

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OF PENNSYLVANIA'S 7TH DISTRICT

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, since then Senator John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps in 1961, more than 190,000 U.S. citizens from all walks of life have served their country in the cause of peace by living and working side by side with our friends in 139 developing countries around the world. Our volunteers, representing the rich diversity of the American people, have helped those in need, promoted cross-cultural understanding, and created bonds of friendship that will last a lifetime.

I rise today to honor these brave volunteers and to commemorate this as National Peace Corps Week, marking the 47th Anniversary of the Peace Corps on March 1, 2008.

As of September 2007, 8,079 Peace Corps volunteers are currently at 68 posts serving 74 countries, a 37-year high in program participation. Additionally, the Peace Corps has seen an increase in minority recruitment, with minorities now comprising 17 percent of all volunteers. The volunteers have made significant and lasting global contributions in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, youth, and the environment. Returned volunteers often use the skills they acquire abroad to pursue careers in the U.S. Congress, the Executive branch, and the Foreign Service.

I am proud to recognize the 16 volunteers from the 7th District of Pennsylvania who are currently serving their country and the world as Peace Corps volunteers and ask unanimous consent that their names be submitted for the record: Justin M. Berman, Eric B. Geer, Tiffany I. Green, Katharine C. Heaton, Eli R. Heller, Bibi R. Khan, Thomas R. Kuklinski, John C. Langdon, James M. Lasak, Richard J. Luzzi, John Paul Nicewinter, John F. Reilly, Chrystal L. Smith, Laura M. Urbanski, Maria E. Velez, and Sarah M. Young.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating National Peace Corps Week and to celebrate all our dedicated volunteers' important work. The spirit of service and opportunity they carry with them will help create a safer, brighter future for all.

Thank you to our Peace Corps volunteers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, on February 28, 2008 I stepped away from the floor and accidentally missed rollcall 86. Had I been

present, I would have voted "yea," in strong support of H.R. 3936, the bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 Helen Highway in Cleveland, Georgia, as the Sgt. Jason Harkins Post Office Building.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF DR. M. ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Dr. M. Elizabeth Carnegie, a champion of the cause of Black nurses, who passed away on February 20, 2008.

Born on April 19, 1916 in Baltimore Maryland, Dr. Carnegie received her initial nursing education through a diploma program. However, she went on to obtain her B.A. from West Virginia State College, and M.A. from Syracuse University, and a D.P.A. from New York University.

Some of Dr. Carnegie's major accomplishments include working on the editorial staff of the American Journal of Nursing, including being editor of nursing research during her last 5 years. The third edition of her award winning book, *The Path We Tread: Blacks in Nursing Worldwide, 1834–1994*, has been published by the National League for Nursing, New York, and continues to be a critical source of the history of Blacks in nursing. In addition, she has had six honorary doctoral degrees bestowed upon her and held eight distinguished professorships and two endowed chairs at leading universities throughout the country. The M. Elizabeth Carnegie Endowed Chair in Nursing Health Disparities has been established in the Howard University Division of Nursing.

Dr. Carnegie's affiliations include being past national officer of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; chairperson emerita, American Nurses' Association Minority Fellowship Program Advisory Committee, board member. Nurses' Educational Funds; past president. American Academy of Nursing; member. National Black Nurses' Association; member. American Association for the History of Nursing. and past board member. Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Dr. Carnegie was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the American Nurses' Association in June 2000.

Dr. Carnegie has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the ANA Mary Mahoney Award; American Academy of Nursing Legend Award; and the Lillian D. Wald Award, New York Visiting Nurses Service.

Throughout her life, Dr. Carnegie fought against injustice and prejudice in the nursing profession, wherever she found it. She worked vigorously to ensure educational opportunities for Black nurses. When the Florida State Nurses' Association, FSNA, finally admitted

blacks, Dr. Carnegie became a member of the board without the full rights of board membership. Her ongoing personality and determination to be heard led the board to grant her full rights within the FSNA. She was not a major figure in Black history, and most people do not know about her contributions, yet she had an indelible impact on the world. Today we pay tribute to the legacy she leaves behind in the field of nursing.

THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 47th anniversary of the Peace Corps, which occurred on Saturday, March 1.

Since its establishment in 1961, more than 190,000 United States citizens have served our Nation in the cause of peace by living and working in 139 developing countries, worldwide. Coming from all walks of life, these public servants have furthered the message of peace and freedom as they developed long-lasting relationships and good-will with nations around the world.

Madam Speaker, I would specifically like to recognize the efforts of individuals of Georgia's 11th District, who are currently serving with the Peace Corps. I want to personally thank David Egetter, who is furthering the message of peace in Honduras, Hannah Garland, who is serving in Micronesia, Wilbert Newhall, serving in Tanzania, Katy Nicholson, serving in Albania, and Davin Stogner, serving in Vanuatu.

Madam Speaker, I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in thanking all of our Nation's eight thousand plus Peace Corps volunteers for their work to advance the ideals upon which our great Nation was founded.

HONORING THEODORE "TED" SCHWARTZ AND JOHN W. ROWE UPON RECEIVING THE ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER'S 2008 HUMANITARIAN AWARD

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the recipients of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center's 2008 Humanitarian Award: Mr. Theodore "Ted" Schwartz, and Mr. John W. Rowe. This award recognizes their civic leadership and outstanding contributions to the Jewish community.

Mr. Rowe is an active leader in his community and deeply involved with Chicago-area

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civic organizations and educational institutions. Among his roles, he works on behalf of Urban League Chicago, Straight Talk America, the Economic Club of Chicago, and the Chicago Historical Society. Additionally, I am proud to call John a good friend.

John excels professionally as the chairman, president, and CEO of Chicago-based Exelon Corporation, one of the Nation's largest energy companies, with over 17,000 employees. Under Mr. Rowe's direction, Exelon was named the Nation's best utility company in Forbes Magazine's 2005 list of "The Best Managed Companies in America."

Mr. Theodore Schwartz is a lifelong Chicagoan, whose entrepreneurship and determination has led to the creation of hundreds of jobs in the Chicago-area. Mr. Schwartz's company, APAC Customer Services, founded in 1973, has grown into one of the largest, and most successful teleservice companies in the Nation.

Mr. Schwartz's vision and ingenuity led him to become one of the most respected figures in the teleservice industry, and he has been rewarded with several honors, including the Illinois High Tech Entrepreneur Award, induction into the American Teleservices Association Hall of Fame, the Call Center Solutions Hall of Fame, and the University of Illinois Entrepreneur Hall of Fame.

The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center was founded by Holocaust survivors more than 25 years ago in order to preserve the history of the Holocaust, teach new generations about the dangers of hate, and honor the lives of the millions who perished. This award celebrates two men who have helped make the mission of the Center a reality.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Rowe and Mr. Schwartz upon receiving this award. Their efforts have helped the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center to thrive. Congratulations to John and Ted on receiving the Humanitarian Award, and I wish you both the best of luck in your future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM
F. BUCKLEY, JR.

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an American icon, William F. Buckley, Jr.

In many ways, William F. Buckley, Jr., defined the conservative movement in the latter part of the twentieth century. Founding the National Review in 1955, and hosting the political commentary show "Firing Line" from 1966 to 1999, William F. Buckley, Jr., brought conservative thought into the limelight and made it accessible to all of America.

His principles of smaller government, lower taxes, and balanced budgets were the foundation for the Contract with America, the Republican platform in the 1994 elections which brought Republicans into the majority in the House of Representatives for the first time in 40 years. I was a member of the House's freshman class in 1994, thanks in large part to Mr. Buckley's conservative vision.

William F. Buckley graduated from Yale University in 1950, having been editor-in-chief of the Yale Daily News. That year he married Patricia Alden Austin "Pat" Taylor. A year later, Buckley published his first book, "God and Man at Yale," criticizing his alma mater for abandoning its original educational mission. William F. Buckley was also a vociferous defender of Senator Joseph McCarthy, writing "McCarthy and his Enemies" in 1954 to debunk many of the false allegations aimed at Senator McCarthy's outspoken opposition to communism in America.

Many Americans' primary interaction with Mr. Buckley's views came from watching his television show, "Firing Line." Every week, William showed the kind of fair, open-minded, deliberate thinking embodied in conservative thought. He often engaged his guests—from both the right and left spectrums of political thought—in the kind of discourse that is too often missing in modern political discussions.

Buckley's magazine, the National Review, has been an equally successful standard-bearer for conservative thought. His biweekly column, "On the Right," was published in more than 320 newspapers around the country, bringing his ideas to even more households.

William F. Buckley died on February 28, 2008, in the study of his home in Stamford, Connecticut. He will be dearly missed, but his place in history will not soon be forgotten.

HONORING THE FRANKLIN HIGH
SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Franklin High School Varsity Cheerleaders, of Franklin, Tennessee, on their excellent teamwork and recent second place finish at the 2008 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando. Competing against over 80 teams in the Medium Varsity Division, the well-trained team quickly rose to the top tier and garnered a silver medal finish. Additionally, the FHS cheerleaders won the "Smooth Moves Award" for displaying the best partner stunt sequences in their division.

This national recognition has brought well-deserved attention and accolades to these girls, whose hard work and team spirit are evident to all. The Franklin High School cheerleaders can be seen on ESPN this Sunday afternoon, representing with energy and distinction the City of Franklin and the great state of Tennessee. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Franklin High School Varsity Cheerleaders for their discipline, perseverance, and athletic excellence.

A TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA RUTH
HILL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. TOWNS, Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Patricia Ruth Hill. Patricia was

born in Kane, Pennsylvania, a small city about 60 miles south of Pittsburgh to Mr. Ernest Smith and Mrs. Ruth Collins Smith. She is one of four children with two sisters; Ernestine "Jo" Barham and Creeta "Petie" Owens; and one brother Dr. Ernest H. Smith, Jr.

Patricia is a graduate of Oil City High School's class of 1945 and the Harlem Hospital School of Nursing. Patricia is a retired registered nurse who has been recognized numerous times for her community involvement as the editor of a newsletter, block club captain, and a member of the Ilion Avenue Area Block Association.

Patricia is the devoted wife of Arthur Burit Hill, Sr., devoted mother to Arthur Burit Hill, Jr., Ernest Eldred Hill, Victoria Ruth Hill, and Joanne Elaine Hill; as well as devoted grandmother to Drew Timberlake Hill.

Patricia, a two-time cancer survivor enjoys knitting, traveling, and helping to raise her grandson.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize this wonderful woman for all that she has accomplished.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Patricia Ruth Hill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FLAKE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the opportunity to record my position on rollcall votes 43, 44, and 45. I was regrettably absent from the chamber on February 12 during rollcall votes 43, 44, and 45. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 43, "yea" on rollcall 44, and "yea" on rollcall 45.

RECOGNIZING CHELSEA BATEMAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary student Ledyard, Connecticut, Chelsea Bateman. On March 3 and 4, 2008, Chelsea will represent Connecticut in this year's Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW, Voice of Democracy national scholarship competition in Washington, DC.

For over six decades, the VFW has hosted the Voice of Democracy scholarship program for high school students from around the Nation. Every year, this program encourages students to reflect on ideas of patriotism and democracy in their essays. Thousands of students from Connecticut and across the Nation submitted responses to the 2007–2008 theme, "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans", which were evaluated at the local, regional, and State levels. Chelsea's audio essay was selected among thousands of submissions to represent the State of Connecticut at the VFW's Voice of Democracy national scholarship competition in Washington, DC.

Chelsea's response to this year's theme, "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans",

explores the significance of common, everyday actions that we all can take to honor our Nation's veterans. She contends that honoring our veterans in national day of celebration is important, but extending our support in simple everyday actions is perhaps the best way that we can display our gratitude.

Chelsea reflects on these ideas, discussing a visit to her WWII veteran grandfather, Pepe, at his retirement home. On the visit, she realized the impact of the smallest encouraging gesture from a nurse and the simple act of the family's visit had on her veteran grandfather. Through expressions of love, encouragement, and general thoughtfulness we are all able to honor America's veterans.

Simple actions can produce profound effects. Chelsea's insights will not only work to honor America's veterans, but will produce a kinder, more thoughtful society. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in recognizing Chelsea's achievement and fulfilling her ideas on honoring our Nation's veterans.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AFRICA

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the historical contributions that Africa has made to civilization. Too often their contributions are overlooked. Rulers and leaders such as Tenhamenin, Sonni Ali, Abram Hannibal, Chaka, Nelson Mandela, Julius Nyerre and Kwame Nkrumah, just to name a few, are often briefly mentioned or forgotten. Africa is a diverse continent, with natural resources, growth opportunity and a strong history, which needs more recognition and support.

In recognition of the importance of Africa, I am pleased that President George Bush has made his second trip to Africa, visiting Benin, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ghana and Liberia to encourage and support these countries' government stability and economic growth potential. During the spring district work period, March 17–26, 2008, I am leading a bipartisan Committee on Ways and Means delegation to South Africa, Lesotho, Uganda, Ghana and Mali to meet with government officials in regard to broadening and deepening trade and economic ties between the United States and sub-Saharan Africa.

As a result of the President's visit to Africa and mine, I hope that Americans will become more aware of the contributions made by Africans and the importance of this great continent so that their contributions to civilization will no longer be ignored or forgotten.

[From the Caribbean News]

STORIES TO BE TOLD AND CHAPTERS TO ENSURE THAT AFRICAN CONTRIBUTION TO HUMAN CIVILIZATION BECOMES COMMON KNOWLEDGE AROUND THE WORLD

(By Tony Best)

Turn back the hands of time.

It's 1066 and the man history later dubbed "William the Conqueror," the illegitimate son of Duke Robert of Normandy, invaded England to claim what he saw was his inheritance and was crowned King on Christmas Day of that year.

At the same time, Tenhamenin, the ruler of the vast Ghana Empire, could place 200,000 warriors on the field of battle in Africa and with precision and military strategy take on all adversaries.

Fast forward to 1488, a period of feudalism in Europe. It was in that year that the rulers of Songhay, the third of the great African empires, conquered Mali and took control of the fabled City of Timbuktu, the site of the University of Sankore, an important international center of learning in the world that attracted prominent scholars, both Black and White. These are but two nuggets of history, long hidden from global public view and scholarly research in the major universities of Europe and North America.

Chances are thousands of students at some of America's historically Black colleges and universities will hear this month much about the empires of Ghana, Mali, Songhay and Kanem that thrived on the African continent between the year 1000 and 16th century, promoting trade, developing seats of learning and fostering the use of *precio*.

The focus on Black achievement in February brings to center-stage the vital and multi-faceted roles played by peoples of African descent in advancing human development globally. From their ancestral homeland in Africa to North America, the Caribbean, Latin America and other parts of the world, people of color have been instrumental in improving the daily lives of human beings everywhere.

It's a contribution that has been deliberately ignored, downplayed or distorted by many white historians and archeologists. Hence, the value of Black History Month in North America.

Names that run the gamut from Pianky, the military genius and Black King of Nubia who conquered Egypt around 700 BC; Antar, the African-Arabian poet and story teller; Sonni Ali, the 15th century warrior king of Songhay, and Abram Hannibal, the soldier and commander of 18th century Russia to Chaka who led and forged the proud Black nation of South until his assassination in 1828 and Estavancio, Arizona's African "discoverer," dot the page of history.

Their presence and deeds underscore an essential reality: Blacks have been part and parcel of world history, present from exploration and revolution to scientific and other technological achievements.

Along with the Hittites, Blacks from Africa pioneered in the making of iron, fashioned precious stones into historic ornaments, statues and valuable works of art and used oil-bearing plants for both medicinal and dietary purposes.

They developed cereal and transformed a wild plant into cotton, thus opening up the world the art of weaving.

They were among the world's first farmers, producing wheat, groundnuts, yams, watermelons and possibly coffee.

During the heydays of Greek civilization, when Herodotus, the famous historian wrote about the "Black and curly-haired" soldiers in the army of Xerxes around 480 BC and when the Roman Empire was at its heights and Kush was an African province of Rome in the 4th century A.D. Blacks weren't ignored.

In much later times when the Empires of Ghana, Mali, Songhay and Kanem and when Europe was experiencing the "Dark Ages," African states were flourishing with established governmental systems, proud universities and successful commercial activity.

Today, after centuries of colonial and imperial domination, Africa is emerging as a region with immense potential that can be an example to the rest of the world in the decades ahead.

After being brutalized by 19th and 20th century European expansionism, civilization

and bigotry, the African continent succeeded in gaining self-rule, beginning with Ghana in 1957. In the decades since then, a mix of the residual and pernicious effects of colonialism and dictatorial rule, derailed many of the dreams of hundreds of millions of people in Africa and stifled progress.

But things have changed. More countries have embraced open government, are abiding by the rule of law, the will of the people and are harnessing their vast human and natural resources for the upliftment of all.

In addition, towering international figures, including Nelson Mandela, a global hero of courage and principle, the late Julius Nyerre, the first President of Tanzania, Kwame Nkrumah, who led the way by becoming the first African in the 20th century to Head an independent nation as colonial rule began to crumble and Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya, have taken their rightful places as leaders who gave direction and purpose to the international community.

Unfortunately though, Kenya suffered a severe setback in December 2007, when a scandalous hijacking of the presidential elections by supporters of the incumbent leader, Mwai Kibaki, triggered a bloodbath that left almost 1,000 dead and hundreds of thousands of Kenyans homeless.

But that is expected to be a temporary setback along the road of progress.

As the story of the exploits of Black people emerges from the bottom draw of history which recorded by Whites, especially Europeans, the accurate picture that surfaces is one not simply of grandeur of days past but of concrete achievement and of a bright future.

HONORING ROSLYN MCCALLISTER BROCK

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Roslyn McCallister Brock, vice chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People board of directors and a member of their National Board of Trustees. Roslyn will be the keynote speaker at the Flint Branch-NAACP's 27th annual Freedom Fund dinner on March 1, 2008.

After graduating magna cum laude from Virginia Union University, Roslyn earned her master's degree in health services administration from George Washington University and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. She worked with the health programs at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for 10 years and is currently the director of system fund development at Bon Secours Health System, Incorporated.

Roslyn McCallister Brock is the youngest person and first woman elected to the vice chair position in the history of the NAACP. After holding several leadership positions with the NAACP, she was elected unanimously to this position in February 2001 at the age of 35.

In addition to this honor, Roslyn has received substantial recognition for her community service. She received the Network Journal's 2004 "40-Under-Forty Achievement Award"; Ebony Magazine's 1989 "Future Leader Award"; the 1987 Good Housekeeping "100 Young Women of Promise" Award. She

was recognized in 2003, 2004, and 2005 as a Young Leaders Fellow for the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. She has been recognized by the nominating committee of Catholic Health Association and as honorary chairperson of the National Black Family Summit. George Washington University has presented her with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medal for Human Rights and Virginia Union University has named her an outstanding alumna.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Roslyn McCallister Brock. Her motto is an African proverb: "Care more than others think is wise, Risk more than others think is safe, Dream more than others think is practical and Expect more than others think is possible." She embodies these words every day as she strives to enhance our society and bring about a better life for our most vulnerable citizens.

OBSERVING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Black History Month, we should remember that this year is the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a man of peace, a man of love, a man of nonviolence. We should pause in thanks for the great contributions he made to make our country a better place. What he did in organizing and leading the Montgomery Bus Boycott more than 50 years ago, liberated not just a people but an entire nation.

Dr. King followed in the tradition of a very long and distinguished list of men and women who made unbelievable contributions to America and the world at large. The life works and contributions of these people continue to inspire us and will inspire generations yet to be born. Whether in education, sports, politics, business, medicine, the arts and sciences, one can turn the pages and see these unbelievable individuals' faces as part of our his-

tory. These individuals, whether it's Jackie Robinson, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Ralph Bunche, Rosa Parks, Joe Louis, they are all members of a cadre that must be looked upon as contributors to a better America. At this point, this juncture, we celebrate their lives and their contributions.

A TRIBUTE TO RUBY N. HOLMES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the achievements and celebrate the 80th birthday of Ruby N. Holmes. Born in Laurens, South Carolina in 1928, Ruby was raised in a large share-cropping family. Her father was a minister and her mom a missionary.

Ruby migrated to New York City in the late 1940s after becoming the first of 14 children to graduate college. She attended Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina where she became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Ruby then earned a bachelor's degree in education from Pace University and a master's degree in early childhood education from Adelphi University.

Ruby married Martin L. Holmes, now deceased, after settling in Brooklyn and raised a family in the Farragut Houses. When her children were school aged, she began a career as an early childhood educator, working 30 years at the Brevoort Children's Center as a group teacher before her retirement.

Ruby is a member of the Church of the Open Door. She is the former Women's Day chairperson; a trustee; Sunday school teacher; member of the Silver Singers; Open Book Club; the Anna and James Ministry; as well as member and past coordinator of the Senior's Ministry. She is involved in social action in her community and is a former member of the Farragut Community Board.

Ruby is the mother of two daughters Karen and Cheryl Holmes. She is also the grandmother to Paul Williams and Schuyler Burke.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Ruby N. Holmes, on her 80th birthday and let her know how much she is appreciated by all of those whose lives she has touched.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ruby N. Holmes.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD TULISANO

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the life and political legacy of former Connecticut State representative, Richard Tulisano. Richard passed away on Wednesday, February 20, 2008.

Richard was a giant in Connecticut State politics for over three decades. His political career began in 1976 when he was elected to represent the 29th District in Connecticut's General Assembly. During his tenure, he served as the chairman for the judiciary committee from 1979 to 1985 and 1987 to 1993 and the house majority whip until his retirement in 2001. Following retirement from the General Assembly, he served as chief of staff for House Speaker Moira Lyons, a position he would retain until his passing.

I had the privilege to serve with Richard during my tenure in Connecticut's General Assembly and saw firsthand his fearless defense of individual rights, freedom of speech, and tenacious advocacy for "the little guy." He was known at times for a gruff exterior, but beneath it was a heart of pure gold. He taught me a lot about being a good legislator, but even more important about being a good person.

The outpouring of people and accolades in the wake of his passing was a testament of how revered and admired he was. Also his wife Beverley was as much a part of his wonderful life story. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in celebrating Richard's life and offering condolences to his family.

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, March 4, 2008 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 5

9:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the Department of the Air Force, and the future years defense program. SH-216

Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy. SD-124

Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings to examine strengthening national security, focusing on smart power and military perspective. SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Business meeting to consider S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, S. 1810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatal and postnatal diagnosed conditions, S. 999, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation, S. 1760, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative, H.R. 20, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis, and S. 1042, to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly, and any pending nominations. SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine census in peril, focusing on getting the 2010 decennial back on track. SD-342

10 a.m.
 Judiciary
 To continue oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation. SD-106

10:30 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Defense Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Navy. SD-192

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine the rising cost of heating homes, focusing on Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). SD-430

Aging
 To hold hearings to examine elderly hunger in America, focusing on the steps needed to prevent this now and in the future. SD-562

11:15 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Business meeting to consider the nomination of J. Gregory Copeland, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy. SD-366

2:30 p.m.
 Budget
 Business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009. SD-608

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the state of the United States Postal Service one year after reform. SD-342

Armed Services
 Personnel Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health, the Army's Mental Health Advisory Team reports, and Department of Defense and service-wide improvements in mental health resources, including suicide prevention, for servicemembers and their families. SR-232A

3 p.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the initial amendment between the United States and the Russian Federation on the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation. SD-366

Appropriations
 Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Treasury. SD-138

MARCH 6

9:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year

2009 for the U.S. Southern and Northern Command, and the future years defense program. SH-216

Veterans' Affairs
 To hold joint hearings with the House Veterans Affairs Committee to examine a sundry of associations outlook on veterans affairs issues. 345-CHOB

Joint Economic Committee
 To hold hearings with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee of Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia to examine investing in the future of the federal workforce, focusing on paid parental leave to improve recruitment and retention. 2154-RHOB

10 a.m.
 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine reforming the regulation of government sponsored enterprises. SD-538

Budget
 Business meeting to continue markup of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009. Room to be announced

Appropriations
 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Commerce. SD-138

Finance
 To hold hearings to examine the Administration's 2008 trade agenda. SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine unemployment in the economy, focusing on ways to secure families and build opportunities. SD-430

Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the state of facilities in Indian country jails, schools, and health facilities. SD-628

Judiciary
 Business meeting to consider S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, S. 2449, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, S. 2133, to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with respect to mortgage loans in bankruptcy, S. 2041, to amend the False Claims Act, S. 2533, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, and the nominations of Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General, and Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, Brian Stacy Miller, of to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, James Randal Hall, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, William Joseph Hawe, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington, Stanley Thomas Anderson, to be United

- States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and John A. Mendez, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California. SD-226
- Appropriations
Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation. SD-192
- 10:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Coast Guard and conduct oversight. SR-253
- 2:30 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219
- MARCH 7
- 9:30 a.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the current employment situation of 2008. SD-628
- MARCH 11
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces in Korea, and the future years defense program. SH-216
- Veterans' Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration, focusing on caring for families of wounded warriors. SR-418
- 10 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program, and the implementation of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 (Public Law 110-114). SD-406
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Innovation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 to support U.S. basic research. SR-253
- 2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation's Cross-Truck pilot program. SR-253
- Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Grace C. Becker, of New York, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice. SD-226
- MARCH 12
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
To receive a briefing on the current readiness of the armed forces of the United States. SH-219
- 10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and conduct oversight. SD-538
- Rules and Administration
To hold hearings to examine issues relative to in-person voter fraud and voter disenfranchisement. SR-301
- Armed Services
Strategic Forces Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 and the future years defense program. SR-232A
- 1:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the gross domestic product as a measurement of national strength. SR-253
- 2 p.m.
Armed Services
SeaPower Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the strategic lift programs, and the future years defense program. SR-222
- 2:15 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine hardrock mining, focusing on issues relating to abandoned mine lands and uranium mining. SD-366
- 2:30 p.m.
Armed Services
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine technologies to combat weapons of mass destruction. SD-106
- Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, the future years defense program, and military installation, environmental, and base closure programs. SR-232A
- MARCH 13
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States European Command and the United States African Command, and the future years defense program. SH-216
- 2 p.m.
Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the current readiness of the armed forces, and the future years defense program. SR-232A
- 2:30 p.m.
Armed Services
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative at the Department of Defense, and nuclear nonproliferation programs at the National Security Administration, and the future years defense program. SR-222
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). SR-253
- Energy and Natural Resources
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine old-growth forest science, focusing on policy and management in the Pacific Northwest region. SD-366
- APRIL 8
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the Federal Trade Commission reauthorization. SR-253