Business meeting to consider original legislation entitled, "United States Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2020"; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 3894, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a program to reduce barriers to entry for farmers, ranchers, and private forest landowners in certain private markets.

SDG-50

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the role of the strategic national stockpile in pandemic response.

VTC

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Michael Thomson, of Louisiana, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

SR-325

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Derek Kan, of California, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SR-301

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 2165, to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage, S. 2716, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, S. 2912, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, S. 3019, to protect access to water for all Montanans, S. 3044, to amend the American's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 to expand the Indian reservation drinking water pro-

gram, S. 3099, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and S. 3100, to convey land in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

SD-562

JUNE 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Customs and Border Protection, focusing on evolving challenges facing the agency.

SD-562/VTC

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 685, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General, S. 3398, to establish a National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention, and the nominations of Owen McCurdy Cypher, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Michigan, Thomas L. Foster, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Virginia, and Tyreece L. Miller, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee, all of the Department of Justice.

SR-325

JUNE 30

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the digitization of money and payments.

WEBEX

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine COVID-19, focusing on an update on progress toward safely getting back to work and back to school.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the territories.

SD-366

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Derek Kan, of California, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

VTC

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2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the response and mitigation to the COVID-19 pandemic in Native communities, including S. 3650, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to deem employees of urban Indian organizations as part of the Public Health Service for certain purposes.

SD-562