

of mercy in Nepal on May 12, 2015. Sgt. Ward spent time growing up in Central Florida where today our community remembers his service to our nation.

Sgt. Johnson enlisted in the Marine Corps on March 23, 2009 after earning two degrees from Seminole State College of Florida. Assigned to the Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron (HMLA) 69, Johnson served diligently in Afghanistan with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit prior to being deployed to Nepal as a crew chief in charge of maintaining the helicopter. As a testament to his outstanding performance, Johnson has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Air Medal with Strike/Flight Numeral 5, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Sgt. Ward Mark Johnson IV will always be remembered for the honor and courage with which he fulfilled his duties, and for the love and joy he gave his family and friends. This was his third deployment around the world and he never wavered in his commitment to his family, the Corps and his country. As you know, Mr. Speaker, our military deployed on a humanitarian mission to earthquake-ravaged Nepal, and Sgt. Johnson answered that call. With him were five other Marines who perished. We mourn their loss and extend our sympathy to their families.

Sgt. Johnson was a patriot in every sense of the word and is remembered by a loving family and countless friends. He is survived by his wife Haley; their two young children, Nathan and Noah; and his parents, Mark and Shirley Johnson who reside in Florida's 7th Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in remembering and honoring Marine Sergeant Ward Mark Johnson IV. We extend the condolences of this Congress and the American people, who he served gallantly, epitomizing the very best of our nation.

RECOGNIZING BROOKWOOD
ELEMENTARY'S NANCY
BONNEAU WORTH

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of one of the most dedicated teachers of the Third Congressional District in Kansas.

Nancy Bonneau Worth is shutting the doors to her Brookwood Elementary classroom for summer break for the last time next week.

She's ending a thirty year career as an educator, twenty of them at Brookwood.

It began at Norman Rockwell Elementary School in her home state of Nebraska.

She then moved to Great Bend, Kansas, where she worked for a short period at Barton County Community College before transitioning to a special education teacher in the Great Bend School District.

Her Masters in Speech Pathology brought her to the Third District to teach at the Kansas School for the Deaf before moving on to Nall Hills Elementary, and eventually Brookwood.

In fact, she integrated sign language into her teaching even after she left KSD by teaching her students to sign the Pledge of Allegiance every morning before school.

Hundreds of successful children, teenagers, and young adults throughout Kansas have called Mrs. Worth their teacher over the years—and are better people because of it.

Congratulations on your retirement, Mrs. Worth and thank you for everything you have done for Kansans.

Your impact on our district and state is immeasurable.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAY AS
NATIONAL HAMBURGER MONTH

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, with summer approaching, many Iowans are firing up their barbecues. While hotdogs, bratwursts, and pork chops are all traditional family favorites, I rise today in special recognition of the hamburger—a delicious staple of grilling season.

May is National Hamburger Month which warrants special recognition in Iowa. Iowa's beef products are considered some of the best in the world, supplying several well-known steakhouses around the U.S., including here in D.C.

According to the Iowa Beef Industry Council, Iowa is home to over 26,000 cattle operations, with ranches in all 20 counties in my district. Furthermore, the cattle industry in Iowa supports over 15,000 jobs and injects over \$6 billion into the economy. Additionally, the cattle industry supports corn growers in Iowa by using corn as a feed source, consuming over 148 million bushels of corn every year.

Iowa's ranchers and packers play important roles in making sure consumers have safe and nutritious ground beef for our burgers.

For great hamburger recipes, cooking tips, and beef safety information, I encourage all my constituents to visit www.iabeef.org.

TITUS REMEMBERS GARY GRAY

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, Nevada lost a very good man when Gary Gray was killed recently in an automobile accident coming down from his beloved Mt. Charleston.

Gary has been one of my best friends since he took a master's class from me at UNLV in 1977. And Tom and I have enjoyed many delicious dinners and lively conversations about politics and travel with Gary and his wife Chris Giunchigliani over the years.

It is impossible to think of Gary in the past tense because he was larger than life. Who else would serve mountain oysters at a fancy dress party? Who else could turn an inexperienced group of freshman assemblymen (Jim Spinello, Matt Callister, Gene Porter, and Wendall Williams) into a political force the likes of which has not been seen since in Nevada politics? And who else would be brave enough to take on the indomitable Chris G?

Life was always an adventure for Gary. No place was too dangerous to visit, no food too strange to eat, no person too threatening to

strike up a conversation with. So I would never have been surprised to hear that something had happened and he wasn't coming home. But I expected him to be taken from us by an earthquake in Indonesia, an avalanche in the Alps, or perhaps a revolution in one of the 'Stans, not by something so mundane as a car crash. It just doesn't seem right.

Gary truly changed the face of politics in Nevada: he elected candidates at every governmental level; he proudly pushed a progressive agenda; and he professionalized the campaign business. He was a civic activist, a pillar of the community, and a citizen of the world. He leaves a void that cannot be filled.

Bon voyage, mon ami.

TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, both sides of the aisle recognize the importance of our transportation network to remain globally competitive and to keep our roads, railways, and bridges safe. We all know that long-term projects are more cost effective and provide good-paying jobs.

In Michigan's 14th District, we know the reality of driving on crumbling bridges and roads. The Federal Highway Administration says nearly 30 percent of our state's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. What else needs to go wrong before we do what is right? We must have a long-term funding plan in place before this latest 60-day patch job ends.

We have passed 32 short-term extensions in the past six years. This lack of long-term planning wastes money and resources. More importantly, it has cost lives. Lives that could have been saved or spared serious injury had we all taken this issue seriously. I do not want to attend one more funeral for the victim of a transportation disaster knowing that Congress failed to act on this problem.

HONORING RABBI HERMAN AND
LOTTE SCHAALMAN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Rabbi Herman and Lotte Schaalman, an internationally-renowned and beloved couple, on their 99th and 100th birthdays. Rabbi Schaalman celebrated his 99th birthday on April 28, 2015 and Lotte Schaalman celebrated her 100th birthday on January 13, 2015.

Rabbi Schaalman was the Senior Rabbi at Emanuel Congregation in Edgewater, in my district, for 32 years, and is in his 28th year as Rabbi Emeritus. The Schaalmans will be honored at a special event on May 31, 2015 at Emanuel Congregation, which is establishing the Rabbi Herman and Lotte Schaalman Fund, to assure that their remarkable legacy of service will continue.

Rabbi Herman and Lotte Schaalman have devoted their life for the good of their fellow Jews and for humanity. Rabbi Schaalman fled Nazi Germany in 1935. He became known as one of America's foremost leaders in American Reform Judaism, serving as Rabbinical leader and President of the Reform Rabbis Association. Lotte Schaalman has exemplified the heart of Congregation Emanuel. Together the Schaalmans are the epitome of a thriving and wonderful life partnership.

After his retirement as Senior Rabbi at Emanuel Congregation, Rabbi Schaalman continued his active involvement in many educational, civic and religious organizations. He has participated in education programs at many institutions, including at Barat College, DePaul University, North Park Seminary, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary and Northwestern University. He served three terms on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, was President of both the Chicago Board of Rabbis and the Chicago Association of Reform Rabbis, and was a member of the National Jewish Communal Affairs Committee. He was President of the Jewish Council of Urban Affairs and served in leadership roles on the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago and the Edgewater Association of Clergy and Rabbis.

Rabbi Schaalman also served as a member of the Education Committee of the National Holocaust Memorial in Washington, DC. As part of his commitment to interreligious understanding and the promotion of a peaceful world, he has been a Trustee on the Board of the Millennium Institute and a member of the Executive Committee of the Council for the Parliament of World Religions.

Rabbi Schaalman's list of distinguished awards and honors is many pages long. His awards include the Julius Rosenwald Memorial Award from the Jewish Federation of Chicago, the Order of First Class Merit from Germany, the Order of Lincoln Award from the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, the Interfaith Gold Medallion from the International Council of Christians and Jews, being elected to the Hall of Fame for the Jewish Community Centers, and having a park on Sheridan Road in Chicago named "The Herman and Lotte Schaalman Park" in their honor.

Rabbi Herman and Lotte Schaalman are a remarkable couple and I am proud to honor them today.

HONORING MARGARET DAVIS FOR
HER SERVICE TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND HER DEDICATION TO TUOLUMNE COUNTY

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Margaret Davis for her many years of service to the Tuolumne County Republican Party, and for her unwavering efforts in support of Republican ideals across California and our nation.

For decades, Margaret has devoted her time to advancing conservative principles as a member of the Tuolumne County Republican Central Committee, the Tuolumne County Republican Women Federated, and the California Federated Republican Women's Central Division.

Margaret served multiple terms as President of the Tuolumne County Republican Women Federated. She has also held a variety of positions within the organization, and tirelessly supports Republican candidates and values.

In addition to her past contributions, Margaret currently serves as the 1st Vice President of the Tuolumne County Republican Women Federated, the 2nd Vice President of the California Federated Republican Women's Central Division, and the Treasurer of the Tuolumne County Republican Central Committee. She does all of this while simultaneously presiding as Chair of the Tuolumne Chamber of Commerce's Governmental Affairs Committee.

With all of these roles, it is clear that Margaret is a fundamental pillar in the local community. On a personal level, Margaret is well-respected and known for her high moral character. She's regularly involved in events, but more than that, she is the first to volunteer in support of her state, and her community.

Margaret balances her lifetime commitment to the Republican Party with her lifetime commitment to her family. Perhaps the only responsibility she places above her dedication to Tuolumne is her role as a widowed mother. Margaret gives her free time to Republican efforts, but her primary focus remains caring for her adult daughter, who is suffering from effects of a severe stroke.

Mr. Speaker, Margaret Davis does not just stand for conservative values; she lives by them. Tuolumne County Republicans consider Margaret Davis a remarkable example. California will continue to benefit from her efforts for years to come, and I rise to express my profound gratitude for her tremendous service.

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, May 21, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 454, to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, S. 784, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories, S. 1033, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to replace the current requirement for a biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review, S. 1054, to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs, S. 1068, to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats, S. 1181, to expand the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and United States flagged vessels, to return unspent funds and loan proceeds to the United States Treasury to reduce the national debt, S. 1187, to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, S. 1216, to amend the Natural Gas Act to modify a provision relating to civil penalties, S. 1218, 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, S. 1221, to amend the Federal Power Act to require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the bulk-power system, S. 1223, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve the loan guarantee program for innovative technologies, S. 1229, to require the Secretary of Energy to submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions between the Department of Energy and National Laboratories, S. 1230, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program under which the Director of the Bureau of Land Management shall enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas production activities, and S. 1241, to provide for the modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector.

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