

recycled materials and for directing distribution. The Holcim plant in Ada provides jobs to over 100 employees, and many of their families have worked at the plant for two generations.

Madam Speaker, since 1921 the Holcim plant has produced more than 33 million tons of cement used in the construction of roads, highways, airports, homes, and oil wells throughout Oklahoma. As such, this plant has been a dependable business in the region, a great example of American ingenuity and technology, and a leader in Oklahoma's industrial revolution.

Madam Speaker, companies like this are rare. When so many have moved to other States and Nations, we are truly fortunate and blessed that Holcim has remained in place. I truly believe that this is testament not only to the company, but to the workers and the larger community of Ada, OK. Companies can only be faithful to a community if a community reciprocates. Ada's demonstrated dedication and its people reveal the pride we all have in our hearts for Holcim.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Holcim cement plant in Ada, OK for a century of continuous service. The plant is a part of the fabric that makes up present-day Oklahoma, and is an integral part of the economy for Ada by providing jobs and opportunities for our citizens. During Oklahoma's centennial year I want to salute Holcim (US) for the company's contributions to this State.

TRIBUTE TO STS-117

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the success of NASA's latest mission to the International Space Station. I also wish to celebrate the safe return of the STS-117 *Atlantis* crew and honor the accomplishments of the astronauts, including Colorado's very own Steven Swanson.

From a distinguished member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society to a recipient of the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal, Mission Specialist Swanson's path to space is paved with miles of achievements. Long before he took in the majestic sights of our galaxy, a young Swanson was in search of new heights of adventure amidst our Rocky Mountains. After whetting his appetite for sky-high ventures in Steamboat Springs, Mr. Swanson went on to graduate from the University of Colorado with a bachelor's degree in engineering physics. A year after he received a master of applied science in computer systems from Florida Atlantic University, Steve Swanson joined NASA.

As a systems engineer in the Aircraft Operations Division of Johnson Space Center, JSC, Swanson worked on the Shuttle Training Aircraft, eventually earning both the JSC Certificate of Accommodation and the Flight Simulation Engineering Award. After earning a doctorate in computer science from Texas A&M University in 1998, Swanson was selected as an Astronaut Candidate and successfully completed intensive training to even-

tually become a member of the crew on STS-117.

Building on the lessons and mission objectives of the two previous NASA shuttle missions, STS-115 and STS-116, the STS-117 mission focused on further construction of the International Space Station. The seven-astronaut crew, under the command of Marine Colonel Rick Sturckow and the piloting of Air Force Colonel Lee Archambault, successfully installed a large truss needed to expand the orbiting space research facility and added third pair of solar wings to power the station. The STS-117 mission represented the 28th flight of the space shuttle *Atlantis* and NASA's 118th shuttle mission.

As the 18th graduate of the University of Colorado to fly in space for NASA, Steve Swanson's safe return not only reaps great pride for his family and friends but the entire state of Colorado as well. Colorado has a rich history of accomplished space pioneers as the state has the second highest private aerospace employment concentration in the country. Swanson serves as a great embodiment of the determination and fearless pursuit of adventure found so deeply ingrained in the American West.

In fact, the entire *Atlantis* crew embodies the very best of the American ingenuity and limitless capacity for human achievement that make this country great. I join my fellow Members of Congress in celebrating and honoring the fine astronauts of STS-117 and the accomplishments of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF RUTH GRAHAM

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the memory of Ruth Bell Graham, wife of the Reverend Billy Graham. On Thursday, June 14, 2007, Ruth Graham passed away, after being bed-ridden for several months with pneumonia, surrounded by her husband and all five of her children. She may be best known as the wife of the world-famous evangelist Reverend Billy Graham, but Ruth made her own mark on the world as an author, poet, mother, and spiritual leader in her own right.

Ruth Bell, the second child of five children, grew up in China where her parents were missionaries. They instilled in her the dependence on the Bible for strength and guidance. Reverend Billy Graham would later confide in her, relying on her knowledge of the Scripture and her strength of character as guidance.

Due to her husband's travels, she bore major responsibility for raising the couple's five children: Franklin (William Franklin III), Nelson, Virginia, Anne, and Ruth.

Ruth Graham was the author or co-author of 14 books, including collections of poetry and the autobiographical scrapbook "Footprints of a Pilgrim."

In 1996, the Grahams were each awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for "outstanding and lasting contributions to morality, racial equality, family, philanthropy, and religion."

She helped establish the Ruth and Billy Graham Children's Health Center in Asheville, and the Billy Graham Training Center near Montreat.

I am honored to have Reverend and Mrs. Graham as two of my constituents in Western North Carolina. The Grahams moved to Montreat many decades ago, and have made an indelible mark on the area. I have the utmost respect for Reverend Graham.

Madam Speaker, the legacy of Ruth Graham will live on long after she is gone. Ruth Bell Graham has served her Lord for a lifetime, and it is an honor to have served Ruth Graham in the United States Congress.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing remorse for the loss of Ruth Graham and may God bless and comfort the family and friends she has left behind.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on 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, June 26, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 27

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Constitution Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the federal death penalty.

SD-226

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to markup pending legislation; to be immediately followed by a full committee hearing to examine the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement).

SD-562

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Stealth Tax, focusing on how to stop the alternative minimum tax from sneaking up on unsuspecting taxpayers.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 793, to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs, and S. 1011, to change the name of the National Institute on Drug Abuse to the National Institute on Diseases of Addiction and to change the

- name of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to the National Institute on Alcohol Disorders and Health, original bills entitled, "Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act", "Wired for Health Care Quality Act", and other pending calendar business. SD-628
- Environment and Public Works
Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine protecting water quality at America's beaches. SD-406
- 10:30 a.m.
Aging
To hold hearings to examine the relationship between doctors and the drug industry. SD-106
- 11 a.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the economic case for early care and education. SH-216
- 11:15 a.m.
Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. S-116, Capitol
- 11:30 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To continue hearings to examine violent Islamist extremism, focusing on the European experience. SD-342
- 2 p.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jill E. Sommers, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2009, and Bartholomew H. Chilton, of Delaware, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2008. SR-328A
- 2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider S. 704, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information, S. 950, to develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, to improve warnings of tsunami, hurricanes, El Nino events, and other natural hazards, to enhance homeland security, to support maritime operations, to improve management of coastal and marine resources, S. 1650, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and S. 1661, to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad, and promotion lists in the United States Coast Guard. SR-253
- Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 1171, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act and Public Law 87-483 to authorize the construction and rehabilitation of water infrastructure in Northwestern New Mexico, to authorize the use of the reclamation fund to fund the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund, to authorize the conveyance of certain Reclamation land and infrastructure, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to provide for the delivery of water. SD-366
- 9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine draft legislation regarding the regulation of class III gaming. SR-485
- 10 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine global warming issues in the power plant sector. SD-406
- Judiciary
Business meeting to consider S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, and S. 1060, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation. SD-226
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. SR-253
- 2 p.m.
Appropriations
Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, and Energy and Water Development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. SH-216
- 2:30 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219
- 3 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine financial management systems modernization at the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on systems and processes needed to support the Department's mission and operations. SD-342
- JULY 9
2:30 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Investigations Subcommittee
To continue hearings to examine excessive speculation in the natural gas market. SD-342
- JULY 10
10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine community services and support, focusing on planning across the generation. SD-106
- JULY 11
10 a.m.
Judiciary
To continue hearings to examine the Department of Justice politicizing the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence (Part VI). SD-226
- JULY 17
2:30 p.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense education issues. SD-562
- JULY 18
10 a.m.
Judiciary
To continue oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice. SH-216
- JULY 25
9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs health care funding. SD-562