

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUND

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Village of Pound, located in Marinette County.

The Village of Pound was incorporated on December 8th, 1914. Early records show that 54 ballots were cast during the incorporation process. Thirty-five residents voted in favor of creating the Village, while 19 voted against it. Today, the Village of Pound, located inside the Town of Pound, is known as the community "Where You're Always Welcome!"

It is interesting to note that both the Town and Village of Pound were named for a popular figure in Wisconsin's history. Thaddeus Coleman Pound, the grandfather of poet Ezra Pound, served as the inspiration for the community's name. As a prominent businessman in northern Wisconsin, Thaddeus Coleman Pound had the opportunity to serve in the Wisconsin State Legislature, as Lt. Governor of the great State of Wisconsin, and represented the 8th Congressional District from March 4, 1877 to March 3, 1883.

The Village of Pound is planning to celebrate its 100th anniversary June 27–28, 2014 with a Little League tournament, tractor pulls, live music and a fireworks display. Again, I congratulate the Village of Pound on their centennial anniversary and encourage all residents in 8th District to celebrate this community's history and heritage.

HONORING ODELL H. SYLVESTER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mr. Odell H. Sylvester, former Chief of Police of Berkeley, California and devoted husband, father and friend. Known throughout the Bay Area for his firmness, fairness and compassion, Mr. Sylvester has left an indelible mark on our community. With his passing on January 25, 2014, we look to the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born on November 3, 1924 near Dallas, Texas, Mr. Odell Sylvester and his family later moved to Kansas City, Missouri. After his first year of undergraduate study at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, he enrolled in military service. For three years, he served as a military policeman in North Africa and Italy.

After returning to the United States, Mr. Sylvester attended the University of California, Berkeley and graduated with a degree in Business Administration in 1948. Mr. Sylvester

went on to complete a Master's Degree in Public Administration at the University of Southern California.

Mr. Odell Sylvester began his long career in law enforcement by working with the Oakland Police Department in 1949. Progressing through the ranks by competitive examination, he became Sergeant in 1957, Lieutenant in 1961, moving up to Captain two years later and ended as Deputy Chief in 1971. After he left the Oakland Police Department in 1977, Mr. Sylvester accepted his appointment as Chief of Police in Berkeley.

Breaking racial barriers, Mr. Sylvester became the first African American Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and Deputy Chief in the Oakland Police Department, as well as the first African American Police Chief for the City of Berkeley.

In addition to his prolific career, Mr. Sylvester was an active member in the community, including the Oakland Boys' and Girls' Clubs, Goodwill Industries, the YMCA, the NAACP and the Church by the Side of the Road. He was also a founding member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and was the Director of the Bay Area Minority Recruitment Project, involving the San Francisco, Berkeley, Richmond and Oakland Police Departments. Mr. Sylvester received numerous awards for community and professional service, as well as in recognition of his lifetime achievements.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual, Mr. Odell H. Sylvester. As an Oakland resident, Mr. Sylvester's efforts have truly paved the way for minorities and impacted so many lives throughout the Bay Area. I join all of Odell's loved ones in celebrating his incredible life. He will be deeply missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF SANDWICH HERITAGE DAY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 375th anniversary of Sandwich, Massachusetts, a scenic and vibrant town on Cape Cod.

Settled nearly 150 years before the American Revolution, Sandwich is not only the oldest town on Cape Cod, but it is also one of the oldest in the country. Sandwich was founded in 1637 by Puritans as an offshoot of the famed Plymouth Colony. The early economy of Sandwich emerged as one that was centered mostly around fishing and farming. Today, however, tourism is the town's highest grossing industry—and visitors flock from all over, especially in the summertime, to experience Sandwich's quaint charm. Attractions include the Sandwich town boardwalk, a place for crabbing, beach-going, and taking prom pictures. The adjacent Town Neck Beach on

Cape Cod Bay is also a popular place to spend summer days sunbathing and admiring the view of the bay. The oldest home on Cape Cod—the Hoxie House—is a traditional salt-box design perched on scenic Shawme Lake; and nearby Dexter's Grist Mill, the oldest of its kind on the Cape, is located in the historic downtown district. Also located downtown is the Sandwich Glass Museum, a place that pays homage to the once lucrative trade of Sandwich settler Deming Jarves, who founded the Boston & Sandwich Glass Factory in 1825. Well known for its vibrant colors, Sandwich glass still graces the windows of many homes in this bayside town.

Along with its historic, colonial architecture, Sandwich also boasts beautiful natural landscapes such as salt marshes, cranberry bogs, and woodlands. The Cape Cod Central Railroad services tourists and the public with seasonal train rides along a scenic route that showcases some of these Cape landscapes.

Sandwich's town motto, translated from Latin, reads quite appropriately, "After So Many Shipwrecks, A Haven". And on this town anniversary, I know that I speak for all of us here when I acknowledge that Sandwich remains a haven for all of the families and individuals that call it home. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the town of Sandwich and the entire Sandwich community on the celebration of their anniversary. May this beautiful Massachusetts town flourish for many years to come.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF NANN BLAINE HILYARD AND HER OUTSTANDING IMPACT IN THE ZION-BENTON COMMUNITY

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional public servant who worked in library administration for 40 years and served for the last 11 years as director of the Zion-Benton Public Library in the northern Illinois district I represent.

When Nann Blaine Hilyard retired in April, she completed what has been a truly remarkable career in service to her community. In her time with the Zion-Benton Library, Nann was a champion of the Zion Genealogical Society, offering rooms for research, expanding a collection of genealogical materials and always demonstrating the strongest support for the group's mission and efforts.

This pursuit into family and local history underscores the dedication and commitment that Nann demonstrated for her adopted community.

In her 11 years with the Zion-Benton Public Library, there were tremendous advancements in collections, resources and outreach. Her broad experience and exceptional leadership

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helped define a truly successful period in the library's history.

It is fitting that one of Nann's last actions as director was to secure a grant from the State of Illinois, ensuring that her legacy of excellence continues well into the future.

The entire Zion-Benton community is lucky to have enjoyed Nann Blaine Hilyard's service.

RECOGNIZING THE ALLEMAN
SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding results achieved by the Alleman Pioneers against the Teutopolis Wooden Shoes in the 2A Illinois state softball championship game on June 7, 2014.

I congratulate the Pioneers for winning the Illinois 1A state championship. This hard fought victory by Alleman gives the school the only program in state history to have won a softball title in three different classes. The Pioneers now hold titles in Class A (1992, 1993, 1994, 1998), Class 2A (2014) and Class AA (1985).

The school and the entire community should be extremely proud of the effort put forth by Alleman, which concluded the season with a record of 10–3.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of the Alleman softball team, both on and off the field, and I am honored to salute them today.

RECOGNIZING DR. DAVID
COCKRELL OF STILLWATER,
OKLAHOMA

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding citizen of Oklahoma's third congressional district. Dr. David Cockrell of Stillwater, Oklahoma, will soon be elected President of the American Optometric Association (AOA) as the association's 92nd president.

Dr. Cockrell is a graduate of the Southern College of Optometry. He is a past president of the Southwest Council of Optometry, and served in Oklahoma as chair of the Congress Committee as well as the State and Federal Legislative Committees. He is also a past President of the Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians and has been honored as the Oklahoma Optometrist of the Year. In 2012, he was named Distinguished Optometrist of the Year by the Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians. These are just a few ways in which David has served his community, profession, and colleagues over the years.

Dr. Cockrell is a dedicated advocate of optometric issues, and I am proud to have him serving as this year's AOA president. What an honor it is to have an Oklahoman serving in such a prestigious capacity! I am confident his leadership will serve his profession well, and I

join his family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating him on this tremendous achievement and wish him the very best.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Since its passage on July 2, 1964, this landmark legislation ended segregation in public places and banned employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

After the Civil War, three Constitutional Amendments were adopted to abolish slavery, grant former slaves citizenship and allow all men the right to vote regardless of race. Following a brief period of Reconstruction, Congress did not pass any civil rights legislation until 1957 when the Civil Rights Section of the Justice Department and a Commission on Civil Rights were established.

Following the conclusion of the Birmingham Bus Boycott in May 1963, President John F. Kennedy proposed a comprehensive civil rights bill in June 1963. He stated then that the United States "will not be fully free until all of its citizens are free."

Passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964 required the masterful legislative savvy of President Lyndon B. Johnson. In his first State of the Union address he urged, "Let this session of Congress be known as the session which did more for civil rights than the last hundred sessions combined." The ban on employment discrimination against women was introduced as an amendment thought to be a mischievous attempt to kill the bill. The amendment passed.

The bill was debated on the Senate floor and one of the longest filibusters in Senate history took place. Never before in history had the Senate been able to raise enough votes to end a filibuster on a civil rights bill. Once the votes had been secured to end this filibuster, Minority Leader Senator Everett Dirksen, an Illinois Republican noted that the cloture vote was occurring on the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's nomination to a second term.

There was also "street heat" on Congress from ordinary citizens, civil rights organizations and churches. In June 1964 Senator Dirksen estimated that he had heard from at least 100,000 people about the bill. Telegrams, petitions and letters all urged passage and increased pressure on the Senate to pass the Civil Rights Bill. The NAACP, CORE, the National Urban League, SCLC and others represented organized African-American support for passage of the Bill.

The 1964 Civil Rights Act debate continued for 83 days, slightly over 730 hours and had taken up almost 3000 pages in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Finally, on July 2 within a few hours of the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, President Johnson signed it into law on national television, using more than 70 ceremonial pens.

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I would like to commemorate the 50th

Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act as the most important civil rights legislation since Reconstruction. I join together with California Attorney General Kamala Harris, Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, Black Elected Officials and Faith Based Leaders of the East Bay, the Equal Justice Society, NAACP, City of Oakland, Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center, East Oakland Youth Development Center and labor organizations to celebrate this important milestone and continue the important work to ensure justice, equality and opportunity for all Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent on Tuesday, June 17th in order to attend the funeral of a close family friend. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 3375 (rollcall vote 313) and "yea" on H.R. 1671 (rollcall vote 314).

RECOGNIZING CARALINE SEPICH

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Caraline Sepich, a remarkable woman whose resiliency, dedication and talent continue to define her outstanding achievements as a student at Arizona State University.

On August 31, 2003, Caraline and her family suffered a horrific tragedy that altered the course of their life. Caraline's sister, Katie Sepich, was walking home from a friend's house when she was brutally raped and murdered in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The news of this crime sent a shockwave across the country and Caraline's family prompted the nation to prevent criminals from committing these violent crimes. After years of tireless work by Caraline and her family, President Obama signed into law the "Katie Sepich Act," which authorizes funding for states to collect DNA from detainees arrested on suspicion of serious crimes.

Despite her sister's death, Caraline continues to push forward with an unparalleled passion and drive to effect change everywhere she goes. Caraline graduated from high school as salutatorian in 2012, and the following summer she was a Biofuel Laboratory Intern for the Algal Production Project at the Center of Excellence in Carlsbad. Caraline is now aggressively pursuing a double major in Biochemistry and Biophysics at Arizona State University, is a founding member of the Arizona State University BIOMED Team, and is a recent recipient of a Helios Scholarship for her work in the Collaborative Sequencing Center at the Translational Genomics Research Institute.

Most recently, Caraline was selected into the prestigious Barrett-Mayo Clinic Premedical Scholars Program. There she hopes to further her understanding of medical research, and to

one day obtain her doctorate degree in the field.

Caraline's interest in and commitment to scientific advancement is an inspiration to all those who meet her. At the Arizona Science Center IMAX Theater, Caraline presented Katie's Law to motivate students and demonstrate the ability of one person to make an impact on an entire society. It is individuals like Caraline, whose resolute persistence, determination and resolve to effect meaningful change who truly define our country's values.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this moment to recognize and honor Caraline Sepich. With her sister forever in her heart, I have no doubt that Caraline will continue to accomplish great things in all her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, on June 17, 2014, due to delayed transportation to Washington, I was unable to vote on rollcall 313, final passage of H.R. 3375, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the "PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic," and rollcall 314, final passage of H.R. 1671, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the "James 'Jim' Kohnen Post Office." Had I been present, I intended to vote "yes."

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON AN OPEN SOCIETY WITH SECURITY ACT OF 2014

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, as the nation's capital brings thousands of Americans to Washington, D.C. this tourist season, I rise to reintroduce the United States Commission on an Open Society with Security Act of 2014. The bill expresses an idea I began working on when the first signs of the closing of parts of our open society appeared after the Oklahoma City bombing, well before 9/11. This bill grows more urgent as an increasing variety of security measures proliferate throughout the country without any thought about the effects on common freedoms and ordinary public access, and often without guidance from the government or bona fide security experts. Take the example of government buildings. Federal building security has gotten so out of control that a tourist passing by some federal buildings cannot even get in to use the restroom or enjoy the many restaurants. The security for federal buildings has too long been unduly influenced by non-security experts, such as the administrator in federal agencies, who do not take into account actual threats and, as a result, spend taxpayer dollars on needless secu-

rity procedures or insist on restricting the public without regard to risk.

Another example is the District of Columbia's only public heliport, which the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) shut down following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, without explanation or means to appeal the decision. Just days after the 9/11 attacks, helicopter service was restored in New York City, the major target of the attacks. However, even twelve years after the attacks, TSA and FAA and particularly the Secret Service still will not permit commercial helicopters to fly to D.C., unlike all other cities in the U.S.

The bill I reintroduce today would begin a systematic investigation that fully takes into account the importance of maintaining our democratic traditions while responding adequately to the real and substantial threat that terrorism poses. To accomplish its difficult mission, the bill authorizes a 21-member commission, with the president designating nine members and the House and Senate each designating six members, to investigate the balance that should be required between openness and security. The commission would be composed not only of military and security experts, but, for the first time at the same table, also experts from such fields as business, architecture, technology, law, city planning, art, engineering, philosophy, history, sociology, and psychology. To date, questions of security most often have been left almost exclusively to security and military experts. They are indispensable participants, but these experts should not alone resolve all the new and unprecedented issues raised by terrorism in an open society. In order to strike the security/access balance required by our democratic traditions, a diverse group of experts needs to be at the same table.

For years, parts of our open society have gradually been closed down because of terrorism and the fear of terrorism, on an often ad hoc basis. Some federal buildings such as the U.S. Capitol have been able to deal with security issues, and then resume their openness to the public. Others, like the new Department of Transportation headquarters, remain mostly inaccessible to the public. These examples, drawn from the nation's capital, are replicated in public buildings throughout the United States.

After 9/11, Americans expected additional and increased security adequate to protect citizens against the frightening threat of terrorism. However, in our country, people also expect their government to be committed and smart enough to undertake this awesome new responsibility without depriving them of their personal liberty. These times will long be remembered for the rise of terrorism in the world and in this country and for the unprecedented challenges it has brought. Nevertheless, we must provide ever-higher levels of security for our residents and public spaces while maintaining a free and open democratic society. What we have experienced since Oklahoma City and 9/11 is no ordinary threat that we expect to be over in a matter of years. The end point could be generations from now. The indeterminate nature of the threat adds to the necessity of putting aside ad hoc approaches to security developed in isolation from the goal of maintaining an open society.

When we have faced unprecedented and perplexing issues in the past, we have had the

good sense to investigate them deeply before moving to resolve them. Examples include the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (also known as the 9/11 Commission), the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (also known as the Silberman-Robb Commission), and the Kerner Commission, which investigated the riots that swept American cities in the 1960s and 1970s. In the aftermath of the Navy Yard shooting, I wrote to the President of the United States requesting the establishment of an independent panel to investigate issues raised by that tragedy and to evaluate how to secure federal employees who work in facilities like the Navy Yard that are a part of a residential or business community. However, this bill seeks a commission that would act not in the wake of events but before a crisis-level erosion of basic freedoms takes hold and becomes entrenched. Because global terrorism is likely to be long lasting, we cannot afford to allow the proliferation of security measures that neither require nor are subject to civilian oversight or an analysis of alternatives and repercussions on freedom and commerce.

With no vehicles for leadership on issues of security and openness, we have been left to muddle through, using blunt 19th-century approaches, such as crude blockades, unsightly barriers around beautiful monuments, and other signals that our society is closing down, all without appropriate exploration of possible alternatives. The threat of terrorism to an open society is too serious to be left to ad hoc problem-solving. Such approaches are often as inadequate as they are menacing.

We can do better, but only if we recognize and come to grips with the complexities associated with maintaining a society of free and open access in a world characterized by unprecedented terrorism. The place to begin is with a high-level commission of experts from a broad array of disciplines to help chart the new course that will be required to protect our people and our precious democratic institutions and traditions.

CAPITOL HILL OCEAN WEEK AND OCEAN PROTECTION

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of smart and sustainable management of our country's oceans and fishery systems. America's ocean resources are an important part of our economy and environment and we must work to protect and maintain them.

The seafood industry plays a crucial role in communities across our nation. For example, the Mid-Atlantic region's seafood industry has generated over 137,000 jobs, \$18 billion in sales, and \$4 billion in income. More sales impacts were generated by importers in New Jersey than any other sector in any other state in the region at \$5.5 billion. Employment impacts in New Jersey were the highest in the region with over 13,000 full- and part-time jobs generated by recreational fishing activities in the state.

As researchers, fisheries, and various ocean experts visit Capitol Hill in honor of Capitol Hill

Ocean Week we are reminded of the great benefit strong ocean management laws play in our environment and economy. These policies are necessary to protect our oceans from being overfished and putting various species in danger. With a future full of new and daunting challenges for our fishermen and coastal communities, now is the time we must act to maintain effective ocean management policies.

HONORING THE METROPOLITAN
WASHINGTON COUNCIL AFL-CIO
PRESIDENT, JOSLYN "JOS" WIL-
LIAMS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of labor's strongest advocates in our region. Joslyn "Jos" Williams has been President of the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO, for 32 years, serving as an advocate for working men and women throughout Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Throughout that time, he has made history as the union's first African-American president.

Mr. Williams will be honored at the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO annual "Salute to Leadership" dinner on June 20, and it is an honor that is much deserved and well earned. Having risen through the ranks of the union's leadership over the course of his career as an organizer and activist, he has applied his knowledge, care, and experience each day to making sure that the organization's members are not only well represented in discussions with private and public sector managers but that they have access to opportunities that provide pathways to middle-class success.

Mr. Williams came to this country as an immigrant while still a teenager, arriving from Jamaica with the goal of pursuing his American Dream. After working for the Library of Congress and becoming active in his local chapter of the American Federation of Government Employees, Mr. Williams realized that his calling was to make sure that his fellow workers could pursue their American Dreams as well. Thanks to his leadership, membership in his local chapter grew from 100 to 600 members over the course of just two years.

Today, Mr. Williams oversees an organization that is 150,000-workers strong and that plays an important role in the life of the National Capital Region. He has fought for fair pay, safe working conditions, and access to affordable health care and secure retirement savings. His work has surely helped—and continues to help—so many workers and their families participate in growing our economy and strengthening our region's communities.

I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mr. Williams on this well deserved honor, and I thank him for his service to workers in Maryland's Fifth District and throughout our region.

HONORING MAYOR PEGGY
THOMSEN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mayor Peggy Thomsen. Known throughout the San Francisco Bay Area as the Mayor of Albany, California, a consummate public servant, and as a dedicated wife and mother, Mayor Thomsen has left an indelible mark on our community. With her passing on June 8, 2014, we look to the outstanding quality of her life's work and the inspiring role she played in our community.

Born on February 28, 1940 in St. Louis, Missouri, Mayor Peggy Thomsen and her family moved frequently around the United States, including to Denver, Colorado and Beaverton, Oregon, before settling in Fresno, California. Mayor Thomsen was passionate about education. After earning her Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Arts degrees at California State University, Fresno, she went on to earn a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of California, Berkeley.

Meeting her husband, John, at California State University, Fresno, they moved to Albany where Mayor Thomsen began her career teaching in Albany and Richmond schools. She also was an instructor, curriculum planner and seminar presenter at Heald College in San Francisco.

Mayor Peggy Thomsen was deeply committed to helping others. Prior to being elected as Mayor of Albany, her civic service and leadership manifested in various ways. She served on the Albany Unified School District School Board for 16 years and spent 14 years on the City Council. Additionally, she was President of the Parent Teacher Association Council, Albany Girl Scout Leader and a School Resource Volunteer Coordinator.

Dedicated to leadership in her community, Mayor Peggy Thomsen served on the Social and Economic Justice Committee, Albany Waterfront Committee and the Albany Charter Review Committee. Mayor Thomsen also served on numerous regional committees, including the California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research and the California School Board Association Delegate Assembly.

In addition to Ms. Thomsen's prolific career, she received numerous awards for her work in the community. She was the recipient of Service Awards from the Albany Unified School District, March of Dimes, California State Parent Teacher Association and Albany Jaycees. Furthermore, her commitment to her students was demonstrated in the Teacher Enrichment and the Teacher of the Year Awards she received from Heald College.

Today California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and community leader, Mayor Peggy Thomsen. As a 47 year resident of Albany, her dedication and efforts impacted so many lives throughout the Bay Area. Her legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of all of those whom she inspired. I join all of Peggy's loved ones in celebrating her incredible life. She will be deeply missed.

HONORING THE UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the upcoming 75th birthday of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, formerly known as the Volunteer Reserve of the Coast Guard. Founded in June of 1939, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has become one of the premier volunteer organizations in the country.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was formed by an act of Congress in June 1939 and has provided direct support and assistance to the Coast Guard since. Four of the first five Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotillas were formed in the Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey regions, and we are proud to be the birthplace of this organization. The Coast Guard Auxiliary provides two million hours of volunteer service to the Coast Guard and the boating public annually, saving hundreds of lives and providing aid to countless more. This June, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will celebrate its 75th birthday on the banks of the Delaware River, where the first Coast Guard began its service in 1790.

I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for this distinguished milestone in its already impressive history. May we all take this moment to thank the Coast Guard Auxiliary for its dedication and hard work in preserving the safety of our shores.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, I was absent and missed roll-call votes Nos. 313 and 314.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 313—"Yea."

Rollcall No. 314—"Yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF SACRAMENTO
CITY COUNCILWOMAN BONNIE
PANNELL

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sacramento City Councilwoman Bonnie Pannell who has successfully served the people of Sacramento for the past sixteen years. As her family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate her outstanding career and numerous accomplishments, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Councilwoman Pannell as an outstanding public servant.

Prior to being elected to the Sacramento City Council, Councilwoman Pannell was a

community activist in her South Sacramento neighborhood. Outside of elected office, she spent twenty-two years working for Unilab Medical Laboratories and Pacific Bell. Councilwoman Pannell was elected to the Sacramento City Council in June of 1998, succeeding her late husband, Samuel Pannell. As a Councilwoman, she has been re-elected to four-year terms in 2000, 2004, 2008 and again in 2012. She served as the City of Sacramento's Vice Mayor in 2001 and served with distinction for multiple years on the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Area Flood Central Agency, Sacramento Regional Transit District and with a number of other special agencies.

I have had the distinct pleasure of working closely with Councilwoman Pannell to ensure that the South Sacramento Streams Group flood protection project gets completed and expensive flood insurance is no longer mandatory for our shared constituents. An unwavering champion of public transportation, Councilwoman Pannell's steadfast support for the light rail extension to Cosumnes River College has helped make that project a reality and it will be completed by September of next year.

Councilwoman Pannell represented the City of Sacramento well, serving the communities of Meadowview, Parkway, North Laguna Creek, and Jacinto Creek. Her priorities included economic development, education and recreational programs for her constituents, as well as a steadfast commitment to create safer neighborhoods. Councilwoman Pannell was able to bring to her community the Valley Hi-North Laguna Library, which opened in 2009. The beautiful full-service library has brought high-tech services and additional educational opportunities to a part of Sacramento that long had been underserved.

She also helped turn around the neighborhood of Franklin Villa, and saw it transformed into Phoenix Park. Councilwoman Pannell has always put her constituents first and her record of accomplishments is long and will not be forgotten. It is very fitting that to mark her retirement from the City Council that her colleagues have voted to rename Meadowview Community Center in honor of her and her late husband.

Mr. Speaker, as Councilwoman Bonnie Pannell's family, friends, and colleagues gather to commemorate her for her service to the people of Sacramento, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging this dedicated public servant, and true partner of mine, for helping make Sacramento a better place for families to live and prosper.

LADY RANGERS BASKETBALL
COACH WINS TOP STATE AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Melissa Fields, the Terry High School Lady Rangers basketball coach, who was named the 2014 4A Outstanding Coach of the Year in Texas. Coach Fields received the Dean Weese Outstanding Coach Award from the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. The Lady Rangers were 22-10 on the season and reached the regional

semifinals, the furthest the team has ever gone in playoffs. To be named the 4A Outstanding Coach of the Year in Texas recognizes more than just her success on the court. As a former high school and college basketball player, I know what a difference an outstanding coach can make in a player's life. Looking back on it now, I know it wasn't our record that was most important, it was the lessons I learned from playing the game. Coach Fields just finished her 18th year at Terry High School in Rosenberg, Texas. She has been teaching and coaching for 23 years. Congratulations to Coach Fields on this recognition and thank you for your dedication to the Lady Rangers Basketball team.

RECOGNIZING DR. STANLEY
CAHILL

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Stanley Cahill for his 28 years of service at Salem State University, in Salem, Massachusetts, and to congratulate him on his retirement.

Since 1986, Dr. Cahill has served the students and broader community at Salem State University. He joined the university as the Dean of Student Life where he created the university's first professional student affairs program and laid the foundation for the program that exists today.

Most recently, Dr. Cahill served as the University's Executive Vice President. In this role, he led the university's enterprise risk management program and coordinated the majority of university contracts and memoranda of understanding between the university and other agencies with which the university collaborates.

It is not surprising that after nearly three decades with the university, Dr. Cahill has become well known to many in the Salem community. He has fostered relationships with local officials and university neighbors and strengthened the partnership between the university and the City of Salem.

Dr. Cahill served Salem State University at a time of dynamic growth and increased diversity, and he had a decidedly positive influence on the institution's growth and enhanced reputation. On a personal note, and as one who is a Salem State alumnus and former trustee, I add my appreciation for all that Dr. Cahill has done for the university and the surrounding communities.

Dr. Cahill has had a remarkable career in higher education that has spanned more than 40 years and four universities and colleges. I congratulate Stan on this achievement and wish him all the best in his retirement.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOAVES &
FISHES

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Loaves & Fishes 7th annual

Day Without Hunger. Over the past thirty years, the Loaves & Fishes team has been committed to providing a hand up to those most in need in DuPage County with food assistance and other services.

This organization has grown exponentially in size and scope in order to realize their vision of ending hunger in DuPage County. In 1984, the year of their founding, the Loaves & Fishes team assisted eight households in the Naperville area, providing them with food to sustain their families. Today, Loaves & Fishes has expanded to serve all of DuPage County, helping thousands of families. Last year alone, Loaves & Fishes distributed over 3,200,000 pounds of food, serving 18,564 individuals.

The Loaves & Fishes team has helped close the gap for children who rely on school food services. Since 2004, they have assisted with school nutrition programs, ensuring that Naperville students get meals during the summer months. Additionally, breakfast assistance programs which they support give students a proper meal to start the school day.

In addition to food assistance, Loaves & Fishes has expanded to do even more to support the community. Since 2011, Loaves & Fishes has supported Pathways to Empowerment programs which provide assistance with various services, from health care enrollment to support in starting a job search.

The Loaves & Fishes team not only provides food for those in need, but they also provide an opportunity for individuals to serve their friends and neighbors by volunteering. Truly, this organization empowers both recipients and volunteers.

Today, I am proud to recognize Loaves & Fishes for the invaluable service the organization has provided and the thousands of lives they have touched.

HONORING BLANCHE IONE JONES

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Mrs. Blanche Ione Jones, a loving and compassionate parent, sister, aunt and friend to many throughout the country, and particularly in Jackson and Detroit, Michigan. I am joined in this tribute by Representative JOHN CONYERS of Michigan. Mrs. Jones was a strong, kind and gentle woman who cared for others and deeply loved her family and community. With her passing on June 11, 2014, we look to her contributions to others, both big and small and remember her with great joy.

Blanche Jones graduated from Jackson High School in Jackson, Michigan in 1949. She continued her education at Jackson Junior College and received the Associate of Arts Degree from Mercy College in Detroit, Michigan. Following graduation she became a dental hygienist for her cousin, Dr. Archie Millben, Sr., then the first and only African American dentist in Jackson, Michigan.

In 1958 she met and married Mr. George W. Jones, Jr. and moved to Detroit. Blanche Jones demonstrated on a daily basis, her compassion and devotion to her late husband of 34 years and their children. She admired and was especially proud that her cousin, Dr.

Ethelene Jones-Crockett, Michigan's first female African-American obstetrician and gynecologist—who was also the wife of former Congressman George W. Crockett, Jr.—delivered her youngest three children.

Mrs. Jones devoted her career at Detroit Public Schools as a para-professional teaching assistant to ensuring that all children have the opportunity to receive a quality education. She was raised in the Church of Christ and remained an active member throughout her life teaching Bible class and serving on numerous committees.

Mrs. Blanche Jones was a close confidant to my mother, Mildred Massey and me. Regardless of her health condition, she was always positive and upbeat. There was no question about her love and she generously shared it with everyone.

Blanche Jones was a “woman of distinction and grace”. She loved clothes and I will always remember wearing a white wool coat and hat that she loved. I shopped all over the country looking for one to give her and regrettably could not find one. I did give her a white wool jacket—and my hat. The twinkle in her eyes and her words of gratitude were reminders of her thankfulness for the small things in life.

Blanche was a brilliant woman. She read, kept up on current events and politics and had her own very strong opinions about issues which we discussed many times. Her family describes her as the Chairwoman on BNN: the Blanche News Network.

There is a tremendous void in my life now and I will miss her deeply. She touched the lives of many and leaves a legacy with her work and compassion that will long endure. In her memory, let us live our lives as Mrs. Blanche Jones did and would want us to do—as loving and supportive human beings.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District joins Michigan's 13th Congressional District to salute and honor a remarkable woman, Mrs. Blanche Lone Jones. We will miss her tremendously and know that her legacy and spirit will live on forever.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF THE HONORABLE JOHN
VASCONCELLOS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Congresswoman KAREN BASS, Congressman XAVIER BECERRA, Congressman AMI BERA, Congresswoman JULIA BROWNLEY, Congresswoman LOIS CAPPAS, Congressman TONY CÁRDENAS, Congresswoman JUDY CHU, Congressman JIM COSTA, Congresswoman SUSAN DAVIS, Congressman SAM FARR, Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, Congresswoman JANICE HAHN, Congressman JARED HUFFMAN, Congressman MIKE HONDA, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN, Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY, Congresswoman LINDA SÁNCHEZ, Congresswoman LORRETTA SANCHEZ, Congressman ALAN LOWENTHAL, Congresswoman DORIS MATSU,

Congresswoman GLORIA NEGRETE MCLEOD, Congressman GEORGE MILLER, Congresswoman GRACE NAPOLITANO, Congresswoman NANCY PELOSI, Congressman SCOTT PETERS, Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, Congressman RAUL RUIZ, Congressman ADAM SCHIFF, Congressman BRAD SHERMAN, Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, Congressman ERIC SWALWELL, Congressman MARK TAKANO, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, Congressman JUAN VARGAS, Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS, and Congressman HENRY WAXMAN to honor the life of our friend who distinguished himself for 38 years in public service, the Honorable John Vasconcellos, who died on May 24, 2014, at his home in Santa Clara, California.

John was born on May 11, 1932, in San Jose, California, to a Portuguese father and German mother. He graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory High School with top honors, and attended Santa Clara University, graduating magna cum laude. After two years of service to his country in the Army, he graduated again at the top of his class from Santa Clara University's Law School. He practiced law before joining Governor Pat Brown's staff, and was soon recruited by his many friends and admirers to run for a seat in the California State Assembly in 1966. This began almost forty years of public service. John was a legislator's legislator. He had a brilliant intellect and a compassionate heart. He became the Chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, one of the most powerful assignments in the California Legislature. He proposed the State Task Force to Promote Self-Esteem in October 1986, and in 1989, Speaker Willie Brown appointed him to Chair the Select Assembly Committee on Ethics. He was elected to the California State Senate in 1996, representing the heart of Silicon Valley, and served as Chairman of the Public Safety, Education, and Economic Development Committees.

John Vasconcellos' 38 year tenure in the California Legislature was reflective of the innovative Silicon Valley District he represented. He was a disruptor and a pioneering public servant who was ahead of his time. His legislative work is widely recognized for its groundbreaking innovations in public safety, state budgets, ethics, health and human services, as well as in education. He wrote first-of-its-kind legislation addressing AIDS research, medical marijuana, and family health. He wrote legislation combating toxic chemicals in our atmosphere; he paved the way for midwives to practice; and he promoted child care at all public colleges. He saw the need before others to modernize our education system and make it affordable for all. He involved young people in the political process, launching programs like shadowing legislators in the State Capitol.

John was an avid subscriber to the human-potential movement therapies to deal with the rage, tension and fear that continued to grow in our society. We called John our friend, and we were very proud to do so, but he was also a brother and a mentor to many of us and we will miss him always.

Mr. Speaker, we ask the entire House of Representatives to join us in honoring Senator John Vasconcellos, a brilliant visionary with a giant heart who served his constituents, his

state and his country with integrity and respect for building the politics of trust. We extend our condolences to his brother Jim Vasconcellos, his sister Margaret Brindle, his niece Beth Brindle, his Hawaiian family, including his chosen son Mitch Saunders, his daughter-in-law Cindy and his two beloved grandchildren Megan and Briana, as well as his devoted staff, his large circle of extended friends and family in California, Hawaii and around the world.

FISCAL YEAR 15 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Fiscal Year 2015 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (H.R. 4745). This bill provides \$1.8 billion less than the FY 14 omnibus. It underfunds too many critical investments that maintain and support our infrastructure and housing.

Specifically, I strongly oppose the dramatic cut and new restrictions on the TIGER program. House Republicans included only \$100 million for TIGER grants, an 80 percent cut from FY 14. While this extreme cut in funding is disappointing, more concerning are the restrictions placed on the grant program. H.R. 4745 specifically states that only highway, bridge, freight rail and port projects are eligible for TIGER grants. Public transit, including light rail and passenger rail, would no longer be eligible for these critical dollars. Republican leaders repeatedly stated that the provision was inserted to focus TIGER grants on what they call “essential projects.” In my district and many other communities across the country, public transit is an essential project. My communities depend on these dollars to help support passenger rail and multimodal projects, such as light rail, streetcars and dedicated Bus Rapid Transit.

In addition to TIGER, other transit initiatives were cut, including New Starts (a 13 percent cut) and Amtrak (a 14 percent cut). This ongoing attack on public transit is unacceptable.

Unfortunately, the investments in housing in this bill are also insufficient. HOME Investment Partnership Grants were cut by 30 percent, to near historic lows. In my district, the HOME program is used to help first time homebuyers with the cost of a down payment and closing cost, which can be prohibitive for many buyers looking for a first home of their own. Another program supported by HOME finances maintenance to preserve federally supported housing, especially important considering the shortage of affordable housing. A 30 percent cut to these programs means fewer homebuyers helped and critical repairs to decaying affordable housing are unaddressed.

Transportation and housing are the backbone of our communities. Stable, affordable housing and access to jobs helps to stabilize communities and promote economic growth. H.R. 4745 fails to sufficiently invest in our communities and I urge my colleagues to oppose it.

RECOGNIZING JIM VANCE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTONOF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Wednesday, June 18, 2014*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jim Vance, who this week is observing 45 years in the District of Columbia at NBC4 Washington, where he has provided outstanding service to Washington, DC and the national capital region.

For more than four decades, Jim Vance has been the man the Washington region turns to on their NBC4 television screens. Jim has brilliantly made himself the preeminent anchor the region can trust to get the news straight, and at the same time, he has managed to become the friend people turn to because they like him. So great are Jim's talents and captivating personality, that NBC4 owes part of its success to Jim Vance.

A graduate of the historically black Cheyney University, Jim Vance was a teacher in Philadelphia before he decided to become a reporter. His first reporting jobs were at The Philadelphia Independent newspaper and at radio station WHAT-AM. Jim later accepted his first television position as a reporter for WKBS-TV in Philadelphia in 1968, and one year later, he moved to the nation's capital to be a general assignment reporter at NBC4. Jim made a fast rise to the anchor desk in 1972, where he remains to this day.

Jim Vance continues to thrive in his career. He can be seen daily on News4 at 6 p.m. and News4 at 11 p.m. with his co-anchor Doreen Gentzler. As a veteran television reporter, Jim's work has taken him across the United States and to locations around the world. Jim has been the recipient of a host of honors, including 17 Emmy Awards and induction in 2007 into the National Association of Black Journalists Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, Members of Congress are familiar with Jim's excellence, too, here in the nation's capital. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jim Vance for 45 years of extraordinary work as news anchor and reporter with NBC4 Washington and a favorite of the national capital region.

HONORING ELI TAKESIAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLFOF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Wednesday, June 18, 2014*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eli Takesian, former associate pastor of the Vienna Presbyterian Church and decorated military chaplain.

Eli served in Korea and Vietnam, eventually earning the position of Chief Chaplain of the Marine Corps at Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, DC. He passed away on May 20, 2014, at the Walter Reed National Medical Center.

I submit the following program notes from Eli's funeral. He was a true patriot.

Eli Takesian died on May 20, 2014 at the Walter Reed National Medical Center.

Born on February 28, 1932 in Methuen, Massachusetts, the son of Stephan and Koharig

Takesian and uncle to many loved nephews and nieces. Eli is survived by his sister, Helen Hagopian. His brothers, Raffi, Jack and Vartkes predeceased him.

Eli served in Korea with the 1st Marine Division from November 1951 to November 1952. Following his discharge from the Marine Corp, he graduated from Baylor University in 1957. He then continued his education at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland and Princeton Theological Seminary, receiving a master's degree in theology in 1960. The same year Eli was ordained a minister by the United Presbyterian Church. After serving a pastorate in Amsterdam, Ohio, Eli returned to the military as a Navy Chaplain.

Chaplain Takesian served two tours of duty in Vietnam and then spent 20 years as a senior chaplain, becoming Chief Chaplain of the Marine Corps at Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, DC. While in Vietnam in 1968, even though he was not assigned to the unit, Chaplain Takesian joined the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Regiment, 1st Marine Division on the battlefield in Hue City—one of the most famous and bloodiest Vietnam War battles. Eli brought prayers, support and hope to the wounded and the dying. In 2007, in his home town of Methuen, men of the 1st Battalion 5th Marines had a monument built in remembrance of his bravery.

During his service in the military, Chaplain Takesian was awarded a number of combat decorations including the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars with Combat Vs and four Presidential Unit Citations.

He retired from naval service in 1987 and became an associate pastor of the Vienna Presbyterian Church retiring in 1995. Until his death, Chaplain Takesian continued to provide ministerial services to military retirement communities and churches in Northern Virginia.

While studying in Scotland, Eli discovered his passion for music and the arts. When serving as Chaplain on Governor's Island in New York, he met and fell in love with Broadway actress and vocalist, Margaret Broderson, who studied at Julliard. They were married in 1978 in the Chapel on Governor's Island. Eli and Margaret moved to Flacons Landing in December 2012.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

HONORING DR. EDWARD W.
WRIGHT**HON. BARBARA LEE**OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Wednesday, June 18, 2014*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Edward W. Wright. Known throughout the Bay Area as a physician, mentor, active community member, and devoted husband and father, Mr. Wright has left an indelible mark on our community. With his passing on May 29, 2014, we look to the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born on June 2, 1922 in Fayette, Howard County, Missouri, Dr. Edward Wright was the fourth child born to William Marion Wright and Lunie K. Cameron. When Dr. Wright was five years old, he caught scarlet fever and was hospitalized for a long period of time. At this young age, Dr. Wright was inspired to become a doctor. He later moved to El Paso, Texas to

live with his aunt and uncle after losing both of his parents in an unfortunate tragedy. In El Paso, he graduated Douglas High School with honors, and he then went on to attend Sam Houston College in Austin, Texas. In 1943, Dr. Wright graduated Magna Cum Laude as a Pre-Medical student with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

In 1945, Dr. Edward Wright attended Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, where he partook in an accelerated program in Internal Medicine. At the age of 25, he graduated with honors and went on to complete his residency at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama. He became Chief Resident and served as a full-time staff physician until 1955.

Dr. Edward Wright and his family relocated to California in 1955, where Dr. Wright served as a Medical Officer for the Armed Forces at Ford Ord. After he completed his service, they relocated to Oakland, where Dr. Wright began a private practice in December 1958. Seven years later, he established and built a medical facility to serve families throughout Oakland.

In addition to his prolific career, Dr. Wright was an active member in the community. He volunteered at the East Oakland Boys Club, providing physical exams, counseling and financial assistance for camperships and uniforms. For the next 40 years, Dr. Wright served as a physician, mentor and father-figure to more than 1,200 boys at the North and East Oakland Boys Clubs. Dr. Wright was also active with the Oakland Chapter of the Lions Club, providing countless hours of Loyal Lions Service.

In 1969, he joined the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club and then served as President of the Board from 1980 to 1982. He was presented with the Man and Boy Trophy Award for his work with the Boys and Girls Clubs in 1964. Later, he received the Boys and Girls Clubs Service Award Medallion and then was honored during a formal tribute in 2000 at the First Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

On a personal note, I have known Dr. Wright, or "Piggy" as my mother, Mildred Massey, called him, since I was a child. He and my mother attended school together and were very close. We loved "Piggy" and will miss him tremendously. He was one of my earliest supporters when I first ran for public office in 1989 and, for that, I am deeply grateful.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual, Dr. Edward W. Wright. As an Oakland resident, Dr. Wright's contributions have truly impacted so many lives throughout the Bay Area. I join all of Edward's loved ones in celebrating his incredible life. He will be deeply missed.

CONGRATULATING GREYHOUND ON
ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. JOHN L. MICA**OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Wednesday, June 18, 2014*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Greyhound Lines on the 100th anniversary of its founding in 1914.

Greyhound is the nation's largest bus transportation system, serving communities nationwide with modern and environmentally friendly

bus facilities at affordable prices. From Greyhound's founder, Eric Wickman, to the current CEO, Dave Leach, the company has grown from a humble three man operation, based out of a seven person van, transporting coal miners to a transcontinental business employing 7,500 staff to one of the most recognizable and well-respected bus carriers.

An immigrant from Sweden, founder Eric Wickman began a bussing transportation system in the rural town of Hibbing, Minnesota after losing his mining and drilling job that same year. Operating as Mesaba Transportation Company and various other names until the official incorporation of the Greyhound name in 1930, Wickman built his company from the ground up, expanding services and locations and acquiring smaller lines until cementing the company's status as the largest intercity bus and transportation system in 1987.

Based out of Phoenix, Arizona, Greyhound Lines' fleet of 1,735 buses, travelling to more than 3,800 destinations and serving 17.6 million passengers annually, is now operated by FirstGroup. With the classification as the safest mode of transportation by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Greyhound buses contribute to a safer driving environment for others, taking an average of 19 cars off the road each trip.

Most people are unaware, but our domestic private bus companies transport more passengers each day than airlines and Amtrak combined. In Florida, Greyhound serves many of our communities and provides employment for hundreds of workers. Greyhound is a publicly traded corporation that pays significant local, state and federal taxes. The private transportation carrier actually makes a profit and does not rely on federal subsidies.

As the former Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, it has been my honor to work with many Greyhound officials and employees and it is my pleasure to congratulate each of them and the Greyhound Lines Family on this occasion. I know my colleagues join me in saluting a great American transportation carrier and all the fine people at Greyhound on this significant milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, I was unavoidably absent due to a spousal medical emergency. On rollcall vote No. 313, on H.R. 3375, had I been present, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 314, on H.R. 1671, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, I unavoidably missed rollcall vote No. 315, on H. Res. 628 due to a spousal medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

CONGRATULATING RAVENSWOOD MANOR IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ON THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association located in Chicago, Illinois.

For over 100 years, Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association has been an influential part of Chicago. When William E. Harmon began to sell houses for the Ravenswood Manor subdivision, the community was fewer than a hundred individuals strong. Now 100 years later, Ravenswood Manor has flourished into a substantial subdivision within the city.

The Association has worked diligently to promote the welfare of the community by consistently maintaining public and private lands. They have enhanced the community by hosting annual neighborhood events, as well as thoroughly representing community interests working alongside their elected officials, City Departments, Chicago Police Department, Chicago Park District, local schools, and businesses. On September 5, 2008, Ravenswood Manor was listed as a National Register Historic District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association on their 100th Anniversary. I am truly honored to represent such as outstanding association.

HONORING GREYHOUND LINES, INC., OF DALLAS, TX ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas the company that became Greyhound Lines, Inc., was started in 1914 by a Swedish immigrant, Carl Eric Wickman, who began by transporting miners from Hibbing to Alice, Minnesota in a 7-passenger "Hupmobile" for 15 cents;

Whereas in ensuing decades, Greyhound pioneered many bus industry innovations including the "Super Coach" (1936), the first bus with an all-metal body and rear-mounted engine; the fluted aluminum "Silversides" with air conditioning and diesel engines (1940); the most iconic Greyhound bus, the two-level "Scenicruiser" with onboard restrooms and under-floor baggage and express compartments (1954);

Whereas Greyhound played a crucial role in many historical events including transporting troops from coast to coast in World War II and carrying Freedom Riders through the Deep South to protest state-sponsored segregation in interstate transportation facilities;

Whereas Greyhound is the only nationwide intercity bus transportation company in the

United States serving, along with its interline partners, over 2700 communities in all 48 continental states, and providing the only form of intercity public transportation in many of those communities;

Whereas Greyhound efficiently operates a complex network of services extending from Canada to Mexico, including services in both of those countries;

Whereas Greyhound has been a leader in safety innovations including developing and installing on all its new buses starting in 2009 radically redesigned new bus seats that provide the protection of lap/shoulder safety belts while retaining the benefits of compartmentalization;

Whereas Greyhound continues to provide innovative new services such as the Greyhound Express and BoltBus point-to-point services while retaining its full nationwide network and provides all of its services in state of the art, 50-passenger motorcoaches with amenities such as expanded leg room, WiFi and electric plug-ins; and

Whereas Greyhound continues to do what Carl Wickman began 100 years ago, that is, providing affordable, safe, comfortable, and reliable intercity transportation to all members of the traveling public: Now, therefore, be it resolved that the United States House of Representatives:

(1) Honors the centennial anniversary of the founding of Greyhound Lines, Inc operated;

(2) Applauds and honors the president and CEO, executive staff, and all employees of Greyhound Lines, Inc. for a century of innovations in intercity travel, and it expresses hope that said service will continue for many years to come; and,

(3) Congratulates Greyhound Lines, Inc. of Dallas, Texas, for 100 years of outstanding service to the people of the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that I inadvertently voted incorrectly on the Gosar amendment to H.R. 4745, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015. This amendment prohibits the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the proposed rule entitled "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing", published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development on July 19, 2013, in the Federal Register. It was my intention to vote "aye" on Rollcall vote 285.

HONORING DR. MAYA ANGELOU

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Maya Angelou. Her vast body of work, which spans over six decades, as a dancer, actress, author and activist has stood the test of time.

As a leader in the civil rights movement, a poet laureate, a college professor, Broadway actress and the first female African American cable car conductor in San Francisco, Maya Angelou was the spirit and conscience of generations. With her passing on May 28, 2014, we continue to be inspired by her life's work.

Born on April 4, 1928, Dr. Maya Angelou was raised in Stamps, Arkansas and St. Louis, Missouri. At a young age, Dr. Angelou experienced the brutality of racial discrimination which drove her passion for justice and equality.

In the early 1950s, Dr. Maya Angelou began her career as a performer. She toured with the production *Porgy and Bess* through Europe for two years. While living in Ghana, Dr. Angelou met with Malcolm X who encouraged her to move back to the United States to help him build the Organization of African American Unity. After the assassination of Malcolm X, Dr. Maya Angelou worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., serving as the Northern Coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Her autobiography, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, was nominated for a National Book Award in 1970 and remained on *The New York Times* paperback bestseller list for two years.

In addition to Dr. Angelou's prolific career, she has been honored with many prestigious awards. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Arts in 2000 and received over 50 honorary degrees. President Bill Clinton asked her to compose a poem for his inauguration in 1993, making her the second poet to ever read a poem at a Presidential Inauguration.

President Barack Obama bestowed Dr. Maya Angelou the 2010 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award of the United States of America.

I will forever cherish the private moments I had the privilege to share with Dr. Maya Angelou. I was very moved when several years ago Maya called me and invited me to her beautiful home to talk. We spoke in her living room as sisters, about our lives, our struggles and our passion for improving the human condition. I confided in her about the many challenges I faced after voting against the Authorization for the Use of Military Force following the 9/11 attacks. I can never repay the encouragement and affirmation she gave me during that trying time as she reminded me that we all embody attributes of scripture's Proverbs 31, virtuous woman. And that our worth is far beyond rubies, we speak with wisdom and are clothed with strength and dignity.

I was humbled that she insisted I write my autobiography. Once I finally garnered the courage to do so, she invited me to discuss it on her radio show and encouraged me to speed up the release of my paperback edition so that more people, especially young women, could have access to my story.

Dr. Maya Angelou was passionate about helping young women achieve their fullest potential. Her example of grace, class and humility will continue to inspire young women to define themselves through a lens of self-love, humanitarianism and how they use their talents to change the world.

She lived life to its fullest and shared with the world the essence of a purposeful life. I will hold her words, ". . . be certain that you do not die without having done something wonderful for humanity" close to my heart,

knowing that she was one of humanity's greatest gifts.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and leader, Dr. Maya Angelou. While the world grieves in Dr. Maya Angelou's passing, we can take comfort in the fact that her words and her legacy live on in the generations of people who have been touched, challenged and inspired by her work. We will miss her tremendously, but Dr. Maya Angelou's legacy and spirit will live on forever.

RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF BILLY MANES

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Billy Manes. Billy Manes is senior staff writer for *Orlando Weekly*, an alternative newsweekly dedicated to giving the deserved breadth, character and feeling to stories that are often overlooked.

Immediately after graduating from the Florida State University, Manes began a career in journalism, helping to launch an alternative weekly out of the Tallahassee Democrat offices in 1995.

In 1997, Manes moved to Orlando and began freelancing for *Orlando Weekly*, soon developing a following as a pop-cultural raconteur and nightlife columnist. In 2005, he ran for Mayor of Orlando in a special election which was later cancelled. Nonetheless, Manes caught the political bug, and soon became a full-time news reporter for *Orlando Weekly*.

In 2007, Manes detailed the difficulties facing gay couples who were seeking legal validation for their relationships in the face of an imminent marriage ban in Florida. Controversy arose when a photo of Manes and his long-time partner kissing was used as the cover photo of *Orlando Weekly* for the article.

In 2012, that story would prove all too prescient, when Manes' partner of 11 years, Alan Ray Jordan, passed away, setting off a string of horrible events pitting Manes against both his partner's family and the laws of the State of Florida.

Manes went on to document that fight in what would become a globally circulated story and later, a documentary. He traveled to Tallahassee two years in a row to fight for a state-wide domestic partnership registry so that others might not have to experience the pain that he had.

In addition to numerous awards over the years from the Association of Alternative Newsmedia, the Sunshine State Awards, and the Florida Press Club, Manes was named a 2013 Voice of Equality by Equality Florida.

He would like to dedicate this honor to his family and, most especially, to the man who taught him the most, Alan Ray Jordan.

I am happy to honor Billy Manes, during LGBT Pride Month, for his contributions to the LGBT community and the State of Florida.

MARKING THE PASSING OF
WILLIAM ROTH

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, our country has lost a great visionary, civic leader, businessman and dedicated public servant, William Matson Roth. Mr. Roth passed away on May 29th in Petaluma, California at the age of 97, surrounded by his loving family.

Bill Roth was born into a prominent and respected family in San Francisco, grandson of Captain William Matson, founder of the Matson Navigation Company, and son of Luriline and William Philip Roth. He chose to use the opportunities afforded by his privileged family to make life better for his community, his state and his nation.

He was widely known for the redevelopment, with his mother Luriline, of the popular Ghirardelli Square in San Francisco, buying the property as a dilapidated factory and growing it into a world-renowned collection of shops and restaurants that has been one of our City's top attractions and has been imitated in cities across the country. It is now considered a forerunner of what urban planners call "adaptive reuse," and is listed on the National Historic Register.

Mr. Roth served the public throughout his long life, including as a Cabinet-level Trade Ambassador in "the Kennedy round" of negotiations under President Lyndon Johnson. Mr. Roth was appointed to the University of California's Board of Regents by Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, where he served for 16 years. He helped found the Ploughshares Fund, an advocacy group working for the elimination of nuclear weapons. He was President of the Board of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, a director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and president of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR). He was a proud and progressive Democrat who ran for Governor of California in 1974.

I hope that it is a comfort to his beloved wife Joan, his daughters Anna, Jessica and Maggie, and his grand and great-grandchildren that so many people throughout the world share their grief and mourn the loss of a generous, civic-minded and visionary leader.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF ERIC
METZGER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated service of Chief Eric Metzger of the Flower Mound Fire Department. After almost 4 decades in public service, Chief Metzger's exemplary career is coming to an end.

Eric Metzger's passion for public service and fire fighting started at a young age; when growing up in Pleasanton, California, his next door neighbor was the Chief of the Oakland Fire Department. His 39-year fire service career began in Wimer, Oregon, where he

served as a volunteer firefighter at age 15. He then proceeded to join the Rogue Five Fire Department as a volunteer Lieutenant and served there for the next three years. During the notoriously fire prone west coast summers in Oregon, Chief Metzger served as a Fire Warden for the Oregon State Forestry, and at age 18 he was assigned his own crew and truck. In 1979, he worked with other young firefighters to establish a private-for-profit fire department for the County of Josephine, Oregon. From 1979–1982, he served as a lieutenant in that department.

In 1982, he moved to Midland, Texas seeking to expand his career with a “big city” fire department where he served for five years. In his free time, he continued his commitment to public service and his profession. Chief Metzger became the charter president of the Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department, spearheading the opening of its initial station in 1985. In 1986, he seized the opportunity to oversee the Fire Prevention Division of the Town of Flower Mound. He was promoted to Chief in 1992 and has capably led the Fire Department for 22 years.

The Flower Mound Fire Department’s sterling reputation is a reflection of the dedicated, ethical supervision of Chief Metzger. His professional legacy will continue to benefit the citizens and businesses of Flower Mound for years to come. I join his colleagues and the community in commending Flower Mound Fire Chief Eric Metzger for his outstanding record

and extend best wishes upon his retirement. It is my privilege to represent the Town of Flower Mound in the U.S. House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION
OF BOYD LINDSLEY

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Boyd Lindsley. Lindsley openly identified as a gay cisgender male as a teenager. By allowing himself to be authentic, he was able to find his voice for activism. Since identifying, he has been a stalwart advocate for the LGBT community and women’s reproductive rights.

Lindsley serves on the Board of Directors for Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando. He is also the founding President of the Pride Faculty and Staff Association (PFSA) at the University of Central Florida (UCF), where he is a faculty member and the assistant director of the Nicholson School of Communication.

As president of PFSA he oversaw the official incorporation of the organization, the creation of bylaws for the organization, the recruitment of a significant membership, the

execution of events, and initial fundraising for PFSA’s operational costs and student scholarships. In this role, Lindsley advocated for domestic partner benefits for UCF employees, met with the UCF police department to address safety concerns for UCF’s LGBT community, and petitioned the Orange County Mayor and Orange County Commissioners to support a Domestic Partner Registry for all Orange County residents.

Lindsley is also an active member of Equality Florida (EQFL), the state of Florida’s largest LGBT civil rights advocacy organization. He attends events throughout the state of Florida supporting EQFL and serves on the host committee for the Greater Orlando Equality Florida Gala (the annual fundraiser for the organization). Additionally, he volunteers on campaigns for pro-LGBT leaders on the local, state and national stage.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in Advertising-Public Relations with a minor in Psychology, and a master’s degree in Communication with a concentration in Interpersonal Communication from UCF. He is currently pursuing his doctorate in Executive Leadership.

I am happy to honor Boyd Lindsley, during LGBT Pride Month, for his activism on behalf of women’s reproductive rights, and his contributions to the LGBT and Central Florida communities.

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, June 19, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 24

10 a.m.
 Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security
 Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for Homeland Security. SD-138
 Committee on Finance
 To hold hearings to examine less student debt from the start, focusing on what role the tax system should play. SD-215
 Committee on Foreign Relations
 Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy, and Global Women's Issues
 To hold hearings to examine combating violence and discrimination against women, focusing on a global call to action. SD-419
 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Subcommittee on Children and Families
 To hold hearings to examine the challenges of prevention and identification in child trafficking and private re-homing. SD-430
 Joint Economic Committee
 To hold hearings to examine the economic impact of increased natural gas production. SH-216
 10:30 a.m.
 Committee on the Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine certain nominations. SD-226
 11 a.m.
 Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
 Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for Financial Services and General Government. SD-138
 2:30 p.m.
 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Business meeting to consider S. 1804, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of

Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, S. 1893, to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, S. 2030, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, S. 2338, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, S. 2444, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2015 through 2016, S. 2482, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, S. 2484, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, and S. 2485, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007.

SR-253
 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine moving toward greater community inclusion, focusing on Olmstead at 15. SD-106
 Committee on the Judiciary
 Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights
 To hold hearings to examine the AT&T and DIRECTV merger, focusing on the impact on competition and consumers in the video market and beyond. SD-226

JUNE 25

10 a.m.
 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council annual report to Congress. SH-216
 Committee on Finance
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of D. Nathan Sheets, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, and Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury. SD-215
 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Business meeting to consider S. 2449, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, proposed legislation to amend The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the nominations of William D. Adams, of Maine, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Robert M. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, and any additional nominations cleared for action. SD-430
 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014", an original bill entitled, "National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center Act of 2014", an original bill entitled, "Protecting American

Chemical Facilities From Attack Act of 2014", H.R. 1232, to amend titles 40, 41, and 44, United States Code, to eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management, S. 1691, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents, H.R. 4194, to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements, S. 2061, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, S. 231, to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp, S. 1214, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government, S. 2117, to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, S. 1347, to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences, H.R. 1376, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building", H.R. 1813, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building", S. 2056, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the "Sergeant Brett E. Gorniewicz Memorial Post Office", S. 2057, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the "Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building", and the nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine S. 1945, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, focusing on updating the "Voting Rights Act" in response to Shelby County v. Holder. SD-226

10:30 a.m.
 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security
 To hold hearings to examine NextGen, focusing on a review of progress, challenges, and opportunities for improving aviation safety and efficiency. SR-253

2 p.m.
 Committee on Finance
 To hold hearings to examine trade enforcement, focusing on using trade rules to level the playing field for United States companies and workers. SD-215
 Committee on Rules and Administration
 To hold hearings to examine how early and absentee voting can benefit citizens and administrators, focusing on election administration. SR-301

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine brain injuries and diseases of aging.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To receive a closed briefing on United States nuclear deterrence policy.

SVC-217

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine young workers and recent graduates in the United States economy.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine S. 1971, to establish an interagency coordination

committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency.

SD-366

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia

To hold hearings to examine the path to efficiency, focusing on making FEMA more effective for streamlined disaster operations.

SD-342

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine economic development, focusing on encouraging investment in Indian country.

SD-628

3 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the future of United States-China relations.

SD-419

JUNE 26

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank.

SD-419