

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO STEPHANIE VENDIG

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

Today, I proudly recognize the outstanding work and contributions of Stephanie Vendig of Silver Lake, California. Although retired, Stephanie continuously directs her efforts towards giving back to her community through her advocacy and exceptional leadership.

Ms. Vendig attended the University of California, Berkeley, where she graduated with a B.A. in 1959. In addition to credentials to teach the disabled and elementary school students, she continued her education and received a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education from the California State University, Northridge. Stephanie started her teaching career in San Francisco, and began teaching the disabled when she moved to Los Angeles. In addition, Stephanie became involved with the Los Angeles Unified School District's Division of Special Education as a consultant, where she trained special education teachers and developed programs serving young children with special needs. In 1980, Stephanie joined the Youth and Family Center which provides services for parenting and pregnant teens, and retired from the agency in 1996 as Interim Executive Director.

Stephanie has also served as President of the Silver Lake Senior Club, which is now the Griffith Park Adult Community Club, GPACC, and has been a steadfast advocate for senior citizens. Currently, Stephanie is involved in program development at GPACC, where she is chairing a committee to advocate for the expansion of their facility, since they are outgrowing their current facility. Furthermore, she is a columnist for the Los Feliz Ledger, and serves as a Board Member of the Silver Lake Improvement Association.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Stephanie Vendig, for her exceptional, unwavering, and tireless support and service to the community.

HONORING THE MARTIN'S MILL  
LADY MUSTANGS

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the Martin's Mill Lady Mus-

tangs basketball team, which won the Texas Class A Division I High School Basketball Championship on March 2, 2013. This victory marked the third time since 2006 the Lady Mustangs have captured the title.

I would like to especially recognize team members Alyssa Pate, Brianne Miller, Hannah Celsur, Cassidy McCoy, Taylor Munns, Haily Jenkins, Bailey Caldwell, Cheyenne Brown, Madison Daniel, Meagan Weatherford, and Hailey Hawes. I would also like to recognize Head Coach Doug Barncastle; Assistant Coaches Laura Jenkins and Don Tarrant; and Managers Hailey Celsur, Jacee Greenlee, Jillian Jones, Megan Lafleur, and Adrianna Weatherford.

On behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to congratulate the Martin's Mill Lady Mustangs—both players and coaches—for their talent, dedication, and exceptional performance. I am confident that this is an accomplishment these young ladies will remember for the rest of their lives.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA REILLY  
MCDEVITT

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent Virginia Reilly McDevitt and her classmates on the 50th anniversary of their graduation from the New York Methodist Hospital School of Nursing.

New York's Methodist Hospital, America's first Methodist hospital, opened in Brooklyn's Park Slope section in 1881. Its nursing school opened shortly thereafter in 1888. For years, nurses prepared at the Methodist Hospital to serve throughout the world, wherever the country might have need.

In 1963, Virginia McDevitt joined the ranks of New York Methodist Hospital's esteemed graduates.

Today Virginia McDevitt puts her New York Methodist Hospital education to work serving as a home health and hospice nurse in Davie County, North Carolina. In the communities of Davie County she is well-regarded for the caliber of her care, the excellence of her work, and the pride she takes serving patients and their families even in life's most challenging times.

Congratulations are certainly due to Virginia McDevitt and the New York Methodist Hospital Nursing School class of 1963.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday April 15, 2013, I was unable to be present for three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yes" on rollcall No. 103 (on passage of H.R. 1162);

"Yes" on rollcall No. 104 (on passage of H.R. 882); and

"No" on rollcall No. 105 (on passage of H.R. 249).

A TRIBUTE TO ROSIE BETANZOS

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

Today, I want to acknowledge and recognize the exemplary work of Rosie Betanzos, who is widely known as a vibrant member of the Echo Park community. Born and raised in Echo Park, Rosie is happily married to her husband, Ceasar Betanzos, and they have two children.

After Rosie's establishment of the Echo Park Improvement Association in 1988, which was the first crime prevention organization in Echo Park, crime was reduced by 80 percent as a result of community involvement. Rosie has served as a Top Peer Counselor for John Marshall High School and has been involved with the Los Angeles Police Stop-In-Location volunteer unit in Echo Park. In 2009, Rosie coordinated and directed the Echo Park Lotus Festival.

Currently, Rosie serves as a Board Member of the Los Angeles Police Department's Northeast Area Community Police Advisory Board. She also coordinates and directs an annual block party representing the Northeast Police Station, and serves as a Board Officer of the Echo Park Chamber of Commerce, where she coordinates the Taste of Echo Park fundraiser. Rosie is also the owner of the Echo Park Trading Post, and is influential as a coach and mentor in business consulting in business décor and customer service.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Rosie Betanzos, for her exceptional service and continuous dedication to the community.

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RECOGNIZING PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS JUAN TAIJERON ON RECEIVING COAST GUARD SECTOR GUAM'S RESERVE ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Petty Officer 2nd Class Juan Taijeron on being named Coast Guard Sector Guam's Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year.

Petty Officer Taijeron is a boatswains mate currently assigned to Station Apra Harbor Guam, and was chosen as the Sector Guam's Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year by the U.S. Coast Guard. He serves as a tactical coxswain and engineer on the 45 ft. Response Boat—Medium (RB-M) and 25 ft. Response Boat—(RB-S). His duties include: boarding team member instructor, boat crew member instructor, and Weapons Petty Officer.

The U.S. Coast Guard awarded Officer Taijeron this distinguished honor for successfully achieving the highest underway hours for certified engineers, executing 385 hours underway, many of which were performed outside of his rating specialty as a boat engineer, through 141 missions.

Born and raised on Guam, Petty Officer Taijeron entered the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves in 2008. After graduating high school in 1997, he attended leadership and management school. He has been a civilian dive boat captain and dive master for 15 years. The knowledge he has of Guam is invaluable when training new members of Station Apra Harbor.

His major awards and decorations include: Coast Guard Commandant Letter of Commendation; Coast Guard Meritorious Team with Bronze Star; Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon; Coast Guard Overseas Ribbon; Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Device; National Defense Service Medal; and Coast Guard Pistol Expert Medal.

He is also an active member of our island community, as he volunteered more than 100 hours of liberty time to help set up 12 static displays to provide education to the public about the Coast Guard operations as well as volunteering at the Angel Tree Project for underprivileged children during the holiday season.

Petty Officer Taijeron embodies the Coast Guard's core values: honor, respect, and devotion to duty.

I congratulate Petty Officer 2nd Class Juan Taijeron on being named Coast Guard Sector Guam's Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year. I join the people of Guam in commending him and thanking him for his contributions to our community. I wish him the best of luck as he competes for national honors with his peers from other Coast Guard Districts across the nation.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE TAX ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition H.R. 249, the Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act.

Failure to pay taxes is a serious offense and should be treated as such. Unfortunately, this bill is not a serious attempt to address that very complicated issue. Instead of being a good faith effort, this bill is being used as a political stunt and appears to be an attack on public employees.

During Oversight and Government Reform Committee markup on this bill, a series of questions were raised about the Internal Revenue Service procedures related to tax delinquency. These questions include what steps may be taken to resolve a delinquency, when enforced collection action may be used, how repayment schedules are established, among others. Addressing these types of questions and concerns is what the Committee process is for. Chairman ISSA and Ranking Member CUMMINGS wrote a letter to Steven Miller, Acting Commissioner at the IRS, to better understand these processes. The majority pledged to consider these responses and to amend this measure accordingly. Instead of waiting even two weeks for a reply, H.R. 9 was brought to the floor without amendment. The Chairman refused to wait for the answer to his own letter.

I am also concerned that this bill does not make sufficient allowances for the dispute process to do its work. Americans have the right to appeal IRS collection actions. While exemptions are provided when a hearing has been scheduled under Collection Due Process, appeals to that ruling or under the Collection Appeals Program are not. Punishing anyone while they are still in the process of pursuing the normal IRS dispute process is wrong.

Americans around the country are paying their taxes today. None of them should be fired while pursuing their legal rights to appeal or dispute IRS action. I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing H.R. 249.

RECOGNIZING THE 23RD ANNUAL DC BLACK PRIDE CELEBRATION

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, as the Supreme Court considers two historic marriage equality cases, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 23rd annual DC Black Pride celebration, to be held in Washington, DC on May 24–26, 2013.

The DC Black Pride celebration is a multi-day festival featuring a reception, films, a poetry slam, a church service, educational workshops, community town hall meetings, a basketball tournament, and a health and wellness expo, among other events. We in the District

of Columbia are pleased and proud that the DC Black Pride celebration is widely considered to be one of the world's preeminent Black Pride celebrations, drawing more than 30,000 people to the nation's capital from across the United States as well as from Canada, the Caribbean, South Africa, Great Britain, France, Germany, and the Netherlands.

We are particularly proud that the DC Black Pride was the very first Black Pride celebration and fostered the beginning of the Center for Black Equity (formerly known as the International Federation of Black Prides, Inc. (IFBP)) and the "Black Pride Movement," which now consists of 40 Black Prides on four continents.

Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc., the celebration's organizing body, has chosen "Step Up and Be Heard" as the theme for this year's celebration. This theme reflects the connectedness of the Black Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community and its commitment to fulfilling the mission of DC Black Pride, which is to increase awareness of and pride in the diversity of the Black LGBT community. Moreover, the theme expresses the resolve of the African-American LGBT community and its allies to come together to: fight for LGBT equality; celebrate its heritage and culture as members of both the Black and LGBT communities; and promote health and wellness for the community.

We congratulate the DC Black Pride board of directors, coordinator of the annual event and smaller events throughout the year: Andrea Woody-Macko; Derrick Dunning; Earl Fowlkes, Jr; June Spence; Kenneth Hopson; Kenya Hutton; Lauren Morris; Leandrea Gilliam; Marc Morgan; and Robert "Harold" Dinkins.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in welcoming all attending the 23rd annual DC Black Pride celebration in Washington, D.C., and I take this opportunity to remind the celebrants that the American citizens who reside in Washington, D.C. are taxed without full voting representation in Congress.

A TRIBUTE TO NYLA ARSLANIAN

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Nyla Arslanian of Los Feliz, California, who is one of the strongest advocates for the arts in the city of Los Angeles, as well as a pioneer in the cultural tourism movement in the city.

Ms. Arslanian is the editor of Discover Hollywood Magazine, now in its 27th year, whose mission is to inform visitors and residents alike, about the unique culture and lore of Hollywood. Nyla is married to Oscar Arslanian, who is her partner in their entertainment management and publishing firm, Arslanian & Associates, Inc. In addition to publishing Discover Hollywood Magazine, they represent

performers Chris Montez, Fabian, Johnny Tillotson and Kathy Young.

Since 1984, Nyla has served as the President of the Hollywood Arts Council, creating several programs such as the Children's Festival of the Arts and the Charlie Awards Luncheon, which is held annually. Through her unparalleled leadership, the Council has brought the arts to more than 15,000 elementary school children, and over 70,000 people who have attended the Children's Festival, which is also an annual event.

Nyla has served on numerous boards including the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, and now serves on the board of the Los Feliz Improvement Association. She has received many well-deserved honors, including the Buddy Collette Award, the Award of Excellence by the Women's Club of Hollywood, and the Hollywood Star Award, which she received with her husband.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Nyla Arslanian, for her exceptional service to the community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF R.D.  
"DAN" MUSSER

**HON. DAN BENISHEK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the life of R.D. "Dan" Musser, owner of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, who passed on at the age of 80 on April 13, 2013.

Born in Circleville, Ohio in 1932, Mr. Musser graduated from Dartmouth College and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After returning in 1951, Mr. Musser went to work at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan, which was owned by his family. In order not to show favoritism, his uncle W. Stewart Woodfill, who was the hotel's owner, had Mr. Musser work twice the number of hours other employees did while learning about the operations of the hotel.

Mr. Musser became the manager of the hotel in 1960, when he doubled the number of rooms in the establishment and extended the hours of the hotel during the summer season. Mr. and Mrs. Musser purchased the hotel from W. Stewart Woodfill in 1979.

During the Musser's ownership of the hotel, Mr. Musser worked to run the large hotel with an impeccable attention to detail and a level of personal service found in much smaller establishments. Mr. Musser often wrote over 50 handwritten notes to employees of the Grand Hotel a day regarding items needing attention. During his tenure as owner, the Grand Hotel became a National Historical Landmark in 1989.

In addition to his work at the Grand Hotel, Mr. Musser served as Chairman of the Michigan Travel Commission, Chairman of the Mackinac Island Public Works Commission, and was remembered as a civic pillar. When not working to improve the Grand Hotel and Mackinac Island, Mr. and Mrs. Musser also enjoyed raising show dogs, his Scottish terrier, Sadie earned the prestigious "Best in Show" at the 2010 American Kennel Club Dog Show.

Survived by his wife, three children, and seven grandchildren, Musser's great legacy in-

cludes building the Grand Hotel into what it is today and working to share Northern Michigan hospitality and beautiful summers with all citizens. On behalf of all residents of the First Congressional District of Michigan, I wish to express my condolences to the Musser family and salute R.D. Musser's contribution to our state and country.

THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the Taiwan Relations Act, signed into law more than 34 years ago on April 10, 1979 by President Jimmy Carter, officially recognizes the unique relationship between Taiwan and the United States.

Taiwan acknowledges and represents the many liberties and freedoms the United States holds dear, and is a dependable ally and friend in the Western Pacific.

Our countries share a strategic partnership. The United States should continue to support the ideals of Democracy and strengthen our relationship with Taiwan, a reliable partner in a very strategic part of the world.

HONORING THE COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA'S MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE NJCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor College of Central Florida men's basketball team for their heroic win in the NJCAA National Championship.

On March 23, 2013, the College of Central Florida Patriots faced Northwest Florida State in the NJCAA national championship game. Early on, the Patriots built a 15-point lead and managed to fend off a late charge by their opponents to bring back the school's first ever national championship in men's basketball.

During the game, Eugene McCrory scored 23 points and earned the Most Valuable Player award. Rasham Suarez also earned all-tournament honors for the school and Central Florida Coach Tim Ryan won the award for the tournament's best coach.

The win makes the Patriots the third team from Florida to win the national championship and it is the first such win for a Florida team in almost twenty years.

This historic win is a testament to what can be accomplished when sound leadership and hard work combine to pursue a specific goal. The win is a true credit to Coach Ryan and the entire CF community who rallied around these young men and helped them through till the final whistle.

The team has made our community very proud and I know that it is a sign of more good things to come in the years ahead.

A TRIBUTE TO HEIDI SHINK

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Heidi Shink of West Hollywood, California, who for many years has been an avid community leader and political activist.

Heidi is an Advocacy Board Member for the National Council of Jewish Women, Vice President of Communications for the Stonewall Democratic Club, a Commissioner for Human Services in the City of West Hollywood, a liaison to West Hollywood's Women's Advisory Board, and Board Member of Liberty Hill's Community Funding Board, Victory Fund's Campaign Board, Democrats For Israel, and the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. In 2013, Heidi ran as a candidate and was elected to the California Democratic Party's State Central Committee.

Heidi Shink has had a dynamic and multi-dimensional professional career. After graduating from New York University, she landed a record deal with her band, Ceremony. She performed for audiences worldwide, as a co-lead singer, along with Chaz Bono. After working with the band for a decade, she became a Senior Producer at the E! Entertainment Network. Heidi has also co-authored a health book titled 3 Minutes to a Pain-Free Life (Simon & Schuster, 2006) and a wine guide titled Wineology (Globe Pequot Press, 2012). Heidi is a writer for the Huffington Post Gay Voices and hosts "The Shink Tank: Politics for the People" on CBS radio and LATALKLIVE.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Heidi Shink.

JANEICE LONGORIA—A SPECIAL ADVOCATE FOR OUR PORTS

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the newest Chairman of the Port of Houston Commission, the first woman ever appointed to the position, Janeice Longoria. In my role as the Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional PORTS Caucus, I have enjoyed working with the Port of Houston and was delighted to learn of Janeice's appointment back in January. Since she first joined the Port Commission in 2002, Janeice has been an effective advocate for the port. She has also been a strong voice for businesses along the ship channel and within port-related industries.

Just a few weeks ago, Chairman Longoria joined me and several Texas-based companies at a roundtable event that I hosted at the Port of Houston to help raise awareness about the need for Custom and Border Protection

agents to share certain identifying information regarding potential counterfeit goods with intellectual property rights-holders. The roundtable focused on economic impact that counterfeit goods have on the national and local economies, on U.S. jobs and on American ingenuity. Chairman Longoria's recognized the role that ports play in helping to limit counterfeit goods from entering the U.S. marketplace.

Chairman Longoria's Texas ties run deep and so does her Longhorn pride. An honors graduate of the University of Texas for both her undergraduate and law degrees, she is also a former Vice Chairman of the University of Texas System Board of Regents and a Founder of both the Center for Women in Law and the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for the Study of Latin American Law at the University of Texas School of Law. She is also on the Board of Directors of the University of Texas Law School Foundation.

In the Houston area, Chairman Longoria's contributions exceed far beyond the Port. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Texas Medical Center, MD Anderson Visitors Center, the Greater Houston Partnership, Center Point Energy, and the Galveston Bay Area Foundation. Her service to many great causes throughout the state earned her the Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Board Excellence in 2008.

Needless to say, her resume is impressive and her commitment to public service is admirable. I appreciate her dedication to the State of Texas and to the City of Houston and look forward to working with her to raise awareness of the importance of the Port of Houston to the entire nation. And that's just the way it is.

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING  
THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17-23,  
2013 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER  
AWARENESS WEEK

**HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. This tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our nation's young people each and every year; and

Whereas, founded nearly twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, Mattel Children's Hospital at Ronald Reagan-UCLA Medical Center, Miller Children's Hospital-Long Beach, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

Whereas, through its uniquely sensitive and comforting Magical Caps for Kids program, the

American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection distributes thousands of beautifully hand made caps and decorated baseball caps to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, surgery and/or radiation treatments; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

Now therefore, U.S. Representative ALAN LOWENTHAL declares the week of February 17-23, 2013 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week.

IN RECOGNITION OF ST. JAMES  
CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPIS-  
COPAL CHURCH'S 155TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of St. James Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Columbus, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership celebrates 155 years. The congregation of St. James CME Church will celebrate this significant anniversary with a series of events including Revival and a musical extravaganza and culminating in a morning Worship Service and afternoon Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 21, 2013 in Columbus, Georgia.

This upcoming anniversary celebration will enable church members, local religious leaders, elected officials and other individuals throughout the Columbus, Georgia metropolitan area to pay tribute to the members of St. James CME Church who have positively contributed to the spiritual maturation and personal development of those in the Columbus, Georgia metropolitan area and beyond.

St. James CME Church traces its historical roots back to the 1800s when a group of dedicated Christian pioneers in Chattahoochee County, Georgia built with bushes and sticks a scant structure on land donated by white landowners. This structure was replaced by a log cabin built with wood also donated by the landowners. When the land was returned to the owners, the small congregation moved several times, ultimately settling on the present site where the first brick structure was built.

In 1858, St. James CME Church was organized as a Negro congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. It became St. James Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in 1870 in Jackson, Tennessee before the name "Colored" was changed to "Christian" at the 1954 General Conference. St. James received a donation of property in Chattahoochee County and remained there until 1918 before moving to Muscogee County, where it has had several locations. The first cornerstone at the present location, 380 Dawson Drive, later renamed Northstar Drive, was laid in 1936 with the Reverend I.D. Mitchell as Pastor and the Reverend S.A. Thomas as Presiding Elder.

St. James Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, "God's Glowing Star on Northstar," has been under the pastorate of the Reverend Leon C. Moore, Jr. since July 2012. The story of St. James, which began during a dark and divided time in our nation's history, is a truly inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the St. James Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Columbus, Georgia for their long history of coming together through the good and difficult times to praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A TRIBUTE TO GAIL SCHAPER-  
GORDON

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize Dr. Gail Schaper-Gordon, of Pasadena, California, whose work in her private practice and in her community focuses on building leadership skills, teamwork and motivating people to reach their full potential.

Dr. Schaper-Gordon received her B.S. in Sociology from UC Irvine and her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology. She is the CEO Group Chair of Vistage International, which provides executive coaching and group facilitation of peer advisory groups for business owners, President of Win-Win Workplace Solutions, an executive and management consulting company, and is a Business Psychologist.

A consummate volunteer, some of Gail's past volunteer activities include membership in Zonta International and the National Women's Political Caucus, and serving on the boards of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA), where she chaired various committees, and the Pasadena-Foothill Valley YWCA. Gail is a Leadership San Fernando Valley Graduate, and is a past Board Member of Leadership Pasadena. Dr. Schaper-Gordon has been involved in many professional organizations, such as the National Register of Health Service Providers, the California Psychological Association, where she served as Past Chair of the Statewide Governmental Affairs Committee, and the San Fernando Valley Psychological Association, where she served as Chapter President. Current volunteer activities include serving as Program Chair for the Kiwanis Club of Pasadena, and as a Board Member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Gail provides free services to local non-profit organizations each year.

Gail's passion for educating and motivating people is evident in the many workshops and presentations she's given, such as Working with Difficult People in Public Settings at the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, Motivating Employees at the VICA Business

Forecast Conference and Psychologists Meeting the Needs of the Business Community and National Health Care Reform, at the San Fernando Valley Psychological Association.

Gail and her husband of twenty years, Barry Gordon, live in Pasadena and have two children and one grandchild.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Dr. Gail Schaper-Gordon.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MAC THORBERRY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. THORBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 15, 2013, I was unable to be in Washington and missed rollcall votes No. 103 "To amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office," No. 104 "To prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, and for other purposes," and No. 105 "To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all three bills.

IN HONOR OF LYNDON STATE COLLEGE

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, today, Vermonters across the state are donning the green and gold in honor of our own Lyndon State College. The Vermont State Legislature proclaimed Green and Gold Day in celebration of all this college means to our state: to the thousands of students who have gone there to learn and earn a degree, to the regional economy that depends on its graduates and its ideas, to the Lyndonville community that is enriched by its college neighbor. Lyndon State College, and its sister schools in the Vermont State College system, provide a lifeblood to our state and deserve this day of recognition and celebration.

Lyndon State is found on a hilltop in the small town of Lyndon in the heart of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. For over one hundred years, this college has symbolized the aspirations of Vermonters who believe that higher education is a means to better their lives. In fact, Lyndon State College is a leader in serving first generation students in this most rural area of our state.

This college delivers for Vermont: 90% of Lyndon State College graduates are employed or continuing their education at graduate school within six months of graduation. Its business incubator program is responsible for job creation and new businesses in the region.

The Northeast Kingdom is deeply rooted in tradition and community, and in the coming years economic development will bring significant changes to the entire area. We will depend on Lyndon State to be a key player in these changes. But we will also depend on Lyndon State to continue to help Vermont uphold all that is key to the Kingdom: the value of community, the environment, and lifelong learning.

Congratulations to Lyndon State College on the upcoming inaugural of its 15th president, Dr. Joseph Bertolino, and on the completion of another successful academic year. We join you in celebrating the Green and the Gold, and look forward to many years of your continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on the evening of Monday, April 15, 2013, I joined Bishop Thomas Paprocki and Father Alan Hunter to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation of my daughter and her classmates from St. Mary's Parish in Taylorville, St. Rita's Parish in Kincaid, and Holy Trinity Parish in Stonington, Illinois.

Had I been present in Washington DC on Monday April 15, 2013, my votes would have been as follows:

For rollcall No. 103, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1162, the Government Accountability Office Improvement Act, which confirms that the GAO has the authority to go to court to force departments to hand over records, as well as generally assures that the GAO has the proper tools to monitor agencies, I would have voted "yes."

For rollcall No. 104 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 882, the Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2013, which states that it is the policy of the United States that no government contracts or grants should be awarded to individuals or companies with seriously delinquent federal tax debts, I would have voted "yes."

For rollcall No. 105 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 249, the Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act, which prohibits any person who has a serious delinquent tax debt from serving on an executive agency, working for the U.S. Postal Service, the Postal Regulatory Commission, and an employing authority in the legislative branch, I would have voted "yes."

It is an honor to serve the people of the 13th Congressional District of Illinois.

A TRIBUTE TO CINDY CLEGHORN

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding

women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize Cindy Cleghorn of Tujunga, California, whose involvement in the Sunland-Tujunga community is truly remarkable.

Cindy began her volunteer career early. As a young girl in La Crescenta, California, she went door-to-door raising funds for the March of Dimes, and was a member of several organizations that promoted leadership development, including Job's Daughters, Eastern Star and Camp Fire Girls. This involvement gave her not only experience in giving back to her community, but also fostered her business and entrepreneurial skills.

In 1982, Ms. Cleghorn founded her company, C&M Printing, in Glendale, a small business that provides personalized service for nonprofits, businesses and organizations with their printing, copying and mailing needs, serving the greater Los Angeles area. She has been a leader in many business organizations, including the California Association of Business Printers, serving as President, the National Association of Women Business Owners-Los Angeles Chapter, where she received the Member of the Year Award in 1993, the Kiwanis Club of Glendale, where she served as Vice President, and Women Impacting Public Policy. In 1995, Cindy received the distinct honor of being elected to serve on the White House Conference on Small Business.

Cindy became active in the Sunland-Tujunga community when she moved her business to Tujunga. She helped to organize the certification of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, an advisory body to the city of Los Angeles, served as a member of the Board of Directors, served as President and Secretary and is currently serving as Vice President of Outreach. In addition, Ms. Cleghorn spearheaded the restoration of a business area in Tujunga which is now designated as Historic Olde Towne Tujunga. Selected by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Cindy served as a City Commissioner on the Neighborhood Council Review Commission. Currently, she is on the executive committee of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils where she works with nearly 100 neighborhood councils in Los Angeles as Chair of the Congress of Neighborhoods, and the Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce, where she is President.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Cindy Cleghorn.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL CHEERLEADING SAFETY MONTH

**HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize that March was National Cheerleading Safety Month. I would like to commend the leadership efforts of Varsity Brands, which is located in Memphis, Tennessee, in promoting safety in cheerleading. Varsity Brands employs 300 people in the Memphis area, and 5,000 people across the country.

I would also like to commend Varsity Brand's support for USA Cheer, the United States All Star Federation (USASF), and the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators (AACCA). Through the CheerSafe initiative led by these organizations, the safety of more than 3 million cheerleaders is improved.

CheerSafe members work to ensure that every cheerleading team is trained under the direction of a knowledgeable coach. Members also ensure that every cheerleading team follows the established safety rules and has an emergency plan in place. To this end, the CheerSafe coalition provides training to more than 4,500 coaches and instructors each year.

In addition, AACCA and USA Cheer have partnered to distribute concussion information to coaches of over 400,000 cheerleaders. There are currently more than 20,000 coaches across the United States who have completed the AACCA Risk Management course and are in good standing. Through these efforts, the risk of participation in cheerleading has decreased since 2006 and the risk of serious injury is now lower than in many other school sports.

USA Cheer is the national governing body for sport cheering. It exists to help grow and develop interest and participation throughout the United States. The program is designed to promote safety education, while representing the United States in international competitions.

USASF's mission is to support and enrich the lives of All Star athletes and members. It provides consistent rules, strives for a safe environment, drives competitive excellence, and promotes a positive image for the sport.

AACCA was created to form a structured platform for cheerleading safety. The first set of standard safety rules were published in 1988 and the first Cheerleading Safety Manual in 1990.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing the combined efforts of Varsity Brands, USA Cheer, the United States All Star Federation for Cheer and Dance Teams, and the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators to prevent injuries and increase safety in cheerleader performance.

HONORING DR. SANGTAE KIM

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Dr. Sangtae Kim, distinguished professor of mechanical and chemical engineering at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Dr. Kim was recently awarded the 2013 Ho-Am Engineering Prize from South Korea, the highest engineering research award issued by that nation. Dr. Kim, a Korean-American, was born in Seoul, South Korea, and his family immigrated to Canada when he was seven years-old.

While on leave from Purdue, Dr. Kim is a visiting professor of chemical engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he also previously served on the faculty as professor and department chair.

He is the founder and chairman of Pro WD Sciences Inc., a Wisconsin drug-discovery and drug-development company.

Dr. Kim came to Purdue in 2003 from Eli Lilly and Co. in Indianapolis, where he was the Lilly Research Laboratories' Vice President and Information Officer in research and development. Prior to this, Dr. Kim also served in leadership positions at Pfizer Inc. and Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research.

In addition, Dr. Kim served as inaugural director of the National Science Foundation's Shared Cyber-infrastructure Division from 2004–2005 and has led research projects funded by the National Science Foundation and the Office of Naval Research. Dr. Kim's research has included work in mathematical and computational methods for "microhydrodynamics," including a book on the subject published in 1991.

I ask the 6th Congressional District and entire State of Indiana to join me in congratulating Dr. Kim for this great achievement.

COMPLEX TAX CODE PLACES BURDEN ON FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, this week, American citizens and businesses across the country will be surprised by the amount of their annual tax bill.

This surprise is a direct result of a staggering 4 million-word tax code filled with confusing deductions and loopholes that make it difficult to understand and file tax returns.

The basic fact is that the tax code is overly complex and out of date. It places an enormous burden on families and businesses and needs to be reformed and simplified.

Families and businesses paying taxes throughout the year should not be burdened each April by an additional round of time-consuming and expensive tax filing headaches.

Americans deserve better.

A TRIBUTE TO CECI DOMINGUEZ

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the outstanding contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Ceci Dominguez. A resident of Elysian Valley for 41 years, Ms. Dominguez has been an advocate for clean air and creating green areas in our community. She has helped not only plan, but also establish the Jardin Del Rio Community Garden, the Marsh Street Park, and the Marsh Skate Park.

Currently, Ceci serves as President of the Elysian Valley Seniors, and serves on the boards of the Sotomayor Learning Academies ArtLab School Site Governing Council, and the Cornerstone Theater Company, where she received the Community Visionary Award. She

also serves as the President of the Park Advisory Board at the Elysian Valley Recreation Center, where she co-organized the Health and Holiday Fair in 2010 and the first Mammogram Social for women in 2011, where health services were provided free of charge to the public. She is also involved with community organizations such as the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, Friends of the Los Angeles River, and Elysian Valley Girl Scouts of America.

Previously, Ceci served as a Board Member of the Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council. She also co-founded the NorthEast Residents for Clean Air in 2011. Along with her late husband, Rey Dominguez, Ceci raised two wonderful children, Laura and Rey, and is the proud grandmother of Ricky.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly extraordinary woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Ceci Dominguez.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL STEVEN M. DOTSON

**HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Lieutenant Colonel Steven M. Dotson. Lt. Col. Dotson will be retiring from active duty service in the United States Marine Corps after almost 28 years on September 30, 2013.

Lt. Col. Dotson's roots are in the Eighth District of Tennessee, as he was raised in the town of Sharon. He enlisted in the Marines on October 5th, 1985, in Union City, Tennessee. Currently, Lt. Col. Dotson serves as a Strategic Mobility Officer for the Marine Corps Installations & Logistics Department.

Lt. Col. Dotson proudly represents the United States, and I am proud to represent him as a Member of Congress. As we reflect on the career of this exemplary public servant, I express appreciation for his distinguished and selfless service on behalf of a grateful nation. It is his sacrifice, along with the sacrifices of those in uniform around the world, which helps to keep our Nation strong and secure.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LT. COL. DON C. FAITH

**HON. LARRY BUCSHON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and respect an American hero. Today, the Korean War Medal of Honor winner from Washington, Indiana, Lt. Col. Don Faith, was finally put to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

Forced to assume command of a small U.S. Army task force, due to his superior being killed in combat, Lt. Col. Faith put together a plan. Renowned as "Task Force Faith," Lt. Col. Faith was responsible for maintaining a more defensible position.

Grossly outnumbered and surrounded by Chinese People's Volunteer Forces, Lt. Col. Faith continued to rally his troops, and personally led an assault on a CPVF position. Lt.

Col. Don C. Faith Jr. was awarded the highest U.S. military honor for valor, the Medal of Honor, during the battle of Chosin Reservoir in 1950 for his heroics and leadership.

I rise today to celebrate the life, honor, leadership and incredible sacrifice of a true American hero. An honor to which we all owe a debt of gratitude.

May God bless you, Lt. Col. Don C. Faith Jr.

IN RECOGNITION OF EDWARD  
VITTARDI

**HON. JAMES B. RENACCI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ed Vittardi who has proudly served 31 years in public education in the great State of Ohio. Mr. Vittardi's career began as a social studies teacher at Dodge Middle School in Twinsburg, Ohio. From there, he served in many other roles in Twinsburg, ultimately becoming principal of Dodge Middle School. He also served as principal of Claggett Middle School (Medina), Independence Middle School (Independence), and North Royalton Middle School (North Royalton). For the past four years, Mr. Vittardi has worked as the North Royalton City District Superintendent. Under his leadership the district has made incredible progress. The Strategic Plan, developed in 2010 with unprecedented community involvement, has become a true living document. Through Mr. Vittardi's direction, the North Royalton City School District has maintained its Excellent rating on the Ohio Department of Education's Local Report Card. He implemented a five-year strategic plan, engaging more than 800 community members. Mr. Vittardi was also instrumental in the development of the North Royalton Stadium Foundation which raised more than \$1.3 million to build a new stadium complex, including field turf, without a tax increase. I would like to acknowledge his achievements throughout his long career of public service and thank him for his outstanding contribution to the 16th Congressional District and the community of North Royalton.

KENYA'S 2013 ELECTIONS: AN  
EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE MODEL?

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing that examined U.S. actions to support the March 2013 elections in Kenya, a critically important African ally. The United States has devoted more than \$35 million since 2010 alone to prepare for and manage this year's election process.

After the massive violence following the closely contested December 2007 election, many precautions were taken to prevent a similar occurrence in 2013, and election-day

and post-election violence have been greatly reduced. However, an effort to use new technology did not work as well as hoped. There were questions about the effectiveness of this election, which had promised to be a technological advancement. Given future important African elections, this hearing will look at what a responsible U.S. policy toward African elections should look like in an era of constrained development aid budgets.

The tragic election day deaths of 19 people, although attributed mostly to Islamic separatist elements and not to specifically election-related causes, cannot be overlooked and the perpetrators must be held to account. It is unacceptable that in the violence that followed the 2007 elections, an estimated 1,200 Kenyans were killed, and approximately 600,000 were displaced, according to media reports. Yet no one has thus far been held accountable.

Kenya this year conducted its first election under the 2010 constitution. In addition to voting for a president and members of the National Assembly, Kenyans selected members of the new Senate, as well as governors and local Assembly representatives in the 47 newly-created counties, each with a designated women's representative. More technology was brought into polling places to better ensure accuracy of voting and vote tabulation. Unfortunately, reported malfunctions of the equipment in some polling stations and at the national level, where a server broke down, for awhile stoked fears of vote rigging. If the court process had not been handled well as it was, we might now be looking at another wave of post-election violence.

Uhuru Kenyatta was elected President with 6,173,433 votes to 5,340,546 votes for Raila Odinga, and this was certified by the Kenyan Supreme Court. Nevertheless, violence was still a possibility until Odinga gave a magnanimous concession speech following the court ruling.

The amount of U.S. support for the Kenya election was extraordinary. American and Kenyan civil society organizations were enabled to conduct civic education, including radio and television messages and programs aimed at youth to encourage participation in the election process and discourage violence. Youth organizations were created nationwide to give young people an enduring voice in their country's political system. Several innovative approaches were created, including a comic book called Shujazz with young characters involved in commenting on the Kenyan political scene.

The three organizations presenting testimony today all played major roles in creative preparations for the 2013 Kenyan election. The International Republican Institute printed nearly 1.2 million sample ballots and 400,000 election posters for the IEBC and also distributed 800,000 Shujazz posters. The National Democratic Institute conducted an important poll on voter attitudes heading into the election, covering such issues as whether the country was headed in the right direction, whether their lives would improve during the next five years, whether the election posed a security threat to them and their community and whether they felt others were being encouraged to do harm to their ethnic group because of the elections.

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems advised Kenya's electoral commis-

sion on the process to conduct an election where there were 1,882 different configurations of the ballot, depending on the local races being run. The cell phones necessary for reporting of vote totals from polling stations were so late in being procured that IFES went ahead and purchased 1,200 to send into the field in time for election day.

Despite the extraordinary efforts by NGOs in preparing for the Kenyan election, we must be selective in what lessons we take from this experience. We will not be able to devote such resources to what will be several important elections yet to be held in 2013.

The U.S. Government has pressed both the governments of Mali and Madagascar to hold elections at the earliest possible date in order to normalize relations after coups replaced elected leaders. Zimbabwe, which recently held a constitutional referendum, is scheduled to hold presidential and legislative elections that many in that country hope will break the long cycle of repression of the political opposition. Ethiopia's next election will replace the late Prime Minister Meles Zenawi and also will determine whether the political opposition will have more space to operate than in previous elections. Guinea's election also is being conducted in an atmosphere of uncertainty for the political opposition.

These elections are important to U.S. foreign policy as was the election in Kenya. So how do we ensure that they are successful and represent the will of the voters if we can't devote the resources we did in Kenya? That was the question we put to the witnesses, whose organizations have broad experience with African elections and have a unique viewpoint that we hope will allow Congress and the administration to agree on funding for a policy that is fiscally sound while being politically effective.

HONORING DANIEL B. HASTINGS,  
JR.

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of the late Daniel B. Hastings, Jr. of Laredo, Texas—a well-know, local businessman and philanthropist.

Daniel B. Hastings was born January 8, 1948 in Laredo, Texas to Daniel and Irma M. Hastings. Daniel Jr., and was the third child and only son among the couple's five daughters. Daniel graduated from Martin High School in 1965, and continued his education at Laredo Junior College and later received his B.S. degree in chemistry with minors in both math and physics from Texas State University (formerly then, Southwest Texas State University).

At the young age of 13, Mr. Hastings, Jr. began working in Laredo for the U.S. customs brokerage firm, Daniel B. Hastings, Inc. The company, established by his great-aunt, provided him and other members of the Hastings family a strong livelihood. It was not long until Daniel, Jr. moved up in ranks from running errands and performing warehouse duties to officially joining the firm as a partner in 1973. Seven years later, in 1980, he would follow his father's footsteps and assume ownership.

Mr. Hastings has been highly regarded for having a strong network of personal, business, and religious relationships. His dedication and work ethic have earned him numerous awards for his contributions to business and educational development including the Laredo Chamber of Commerce Small Businessman of the Year (1989), Junior Achievement Hall of Fame (2001), Alumni Achievement Award from Texas State University (2010) and the U.S. Department of Commerce Border Champion Award (2012). As a founding member of the Laredo Community College Education Foundation and endowment fund Mr. Hastings' mission will continue to touch the lives of many.

Mr. Hastings is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mrs. Gloria V. Montemayor Hasting; their loving children, Daniel B. Hastings III (Lucina), V. Nicole Hastings and David B. Hastings; and grandchildren Daniel B. Hastings IV and Dillon B. Hastings. A noble friend to the people of my district and hometown; there is no doubt that Mr. Hastings will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the opportunity to recognize the late Daniel B. Hastings, Jr. His hard work and generosity have truly impacted many lives and our community.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLOSE UP FOUNDATION'S PROGRAM FOR NEW AMERICANS

**HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the nation's preeminent civic education organizations, the Close Up Foundation, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their Program for New Americans.

Close Up is a nonprofit nonpartisan organization that informs, inspires, and empowers young people to exercise the rights and accept the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy. Over the past forty years, Close Up has brought hundreds of thousands of students and teachers to Washington for week-long civic learning experiences. Close Up believes that a strong democracy requires active and informed participation by all citizens and seeks to reach participants of every race, creed, geographical community, socio-economic level, and academic standing. The Close Up Foundation partners with educators, schools, and youth organizations throughout the country to help young people develop the skills and attitudes to become informed and engaged citizens.

Today we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Close Up Program for New Americans. This unique civic learning program has helped more than 20,000 recently immigrated and migrant high school and middle school students understand American democracy, government, and U.S. political traditions. Using experiential education methodologies, the Program for New Americans helps young people understand both the rights and responsibilities of democratic citizenship.

The program is comprised of three parts: service learning in preparation for the pro-

gram; a week in Washington in which students use the city as a classroom to learn about the government and develop an action plan to address a community need; and implementation of the action plan at home. The goal of the Program for New Americans is to help these young people adjust to and become an active participant in the communities in which they live.

The Washington portion of the program focuses students on the founding documents of our nation—the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution—to provide them with an understanding of our nation's democratic principles and traditions. Through study, workshops, and visits to the memorials and monuments of the nation's capital, students examine the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in our society.

As Congress begins consideration of immigration legislation we should keep in mind the importance of innovative programs such as the Close Up Program for New Americans in providing young people with opportunities to engage with their government, its institutions and representatives and learn to apply those civic skills in their communities. It is essential that our nation's youth acquire the knowledge and the critical skills and attitudes necessary for active citizenship in our democracy.

I applaud the work of the Close Up Foundation and the outreach that they have done in the immigrant and migrant communities for a quarter century. I hope that Congress will continue to support these programs that build informed and active citizens and strengthen our communities.

HONORING WALTER SEGALOFF, FOUNDER OF AN ACHIEVABLE DREAM ACADEMY AND 2013'S VIRGINIAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of a local community leader, businessman, and humanitarian from Newport News, Virginia—Walter Segaloff.

I have known Walter throughout my career in public service representing the citizens of Newport News. He has dedicated his life to improving the lives of his fellow citizens. When he owned Virginia Specialty Stores, he would often interview young people seeking jobs but noticed many lacked the needed skills, despite having graduated from high school. Walter knew these young people had great potential that was going to waste and he wanted to do everything he could to make sure they had access to the right opportunities.

Walter took matters into his own hands. He joined forces with other local business leaders, citizens, Newport News Public Schools, and the City of Newport News to help improve the lives and educational outcomes of our City's most at-risk young children. Out of this effort, An Achievable Dream was born in the summer of 1992 as a summer education and tennis program.

Due in large part to Walter's dedication and tenacity, An Achievable Dream quickly expanded since that first summer. In 1994, it be-

came a full-time, extended day school serving 400 children in grades three through five. A year later, An Achievable Dream expanded the extended day program to students at Dunbar-Erwin Middle School. By 2000, An Achievable Dream Academy was founded as a year-round full time elementary school and by 2007 a separate full time middle and high school opened under the An Achievable Dream name.

An Achievable Dream provides a social, academic, and moral educational framework for its students and every day starts with a motivation rally where each student shakes the hand of an adult. The Achievable Dream program is structured to give young people the skills needed to succeed in life. Those skills are taught at An Achievable Dream on the tennis court, in the classroom, on field trips, and in sharing experiences with successful and caring adults in our community. Today, An Achievable Dream is educating more than 1,200 at-risk students in Newport News and is putting these students on the path to success.

Often, young people don't think too much about the future, and don't realize that choices made today may limit those in the future. Walter has worked to ensure that the students at An Achievable Dream have every opportunity to be successful in life.

As a public-private partnership with Newport News Public Schools, the City of Newport News, the Newport News Police Department, the Newport News Sheriff's Department, the U.S. Army, the Rotary Club, Riverside Health System and the College of William and Mary, An Achievable Dream has received national recognition as one of the most effective urban school programs in the country and has provided a model for integrating support from the business community to support quality educational opportunities for at-risk students.

On April 19th, the Virginia Press Association will honor Walter as its Virginian of the Year for 2013. Walter was nominated by our hometown newspaper, The Daily Press, in recognition of his decades of dedication to improving the educational opportunities of thousands of at-risk young people living in Newport News and the Association was unanimous in selecting Walter as this year's recipient.

Walter recently stepped down as CEO of An Achievable Dream, but he leaves behind a strong legacy. His vision is expected to expand to other localities in Hampton Roads, helping improve the lives of thousands of more at-risk young people in our community.

I commend Walter for being recognized as this year's Virginian of the Year and I thank him for his years of dedicated service to improving the lives of so many young people in Newport News.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, for centuries America has been blessed by God. Americans today and in previous generations looked to God for guidance on both private and national designated days of prayer and fasting.

At this time of national mourning, as we search for comfort in the aftermath of this loss of innocent life, we would be wise to consider afresh II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

I join together with other Americans who have called for September 11, 2013 to be set aside as a day for personal prayer, reflection and fasting, for ourselves and for our Nation.

As we humble ourselves and pray and seek God's grace, we can take assurance from the Holy Scripture that God has promised to hear from heaven and will heal our land.

CONGRATULATING ANN BOCHLER OF ASHLAND, WISCONSIN, ON BEING NAMED THE 2013 PERSON OF THE YEAR BY THE ASHLAND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. SEAN P. DUFFY**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the community accomplishments of Ann Bochler of Ashland, Wisconsin, who has been named the 2013 Person of the Year, by the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce.

Ann sits on the Ashland Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors, and is a past board member of several community organizations including the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Top Chautauqua, Depot Restoration Committee, the Ashland Waterfront Commission and the Ashland Parks and Recreation Committee. Ann was the 2011 Recipient of the Badger of the Year Award presented by the UW-Madison Alumni Club of the Chequamegon Bay Area. She has also been instrumental in helping coordinate and plan events for the Ashland Chamber and for the Ashland and Bayfield County Relay for Life, for which she serves as Chairperson.

Ann is a true community leader, and through her own creativity comes up with great ideas. Her positive demeanor and strong, outgoing personality has allowed her to connect with the community to develop a great support network of volunteers who help her attain her goals for community fundraising and other events.

Thanks to the community contributions of outstanding citizens like Ann Bochler, Ashland is rightfully known by many as "Lake Superior's hometown." I ask that my colleagues join me today to express our appreciation for Ann's community spirit and our congratulations to her on receiving this well-deserved award.

HONORING THE GAY AND LESBIAN ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE OF WASHINGTON, DC (GLAA)

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, every spring since 1991, when I became a member of Con-

gress, I remind the House of Representatives I have the honor and pleasure of representing the oldest continually functioning lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organization in the United States, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC (GLAA). I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating GLAA's 42nd anniversary and wishing it well as it continues in the struggle for equal rights for the LGBT community.

Since its founding in April 1971, GLAA has been a respected and tireless advocate for full and equal rights for the LGBT community in the District of Columbia, and has been at the forefront of efforts to strengthen enforcement of the landmark D.C. Human Rights Act of 1977. One of GLAA's most significant achievements, on which it worked with coalition partners, D.C. elected officials, and District residents, was enactment of the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act of 2009, which permits same-sex couples to marry in the District.

In addition to its leadership on LGBT rights in the District, GLAA has always provided leadership on a wide range of civil rights issues, such as family rights, police accountability, and access to condoms in prisons and D.C. public schools. GLAA also emphasizes effective public health strategies and accountability in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the District.

At GLAA's 42nd anniversary reception on April 25, 2013, the recipients of its 2013 Distinguished Service Awards will be recognized, including:

Diana Bruce is Director of Health and Wellness for the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), and leads DCPS's school health office, developing policies, programs, systems and partnerships that enable local schools to provide school health services and supports for students. In this capacity, Diana initiated the development of DCPS's efforts to make its schools welcoming and inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning students, staff and families. She also leads the community engagement process to develop DCPS's framework and approach to preventing, identifying and responding to bullying.

Clarence J. Fluker is the editor of Substanceandstyle.com, an art, culture, entertainment and lifestyle blog. Clarence's articles have been featured in SWERV and The Life magazines, and he has served as the Next Generation editor for Arise. He served as Program Manager of the D.C. Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs from 2008 to 2012, and previously served on its Advisory Committee. In 2002, he was elected the youngest member of the Board of Directors of Black Lesbian & Gay Pride Day, Inc., and served as its board president in 2006.

Brent Minor is executive director of Team DC, established in 2003 to educate the LGBT community on the benefits of individual and team sports. Brent chaired the Metropolitan Washington Gaymes bid committee for the 2014 Gay Games. He is a member of the Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS. He served on the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. He also served as Director of Public Policy at the Whitman-Walker Clinic of Northern Virginia and as Director of Community Relations at Food & Friends.

Peter Rosenstein has been a tireless activist in politics, government affairs, and the arts for more than 30 years. He is president of the Campaign for All DC Families. He is founder and president of Arts in Action, and was Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia. He served on Whitman-Walker Clinic's Health Development Committee, and chaired the host committee for the Food & Friends annual dinner for 9 years. He writes regularly for many publications, including the Washington Blade.

Jason A. Terry is a conflict resolution and human rights advocate dedicated to educating others about how to build a more peaceful world, locally and globally. He is training manager at the National Council for International Visitors, with responsibilities for regional and national meetings, webinars, and curriculum design. He is also an anti-violence organizer with the DC Trans Coalition, coordinating advocacy and educational campaigns to reduce anti-transgender violence, and serves as treasurer on the board of the Association for Gender Research, Education, Academia and Action.

I ask the House to join me in honoring the recipients of GLAA's 2013 Distinguished Service Award and in celebrating GLAA's 42nd anniversary of contributions to the LGBT community in the District of Columbia.

HONORING THE HEROISM AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE OF THE DOOLITTLE TOKYO RAIDERS ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SEVENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to recognize the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders for their heroism and extraordinary service and sacrifice that lifted our Nation and helped propel the Allies to victory over Japan in World War Two.

On April 18, 1942, as a response to Japan's surprise attack on our Nation, eighty brave Americans from the 17th Bombardment Group (Medium) set out to execute a first-of-its-kind mission to bring the fight Japan started to their homeland. Led by then Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Doolittle, these heroic men all volunteered for what they were told to be an extremely hazardous mission and were still willing to put their lives in harm's way to help defend our great Nation.

The mission, thought by many to be near impossible, required innovations and extensive training to include secret preparations conducted in March 1942 at Eglin Field in the First Congressional District of Florida. These intensive preparations included training for accomplishing short takeoffs and landings and techniques for fuel efficient flying. Eglin Field helped serve as the proving ground for the military's innovations and techniques required to ensure these brave American's were ready for their mission.

After months of Japanese military successes in the Pacific, these brave airmen set out on a mission that changed the tide of the Second World War and lifted the morale and spirits of a grateful Nation. On that day, they

planned to launch their sixteen modified B–25 bombers from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS *Hornet*, flying to Japan to drop their bombs and then fly on to land in a part of China that was still free from Japanese occupation.

However, despite their extensive preparations, the USS *Hornet* was discovered by the Japanese 170 miles further from their pre-arranged aircraft launching point. Still, these selfless and brave American's decided to continue with their mission despite the fact they were beyond the distance considered to be safe for launch. The Doolittle Tokyo Raiders deliberately accepted the risk that their B–25's might have only the fuel required to reach their targets but not enough to ensure their safe landing.

Despite the obstacles presented to these men, they successfully reached Japan, dropped their bombs and set on their journey to find a safe landing site. Because of their deliberate choice to launch early, they found themselves low on fuel navigating in increasingly deteriorating weather. None of the sixteen B–25's launched reached their pre-planned landing sites. Of the eighty Doolittle Raiders who conducted the raid, seven gave the ultimate sacrifice with the loss of their lives while defending the freedoms we all enjoy today.

The Doolittle Tokyo Raiders acts of heroism and extraordinary airmanship while facing unimaginable odds against their own safety and well-being is recognized as a turning point in the war in the Pacific. Their skill, valor, and selflessness boosted the morale of our Nation's military while causing the Japanese offensive pause as they moved resources to defend their own nation. This morale boost helped fuel the growing American offensive, ultimately leading to the United States victory in the Pacific.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to recognize the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders on their 71st anniversary of their remarkable bombing raid on Tokyo during World War II. My wife Vicki joins me in thanking all the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders and their families for their sacrifice to our Nation.

#### 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 Thursday, April 18, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

April 19

10 a.m.  
Committee on the Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform legislation.  
SH-216

April 22

10 a.m.  
Committee on the Judiciary  
To resume hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform legislation.  
SH-216

April 23

9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.  
SD-106

10 a.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the United States Agency for International Development.  
SD-192

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's semi-annual report to Congress.  
SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard  
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).  
SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine S. 306, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, S. 545, to improve hydropower, and an original bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry.  
SD-366

Committee on Finance  
To hold hearings to examine the Antwone Fisher story as a case study for child welfare.  
SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging  
To hold hearings to examine successful primary care programs.  
SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary  
Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights  
To hold hearings to examine drone wars, focusing on the constitutional and counterterrorism implications of targeted killing.  
SD-226

10:30 a.m.  
Committee on the Budget  
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget and revenue re-

quest for fiscal year 2014 for Veterans' program proposals.  
SD-608

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Homeland Security.  
SD-124

Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities  
To hold hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and at the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.  
SR-222

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Subcommittee on Science and Space  
To hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities for human space exploration.  
SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine S. 59, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, S. 155, to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Denali, S. 156, to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska, S. 219, to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 225, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, S. 228, to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area, S. 285, to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, S. 305, to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park, S. 349, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 371, to establish the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, to dedicate the Park to John H. Chafee, S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, S. 486, to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, S. 507, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and S. 615, to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut.  
SD-366

Select Committee on Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.  
SH-219

April 24

9:30 a.m.  
 Committee on Appropriations  
 Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Environmental Protection Agency. SD-124

10 a.m.  
 Committee on Appropriations  
 Subcommittee on Department of Defense  
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of the Navy. SD-192

Committee on Appropriations  
 Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies  
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Health and Human Services. SD-138

Committee on Armed Services  
 Subcommittee on Personnel  
 To resume hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-222

Committee on Finance  
 To hold hearings to examine the Trans-Pacific partnership, focusing on opportunities and challenges. SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations  
 To hold hearings to examine international development priorities in the fiscal year 2014 budget. SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine business practices of durable medical equipment companies. SD-342

Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
 To hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs outreach and community partnerships. SR-418

10:30 a.m.  
 Joint Economic Committee  
 To hold hearings to examine long-term unemployment, focusing on consequences and solutions. TBA

2 p.m.  
 Special Committee on Aging  
 To hold hearings to examine the national plan to address Alzheimer's disease, focusing on if we are on track to 2025. SD-106

2:30 p.m.  
 Committee on Appropriations  
 Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development  
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the National Nuclear Security Administration. SD-192

Committee on Armed Services  
 Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support  
 To hold hearings to examine military construction, environmental, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-232A

Committee on Armed Services  
 Subcommittee on Strategic Forces  
 To hold hearings to examine military space programs and views on Department of Defense usage of the electromagnetic spectrum in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-222

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
 To hold hearings to examine a status update on the development of voluntary do-not-track standards. SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
 Subcommittee on Children and Families  
 To hold hearings to examine the economic importance of financial literacy education for students. SD-430

Committee on Indian Affairs  
 To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for Tribal Programs. SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary  
 To hold hearings to examine certain nominations. SD-226

3 p.m.  
 Committee on Armed Services  
 Subcommittee on Airland  
 To hold hearings to examine tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program. 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

10 a.m.  
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
 To hold hearings to examine drought and the effect on energy and water management decisions. SD-366

10:30 a.m.  
 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
 Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet  
 To hold hearings to examine the state of wireless communications. SR-253

2:30 p.m.  
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
 Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining  
 To hold hearings to examine S. 27, to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah", S. 28, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, S. 159, to designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances in Lyon County, Nevada, S.

241, to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, S. 255, to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, S. 256, to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, S. 258, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, S. 312, to adjust the boundary of the Carson National Forest, New Mexico, S. 327, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, S. 340, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 341, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, S. 342, to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada, S. 353, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, S. 360, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service, S. 366, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, S. 368, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, S. 447, to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota, and S. 609, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico. SD-366

Select Committee on Intelligence  
 To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

May 7

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. SH-216

<p>May 8</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Airland To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.</p>	<p>11 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.</p>	<p>posed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014. SR-232A</p>
<p>Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on SeaPower To hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.</p>	<p>2 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.</p>	<p>June 12</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on SeaPower Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014. SR-222</p>
<p>May 16</p> <p>10 a.m. Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.</p>	<p>3:30 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.</p>	<p>2:30 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014. SR-222</p>
<p>June 11</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Airland Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.</p>	<p>6 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the pro-</p>	<p>June 13</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014. SR-222</p> <p>June 14</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014. SR-222</p>