

the supermarket channel. Ten years later, the partners sold the specialties company and raised a larger partnership to buy a tomato processing company, Stanislaus Food Products (SFP), which became Cortopassi's primary endeavor as he began scaling down farming activities.

Following a poor farming year in 1982, his partner elected to sell his SFP stock ownership, which Cortopassi bought with borrowed bank debt. In 1986, he re-mortgaged his entire SFP ownership to buy out all remaining shareholders. Over the past 25 years, SFP has become the largest "fresh-pack" cannery in the world, and is the market-share leader of tomato products for Italian restaurants/pizzerias throughout the United States and Canada.

Cortopassi currently serves as CEO of San Tomo Group, and in that position provides "coaching" to younger presidents of agribusiness entities in which his family are shareholders, including Stanislaus Food Products, Cortopassi Partners, Cocoa Farms, Lodi Farming Company, and Del Rio Partners.

When asked how he defines success, Cortopassi says, "It's constantly striving to perform at maximum potential without compromising personal values. It's about my word, my family, and my honor. I always remember a metaphor from the Greek classics about Plato's ring. Plato told his students that to know your own morality, imagine slipping on a magic ring that made you invisible and therefore able to do bad deeds without anyone ever knowing. If you had such a ring, how would you behave? The answer to that question is the definition of your morality."

Cortopassi advises young people to choose a line of work they can be passionate about, and then to seek work from the best company in that industry. "When you go to work for the best doing something you like, you're earning double pay because in addition to salary you're learning keys to success."

Outside of his family and business, Cortopassi is passionate about America. He says, "I'm glad for my Italian roots, but I'm proud to be an American. My parents were particularly passionate about their American citizenship and are a living example of moving from meager circumstances in Italy and through determination and hard work achiev-

ing a better life in America. I believe in free enterprise and I want our country to continue providing 'getting ahead' opportunities for entrepreneurs."

The company stresses quality in the products, whether it's sauce for a pizza or tomato strips with the trademarked name Filets. "We only pack in the 70 days when the tomatoes are vine-ripe," Executive Vice President Bill Butler said. "We do not remanufacture from paste."

The products are sold under several labels, such as Alta Cucina, Saporito, Full Red and 7/11. These are not household names, and the company is fine with that. The growth in demand has slowed since the boom in Italian cuisine from the 1970s to 1990s, but the market remains strong. The products are widely distributed in the United States and Canada. The company works with growers to assure tomatoes with the right traits. It cooks the sealed cans for as short a time as possible, in the belief that overcooking impairs the flavor.

Stanislaus is part of a processing tomato industry that remains fairly strong in California, thanks to ideal growing conditions and the demand for pasta sauce, ketchup, salsa and other products. And food processing in general has kept people at work amid the economic slump.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in praising Stanislaus Food Products and the Cortopassi Family for their significant contributions to agriculture and to the people of the local community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HUMANITARIAN CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHARLES L. PERKINS SR.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Charles L. Perkins, Sr. for his selfless dedication and commitment to our community. Charlie was recently honored by Youth for Tomorrow for his humanitarian

activities, specifically his actions in providing food, clothing, and financial support to assist those in need in Northern Virginia.

I have had the privilege of personally knowing Charlie and his wife, Marian, for many years. Throughout this time, I have been struck by Charlie's persistent efforts to improve the lives of those in our community. Charlie, both personally and through his charitable trust foundation, has supported numerous organizations including Youth for Tomorrow, Homestretch, Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Special Olympics, as well as religious organizations that provide a path to escape gang violence and feed the hungry.

In addition to the many contributions to community non-profits, Charlie and his foundation provide assistance to individuals who have experienced financial hardships due to illness, unemployment or monetary shortages. Always looking ahead to build a better life for the next generation, the foundation also provides college tuition assistance. Charlie's mission is brilliant in its simplicity—to help those in need and enhance the dignity and quality of life of individuals, families, and communities by seeking out those in need. Charlie has more than accomplished this mission, and he has previously received the Lions of Virginia Distinguished Humanitarian Award and was named the Jobs for Virginia Graduates "Man of the Decade".

Through his own hard work and perseverance, Charlie rose from humble beginnings to become a highly successful business owner; however, he never rested on his many accomplishments and he always sought to give back to the community with great fervor, but little fanfare. In fact, Charlie eschews personal recognition, and it is only through the insistence of others that his many noble efforts receive the accolades they so richly deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise to join me in recognizing Charles L. Perkins, Sr. and in thanking him for his steadfast support of those in need within our community. I personally feel blessed to call Charlie a friend, and extend to him my deepest appreciation and respect.

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, November 15, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
NOVEMBER 16

- 9 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine contractors.
SD-342
- 9:30 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine a progress report on management and structural reforms at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).
SD-538
- 10:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the need for continued innovation in forecasting and prediction.
SR-253
- 2 p.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine manufacturing in the United States of America, focusing on paving the road to job creation.
SH-216
- 2:30 p.m.
Budget
To hold hearings to examine improving regulatory performance, focusing on lessons from the United Kingdom.
SD-608
- Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kathryn Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Brian C. Wimes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.
SD-226
- United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control
To hold hearings to examine the United States-Caribbean Security Cooperation, focusing on drug-related violence in the Caribbean and United States se-

curity assistance through the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative.
SD-562

NOVEMBER 17

- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brad Carson, of Oklahoma, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.
SD-G50
- Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the Secretary of the Interior's Order No. 3315 to consolidate and establish the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement within the Bureau of Land Management.
SD-366
- 10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Maurice A. Jones, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Secretary, and Carol J. Galante, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Thomas Hoenig, to be a Member and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
SD-538
- Environment and Public Works
Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings to examine the "Safe Chemicals Act".
SD-406
- Finance
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary John Miller, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary, and Alastair M. Fitzpayne, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Kathleen Kerrigan, of Massachusetts, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board.
SD-215
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine "The Americans with Disabilities Act" and accessible transportation, focusing on challenges and opportunities.
SD-430
- Judiciary
Business meeting to consider S. 1793, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, H.R. 2076, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, S. 1794, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, H.R. 347, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or

grounds) of title 18, United States Code, H.R. 2189, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, S. 1792, to clarify the authority of the United States Marshals Service to assist other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of cases involving sex offenders and missing children, S. 671, to authorize the United States Marshals Service to issue administrative subpoenas in investigations relating to unregistered sex offenders, and the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Gregg Jeffrey Costa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and David Campos Guaderrama, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

- SD-226
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science and Space Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine NASA's human space exploration, focusing on direction, strategy and progress.
SR-253
- Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine if tax reform can boost business investment and job creation.
SH-216
- 2:15 p.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the future of internet gaming, focusing on what's at stake for tribes.
SD-628
- 2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine tourism in America, focusing on moving our economy forward.
SR-253
- Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.
SH-219
- NOVEMBER 30
- 10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs mental health care, focusing on addressing wait times and access to care.
SR-418
- DECEMBER 6
- 2:30 p.m.
Judiciary
Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Express Scripts/Medco merger.
SD-226
- DECEMBER 8
- 2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges to address domestic and global water supply issues.
SD-366