

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish Community Alliance in Jacksonville, Florida. During this period of time, the JCA has become a pillar of good works in the community and has enriched the lives of tens of thousands of people who have sought assistance in a plethora of ways. JCA has worked tirelessly fulfilling its mission to enhance the quality of life for those in need regardless of age, religion, race, financial capabilities, and physical and mental abilities.

On April 20, 2013, the family of the Jewish Community Alliance will celebrate its positive impact on our community. Open to people—young and old—the JCA offers classes in fitness, gardening, and art. There are concerts for the young and the young-at-heart. You can learn chess or play sports in a family-friendly atmosphere. Summer days are filled with fun at a variety of youth camps, and kids and parents enjoy scientific discovery challenges together.

The JCA is celebrating a quarter of a century of providing pre-school age children with an enriched start in life and of offering adults and teens ways to improve their health and to partake in enrichment classes.

For the last 25 years the JCA has provided a place that benefits both young and old and has enhanced its participants' lives by allowing them to share intergenerational values. Children attend quality after-school programs that give comfort to their parents, and those with special needs, whether adults or children, are encouraged to reach their full potential with dignity.

JCA has a rich history of making a difference in our Jacksonville community. The faces of the children and those who come to the JCA may change each year, but the mission remains the same—making a difference in the lives of those it touches.

It is my honor to bring this historic commemoration of a quarter century of service to the community to the attention of the United States Congress and to invite Members to join me in extending our appreciation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE NURSES ASSOCIATION ON THEIR 27TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my fellow nurses within the Hos-

pice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) as they celebrate their 27th anniversary. HPNA is the Nation's largest and oldest professional nursing organization and has consistently been a leader in excellence in the field.

Nurses are truly the backbone of our healthcare system. As our Nation ages, we will increasingly depend on the skilled care of hospice and palliative nurses to help our loved ones through difficult times. Their tireless dedication to patient education and care sustains our communities.

Last year I spoke at a briefing on Capitol Hill with hospice and palliative care nurses, families, caregivers, and patients to encourage discussion on this very important, yet often overlooked area.

Palliative care is a patient-centered philosophy that provides quality, compassionate end-of-life care. By honoring informed patient choice, palliative care nurses help make a challenging time a little easier for patients and their loved ones. I hope this topic continues to be part of our professional and personal dialogues.

This is important work and I hope you will join me in recognition of these leaders in aging and long-term care. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to quality nursing. I congratulate my hospice and palliative care nursing colleagues and wish them continued success.

NASHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
HORNETTES

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding victory of the Nashville Community High School Hornets girls' basketball team in the recent State Championships.

The Hornets put together an outstanding performance against their division's top ranked team to take the Class 2A State Championship 42–29. I would like to congratulate Coach Wayne Harre, whose efforts over the past 12 seasons as well as those of Nashville High School's coaching staff, teachers and administrators, have brought to fruition the talent of our youth and seen these fine young ladies achieve an outstanding result.

These young ladies: Erica Brown, Madi May, Katy Kosydor, Kiley Pelker, Emily Gill, Shawn Renegarbe, Rachel Reid, Jordi Harre, Hannah Yung, Shaye Harre, Alli Kellerman, Haylee Kania, Jeni Krawiecki and Madison Frerker have represented themselves, their school, and their community with distinction. I look forward to watching their future successes in both their academic and athletic pursuits and wish them all the best in these endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Nashville Hornets on a job well done.

IN HONOR OF PEACE CORPS
VOLUNTEER NICHOLAS CASTLE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of Peace Corps Volunteer Nicholas Castle. Nick died on February 7th at a hospital in Chengdu, China after a brief illness. By all accounts, Nick exemplified the best of what both America and Peace Corps has to offer the world. He was a bright young man from Brentwood, California who brought a sense of humor, creativity, and a willingness to say yes to his life.

Service played an important role in the all too brief arc of Nick's life. Growing up in Brentwood, he worked with the city Youth Commissioner to support community service events that raised money for annual scholarships for college-bound students. As an undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley, Nick was equally as invested in service as the Director of Global Outreach Week, a week of activities demonstrating the actions and benefits students and faculty can have around the world. He also worked with the local Peace Corps campus recruiter to encourage students to apply to serve.

In August 2012, Nick was sworn in as a Peace Corps Volunteer in China where he taught university-level English in Guizhou Province. In his short time there, Nick left a big impression, through the English classes he taught, community office hours he hosted, and ping-pong and badminton games he played. It is no surprise that his students called him "Mr. Sunshine."

I offer my profound condolences to Nick's parents, David and Susan Castle, and to his three brothers. There is no deeper pain for a parent than the loss of a child. But Nick leaves behind a legacy of accomplishments that have forever made this world a better place.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AND COURAGE OF MARGARET "PEGGY SUE" O'DONNELL

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, this Friday, March 8, is the date of the official dinner of the Grand Marshal of the 16th Annual Carbon County St. Patrick's Day Parade, and today I rise to recognize the leadership and community service of this year's Parade Grand Marshal, Margaret "Peggy Sue" O'Donnell.

Peggy Sue's first real job was in the microfilm department in the Carbon County Courthouse in Jim Thorpe, where she worked

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throughout high school and college. For the past 28 years, she has been a package car driver for United Parcel Service. She has received many citations for safe driving—quite a feat since she delivers packages to all of the businesses on Broadway and Race Streets in Jim Thorpe. As her customers (and their dogs) will attest, Peggy Sue is the face of UPS in Jim Thorpe, and her friendly and outgoing personality makes her an outstanding ambassador for her employer and profession in town.

She is a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jim Thorpe. She is a charter member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Molly Maguire Division 1, Carbon County, and served as its president from 2008–2009. She has also held other volunteer positions in town and on the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee, including serving as an aide to 2013 Parade Grand Marshal John J. Mulligan.

Her "Fighting Irish spirit" has helped carry her through a courageous bout with cancer. Diagnosed in July 2012, she feels it has been the continuous prayers and support of friends and family that has been the best and most important medicine. Her illness has brought together a community in a positive way that no one could have imagined. She may have lost her voice, but she has never lost her radiant spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I send my highest congratulations to "Peggy Sue" O'Donnell on being named the Grand Marshal of this year's Carbon County St. Patrick's Day Parade, and my thoughts and prayers are with her on this day and always.

LAS VEGAS DANCE TROUPE TO
PERFORM IN INAUGURAL PARADE

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, Las Vegans take pride in the different cultural heritages and traditions that have enriched our community, and contributed to our distinct identity.

Today, I stand to recognize a Las Vegas dance group that truly embodies this spirit, Comparza Morelense.

Rooted in their Mexican heritage, Comparza Morelense is well known throughout Southern Nevada, performing traditional dances and songs at numerous festivals and fairs for the last two years.

This January, Comparza Morelense's hard work and dedication were rewarded with an invitation to perform in the President's Inaugural Parade.

As the only Nevadan group invited to participate in the Parade, this was truly a prestigious honor.

On Inauguration Day, I proudly cheered them on as they represented not only Las Vegas and Nevada, but their rich cultural heritage as well.

Wolf Blitzer, newsman from CNN, also commented that the group with the beautiful costumes from the state of Morelos was the most colorful entry in the parade.

I submit the Las Vegas Sun article, "Las Vegas dance troupe to perform in Inaugural Parade," written by Tovin Lapan on January 10, 2013.

LAS VEGAS DANCE TROUPE TO PERFORM IN
INAUGURAL PARADE

(By Tovin Lapan)

In the past two years, the Las Vegas dance troupe Comparza Morelense has quadrupled in size and gone from dancing at birthday parties and first communions to winning multiple parade trophies and performing in November at the Latin Grammys.

Despite the rapid rise in the group's popularity, no one expected the invite that arrived Dec. 20. In fact, some members of the group demanded to see proof the White House had indeed requested they participate in the parade at the 57th presidential inauguration.

"I submitted an application because (the parade organizers) asked us to. I think someone from the campaign saw us last year," said Stephanie Padilla, one of the group's members. "I got the email saying we were invited, and the first thing I did was tell my mom. She called the other dancers, and they didn't believe her. So, we had to show the letter to everyone."

Comparza Morelense started with 11 members in December 2010. The group now counts 40 members, ranging in age from 9 months to 65 years old, among its ranks. About 25 dancers will make the trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Jan. 21 Inaugural Parade.

Jesus Padilla and Maria Garcia, Stephanie's parents and co-founders of the group, started the dance troupe with other family members to help keep alive a tradition from their home, the Mexican state of Morelos.

"We started the group because we would dance after family dinners and parties, but we wanted a more formal way to share the tradition and our culture," Garcia said in Spanish. "We never thought it would lead to performing for the president. I think it reflects the president's interest in all of the races and cultures in the country, and how he seeks participation from all corners."

The Presidential Inaugural Committee is attempting to choose representatives from each state for the parade, and Comparza Morelense is the only invitee from Nevada so far, a committee spokeswoman said. In making its choices, the committee considers the type of performance, reviews videos and weighs how each potential participant would represent U.S. history, diversity and commitment to service.

The elation of inclusion for Comparza Morelense, however, was soon followed by the reality of funding and logistics. * * * fundraiser, featuring food, games, a raffle and dance performance, from 4 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Elegante Banquet Hall, 3020 E. Bonanza Rd.

During a demonstration for media this week, the group's speakers cracked, popped and then conked out more than once. Garcia said Comparza Morelense typically would use a pickup truck and its own sound system during a parade, but for the Inaugural Parade the members would like to hire a DJ with professional equipment or, more traditionally, a live band.

No matter what, Comparza Morelense will make it all work, Garcia said, beaming with a wide smile at the thought of how far the group has come.

"When we started, we only set out to share this dance and piece of our culture with the community," Garcia said. "Now we get to perform for the president. It's amazing."

Pablo Soriano, a 12-year-old who joined the group just a few months ago and will travel to Washington, dances in a black velvet costume embroidered with images of the sun and Tigger, from Winnie the Pooh.

"I like everything about the dance," Pablo said. "I like the jumping. You get exercise.

You sweat. My mom and dad are from Morelos, and I feel like I'm carrying on the traditions. I also like how there are so many different cultures mixed together."

The dancers are called "Chinelos," and their origin dates to the Spanish conquest of Mexico. The indigenous people were persecuted and not allowed to openly practice their own religion. During Lent and Carnival, emboldened by the ability to wear masks in the festivities, some indigenous people wore costumes mocking the Europeans and danced through the streets. The Chinelos from Morelos, where in the colonial era there were large sugar plantations, are some of the first and most well known.

"The priests didn't let the indigenous people practice their customs, and they had no rights," Garcia said in Spanish. "When they had the chance (at Carnival preceding Lent), they put on costumes and made fun of them."

The costumes are elaborate and take between one and two months to make, Garcia said. The masks are typically light in color and feature a pointy upturned beard, a clear holdover from the dance's roots in imitating Europeans.

The costumes, made from velvet, are embroidered with elaborate designs that reflect the dancer's interests and often meld motifs from politics, religion and both European and Mexican culture. Some are images of indigenous Mexican mythology, many have depictions of the Virgin of Guadalupe, and others feature skulls, dragons, swords and even Disney characters.

The dance is called the "Brinco del Chinelo" (Jump of the Chinelo) and is left open to interpretation by the individual dancer. For the Inaugural Parade, however, Comparza Morelense is planning to do some extra choreography in an effort to present a more unified form for their moment in the national spotlight, Garcia said.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, on February 28, 2013, I was unable to vote because of medical reasons and missed rollcall vote No. 55, on passage of S. 47, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I strongly support reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which was delayed for far too long. I am pleased that Congress was able to overcome the obstacles that blocked its final passage. VAWA's programs are a critical component of our Nation's effort to reduce violence and care for victims. Reauthorizing VAWA will help Alaska, and the rest of the country, combat the epidemic of abuse and rape that plagues our families and communities.

RECOGNIZING MINNETONKA GIRLS
ALPINE SKI TEAM

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Minnetonka High School Girls Alpine Ski Team.

The Minnetonka Girls took first place in the Minnesota State High School Alpine Ski Meet earlier this month in Biwabik, Minnesota. This is the Minnetonka Girls' second state title in four years.

Head Coach Steve Lindemer won his fifth state championship with the school since becoming Head Coach of both the Minnetonka Boys and Girls Alpine teams in 1998.

Megan Greiner, Anna Ewald, Megan Gartner, and Marlee Gartner all finished in the top 20 to secure the top team performance.

All of these athletes and their coaches deserve praise for their dedication and determination.

It's an honor to be able to represent, and recognize, such all-star athletes. Congratulations.

HONORING HAROLD O. BOUCHARD

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Harold O. Bouchard of Hermon, Maine, who passed away on February 22, at the age of 77. Harold will be long remembered as an astute businessman who was well known for his philanthropy and community service.

From a single dump truck he purchased in 1958, Harold grew a business that today employs 175 people and stands at 100 trucks strong. He became an innovator and fierce advocate for the trucking industry. Harold worked tirelessly to develop safer and more efficient trucks. As an advocate, he sought to ensure lawmakers understood that heavier six axle trucks were safe and important for businesses to compete. Because of Harold's efforts, Maine's roads are safer and Maine's businesses are stronger.

Harold also maintained a strong presence in the community, helping to found the American Loggers Council and the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine. Harold was also involved with the Maine Forest Products Council, the Forest Resource Association, Maine Motor Transportation Association, the Maine Better Transportation Association, and the Associated General Contractors of Maine. The Northeast Loggers Association, of which he was also a member, named him Outstanding Logger of the Year in 1991.

Few people can claim to embody the spirit of charity and community engagement as completely as Harold. He was instrumental in helping to raise \$13 million to improve cancer treatment services at Eastern Maine Medical Center. In 2003, Harold received the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce's Norbert X. Dowd Award for his contributions to his industry and for his community service.

I was fortunate to have Harold as a supporter and ally in my ongoing efforts to allow states to increase the weight of trucks allowed on their highways. The work he did on this cause was instrumental in helping to make this goal a reality in Maine today.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Mr. Harold O. Bouchard.

IN RECOGNITION OF RON CRITELLI

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ron Critelli as he is honored as the "Man of the Year" by the Amerigo Vespucci Society of Long Branch, NJ. Mr. Critelli is truly deserving of this recognition for his exceptional service to the Amerigo Vespucci Society and the entire community.

Born and raised in Long Branch, NJ, Mr. Critelli has a strong connection to the community. He excelled in soccer and was elected as team captain of the Long Branch High School Varsity team for three years, leading the team to the NJ State Finals in his senior year. Mr. Critelli was the first in his family to graduate college, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. In college, Mr. Critelli maintained his sense of community, joining the soccer team, serving as a member and Treasurer of the Pi Lamda Upsilon fraternity and participating in various campus events.

Introduced to the Amerigo Vespucci Society by his now wife, Loredana's family, Mr. Critelli became a member and remains active in the Society. Previously serving as a Councilor on the Executive Board, Mr. Critelli is the current Recording Secretary for the Society. He often assists with various Society events, including the Wine Tasting Gala and the Family Picnic, for which he served as co-chair and chair respectively. Furthermore, Mr. Critelli co-chaired a fundraiser on behalf of Amerigo Vespucci Society members who were affected by Superstorm Sandy.

In addition to his community service, Mr. Critelli works as a Financial Advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors. He was recently honored by New Jersey Monthly Magazine as a 2013 New Jersey Select Wealth Managers.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Ron Critelli on his selection as "Man of the Year" by the Amerigo Vespucci Society for his continued dedication and service to the community.

COMMEMORATING EDWARD H. LOCKWOOD

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Edward H. Lockwood, an American veteran from Long Island. Edward recently passed away and our community is mourning this profound loss.

Corporal Lockwood enlisted in the Army in 1942, and remained for the duration of World War II. He served in the 824th and 691st Tank Destroyer Units at Normandy, the Rhineland, Central Europe, and finally Ardennes, the Battle of the Bulge. Upon returning home to Glenwood Landing, Corporal Lockwood joined the American Legion Post 336 in Glen Head, New York, and worked for the Long Island Lighting Company until his retirement.

Mr. Lockwood joined the Glenwood Fire Company when he turned 18 and his only in-

terval in service was substituted by his time in the Army. He served as Chief twice before being named Chief Emeritus, joining a privileged few who have been Glenwood Fire Company Chief three times.

Corporal Lockwood leaves behind three daughters and will be sorely missed by the Glenwood Landing community of which he was a part of for almost 92 years.

Edward was a true American patriot. In the wake of his passing, we should all remember the sacrifice our veterans make to keep us safe here at home. I am forever grateful for Edward's contributions as a serviceman and leader in his community on Long Island. I offer my sincerest thoughts and prayers to his family.

IDAHO'S TERRITORIAL
SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on this day in 1863, 150 years ago, President Abraham Lincoln signed a congressional act creating the Idaho Territory. Twenty-seven years later, part of that territory would become the 43rd State, the State of Idaho.

The Idaho Territory was initially much larger than the borders of Idaho today; it included most of what would later become Montana and Wyoming. The territory, to be governed by William H. Wallace, an old friend of Lincoln's, was previously part of the Washington Territory.

Western Washington politicians moved to discard large tracts of land in eastern Washington Territory partly because the population in those areas was increasing rapidly and they wanted to assure Olympia would remain the capital of the region. That population increase was mostly gold miners seeking out their fortunes in the Clearwater region, now Idaho's panhandle. This goes to show you, Mr. Speaker, gerrymandering is not a new phenomenon; it is in fact one of the reasons the Idaho Territory was created in the first place.

However, the land mass for the Idaho Territory was so expansive that within a year Montana broke away, and four years later Wyoming did the same, leaving the Idaho Territory looking very much like the State does today.

In 1890, after 27 years as a territory, Idaho became the 43rd State. However, much of what distinguishes Idaho today came about during its territorial years, including the creation of its main highways, many of its public schools, its tax system, its tribal laws, its universities, its water laws, and indeed, its eventual Constitution, written in the summer of 1889 in Boise. Idaho's Constitution remains today almost exactly how it was written, and it still forms the basis for all Idaho laws to this day.

The citizens of Idaho have always demonstrated a unity and sense of pride in their traditions and history, and this rich history is what makes them who they are today. From the Canadian border to Yellowstone, from Craters of the Moon to Coeur d'Alene Lake, Idahoans celebrate today. It is my privilege today to commemorate Idaho's territorial sesquicentennial.

HONORING NIELS CHEW

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Niels Chew of Sonoma County, California, who passed away February 25, 2013 with his family at his side.

Mr. Chew was a loving husband of 58 years to his wife, Susan Wetherby Chew. He was a devoted father to his four children and a doting grandfather to his nine grandchildren.

He was a successful businessman, taking a small one-person operation and building it into a thriving small manufacturing company employing more than 40 people, including those with developmental disabilities.

Mr. Chew was also active in civic affairs. He was a trustee of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District Board where he served as Board Chair. He was also on the boards of the Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation, Operation Youth, the Sonoma Overnight Shelter, El Nido Teen Center, and Stand by Me, Sonoma Valley's flagship mentoring program.

He and his wife generously supported Friends in Sonoma Helping, an organization providing assistance to residents down on their luck, with both their time and their financial resources.

In recognition of his work in the community, Mr. Chew received Sonoma's top service award in 2010 when he was named Alcalde, or honorary mayor.

Mr. Speaker, Niels Chew was proof that one man can make a difference. The legacy he leaves will be felt in the Sonoma Valley for decades to come. It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to him today and honor his memory.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Senate-passed Violence Against Women Act and in opposition to the watered down version offered by House Republicans that omits key provisions to protect all victims of domestic violence. I am pleased that after nearly a year of delay and unnecessary partisan positioning, a comprehensive, inclusive VAWA is poised to be enacted into law.

This legislation, S. 47, received overwhelming bipartisan support in the Senate, passing by a vote of 78–22, and is supported by law enforcement officials, health care providers, community providers, and millions of domestic violence survivors. Unlike the alternative House Republican version, the Senate bill includes critical provisions to protect vulnerable populations including LGBT individuals, Native Americans, immigrants, and victims of rape.

Specifically, the Senate bill ensures the availability of services to all victims of domes-

tic and dating violence, no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity. The measure also provides authority to Native American tribes to prosecute non-Indian perpetrators of domestic violence-related offenses. Finally, the Senate measure adds stalking to the list of crimes for which victims can receive protection through the U-Visa program. All of the changes are vital and, unfortunately, absent in the House Republican bill.

Twice over the last 20 years, Democrats and Republicans, working together, have been able to reauthorize VAWA to continue and expand protections for all victims of domestic and sexual violence. A recent tragedy involving one of my constituents underscores the importance for this body to continue that bipartisan tradition.

On February 18, 2013, Jenny Lynn Pearson was brutally murdered by her husband of less than a year at her apartment in Reston, Virginia. Jenny was five months pregnant with her unborn son, whom she had named Aiden. A native of Fairfax County, Jenny is described by friends and family as humble and beautiful, a lover of nature and animals, a kind and generous soul. Her life, and that of her unborn son, was snuffed out far before its time.

Unfortunately, this type of severe domestic violence is an all-too-common reality in the United States. Approximately 2.3 million people each year are raped or physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend. Three women are killed by a current or former intimate partner each day in America. And the cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion annually, including \$4.1 billion in direct health care expenses.

While we still have much work to do, VAWA has helped address these startling levels of partner violence. Since it was first enacted in 1994, reporting of domestic violence has increased by as much as 51 percent, while the number of individuals killed by an intimate partner has decreased 34 percent for women and 57 percent for men. Reauthorization of VAWA will ensure that our nation's mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends continue to receive federal resources that can help keep them safe from harm.

Now is the time for the House to remove ideological roadblocks and send to the President a comprehensive VAWA bill that includes protections for all Americans. I encourage all of my colleagues to vote in favor of the Senate-passed Violence Against Women Act.

RECOGNIZING CHASKA HIGH
SCHOOL'S CHAMPION GIRLS
JAZZ AND HIGH KICK DANCE
TEAM

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Chaska High School Girls Jazz and High Kick dance teams.

The Chaska High School Dance teams—both High Kick and Jazz & Funk—took home repeat championship titles earlier this month with victories at the 2013 State Girls Dance Team Tournament.

Coach Kryz Rydland complimented her team's drive to constantly improve as key to

their success this season and at the state tournament.

Special congratulations to captains Amanda Stelten, Sammy White, and Emily Pulvermacher.

This team's ability to combine art with athleticism has returned quite impressive results.

All of these athletes and their coaches deserve praise for their dedication and determination.

It's an honor to be able to represent, and recognize, such all-star athletes. Congratulations.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLARK E.
GUINAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Clark E. Guinan, better known as Gus, who is retiring after a remarkable legal and public service career that spanned over three decades. Gus was the City Attorney of the City of Burlingame for the last four years. His devotion to justice and the Bay Area are reflected in his work and passion for life.

Gus, a native San Franciscan and third generation Californian, was raised in Los Altos. He enrolled in the seminary in Menlo Park at the young age of 13 and studied there through high school and college until he was 24 years old. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from St. Patrick's College.

After eleven years in the seminary, Gus realized that he had a different calling. He wanted to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather who was his hero and a prominent attorney in the California Attorney General's office. Gus started law school and earned his J.D. from the University of Santa Clara.

Upon earning his degree, Gus became a deputy public defender in San Joaquin County from 1974–1984. Then he accepted the position of Senior Assistant City Attorney in Palo Alto where he served for five years.

In 1989, he faced a difficult decision. He and his wife Signe Harnett had adopted infant twin girls. They still lived in Stockton and the daily commute to Palo Alto would prevent Gus from seeing his two babies grow up. He left public service and became a litigation attorney with the law offices of Rishwain, Kakim and Ellis in Stockton from 1989–1991. Gus' love for San Francisco drew the family back to the Bay Area and in 1991 they moved to Berkeley and he joined the law office of Barry Balamuth in Orinda.

In 1993, Gus returned to public service and accepted the position of Assistant City Attorney for the City of San Rafael where he stayed until 2008 when he was appointed to his most recent position of City Attorney of Burlingame.

Gus is a member of the Public Law Section of the California State Bar Association, the Bay Area City Attorneys Association, the Marin Public Agency Attorneys and an alternate board member of the California Joint Powers Risk Management Authority. In the past, he served as a delegate at the State Bar Convention in Sacramento, as a section editor of the Municipal Law Handbook of the League

of California Cities and as a member of the board of governors of the San Joaquin County Bar Association. Gus has also lectured at the Delta Community College in Stockton and in the "Bridging the Gap" program. Last but not least, he has been a proud member of the San Rafael Elks Club since 2006.

In his well deserved retirement, Gus is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 25 years, their now 24-year-old twin daughters Kate and Lindsey and their stepson Chris. He will finally have more time to lose himself in his passion for California history, hiking, travel, photography, reading and swimming.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representative to rise with me to honor Clark E. Guinan, a man with a brilliant legal mind and a big heart who has protected the rights and safety of the residents of Burlingame and other Bay Area communities.

RECOGNIZING ANN THOMPSON AS THE 2014 SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Ann Thompson as the 2014 Santa Rosa County, Florida Teacher of the Year. Ms. Thompson has been an inspiration to her students, her colleagues, and her community, and I am honored to recognize her success and her many achievements.

The best teachers are those who not only educate, but those who strive every day to actively engage their pupils. Ms. Thompson embodies this spirit—she is an educator, a mentor, and a role model to those she serves. As a founding parent of West Navarre Intermediate, Ms. Thompson has played an integral role with the school for more than 14 years, the last 7 of which as an educator.

Throughout her career, Ms. Thompson has served in various capacities. Before joining West Navarre Intermediate, Ms. Thompson had a successful medical career for 25 years. However, she recognized that her true calling was teaching. With the goal of ensuring all children leave school reading at least on grade level in mind, Ms. Thompson earned the required teaching certification from the University of West Florida. Wanting to work in the very school that she helped build, Ms. Thompson has seen her dreams come true as a third grade teacher at West Navarre Intermediate.

The perspectives she gained from raising three children and serving in the medical field give her a unique experience base to better enrich her students education. Ms. Thompson's instructional techniques are calculated, research-based, and focused on the needs of the individual student by using exhaustive data analysis as well as daily observation. In doing this, Ms. Thompson recognizes the reality that each student is different, and she tailors her instruction to her pupils resulting in enhanced academic achievement.

Ms. Thompson's greatness extends well beyond her title as Teacher of the Year—it lies in the hearts and minds of the students who have been deeply affected. and I am proud to

recognize the accomplishments that place her among the best of Northwest Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Ms. Ann Thompson as Teacher of the Year and thank her for her exemplary service in the Santa Rosa County School District. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Thompson, and we wish her all the best for continued success.

ALLEGANY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR RETIRES AFTER 21 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 21 years of dedicated service that John E. Margeson provided to Allegany County as County Administrator. Mr. Margeson began serving the Allegany County government over thirty years ago in 1977 as a probation officer. In 1982, he was appointed to be the administrative assistant to the chairman of the board and held that position until 1992 when he was appointed the county's first administrator. Mr. Margeson recently announced his retirement as Allegany County Administrator to be effective at the end of March 2013.

As the first county administrator in Allegany County, he spent over two decades making changes and updates as new federal and state mandates emerged. As a result of these mandates, the role of the Allegany County government has grown and reacted to the issues at hand. Mr. Margeson also helped oversee some of the largest capital projects in the county's history, including a new jail and a court annex. Making it a priority to attend every committee and full board meeting, Mr. Margeson provides extensive and invaluable knowledge to the board members.

Following his many years of dutiful work, Mr. Margeson looks forward to spending his retirement with his wife, two kids and his grandchildren. He also intends on playing many rounds of golf and his favorite card games in his hometown of Scio, New York.

I wish Mr. Margeson the very best in retirement and thank him for his public service.

HONORING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, each year we celebrate March as Women's History Month, and I wanted to take this opportunity to honor the women of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for their decades of service and commitment to empowering their communities.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. AKA is the oldest Greek organization established by African American college-educated women. From its humble beginnings, AKA has grown to 260,000 members with chapters in the U.S.,

the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Caribbean, Canada, Japan, Germany, Korea, and on the continent of Africa.

AKA membership is comprised of distinguished women who have excelled academically, and utilized the organization to promote our mission of "Service to All Mankind." Through AKA's human rights outreach, the organization works to raise awareness of human trafficking and domestic violence. The sorority also works to promote social justice through voter empowerment, civic engagement, and expanding access to education in minority communities. Through the organization's global poverty initiatives, AKA has focused its efforts to end hunger throughout the world, and to promote sustainability and independence through women-owned businesses and sustainable agriculture practices.

Mr. Speaker, I am a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, and I am proud to highlight the many accomplishments of the organization. Throughout the years, AKA's outreach has expanded as it strives to promote high academic standards, mentorship, global health services, and the advancement of human and civil rights.

CONGRATULATIONS MONTANA SPECIAL OLYMPIANS

HON. STEVE DAINES

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. DAINES. Mr. Speaker, two Montana athletes recently competed in the Special Olympics 2013 World Winter Games in South Korea, and I want to recognize them for their efforts.

Dan Hazen of Great Falls and Kathy Rose of Kalispell made Montana proud when they were chosen to represent our state on a national stage. Of the 2,300 other athletes from 110 countries in PyeongChang, South Korea, they were the only two from Montana.

But it's been a long journey, filled with hard work and perseverance.

Their tireless dedication to their sport paid off when they placed first in their events at the 2012 Special Olympics Montana State Winter Games at Whitefish Mountain Resort. Then, they were chosen from a field of other gold medal athletes as Montana's representatives to the Games.

Hazen competed in the slalom, giant slalom and super G, alpine skiing events.

And Rose competed in the 100-meter, 200-meter and 4 x 100-meter relay snowshoe races.

These events require a lot of work and a lot of commitment—and I'm happy that their efforts were rewarded when they were chosen to compete in South Korea.

These athletes are true examples of what makes Montana great—their positive attitudes and tireless dedication exemplifies the characteristics that we value in our state.

Thank you for your hard work, thank you for making Montana proud, and congratulations.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ELLEN K. ANNALA, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL INDIANA

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ellen K. Annala for her 23 years of service as President and CEO of the United Way of Central Indiana. The people of my Congressional district and the State of Indiana are forever grateful for Ellen's contributions and commitment to making the United Way what it is today, a powerful force for positive local development.

Over the years, Ellen's leadership has been critical in providing community leaders with the vision and necessary resources to discover new solutions and address the needs of our state and ensure the welfare of our citizens. As the first female leader of the United Way of Central Indiana, Ellen has been instrumental in bringing together Hoosier leaders from all walks of life to make our communities better places to live.

Due to Ellen's strong leadership, the United Way is making tomorrow a better place by helping children today. She has tirelessly promoted early childhood learning by partnering with Indianapolis Public Schools in an effort to dramatically increase the number of children performing at grade level by sixth grade.

Today, the United Way of Central Indiana is even better equipped to support many of the region's rural communities as a result of Ellen's guidance. She has opened offices and brought resources to the five counties surrounding Indianapolis, giving the United Way the unique ability to respond to local needs.

On behalf of the grateful constituents of the Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Ellen on the occasion of her retirement. Thank you, Ellen, for your 23 years of dedicated leadership with the United Way of Central Indiana. Best wishes to you as you pursue new challenges in the many bright years ahead of you.

IN RECOGNITION OF CASIMIR
PULASKI DAY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Casimir Pulaski Day. I believe it is important that each year we celebrate and retell the story of this great Polish-American hero of the 18th century, and no one does it better than Illinois with our state holiday. But it is not just the story of one man. It is also true that when we celebrate the memory of Casimir Pulaski, we honor great principles and values that are just as true today.

Principles like the idea of sacrifice for something you believe in, something much bigger than yourself. Casimir Pulaski was willing to risk and ultimately sacrifice his life for the idea of creating a new democracy—and today, young men and women are doing that very

thing around the world. When we honor Casimir Pulaski, we honor our young men and women in uniform who are in harm's way even today.

The lessons of this day include the importance of international cooperation, US—Poland friendship, and immigration reform.

Casimir Pulaski made an amazing journey, considering the difficulty of travel in those days. He became, not just a participant in an historic struggle, but a great leader, a general, and helped shape the future of the United States of America. Young Polish soldiers are serving right now as part of a US-led coalition in Afghanistan and deserve our thanks today for standing shoulder to shoulder with us. When we honor Casimir Pulaski, we honor them too.

And how many young Poles living here in Chicago are waiting for their chance to be Generals or simply wear the uniform of the United States or study so they can discover a cure for cancer or be the entrepreneur that develops the next new technology? But a broken immigration system is blocking their dreams. We can honor Casimir Pulaski by working to make this generation of Americans welcoming to the dreamers and all Polish immigrants who have embraced this country.

I don't think Casimir Pulaski was asked for his visa when he mounted his horse and picked up his weapon. Today, visitors to our country from Poland should not be asked either. That is why, once again, I am a vigorous advocate for the Visa Waiver program for Poland. And by pushing for this change, we all honor the memory and heroism of Casimir Pulaski.

I hope that this day will be one during which all Illinoisans and Americans will focus on the significance of this day and this one man on our lives in the 21st century.

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECOGNIZED AS A "TREE CAMPUS USA" COLLEGE FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jamestown Community College and its faculty, staff, and student body whose commitment to the environment has earned them the distinguished award as a "Tree Campus USA" college for the fourth consecutive year. As the first community college in New York State to earn this distinction from the Arbor Day Foundation, JCC met the necessary criteria by fulfilling five standards: maintaining a campus tree advisory committee, campus tree care plan, providing annual expenditures to the tree program, observing Arbor Day, and service learning projects for students. By achieving these standards, Jamestown Community College displayed effective management of their campus trees and collaboration with the community to foster urban forests.

The Arbor Day Foundation created this national program to recognize colleges and universities who exhibit dedication to sustaining their campus and community forestry as well as engaging their student body and faculty in

these conservation goals. With one million members, Arbor Day Foundation has grown to become the largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees. It has helped campuses throughout the country plant hundreds of thousands of trees and last year "Tree Campus USA" colleges and universities invested \$23 million in campus forest management.

Jamestown Community College stands as an example to the community and other colleges and universities for making initiatives to sustain the environment by protecting and maintaining trees.

I applaud their many efforts and look forward to Jamestown Community College's continued leadership on this front.

ACKNOWLEDGING ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF MEMBERS OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, March is Women's History Month, and I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge the advocacy and public service of the members of The Links, Incorporated.

As an organization, The Links has made service to others the founding principle of the organization. Through friendship, we build relationships based on the premise that by our numbers, we are strong. With that strength, we can uplift others.

The Links, Incorporated had as its humble beginning the friendship of two women, Ms. Margaret Hawkins and Ms. Sarah Scott. Formed in 1946, these women worked to engage the African American community in Philadelphia in civic, educational, and cultural opportunities. Each friend invited a friend, and today The Links, Incorporated, is represented by 274 chapters and more than 12,000 professional women of color.

Through its various initiatives, The Links, Incorporated is breaking new ground in providing humanitarian support and closing the achievement gap in our schools. In my role as Chair of the National STEM Career Readiness Initiative, I have used my platform as a Member of Congress to raise awareness about the need for students' science and math literacy, and to increase the ranks of women and minority STEM students, engineers, scientists, and those in academia.

Throughout the history of The Links, we have focused our efforts on children, as they will be the future generations of leaders. Recent initiatives include tackling childhood obesity in our communities, increasing the retention and graduation rates of minority students, and facilitating international involvement and global awareness to serve the educational, health, and cultural needs of people of African descent throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, throughout the month of March we will be acknowledging women in history who have taken courageous steps and made significant impacts in their communities. The Links, Incorporated, have taken up the call for more than six decades, and through their efforts have transformed the lives of individuals and communities throughout the world.

HONORING JERRY BARBER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a courageous volunteer firefighter, Mr. Jerry Barber.

In addition to serving his community as a volunteer firefighter, Mr. Barber is a member of the Leland High School Class of 1978, the cook for the Leland High School Booster Club, and he is also a carpenter.

Mr. Barber got his inspiration to be a volunteer firefighter from former Chief James Hasting of Leland, Mississippi. Mr. Barber thought he was brave and wanted to be like him. So, he started asking Chief Hasting about being a firefighter. Chief Hasting told him, "it's not about the money, it's about the life and property you save for others."

In 2006, Chief Michael Johnson of the Leland Fire Department hired Mr. Barber as a volunteer firefighter, where he is still employed. Since then he has taken great pride in being a fireman through training and certification. He is certified in Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). He is also trained and licensed to drive fire trucks along with mechanical knowledge and equipment maintenance of the truck. In addition to that, Mr. Barber has

undergone training in other fire equipment operation and safety. Mr. Barber has excelled up the ranks since 2006 to become the Assistant Chief of the Leland Fire Department.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Jerry Barber for his dedication and passion for serving the city of Leland, Mississippi.

JOHN "JACK" HEIDECKER HAZLETON LODGE #200 "2012/13 ELK OF THE YEAR"

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor John "Jack" Heidecker as the Hazleton Lodge #200 "2012/13 Elk of the Year" for his loyal service to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Originally from the Lehigh Valley area, Jack served in the U.S. Navy from 1960 to 1963 on the USS *Compton* DD705 out of Newport, Rhode Island. He later attended both Lehigh County Community College and then Temple University, graduating cum laude with a baccalaureate degree in Business Administration. Jack moved to the greater Hazleton area in 1986 and became a member of the Hazleton

Lodge BPOE #200 in November of that same year.

Since joining the Hazleton Lodge BPOE #200, Jack has been an active and important member of the organization. He was Co-Chairman of the Lodge's House Committee as well as a trustee and currently serves as Chair of the Lodge Bulletin Committee. Jack is also a member of the Veteran's committee and Breakfast committee.

Mr. Speaker, I commend John "Jack" Heidecker for his committed service to the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks and congratulate him for being named the Hazleton Lodge #200 "2012/13 Elk of the Year."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I am writing to inform you that I was detained on February 28, 2013, and was unable to be on the House floor to vote. Had I been there, I would have voted as follows: rollcall 54—McMorris Rodgers Amendment: "no," rollcall 55—Passage of S. 47: "yes."

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 6

9:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security at 10 years, focusing on a progress report on management.

SD-342

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans of America, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Fleet Reserve Association, Gold Star Wives, Air Force Sergeants Association, and AMVETS.

CHOB-345

MARCH 7

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine patterns of abuse, focusing on assessing "Bank Secrecy Act" compliance and enforcement.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sarah Jewell, of Washington, to be Secretary of the Interior.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine United States policy toward North Korea.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine safe and supportive schools, focusing on lessons from the field.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, S. 54, to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking, S. 374, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, S. 146, to enhance the safety of America's schools, and the nominations of Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Michael J. McShane, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro, Luis Felipe Restrepo, and Jeffrey L. Schmehl, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold a joint hearing with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to examine the cybersecurity partnership between the private sector and our government, focusing on protecting our national and economic security.

SD-G50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold a joint hearing with the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation to examine the cybersecurity partnership between the private sector and our government, focusing on protecting our national and economic security.

SD-G50

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MARCH 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety

To hold hearings to examine Job Corps budget shortfall, focusing on safe-

guarding workforce training for America's disconnected youth.

SD-430

MARCH 13

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine fulfilling the promise of open government five years after the "OPEN Government Act".

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Veterans Affairs (VA) claims process, focusing on a review of Veterans Affairs transformation efforts.

SR-418

2 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine Jamaican phone fraud targeting seniors.

SD-562

MARCH 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command, U.S. Northern Command, and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine the American Airlines/US Airways merger, focusing on consolidation, competition, and consumers.

SD-226

APRIL 9

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

APRIL 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

APRIL 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106