

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

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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