

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR. D.
SCOTT WELKER

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Mr. D. Scott Welker on his retirement after 33 years of public service.

As Executive Director of the U.S. Joint Munitions Command at the Rock Island Arsenal, Mr. Welker has dedicated his career to improving the safety and security of our Iowa communities and our nation as a whole. His work has directly contributed to the development and success of the Arsenal, the U.S. Army, and all of those privileged to work alongside him.

I am proud to recognize Mr. Welker, thank him for everything he has done for our country, and wish him the best in his well-earned retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES E. DORA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a personal friend, Sigma Chi brother, and prominent Hoosier, Mr. James E. Dora, who passed away on June 27, 2016.

Jim was born in Vincennes, Indiana and graduated from Purdue University where he was a member of the Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He gave back to his alma mater serving as Chairman to the President's Council, Vice Chairman of the Vision 21 Capital Campaign, as an Old Master and on the Advisory Board for the RHIT Hotel School. Purdue honored him in kind with the Purdue Order of the Griffin and an Honorary Doctorate Degree, and honor he also received from Vincennes University.

Jim's commitment to Sigma Chi, its Purdue Chapter, and his brothers are reflected in his actions. He was co-chair of a complete renovation of the chapter house, including a \$7.4 million fundraising campaign to achieve it. Jim was recognized by Sigma Chi earning the Significant Sig of Sigma Chi, Sigma Chi Hall of Fame, and the Order of the Constantine honors. He also received the Purdue Chapter Ben Taylor Award.

As a businessman, Jim founded and chaired General Hotels Corporation, a developer and operator of award winning hotels throughout Central Indiana, including the upscale Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn at Union Station in Downtown Indianapolis. He served as Chairman of the International Association of Holiday Inn Owners and on the Board of Directors for American United Life Insurance Company, First Chicago, NBD, Bank One and the Mayflower Corporation.

Jim was also a selfless advocate for the City of Indianapolis. He was a member of numerous boards and committees, including the Capital Improvement Board of Managers from 1971–1993 and served as President from 1985–1993. His service coincided with and was instrumental in the growth and development of Downtown Indianapolis and the Colts relocation to our city in 1984. Jim also served on the Educational CHOICE Charitable Trust, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Indy, Inc. and more. Jim was twice named a Sagamore of the Wabash, the state's highest honor for a citizen.

Jim and I shared a love for aviation, our home state of Indiana and public service. His whole-hearted support of my public service efforts and the efforts of those like me has been invaluable as I served Hoosiers for the past 13 years. Jim leaves behind his beloved wife of 57 years, Shirley, four children, and 11 grandchildren. I believe this world is a better place because of his compassionate service to our community, state and nation. In this sign you will conquer (In hoc signo vinces) Jim, you will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DUBLIN
COFFMAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dublin Coffman High School for winning the Girls 4 × 200 Meter Relay at the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

For over a century, the Ohio High School Athletic Association has provided Ohio's finest student athletes with the opportunity to earn a state championship. Each year young men and women spend countless hours practicing and training in an effort to join the ranks of Ohio's elite athletes. Although many strive to earn the title of state champion, only a select few will achieve this honor.

Dublin Coffman's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement stands as a testament to their hard work. Shaunqueza Stevens, Shannon Downie, Wambui Watene, and Abby Steiner have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Dublin Coffman High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Dublin Coffman High School's Girls Track and Field on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
LEIGHTON 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Borough of Leighton as it marks its 150th anniversary. Leighton was founded in 1866, and the town celebrated its sesquicentennial for eight days from June 25 to July 2. Festivities included a street fair, music, naming the Citizen of the Century, and burying a Time Capsule.

Located on the Lehigh River in Carbon County, Pennsylvania, Leighton was originally established in 1746 as the German Moravian Brethren mission station, "Gnadenhutten." In 1755, during the French and Indian War, the village was destroyed with only a few of the missionaries surviving. Leighton had several developing industries in the 19th Century, such as lace and silk mills, meat packing, and foundries. The town was also home to a major repair facility for the Lehigh Valley Railroad. The advent of the railroad proved to be an economic boost for the town, employing thousands of workers to operate and maintain the new system of transportation. By 1900, its population had grown to over 4,600, and it reached its peak in 1940 with 6,600 residents. Today, Leighton is witnessing a revitalization of its downtown as residents find a new appreciation for its central location and historic architecture.

It is an honor to recognize such an important milestone for Leighton; I am proud to represent this historic city. As the town celebrates 150 years, I share its pride about its historic past, and I look forward to a bright future for all of its residents.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND HORACE
CLINTON BOYD

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to outstanding spiritual leader and man of God, a brave man, and dear friend, the Reverend Horace Clinton Boyd. Sadly, Reverend Boyd passed away on Saturday, June 25, 2016. A home-going celebration was held in his honor on July 2, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia followed by a brief memorial at Macedonia Baptist Church in Ludowici, Georgia.

A Georgia man through and through, Reverend Boyd was born on November 28, 1926 in Long County, Georgia and was the fifth of ten children to the late Deacon Earnest Franklin and Mrs. Eula Wright Franklin. He studied

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at the public schools in Long County, Georgia before attending college and seminary training at Morehouse College of Atlanta, GA. Reverend Boyd also served his country courageously as a World War II veteran before he was honorably discharged.

Reverend Boyd began preaching on October 13, 1946 at Engineer Chapel—Schofield Barracks on the Island of Ohau, Hawaii. He has pastored at many churches in Georgia, including the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, the birthplace of the 1960s Albany Civil Rights Movement. Despite threats to his person, his family, his home and his church, he allowed a mass meeting to be held at Shiloh that organized local Civil Rights marches. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. addressed the overflowing crowds from the pulpit of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and now a trail of footprints originating in the front of the church leading to the Albany Bus Station commemorates the Albany Civil Rights marches.

Dr. George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are so blessed that the Reverend Horace Boyd passed this way and shared with us his legacy of service that will stand the test of time. Surely, the wealth of wisdom that Reverend Boyd has given to his listeners will forever resonate in their hearts and spirits.

Reverend Boyd has been repeatedly acknowledged for his outstanding achievements, service and public distinction. He served as Dean of the Albany Seminary Extension Center for 25 years, Commissioned Board Member of the Dougherty County Family and Children Services for 27 years and as a past Moderator of the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Association from 1961–1994. He has achieved numerous successes in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the grace of God and his loving wife of sixty years, Ms. Barbara Mae Riles Boyd, who was called Home to be with her Savior in 2010. They have two children, William and Dolores.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 730,000 people in the Second Congressional District of Georgia, would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Rev. Boyd's family, friends, and followers during this difficult time. May we all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, on July 5, 2016, I missed votes due to personal business in my district and was unable to be present and missed the following votes:

On Roll Call vote 343, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call vote 344, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call vote 345, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call vote 346, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call vote 347, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call vote 348, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call vote 349, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call vote 350, I would have voted Aye.

H.R. 5456

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following extraneous materials on H.R. 5456, the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016:

ALLIANCE FOR STRONG FAMILIES
AND COMMUNITIES,
Washington, DC, June 14, 2016.

Hon. KEVIN BRADY, *Chair,*
House of Representatives,
Ways and Means Committee.

Hon. VERN BUCHANAN, *Chair,*
House of Representatives,
Human Resources Subcommittee.

Hon. ORRIN HATCH, *Chair,*
U.S. Senate,
Senate Finance Committee.

Hon. SANDER LEVIN, *Ranking Member,*
House of Representatives,
Ways and Means Committee,

Hon. LLOYD DOGGETT, *Ranking Member,*
House of Representatives,
Human Resources Subcommittee.

Hon. RON WYDEN, *Ranking Member,*
U.S. Senate,
Senate Finance Committee.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BRADY AND RANKING MEMBER LEVIN, CHAIRMAN BUCHANAN AND RANKING MEMBER DOGGETT, AND CHAIRMAN HATCH AND RANKING MEMBER WYDEN: The Alliance for Strong Families and Communities thanks you for your leadership and for introducing the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016. The legislation promotes numerous policy priorities that are consistent with our network's guiding principles for improving child and family safety, permanency and well-being.

We appreciate efforts you have made to address past concerns and to include components that are informed by effective practices in states and localities, technology updates, and current research. These include:

Permitting the use of federal funds to pay for programs across the evidence-based spectrum, and to continue knowledge formation in what works;

Making Title IV-B funds available to states so that they may modernize their Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) services so that so that children may be more quickly and effectively placed in appropriate homes across state lines;

Supporting the National Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities' recommendation that a 21st Century Child Welfare system require states to develop a statewide plan to prevent child abuse and neglect fatalities;

Requiring the use of an age-appropriate, evidence-based, validated needs assessment to help determine a child's need for behavioral health support through a therapeutic residential treatment setting; and

Engaging families in a child's residentially-based trauma-informed behavioral health treatment to strengthen the likelihood of their success, including establishing a family and permanency team in the initial needs assessment and ongoing progress monitoring.

We are very pleased with the bipartisan, bicameral effort to address child welfare reforms, and specifically, the longstanding policy priority to expand Title IV-E for prevention so that children and parents/caregivers may have access to services and interventions that ensure child safety and build family stability.

While the Alliance enthusiastically supports the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016, we do believe we have identified a significant technical misalignment within the definition of the Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) that, if addressed, would strengthen the bill, increase its effectiveness and mitigate against what we believe to be unintended consequences for children to whom we want to receive the right treatment, at the right time in the most appropriate setting. We fully support the requirement for a QRTP to use a trauma-informed treatment model, but are concerned about the rigid aspects of the language for QRTP staffing. The prescription of nursing and clinical staff being onsite during business hours is not consistent with Congress' desire to use evidence in its requirements on states and moves further away from a system that is child- and family-centered and community-based. We believe that QRTPs must abide by the fidelity elements of the approved, trauma-informed treatment model that they elect to use in accordance with the requirements in the bill and that the current language regarding staffing is inconsistent with the bill's treatment model requirement.

For example, if the fidelity elements of the selected treatment model require licensed or registered nurses to be onsite during business hours and available 24/7, then a QRTP must meet that requirement. Likewise, if fidelity to an approved model requires a different staffing composition and pattern, then the QRTP must meet that model's requirements and needs the flexibility to do so.

Therefore, rather than requiring the staff to be onsite during business hours, we recommend an amendment that aligns the treatment model requirement with the staffing requirement. The amendment would require staff to be onsite according to the trauma-informed treatment model being used by the QRTP. Our commonsense amendment acknowledges that high quality trauma-informed treatment models prescribe staffing patterns that are designed to achieve the outcomes proven by the program model. And, it strengthens the bill's effectiveness toward the greatest chance of success and normalcy for children provided in the most family-like settings possible.

The Alliance's wholehearted support of the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016 is unqualified and not contingent upon inclusion of the recommended amendment but, if the bill is passed without this amendment we intend to work to build a coalition to change this aspect of the QRTP requirements prior to implementation of these provisions in Title II in 2019.

Thank you very much for your hard work. We look forward to working with you and encourage you to contact Marlo Nash, Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Mobilization with questions or to request additional information.

Sincerely,

SUSAN DREYFUS,
President and CEO.

AAP STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE FAMILY
FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT

[6/13/2016 by Benard P. Dreyer, MD, FAAP,
president, American Academy of Pediatrics]
"The American Academy of Pediatrics
(AAP) commends House Ways and Means

Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Tex) and Ranking Member Sander Levin (D-Mich) and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-Ore) for releasing the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016. A comprehensive bipartisan effort to improve how the child welfare system serves children and families in adversity. This bill represents a pivotal opportunity for a major federal policy shift that moves away from placing children in out-of-home care and toward keeping families together.

“Children in or at-risk for entering foster care are especially vulnerable, they are more likely to be exposed to trauma and often have complex medical needs. This bill not only recognizes the unique needs of children and families in adversity, but also makes great strides to meet them in a way that pediatricians can stand behind through evidence-based, prevention-focused approaches. The bill offers states much-needed federal funding to support mental health, substance abuse and in-home parenting skills programs for families of children at-risk of entering foster care. This policy rewards state efforts to preserve and strengthen families by providing federal funds to administer prevention programs in a way that is steeped in science.

“Children fare best when they are raised in families equipped to meet their needs. Congregate care, when necessary, should be of high-quality for the shortest possible duration and reserved for instances in which it is absolutely essential. The AAP supports the bill’s emphasis on ensuring that children are only placed in a non-family setting if they have a demonstrated need for the services available in that setting. The AAP also appreciates that congregate care facilities must be accredited and have licensed clinical and nursing staff to ensure they are capable of caring for vulnerable children and meeting their complex health needs.

“Fixing the shortcomings in our child welfare system will require continued investment across both state and federal governments. The Family First Prevention Services Act does just what its name says. It puts families first. This bill represents major, meaningful progress toward protecting children and supporting their families in creating safe and stable homes. Pediatricians look forward to continuing to walk alongside bipartisan members of Congress to advance the bill toward a vote as soon as possible.”

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The American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of 64,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. For more information visit www.aap.org and follow us on Twitter @AmerAcadPeds.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION,

June 20, 2016.

Subject: Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016

Hon. KEVIN BRADY,
*Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives.*

Hon. VERN BUCHANAN,
*Chairman, Human Resources Subcommittee,
Committee on Ways and Means, House of
Representatives.*

Hon. SANDY LEVIN,
*Ranking Member, Committee on Ways and
Means, House of Representatives.*

Hon. LLOYD DOGGETT,
*Ranking Member, Human Resources Sub-
committee, Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of the American Bar Association, with nearly

400,000 members, I write in support of H.R. 5456, the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016. The ABA has consistently advocated for policies that address key services and support for families involved in the child welfare system. We support reform of the federal child welfare financing structure to end fiscal incentives when placing children in foster care at the expense of providing services that can keep children and families safely together, and we also advocate for the reduction of the use of congregate residential care settings as a long-term placement.

The Family First Prevention Services Act takes crucial steps toward achieving these goals. Allowing use of federal child welfare funds under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act for preventive investments will benefit children and families tremendously by providing opportunities for children to remain in their homes or with kin caregivers while needed supports and services are provided. Additionally, the legislation’s focus on ensuring that children entering foster care are placed in the least restrictive, most appropriate family-like setting supports children’s well-being immensely.

Additional provisions of the legislation significantly support vulnerable children and families, including:

Extended funding for Court Improvement Program (CIP) Grants. Courts play an essential role in ensuring safety and permanency for abused and neglected children, and CIP funds have had a great impact on the child welfare system, serving as a catalyst for essential judicial system reform.

Extended funding for Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, Subparts 1 and 2. The Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program and the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program provide vital support to states’ efforts to protect and serve families, both by supporting immediate preventive services while children remain at home and funding reunification services so that children can be safely returned home in a timely manner. The legislation’s elimination of the time limit on reunification services under Title IV-B is a particularly important change, as it will not only allow families to benefit from services for longer periods of time, but will also make more families eligible for those services.

Identification of model licensing standards for relative foster family homes. Model licensing standards will help address barriers to licensure that relative caregivers face. Flexible standards will help ensure children are placed in safe and appropriate homes, while promoting the opportunity for more relatives and non-related caregivers to become foster parents.

Providing a 50% federal match for evidence-based Kinship Navigator programs. These programs have provided critical services and information to support kinship care providers as they navigate multiple, complex systems while caring for children.

Expanded access and other improvements to the John E. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. All current and former youth in foster care have a right to quality education, and these provisions provide additional resources to help youth successfully transition to adulthood.

In addition, evaluations of existing high quality legal representation programs for parents, children and caregivers—including representation prior to the child’s removal—have shown that investment made in these services results in improved systemic functioning: more families receive individualized services, fewer children suffer the trauma of unnecessary removals, children removed from home return sooner and with fewer disruptions, and taxpayer dollars are saved.

We thank you for your leadership on this important legislation and we stand ready to

assist you with moving it forward. Should you have any questions or want additional information concerning our comments, please contact David Eppstein, Legislative Counsel, ABA Governmental Affairs Office or Robert Horowitz, Interim Director, ABA Center on Children and the Law.

Sincerely,

THOMAS M. SUSMAN.

AMERICAN PUBLIC
HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION,
June 14, 2016.

Hon. KEVIN BRADY, *Chair, House of Representatives,
Ways and Means Committee.*

Hon. VERN BUCHANAN, *Chair, House of Rep-
resentatives,
Human Resources Subcommittee.*

Hon. ORRIN HATCH,
*Chair, U.S. Senate,
Senate Finance Committee.*

Hon. SANDER LEVIN,
*Ranking Member, House of Representatives,
Ways and Means Committee.*

Hon. LLOYD DOGGETT,
*Ranking Member, House of Representatives,
Human Resources Subcommittee.*

Hon. RON WYDEN,
*Ranking Member, U.S. Senate,
Senate Finance Committee.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN BRADY AND RANKING MEMBER LEVIN, CHAIRMAN BUCHANAN AND RANKING MEMBER DOGGETT, AND CHAIRMAN HATCH AND RANKING MEMBER WYDEN: The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) and its affiliate, the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators (NAPCWA), on behalf of most of our state and local public child welfare administrators offer our support for the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016 (H.R. 5456) and thank you for your leadership in introducing the bill. The legislation promotes a number of policy priorities our state and local members have identified as key to improving child and family well-being. These policies are part of APHSA’s Pathways Initiative, a broader framework for building a stronger, more sustainable human-services system. Under Pathways, we are working with our members to promote more integrated policies (illustrated in the bill’s alignment of federal funds across the Title IV-E and IV-B programs); invest in outcomes (through the new Title IV-E foster care prevention program that provides funding for agencies to intervene earlier with families and decrease the need for placement in out-of-home settings); partnering for collective impact (addressed in the reauthorized Regional Partnership Grants) and others.

Additionally, we appreciate the efforts you have made to address past concerns raised by our state and local public child welfare leaders. These include:

Permitting the use of federal funds to pay for programs across the evidence-based spectrum, to support promising practices and build knowledge about what works;

Making Title IV-B funds available to states so that they may modernize their Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) services so children may be more quickly and effectively placed in appropriate homes across state lines;

Expanding parental substance abuse treatment through foster care maintenance payments for children with parents in a licensed residential family-based treatment facility;

Supporting the National Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities recommendation for states to develop a statewide plan to prevent fatalities resulting from cases of child abuse and neglect;

Expanding the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program for foster youth to age 23 and extending the educational training vouchers for youth to age 26; and

Other measures that guide out-of-home non-foster family placements, maintain services and programs for children and families, and incentivize permanency through adoption and guardianship placements.

We appreciate your bipartisan, bicameral effort to address child welfare reform, and specifically, the longstanding policy priority to expand Title IV-E for prevention so that children and parents/caregivers have access to services and interventions that maintain family stability. While the bill presents an unprecedented opportunity and many of our key leaders have shared their perspectives and concerns with Committee staff, some members will need to fully examine and understand the implications of each Title and section on their states and localities. We will continue to monitor and assess the impact of each Title and section to identify and share with you any unintended consequences. With Congress' support, we can help to ensure that all children and families can develop and live to their full potential.

Again, thank you very much for your hard work. We look forward to working with you and encourage you to contact Christina Crayton, Assistant Director, Policy and Government Affairs with questions or to request additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director,
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sociation.

JULIE KROW,
President, *National*
Association of Public
Child Welfare Ad-
ministrators,
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Partnerships, *Colo-*
rado Department of
Human Services.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY FUTURES,
June 13, 2016.

Hon. KEVIN BRADY,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives.

Hon. ORRIN HATCH,
Chairman, Committee on Finance,
U.S. Senate.

Hon. VERN BUCHANAN,
Chairman, Human Resources Subcommittee,
Committee on Ways and Means, House of
Representatives.

Hon. SANDY LEVIN,
Ranking Member, Committee on Ways and
Means, House of Representatives.

Hon. RON WYDEN,
Ranking Member, Committee on Finance,
U.S. Senate.

Hon. LLOYD DOGGETT,
Ranking Member, Human Resources Sub-
committee, Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives.

DEAR WAYS AND MEANS AND SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN BRADY AND HATCH, RANKING MEMBERS LEVIN AND WYDEN AND HUMAN RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BUCHANAN AND RANKING MEMBER DOGGETT: On behalf of Children and Family Futures, I am pleased to share our support for the Family First Prevention Services Act (H.R. 5456) introduced today by House Ways and Means Human Resources Subcommittee Chairman Vern Buchanan (R-FL) and joined by eleven other bi-partisan original co-sponsors.

Children and Family Futures, a national nonprofit organization based in Lake Forest, California, has more than 20 years of experience in improving outcomes for children at the intersection of child welfare and substance use disorder treatment agencies and

family courts. We recently had the opportunity to testify at Senate Finance and Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Hearings on the effects of opioids on our nation's child welfare agencies. As you may know, there are 8.3 million children—almost 11% of America's children—who live with a parent who is alcoholic or needs treatment for illicit drug abuse. About two-thirds of the children who enter the child welfare system are affected by parents with substance use disorders, and when we ask children and youth in foster care what they need the most, they often ask for substance abuse treatment for their parents so that their family can stay together. Quality substance abuse prevention and treatment is one of the cornerstones of a strong and effective child welfare system.

H.R. 5456 takes several critical steps to ensure that parents and children receive the full range of supportive services they need to heal and thrive. By allowing federal IV-E dollars to be used in a time-limited way for evidence-based prevention services, including mental health, substance abuse prevention and in-home skill-based programs, the proposed legislation provides an unprecedented opportunity for child welfare agencies to expand the services parents need to continue to care for their children safely without unnecessary foster care placements.

In addition, allowing states to draw down Title IV-E foster care maintenance payments on behalf of children who are placed in residential family treatment settings with a parent who is receiving treatment is another effective way to ensure that families can stay together while getting the services and supports they need to get back on their feet. For children whose parents struggle with alcohol and illicit drug abuse, the elimination of the time limit to allow family reunification services to be provided to any child in foster care and for up to 15 months after a child is reunited with his or her biological family will allow children of parents who are still in the very first stages of recovery to get the ongoing help they need to maintain both stability and sobriety.

CFF also strongly supports H.R. 5456's reauthorization of the Regional Partnership Grant program that provides funding to state and regional grantees seeking to provide evidence-based services to prevent child abuse and neglect related to substance abuse and revised grant requirements based on lessons learned from the most effective past grants. In addition to updating the program to specifically address the opioid and heroin epidemic, the proposal legislation leverages what has been learned to ensure that new foster care prevention funding provided under the bill is used effectively.

In addition to providing much-needed attention to prevention services for children and families who come to the attention of the child welfare system, the legislation's provisions to reduce the over-reliance on group care facilities are an equally important step in supporting children and keeping families together. The legislation's current approach to reducing unnecessary care while enhancing the protections and oversight for Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTF) will ensure that young people who are struggling with their own substance use disorder or mental health issues have full access to clinically appropriate residential treatment options and that a continuum of quality services are available to help them transition back home to their families. Moreover, improving and expediting an effective assessment process and increasing judicial oversight of placement decisions on an ongoing basis also represent significant progress in connecting young people with the right services on a timely basis while also

maintaining positive family and community connections.

Untreated substance use disorders are among the most critical and devastating crises facing the nation's children and families. Thanks to the leadership and bipartisanship demonstrated by members of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees, H.R. 5456 offers a range of innovative solutions designed to keep children and families together and provide the services and supports they need to lead healthy and productive lives. We are deeply appreciative of your collective work on this bill and are confident that, if passed, it will continue to help thousands children and families, now and for years to come.

Sincerely,

NANCY K. YOUNG,
Ph.D., Director.
SIDNEY L. GARDNER,
M.P.A., President.

IN RECOGNITION OF ABBY
STEINER

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Abby Steiner of Dublin Coffman High School for winning the Girls 100 and 200 Meter Dash in the Ohio High School Division I Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Abby's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. She has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Dublin Coffman High School can be extremely proud of her performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Abby Steiner on her state championships. I wish her continued success in both her athletic and academic endeavors.

HONORING THE CAREER OF SALLY
DENISE THORNBURG

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sally Denise Thornburg who is set to retire after beginning her career in nursing in 1973. During her 43-year career, Denise served in many roles, including Charge Nurse, Clinical Manager of the medical floor and nursing in the Intensive Care Unit.

Sally Denise Thornburg joined El Centro Regional Medical Center (ECRMC) in 1973 after graduating from Imperial Valley College

as part of the first class of its Registered Nursing program. Denise got her start on the Medical-Surgical floor and within the first 2 months of receiving her license she was promoted to Charge Nurse and later to Clinical Manager. In 1985, Denise received the Certification for Adult, Pediatric and Neonatal Critical Care Nurses (CCRN), an advanced nursing specialty she still holds today. This past April, she was recognized by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses for being one of 397 RNs nationwide to hold this certification for over 30 years. During her retirement, she looks forward to volunteering in the Intensive Care Unit at ECRMC.

I would like to commend Sally Denise Thornburg for her 43 years of dedication to ECRMC's staff and for her commitment to expanding and improving medical services in Imperial County.

FARM CREDIT CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, as we near the 100th anniversary of the Farm Credit System, I rise today to commend the cooperative owners and the employees of the Farm Credit System for their continuing service in meeting the credit and financial-services needs of rural communities and agriculture.

I was pleased to cosponsor House Resolution 591, commemorating the Farm Credit System's centennial. The Farm Credit System was established by Congress through the Federal Farm Loan Act of 1916, signed into law on July 17, 1916, by President Woodrow Wilson. Congress designed the Farm Credit System as a permanent means to support the well-being and prosperity of the Nation's rural communities and agricultural producers of all types and sizes.

The State of Vermont is served by Yankee Farm Credit, which provides more than \$400 million in loans to more than 1,000 Vermont members, as well as financial-services such as recordkeeping, payroll, income tax preparation, consulting, appraisal, and crop insurance.

Nationwide the Farm Credit System provides more than \$237 billion in loans to more than 500,000 members.

Yankee Farm Credit is involved in the agricultural community throughout Vermont, working with Vermont's Agency of Agriculture and other organizations and agencies such as the Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation, the University of Vermont Extension Service, and the USDA's Farm Service Agency. Yankee Farm Credit supports youth in agriculture. Yankee Farm Credit together with CoBank has provided more than \$10,000 in grants each to 4-H and FFA in the past three years.

Congress designed the Farm Credit System as a network of cooperatives, independently owned and controlled by its borrowers. The cooperative governance model, whereby directors are accountable to the rest of the membership is an important tenet of the Farm Credit System.

Farm Credit has demonstrated its commitment to its customer owners in Vermont for a century, and we look forward to its continued commitment for the next one hundred years.

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 75th Anniversary of the Anniston Army Depot in Anniston, Alabama. The Depot has a very rich history for its work in defense over the years. It continues to serve as an economic engine for Northeast Alabama.

In March of 1940, the War Department began planning construction of the Depot and by early 1941, construction began. By September, the Depot's workforce was made up of four individuals, but by November of 1942, the workforce number grew to over 4,300 individuals.

In the 1950s, the Depot's mission was to overhaul and repair combat vehicles. By the 1960s, reconditioning for a number of vehicles began.

In August of 1962, the Depot was renamed to its current name today, the Anniston Army Depot, and became an installation under the jurisdiction of the Army Materiel Command. By 1963, maintenance and storage of chemical munitions began.

In the 1970s, new vehicle overhauls began as well as conversions of vehicles and in the 1980s, missile maintenance was added as a new mission.

In August of 1992, the Depot's general supply mission was assumed by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and in 1993, the Depot became a forerunner in Public-Private Partnerships.

In the mid-1990s, a chemical stockpile was transferred to the Anniston Chemical Activity under the Chemical and Biological Defense Command.

In August of 2001, the Depot was designated as the Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for Combat Vehicles, Artillery and Small Caliber Weapons by the Secretary of the Army. In 2002, the partnership with General Dynamics/General Motors on new production of Stryker vehicles began.

In August of 2003, the Depot's stockpile of chemical munitions began to be safely and securely destroyed at the Anniston Chemical Disposal Facility. By December, the Depot and other TACOM installations fabricated Armor Survivability Kits for HMMWVs in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

From 2004 through 2006, the fabrication sustainment for DOD M1 systems culminated in the creation of the Joint Assault Bridge and Assault Breacher Vehicle programs and by early 2006, production on damaged Stryker vehicles began.

In March of 2006, the Depot named the DoD Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for ground combat vehicles (excluding the Bradley), assault bridging, artillery and small caliber weapons. In October, the Depot was named the U.S. Army's organic maintenance depot facility for the Stryker.

By 2008, the first full-rate production Assault Breacher Vehicle was shipped to the U.S. Marines and in early 2009, production of the Army's Assault Breacher Vehicle began.

In August of 2009, production operations began at the Powertrain Flexible Maintenance

Facility for overhaul and repair work of reciprocating diesel engines began and by December, the Depot and General Dynamics Land Systems began a 50/50 partnership program to repair and reset Stryker vehicles.

In March 2011, the new industrial wastewater treatment plant was completed and by May the first Stryker variant pilot overhaul program began for the Infantry Carrier Vehicle.

In September 2001, the Anniston Chemical Activity completed demilitarization of chemical weapons along with the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility.

In January 2012, production operations started in the Small Arms Repair Facility, collocated with DLA's small arms storage facility.

In May of 2012, production operations began at the Powertrain Transmission Facility.

In May of 2014, the Depot held an induction ceremony for low-rate initial production of the M109A7 family of vehicles in partnership with BAE Systems.

By August, the Depot held a rollout ceremony for the Stryker Double V Hull Exchange Program in partnership with General Dynamics Land Systems. In September, the Depot was awarded the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence for accomplishments in ABV program.

Currently, construction has begun on a solar array in collaboration with Alabama Power, the Office of Energy Initiatives, the General Services Administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Mission and Installation Contracting Command.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Anniston Army Depot for the important work they do for our country and our warfighter and congratulate them on their 75th anniversary.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
BRIAN DARLING

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the recent accomplishments of Staff Sergeant Brian Darling as well as to recognize his career of service to the United States of America.

Staff Sergeant Darling recently completed the Advanced Leaders Course at The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Virginia. Staff Sergeant Darling is a Paralegal Noncommissioned Officer serving in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Force Headquarters, New Jersey Army National Guard. He has recently returned from his third deployment overseas and is about to complete his second master's degree. Staff Sergeant Darling is a decorated service member who has served our nation with honor and courage. He has managed to excel academically during his service, and balance raising his son.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously proud to have Staff Sergeant Brian Darling as a selfless and dedicated member of their community, who continues to serve and protect the freedoms and ideals of our nation. I am honored to recognize him for his recent graduation from the Advanced Leaders Course for his Military Occupational Specialty, as well as

for his dedication to completing a second master's degree and to commend him for his outstanding service to his community and our country, before the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATALIE
PRICE

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Natalie Price of Granville High School for winning the Girls 400 Meter Run at the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Natalie's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. She has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Granville High School can be extremely proud of her performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Natalie Price on her state championship. I wish her continued success in both her athletic and academic endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIGOZIE
CHRISTIANA UDEMEZUE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Attorney Chigozie "Gozie" Christiana Udemezue on her remarkable efforts on behalf of widows and children in Africa and around the world.

Gozie was born in Enugu, Nigeria in 1971. Early in her academic career she showed incredible aptitude towards educational pursuits, placing highly in her classes and demonstrating the scholarship to continue her education. Gozie pursued Law at Enugu State University of Science and Technology. A childhood dream of Gozie's was to become a lawyer, because she wanted to be in a position to help others. This was a dream that she eventually fulfilled. She had the opportunity to pursue a Master of Laws Degree at the University of London in International Human Rights Law, and continues her pursuit of knowledge still today.

When she was eight years old, Gozie lost her mother and she was left in the care of an older relative. This developed her understanding of how difficult life could be when families are pulled apart by death, conflict, or

other reasons. In 1994, Gozie was married to Chief Emeka Udemezue and they lived happily together for many years, they had three children together. Unfortunately, Chief Udemezue passed away before their third child was born, leaving Gozie to raise her children on her own.

In many parts of Africa, local, state, and national laws dictate that when a husband passes away, the property and holdings of that man pass to his brothers and not to his wife and family. Often in these situations the wife and children are left with nothing, forced to fend for themselves with no resources or protections. Seeing this injustice, Gozie and Chief Udemezue established a fund to take care of these widows and their children. Three years later, her husband passed away, and Gozie experienced and fought this injustice first hand.

The Udemezue's established the Healing Hearts Widows Support Foundation (HHWSF). The HHWSF has provided support to over five thousand widows throughout Nigeria, providing medical support, food, loans, education, and legal financial support to widows who are fighting to maintain the lives that they led. In 2014, Gozie established the "Adopt-a-Widow" program, utilizing social media to solicit funds worldwide to help support these efforts. The HHWSF has fought to change the constitution in Nigeria, and works with local leaders to fix the laws and application of the laws in local communities. Gozie continues to act as a powerful presence in the media, reaching out to, and educating widows across Nigeria about their rights and the support that is available to them. It is important to recognize that this work is not without danger, in many areas, Gozie's work is met with the threat of violence and intimidation, for her attempts to change the status quo. Despite those dangers, she marches on, fighting this injustice whenever, and wherever she can. Gozie Udemezue is an incredible woman and deserves our gratitude and appreciation for her trailblazing work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Chigozie Christiana Udemezue for her contributions to humanity. I thank her for her leadership and commitment, and wish her many years of success and happiness.

HONORING THE 1,050TH ANNIVERSARY OF
POLAND'S CHRISTIANITY AND FOUNDING

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 1,050th Anniversary of Poland's Christianity and founding as a nation.

I want to recognize the group of Polish organizations and leaders, which include the Polish American Congress, who are a cornerstone of our community in the Tenth District of Illinois. These groups organized a celebration of this Anniversary, which along with other celebrations, will bring communities together to commemorate this important time in Poland's history.

I wish the Polish-American community all the best at their celebration, and I look forward to continuing to work with our Polish American community to amplify their voice in the United States Congress.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,316,931,693,227.11. We've added \$8,690,054,644,314.03 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349 and "yea" on roll call vote 350.

CONGRATULATING MR. BRUCE
CHARENDOFF ON BEING AP-
POINTED TO THE TRAVEL AND
TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Bruce Charendoff, the Chief Public Policy Officer for Sabre, on his 2-year appointment to the Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

Sabre is a cutting edge technology company that transforms travel and is headquartered in Southlake, Texas. Sabre employs over 10,000 people worldwide and over 2,500 are in my district. The Travel and Tourism Advisory Board ("TTAB") was first chartered in 2003 and serves as the advisory body to the Secretary of Commerce. The TTAB focuses on the travel and tourism industry in the United States. The 32-member board is responsible for tackling important issues including travel promotion, sustainable tourism, visa policy and data and research by providing important guidance and strategies that facilitate collaboration between the public and private sectors.

Mr. Charendoff is uniquely qualified to fulfill the duties of the TTAB because he has been part of the travel and tourism ecosystem for over 25 years. Besides being a board member for the TTAB he is the Chairman of the Travel Technology Association, Executive Committee and Board member of the U.S. Travel Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the European Travel and Technology Services Association and on the Corporate Advisory Council of the American Society of Travel Agents. As the Chief Public Policy Officer at Sabre he has been instrumental and a proven

leader in advocating on issues that directly impact the company and the travel and tourism industry.

On behalf of the citizens of the 24th District of Texas, I want to thank Mr. Bruce Charendoff for his service and dedication to maintaining a strong and vibrant travel and tourism industry. As we all know, travel is vitally important to our nation's and Texas's economic growth so it is good to know we have a strong advocate looking out for our interests. Again, congratulations to Mr. Charendoff on his appointment to the TTAB.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICAELA
DEGENERO

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Micaela DeGenero of Granville High School for winning the Girls 1600 Meter Run at the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Micaela's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. She has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Granville High School can be extremely proud of her performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Micaela DeGenero on her state championship. I wish her continued success in both her athletic and academic endeavors.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON S. 2845

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following exchange of letters with the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary regarding S. 2845, the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Extension Act of 2016.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC, June 29, 2016.

Hon. ED ROYCE,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROYCE: I am writing with respect to S. 2845, the "Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Extension Act of 2016," which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary. As a result of your having consulted with us on provi-

sions in S. 2845 that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary, I agree to discharge our committee from further consideration of this bill so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration.

The Judiciary Committee takes this action with our mutual understanding that by foregoing consideration of S. 2845 at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over subject matter contained in this or similar legislation and that our committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as this bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues in our jurisdiction. Our committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and asks that you support any such request.

I would appreciate a response to this letter confirming this understanding with respect to S. 2845, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during Floor consideration of S. 2845.

Sincerely,

BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Washington, DC, June 29, 2016.

Hon. BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for consulting with the Committee on Foreign Affairs on S. 2845, the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Extension Act of 2016, and for agreeing to be discharged from further consideration of that bill.

I agree that your forgoing further action on this measure does not in any way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary, or prejudice its jurisdictional prerogatives on this bill or similar legislation in the future. I would support your effort to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this legislation.

I will seek to place our letters on S. 2845 into the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the bill. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to continuing to work with your Committee as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

EDWARD R. ROYCE,
Chairman.

RECOGNIZING THE BEMIS COMPANY'S WEST HAZLETON PLANT UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the employees of the Bemis Company's West Hazleton plant, who, for 50 years, have supplied innovative packing materials that are used to safely transport food. The West Hazleton plant has played an important role in my district over the last five decades, employing over 400 people in the greater Hazleton area. They are an active sponsor of community events and exemplify the strong partnership that can exist between private employers and a local region.

The Hazleton plant has operated under several names throughout the years, becoming Bemis in 1993. The company prides itself on promoting a family-friendly environment, and for several families this has been a multi-generational employer. When you go to the grocery store or bakery, you're seeing the work of Hazleton employees—they make the bags for bread, rolls, buns, and bagels for thousands of products. Their Hazleton employees produce approximately 2.5 billion bread bags annually and use their expertise in polymer chemistry to supply the global food supply chain with reliable packaging.

I am also honored to recognize Mrs. Emily Logan upon the occasion of her 50th anniversary with Bemis. Such a milestone is increasingly rare in today's society, and this milestone speaks both to the talent of the employee and the work environment of the employer. Bemis also understands the importance of engaging with the broader community to create lasting bonds. The company is a member of the Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, participates in local food drives, supports Relay For Life, and participates in career fairs at Hazleton High School. These community initiatives have created lasting partnerships and continue to provide opportunities for my constituents and all residents in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Bemis Hazleton upon 50 years of operation in my district and hometown. Bemis Hazleton has enjoyed continued success because of their unwavering commitment to their employees and the community in which they operate. This productive manufacturing facility continues to bring prosperity and employment opportunities to my constituents, and I look forward to the facility's continued success and innovation in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES
RUTAN

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Charles A. "Chuck" Rutan on his recent election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions.

Mr. Rutan currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Southwest Airlines Federal Credit Union, located in Dallas, Texas. He has 40 years of experience in the financial services industry, serving as a credit union CEO for over 25 years, including the last 8 years at Southwest. Mr. Rutan is a passionate leader in the credit union community, having served in numerous volunteer positions. This includes 14 years on the Illinois Credit Union League Board, where he chaired numerous committees and served as Board Chairman in 2000–2001.

Mr. Rutan currently serves on NAFCU's Legislative Committee and attends several NAFCU events every year, including the annual NAFCU Congressional Caucus. He has a deep understanding of legislative and regulatory issues facing credit unions across the country. I am confident that his expertise and years of experience will benefit the NAFCU Board and local credit unions for years to come.

Mr. Rutan received his bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University in 1975 and his CPA certification from the University of Illinois in 1976.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chuck Rutan and wishing him the best of luck in his new role on the NAFCU Board of Directors. I look forward to working with him in this regard.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANNA
WATSON

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anna Watson of Olentangy Orange High School for winning the Girls Pole Vault Event at the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Anna's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. She has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Olentangy Orange High School can be extremely proud of her performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Anna Watson on her state championship. I wish her continued success in both her athletic and academic endeavors.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Colorado Delegation of the U.S. House of Representatives, I am highlighting an issue of importance to Colorado and its community of senior citizens. Earlier this year, Congress passed the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016 and sent it to the President for his signature. This reauthorization ensures that a wide range of social and nutritional services directed to assist senior citizens is not disrupted. While the reauthorization improves the status quo for the state of Colorado, I still have concerns about the continuing inequity in funding going to our state in comparison to the rest of the country.

In an attempt to protect certain states with shrinking senior populations, in 2006 Congress changed the Older Americans Act funding formula to ensure states received a guaranteed funding level. This is known as the "Hold Harmless Funding Formula." Due to Colorado's growing senior population and this

provision from 2006, Colorado (among other states) saw massive cuts during sequestration when other states did not.

Instead of allowing the funding to go to states with growing senior populations, the hold harmless funding formula in the current reauthorization continues the disproportionate trend by preventing funding in states with lower senior populations from going to states with growing levels of senior citizens. While I am supportive of the services provided by the Older Americans Act, Congress' priority should be ensuring the stability of the programs upon which millions of seniors around the country depend.

I believe that moving forward, it is imperative that steps are taken in future reauthorizations to safeguard services for all seniors regardless of their state of residence. It is my hope that as Congress continues to address issues that are important to all senior citizens we find a path forward to address the issue I've raised today.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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OLDER AMERICANS ACT

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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OLDER AMERICANS ACT

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Colorado Delegation of the U.S. House of Representatives, I am highlighting an issue of importance to Colorado and its community of senior citizens. Earlier this year, Congress passed the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016 and sent it to the President for his signature. This reauthorization ensures that a wide range of social and nutritional services, directed to assist senior citizens, is not disrupted. While the reauthorization improves the status quo for the state of Colorado, I still have concerns about the continuing inequity in funding going to our state in comparison to the rest of the country.

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OLDER AMERICANS ACT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HAN WEN ZHANG SELECTED AS EXCHANGE CLUB OF SUGAR LAND'S YOUTH OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Han Wen Zhang of Clements High School for being selected as the Exchange Club of Sugar Land's Youth of the Year.

Han Wen, a senior at Clements High School, was submitted as a Youth of the Year by the Sugar Land Exchange Club. This honor recognizes students who have attained high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership. Han Wen embodies these characteristics. She is not only an AP National Scholar, but also fluent in English, Chinese and French. She has been issued a diploma of proficiency by The French Ministry of National Education and has taught French at Colony Bend Elementary School. Han Wen won first place in the Clements High School Texas French Symposium in the individual experienced division. She is also the President of the French National Honor Society and former President of the French Club. She has also worked on art projects with DePelchin Center and Advocates of Healthy Minds in Fort Bend County. Having achieved so much in her young life, we can only imagine the great accomplishments that lie in her future.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Han Wen Zhang for being selected as the Exchange Club of Sugar Land's Youth of the Year. Our community is very proud of her and can't wait to see what she does next.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ST.
FRANCIS DESALES HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Francis DeSales High School for winning the Division II Ohio High School Girls Lacrosse State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

DeSales' victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. They have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at St. Francis DeSales High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate the St. Francis DeSales High School Girls Lacrosse Team on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF THE SLAIN AFTER
THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MOTHER EMANUEL AME
CHURCH MASSACRE

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of the nine men and women who were murdered in my district at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina on June 17, 2015.

With it now being just over a year since the tragedy occurred, our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the victims and their families. Their names once again are Cynthia Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lance, The Reverend DePayne Middleton-Doctor, The Reverend Clementa C. Pinckney, Tywanza Sanders, The Reverend Daniel Simmons Sr., The Reverend Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson.

I submit this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

IN THE DARKEST OF ALL NIGHTS

In the darkest of all nights
When all hope seems to taken flight
While, such heartache begins,
so ignites
As evil has its day
Only then can faith upon us shine its bright
light
As from out of these the darkest of all nights
To so fight the good fight
Of Good vs. Evil,
for we are all God's chosen people

to wipe out this blight
And when it all seems without reason or
rhyme,
all in hatred darkest of times
Seasons
Remember it is not by chance,
for this battle has always raged since the be-
ginning of man
For there is darkness,
and there is Light
We choose the side upon which we wish to so
fight

Let us enjoin now as Black and as White
As American's first,
colorblind to hatred's sight
For we all have the same heart
For we are all are born to live and to die,
and to play our part
As all of those Mothers who now stand with
tears in their eyes and broken hearts
But remember my friends,
over The Darkness of Evil we all can so fend
Because The Darkness is no match for The
Light,

if together we enjoin in this fight
If we ask our Lord for the strength for this
battle to win

In this most unspeakable of all crimes in our
Lord's house in this sin
As they knelt down to pray,
as around a total stranger their arms they
had laid

To commune and speak of our Lord,
as together they prayed
As those nine future Angels were so soon to
be on heaven's way

As they did not realize before them what
Evil so lay
But remember my friends,
the face of evil can so easily be hidden away
In these The darkest of all nights,
darkest of all days

As nine beautiful souls of gold,
were taken from all of us this day
From our world in evil's blight as they
prayed

As our world has been cheated of The Light
that they gave

As nine families across South Carolina so
weep on this day

And hate is hard,
and oh how upon me it so weighs
When, I see all those tears in your families
faces

As we now so weep
all in what their beautiful lives were to keep
But through all of this darkness we all must
somehow be brave
And if we look closely,
we can still see their light through all of
that pain

As all across Charleston on this night but
comes a gentle rain
Washing down upon their loved ones to so
ease their pain

for these are the tears of our Lord,
upon them to remain
Until, up in Heaven you all meet again,
and you won't have to cry no more
Take heart my brothers and sisters,
all of your loved ones in Heaven remain
as Angels the same
And you will hear them on the wind
And when you awake,
you will feel them next to you where they've
been

For they are Angels now in the Army of our
Lord

To watch over you time and again
To fight this war which has always been
Now, let us find rest
Let, us find peace
Let us be as strong as once had all these
all in their beliefs

Let us not us find the same such dark hatred
which evil so keeps
As united together we stand,

let us put arms around each other women,
child, and man
Black or White, let us not follow the hatred's
same disease
As it's time to bring all of our love and light
to fight The Beast
And from a distance what seems like the
worst

Perhaps isn't,
for up in Heaven we all wish to wake
As its down here on Earth,
in the darkest of all nights we must fight
evil curse

Goodness. Evil. Darkness. Light.
Those braves hearts who Evil must fight
Who bring their Light
As together enjoined,
as we battle on into the darkest of all nights
And its in our faith this day which will help
us move on

For Evil and Darkness are no match for The
Light

In these the darkest all nights
Amen!

HONORING HOWARD L. CHAMBERS,
LEGENDARY LAKEWOOD CITY
MANAGER

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, Howard L. Chambers, who has served as the city manager of the City of Lakewood for four decades, is the California city manager with the longest tenure in the same city—this in a profession where the average length of service in California is about seven years.

A lifelong member of the Lakewood community, Howard grew up near Mayfair Park, went to neighborhood schools, and worked at the YMCA.

After earning his degree at Cal State Long Beach, Howard interned at the City of Lakewood for two years, handling youth services. He then went to work with the City of Rosemead as an assistant city manager.

Howard returned to Lakewood in 1972 in the role of an executive assistant to the city manager. In 1976, he was named acting city administrator and shortly thereafter hired to permanently fill the position, which was later re-titled as city manager, by the city council.

During his 40-year tenure as a city manager, Howard Chambers has become a respected leader among area city managers, always willing to take the time to share his professional experience with his colleagues on issues affecting Southern California, its residents, and its infrastructure.

Howard has also worked tirelessly and effectively on ad hoc committees and coalitions to address federal, state, and local issues, and has never shied away from a principled battle. As a long-term member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), Chairman of the Southeast Los Angeles County Municipal Management Group, the California Contract Cities Association, and a member of the League of California Cities' City Managers Division, Howard has worked with elected and appointed city officials, legislators, regulators, the business community, residents, and others to achieve solutions to the critical issues affecting local governments.

In addition to his public service, Howard Chambers has made community service a priority. His involvement includes the Lakewood

Rotary Club, the Weingart-Lakewood Family YMCA, Lakewood Special Olympics, the American Heart Association, Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence, Lakewood Regional Hospital, Kris Kringle Charity Golf Tournament, and Project Shepherd.

For his sustained excellence, he has been recognized throughout his career by a variety of organizations including ICMA, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, California Jaycees, YMCA, Lakewood City Council, Lakewood City Employees Association, and Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence.

During his tenure, Howard Chambers managed the city's largest public works project in its first 50 years: the \$16 million improvement of the Lakewood Civic Center and construction of The Centre at Sycamore Plaza. He later oversaw the \$21-million expansion and modernization of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, the largest single project in the city's history. The sheriff's station expansion project was completed without a new tax, tax increase, or special assessment.

Howard Chambers is considered a legend in the city management profession and is known for his ability to build working relationships with city staffers, civic leaders, and state legislators. He also is a role model for his peers. Known for his "teachable moments," he has become a mentor and teacher to new city managers. He has been and will continue to be passionate about local government, and his involvement in community activities and achievements in public service have resulted in significant benefits to Lakewood and surrounding communities.

During his four decades of service, Lakewood has deservedly earned many awards for the quality of its services, its commitment to responsive government, and its innovations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 349 for final passage of H.R. 4854 and Roll Call Number 350 for final passage of H.R. 4855, which took place Tuesday July 5, 2016, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on both bills.

NOLAN RYAN JR. HIGH ADVANCES TO NATIONAL SEAPERCH CHALLENGE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pearland, TX Nolan Ryan Jr. High Wave Riders, for placing third overall in the Middle School Class at the National SeaPerch Challenge at Louisiana State University.

The U.S. Navy National SeaPerch Challenge is an underwater robotics competition. Nolan Ryan Jr. High qualified for nationals by

finishing in the top seven overall teams at the regional competition. The team built and operated their own remotely-operated vehicles that function underwater and are designed to complete an obstacle course. The SeaPerch Challenge competition judges the students' underwater vehicles in poster and interview first, and then two underwater challenges follow. The first being an obstacle course and the second being an orbs challenge where the students move different sized balls into submerged containers. The students develop problem-solving, teamwork and technical skills through this competition. They were awarded 3rd Place Overall in the Middle School Class. We are very proud of what these bright young students have accomplished.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Nolan Ryan Jr. High Wave Riders for placing third at the National SeaPerch Challenge. Keep up the great work.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL FENSTER

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Fenster of New Albany High School for winning the Boys Seated 800 Meter Run in the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Michael's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. He has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at New Albany High School can be extremely proud of his performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Michael Fenster on his state championship. I wish him continued success in both his athletic and academic endeavors.

GUNS AND THE MARIANAS

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, people I represent in the Northern Marianas are concerned that guns could become more common in our islands, more easily obtained, and a threat to public safety. We do have guns: for hunting, for target practice. Police officers carry weapons. And we have had tragedies: a child shot accidentally, a mass murder/suicide.

But generally people feel safe. We do not worry that someone may get a gun and use it for the wrong reasons. That feeling of safety changed recently. The federal court ruled that the Supreme Court's Heller decision applied in our islands; and people had a right to keep a handgun in their home. I understand that decision. The second amendment applies in our islands. We voted to make it apply, when we joined the United States forty years ago. But the people I represent do not want to see handguns everywhere in our community. We certainly do not want the kind of assault rifles that terrorists use—most recently in Orlando. And our local legislature has taken action to limit handguns and ban assault rifles. I support those actions. I support the right of small communities like my own to decide for themselves about guns.

RECOGNIZING THE UT TYLER PATRIOTS' 2016 NATIONAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

HON LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand today to honor the University of Texas at Tyler Patriots on a spectacular 2016 softball season in which they have dominated all challengers to capture the NCAA Division III World Series title.

The UT Tyler Patriots finished as national runners-up in 2015, but boasted 25 shutouts going into the 2016 finals.

The Patriots went 5-1 at the national tournament held in Salem, Virginia, ultimately defeating the Messiah College Falcons by the score of 3-0 and a score in the title-clinching game of 7-0 to become the national champions.

The championship success of this exceptional UT Tyler ladies team is a tribute not only to all those who had their skills and determination tested as players, but is also a testimony to all those who have assisted them in reaching their goal.

The teamwork and discipline utilized to become champions should help all involved to know that no matter what obstacles may be thrown in their paths, they can overcome them and prevail. Heartfelt congratulations are extended to all the athletic staff including Head Coach Mike Reed, Assistant Coaches Whitney Wyly, Christa Hartnett, Anthony Springer and Coby Gipson, and Athletic Trainer Lexie Foster.

The team members responsible for bringing this championship title home to east Texas includes Freshmen: Cheyenne Thompson, Abby Hall, Jade Green, Alli Ramsey; Sophomores: Rose Sullivan, Kailey Henderson, Hannah Moore, Kelsie McEachern, Kursten Jaime; Juniors: Kaylee Prather, Bianca Van Vlerah, Jaiden Rawls, Lexi Ackroyd, Mel Hinojosa, Alaina Kissinger, KK Stevens; and Seniors: Kristin Lopez, Britney Bledsoe, Emilee Burkhardt, Raven Rodriguez, Jackie Mendez, Vanessa Carrizales, and Kelsie Batten.

It is my most esteemed honor to applaud everyone involved with this championship quest. May God continue to bless these young women, their families and their friends.

Congratulations to the 2016 National Champion UT Tyler Patriots, as their NCAA Division

III College World Series title is now recorded and applauded in the U.S. CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST
INDIANA'S NEW CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate the individuals who took their oath of citizenship on July 4, 2016. In true patriotic fashion, on the day of our great Nation's celebration of independence, a naturalization ceremony took place, welcoming new citizens of the United States of America. This memorable occasion, coordinated by the League of Women Voters of the Calumet Area and presided over by Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich, was held at The Pavilion at Wolf Lake in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. The oath ceremony was a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On July 4, 2016, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Robert Ian Macmahon, Francisco Javier Coronado Longoria, Ann Zeno, Eiman Faiz Hamoudeh, Bolanle Olusanya, Frank Ajisafe Olusanya, Manal Hany Mamdoh Altahan, Dhaisy Borghonia Sniadecki, Juan Villegas Macias, Samer Bedaywi, Ami Jageshkumar Patel, Jageshkumar Kirtikummar Patel, Himali Jageshkumar Patel, Susan Wambui Njoroge, Swati Virendrakumar Gupta, Aimee Sebastian Dela Cruz, Joewil Dacuycuy, Jose Antonio Aguado, Naba Al Ammarei, Juan Alcantar, Teresa Arroyo, Kevin Yue Chen, Marco Coria, Ariadna Margie Corral, Martin Antonio Da Costa, Cristal Garcia, Marta Maria Ghunaim, Luz Del Carmen Hernandez-Valdez, Nisrein Abdel Alhakam Odeh Issa, Sondas Abdel-Hakam Odeh Issa, Nejma Abed Alhakam Odeh Issa, Kevin Joonghoon Koh, Yechan Lim, Manuel Salvador Loza, Joaquin Martinez, Maria Claudia Mijes-Escamilla, Diana Eloisa Nemshick, Triet Sy Thanh Nguyen-Beck, Michael Ssemwanga Njucki, Ericka Elizabeth Ogaldez, Laura Ruiz, Arnold Alvin Sey, Jean Paul Shumbusho, Leticia Sosa, Alfonso Soto Jr., Natalia Torrenza, Linh Truong, Nadia Maria Tudorache, Yesica Yaneth Villasenor, Noel Rodriguez Villavicencio Jr., and Mohamed Masoud Youseff.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that

the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these individuals, who became citizens of the United States of America on July 4, 2016, the anniversary of our Nation's independence. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

IN HONOR OF THEO MARINESCU

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Theo Marinescu, who tragically lost his life after a long struggle with drug addiction.

Theo Marinescu, who grew up in East Hampton, Long Island, had a bright future ahead of him and was taken too soon from his family and community. According to his mother, Violeta, “Theo was a warm, loving, and handsome young man who was known for his wonderful personality and huge laugh. He was gifted both academically and athletically—he played linebacker on the football team and was an honor roll student. He always found a way to make people laugh and loved his little brothers with all his heart. Even during his years of drug use, we never became distant from one another. Although it was tumultuous and very difficult at times, Theo loved his family and we loved him right back.”

Violeta explained that Theo's addiction began when he started experimenting with marijuana during his last years of high school and then progressed to harder drugs, including opioids, which ultimately took his life. According to Violeta, in the midst of his addiction, “Theo desperately tried to get clean as he felt so deeply the pain and anguish he was inflicting upon his younger brothers and mother.” She said he was in and out of rehabs and sober living homes, but that, “he never received the proper treatment or care that was needed to address his mental health issues.” Ultimately, after struggling with his disease, Theo lost his life on May 17, 2015 at just 25 years of age.

Unfortunately, Theo's story is one that is becoming all too familiar to families around the country and in my home district on Long Island. Tragically, 78 people each day will lose their battle with addiction, and their life, as a result of an opioid or heroin overdose. It is our duty to find solutions and figure out ways to prevent the devastating effects drug abuse and addiction have on our children. We, as members of Congress, must all continue to support legislation that addresses the rise in heroin and opioid abuse to stop the tragic loss of life that has been devastating families and communities across America.

MANVEL HIGH SCHOOL TEAM ADVANCES TO NATIONAL SEAPERCH CHALLENGE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Manvel High School Team Nautilus, for placing second in the Poster Board and Interview competition at the National SeaPerch Challenge at Louisiana State University.

The U.S. Navy National SeaPerch Challenge is an underwater robotics competition. The Manvel High School Team built and operated their own remotely-operated vehicles that function underwater and are designed to complete an obstacle course. They received the 2nd Place Poster Board and Interview in Open Class. In addition, they were also awarded The “Against all odds and Overcoming Obstacle Diversity” Award. The SeaPerch Challenge competition judges the students' underwater vehicles in poster and interview first, and then two underwater challenges follow. The first being an obstacle course and the second being an orbs challenge where the students move different sized balls into submerged containers. The students develop problem-solving, teamwork and technical skills through this competition. They are sponsored by Larry Garrett and Jacob Smith. We are very proud of what these bright young students have accomplished.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Manvel High School Team for placing second at the National SeaPerch Challenge. Keep up the great work, we look forward to seeing what other inventions these bright minds will engineer.

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH MASUMI SHIMOGAWA

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, joining with Anaheim Unified High School District, to remember Kenneth Masumi Shimogawa. Mr. Shimogawa was a staunch supporter of public education and dedicated advocate for workers' rights in his eighteen years as a history teacher at Cypress High School. Anaheim was heartbroken to learn of his untimely passing at 52.

An Anaheim native, Mr. Shimogawa grew up in Southern California, received his B.A. from California State University, Long Beach, and returned to his hometown to begin his teaching career.

Mr. Shimogawa was described as both hard working and passionate about global affairs and civic engagement. He was passionate about helping his community and he understood the importance of public service. Mr. Shimogawa proudly served as a City of Anaheim Library Board Member, as well as advising the chess club at Cypress High School and encouraging students to love reading and think critically about the world they live in. He

also served as the Executive Board Member of the Anaheim Secondary Teachers Association Political Action Committee.

Mr. Shimogawa was worldly and broke down barriers for teachers in Orange County. He always said that although he loved being a teacher of history and politics, his proudest accomplishment was being the husband of Teresa Shimogawa and father of his four beloved children.

Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Mr. Shimogawa demonstrated selflessness in the way he assisted the community. His passing is a great loss for Orange County, but his passionate spirit will forever live on.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lakewood High School for winning the Division II Ohio High School Softball State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Lakewood's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. They have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Lakewood High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Lakewood Softball on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MITCH HERRICK ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Mitch Herrick, who I have been privileged to work with for many years.

Mitch Herrick began his career in aviation as an air traffic controller in Albany County, NY. Since 2005, he has served as an air traffic controller at Miami Air Traffic Control Tower and Terminal Radar Approach. In addition to the substantial responsibilities of his job, Mitch has also represented the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) as its local facility vice president and legislative representative.

Mitch's career has had several notable highlights, including serving as the chair of NATCA's Realignment Committee, which works jointly with the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure that all air traffic control centers are working as efficiently as possible and serving the appropriate regions. Additionally, Mitch was the NATCA's lead representative in implementing a sweeping safety program, the Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System (STARS). Mitch worked with the FAA and Raytheon, a defense contractor, to upgrade the equipment that will keep passengers and our airspace safe.

In recognition of his invaluable contributions to the air traffic controller profession, NATCA awarded Mitch with its highest legislative awards honor, the Trish Gilbert Legislative Activism Award, in 2013.

In my work with Mitch, he has always proven to be straightforward, dependable, and honest. It is clear he has a true passion for his profession, and he has prioritized safety over politics and worked tirelessly to advance the interest of NATCA members. I am proud to be able to call Mitch a friend. I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to Mitch on his illustrious and productive career, and thank him for his service both in the United States Marine Corps and as an air traffic controller.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mitch Herrick for his tremendous service to the Miami community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH—BOWLING GREEN, VA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Shiloh Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Virginia on its 150th Anniversary. During its 35 years of selfless service to the Kingdom of God and to the community, this church has proven itself to be a congregation full of energy, conviction, and action.

Shiloh Baptist Church was formed in 1866 in the Bowling Green historic district located in Caroline County, Virginia. The Mattaponi Baptist Association, an association consisting of 72 local churches established to enhance fellowship, resolve issues, pool resources, and assist local churches further their mission, was formed in 1879 in Shiloh Baptist Church.

Shiloh Baptist Church, led by Pastor Rogiers, has played a pivotal role in the community for the past 150 years. Shiloh Baptist Church has drawn members, both new and old, to Bowling Green, Virginia to celebrate the life of their church; occasions such as these illustrate to us that love combined with grace and trust will always stand the test of time.

Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt gratitude that I congratulate Heritage Baptist Church on their 35th anniversary. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless and prosper this congregation for many years to come.

MARY MAREK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADVANCES TO NATIONAL SEAPERCH CHALLENGE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pearland, TX Mary Marek Elementary School Aqua Tigers, for placing third in Open Class at the National SeaPerch Challenge at Louisiana State University.

The U.S. Navy National SeaPerch Challenge is an underwater robotics competition. Mary Marek Elementary School qualified for nationals by finishing in the top seven overall teams at the regional competition. The team built and operated their own remotely-operated vehicles that function underwater and are designed to complete an obstacle course. The SeaPerch Challenge competition judges the students' underwater vehicles in poster and interview first, and then two underwater challenges follow. The first being an obstacle course and the second being an orbs challenge where the students move different sized balls into submerged containers. The students develop problem-solving, teamwork and technical skills through this competition. The Aqua Tigers were awarded 3rd Place over in Open Class and 3rd Place Obstacle Course for Open Class. We are very proud of what these bright young students have accomplished.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Mary Marek Elementary School Aqua Tigers for placing third at the National SeaPerch Challenge. We look forward to following the competition. Keep up the great work.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL JASON KATHERMAN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Officer Michael Jason Katherman who died tragically and honorably while serving his community on June 14, 2016, at the age of 34, in San Jose, California.

Officer Katherman, was born on October 18, 1981, and attended Valley Christian High School and Simpson University in Redding, California. For 11 years he served with distinction on the San Jose Police force. For the past two years he was a well-respected motorcycle officer.

Officer Katherman was eulogized in superlatives. He was described as a moral person, a man of deep Christian values, a hero, a man willing to put others before himself, and someone who always dreamed of becoming a police officer. He was also described as an excellent athlete and a lover of ice cream.

Officer Katherman was devoted to his parents, his brother, his wife and his entire family, particularly to his sons Josh and Jason. He loved coaching them in basketball and passed on to them his love for dirt-biking and fishing. For him, they always came first.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of a national hero, Officer Michael Jason Katherman, and in extending our deepest condolences to his wife, his children, his entire family and his many friends and fellow officers. Our country is stronger and better because of his integrity and service. His was a life cut short but well lived and stands as a source of inspiration to countless individuals who were blessed to have known him.

HONORING JOHN F. WOLFE

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Columbus leader John F. Wolfe who passed away on June 24, 2016.

John Wolfe was one of the most dedicated members of the Columbus community, with numerous business and philanthropic efforts to benefit the city. His family owned and published The Columbus Dispatch newspaper for 110 years, during which the paper rose to national prominence. The Wolfe family also continues to own WBNS-10TV in Columbus. Even after selling The Dispatch, he remained active in the community and received the Ohio Newspaper Association President's Award, the group's highest honor, earlier this year.

John Wolfe also had interest in the aviation industry, as his family led the effort for improvements at Port Columbus airport and Rickenbacker. He was committed to the development of Downtown Columbus, advocating for such projects as the hockey arena, the new ballpark for the Columbus Clippers, the development of the Arena and Brewery districts, the Scioto Mile, and bringing Columbus Crew Soccer to the city. All of these projects he supported, while also being a consistent contributor to Nationwide Children's Hospital, The Ohio State University, the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and the Franklin Park Conservatory and serving in leadership roles for the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, the Columbus Partnership, the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at Ohio State, the Ohio Business Roundtable, the Wexner Center Foundation and the Wexner Medical Center.

There is no doubt of the tremendous influence John Wolfe had on the city of Columbus throughout his life. Because of his work and dedication, Columbus is truly a better place to live, work and visit.

GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY ACT

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, the Global Food Security Act promotes food security, resilience and nutrition in developing countries in keeping with U.S. national security interests. It utilizes agriculture-led economic development as a vehicle for lessening dependence on emergency food aid assistance while enhancing efficiency among federal de-

partments and agencies and leveraging the participation of other non-U.S. governmental partners.

We must and we do emphasize nutrition and—in particular—nutrition during the critical window of the first 1000 days of life, beginning at conception until about age two. Indeed, there is perhaps no wiser investment that we could make in the human person than to concentrate on ensuring that sufficient nutrition and health assistance is given during the first one thousand days of life. We know that children who do not receive adequate nutrition in utero are more likely to experience lifelong cognitive and physical deficiencies, such as stunting. UNICEF estimates that one in four children worldwide is stunted due to lack of adequate nutrition.

Indeed, we are fortunate that President Bush, beginning in 2002, had the initial foresight to elevate the important role of food security in U.S. foreign policy, especially in Africa, via the Initiative to End Hunger in Africa (IEHA), which was funded through development assistance and implemented through USAID. The objective was to elevate self-sufficiency over dependency.

At the same time, the Millennium Challenge Corporation began making substantial investments in agriculture-led economic growth programs, particularly in Africa. The food price crisis of 2007 through 2008 accelerated and underscored the need for a robust food security policy.

This too is the course that President Obama continued and built upon, also focusing on agriculture-led economic development.

In fact, in the last Congress, and again this year, the House passed Global Food Security legislation introduced by Rep. BETTY MCCOLLUM and I to provide congressional authorization of the program and help ensure a continuity and commitment to food security—beginning with the last Administration, through the present and into the next.

That we are here today for final passage is a testament to the dedication of numerous committed groups outside Congress that have made food security and nutrition their priority, from advocates to implementers—especially and including faith-based organizations who perhaps work the closest to the small-holder farmers and women who benefit in particular from our food security efforts.

I also want to compliment the leadership of USAID, that of former Administrator Shah and, in particular Beth Dunford, who now heads up USAID's Feed the Future initiative. As a career foreign service professional, Ms. Dunford has served on the frontlines of the battle against global food insecurity. She brings a wealth of field experience, from Ethiopia to Nepal, with her to Washington.

Finally, I would like to thank especially the lead Democratic cosponsor of the House version of the Global Food Security Act, Rep. BETTY MCCOLLUM, for her work and that of her team.

HARBY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
FIRST PLACE IN SEAPERCH
CHALLENGE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Alvin, TX Harby Junior High School Sea CRABS for placing first place overall for the Middle School Class at the National SeaPerch Challenge at Louisiana State University.

The U.S. Navy National SeaPerch Challenge is an underwater robotics competition. The Harby Junior High School built and operated their own remotely-operated vehicles that function underwater and are designed to complete an obstacle course. Their team name the Sea CRABS, derives from the initials from the team members' first names. The SeaPerch Challenge competition judges the students' underwater vehicles in poster and interview first, and then two underwater challenges follow. The first being an obstacle course and the second being an orbs challenge where the students move different sized balls into submerged containers. The students develop problem-solving, teamwork and technical skills through this competition. Their campus and partner sponsors are Michelle Deleon, Kim Hamilton and Tom Wilson. We are very proud of what these bright young students have accomplished.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Harby Junior High School Sea CRABS for placing first at the National SeaPerch Challenge. Keep up the great work.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN F.
WOLFE

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate John F. Wolfe, longtime owner of The Columbus Dispatch and Central Ohio philanthropist, who passed away on June 24, 2016.

John was a prominent figure in the State of Ohio, and a champion for Columbus his entire life. He took up the family business, joining The Dispatch Printing Company after graduating from Washington and Lee University in 1965. He worked tirelessly, climbing the ranks of the business and being elected company President and CEO. In 1975, he was elected publisher of The Columbus Dispatch. His hard work and dedication resulted in his election to Chairman of the Board of The Dispatch Printing Company in 1994.

A loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Mr. Wolfe led a long and prosperous life, brightening the lives of all of those who were fortunate enough to know him. A life-long champion of the City of Columbus, he was one of the city's greatest advocates. He was truly committed to improving the city, as he dedicated much of his time and resources to Columbus citizens, businesses, and organizations—aiding in any way possible. He contributed to countless nonprofits, initiatives, and organizations throughout the city, in addition to

founding many organizations of his own. He was instrumental in establishing the Columbus Partnership amongst a host of other organizations, in addition to serving on the boards of over 20 businesses and civic, educational, and philanthropic organizations throughout Central Ohio.

Throughout his prestigious career, Mr. Wolfe received numerous well-deserved honors and special recognitions, and awards, including public service awards from the FBI, the Ohio Newspaper Association, the Ohio Hospital Association, and the John Glenn College of Public Affairs. He also was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Franklin University, Otterbein College and The Ohio State University.

John is survived by his loving wife and three daughters. I offer them my prayers and hope that they find comfort in their wonderful memories and having been touched by such an outstanding person.

OPPOSING THE POINT OF ORDER REGARDING THE MAIL-DELIVERY STANDARDS IN H.R. 5485

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to clarify the meaning of the Point of Order.

First, it means that the amendment the Appropriations Committee added to the bill, requiring the Postal Service to maintain highest quality delivery standards, is nullified. This amendment was passed for FY 2017 without objection in our Committee and it was included in last year's bill and was passed as well. It stands as a strong measure of support for the US Postal Service in both rural and urban America. Those that neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays them from the swift completion of their appointed rounds—deserve our respect. It is our Constitutional responsibility in Article 1.

Second, the Chaffetz point of order will actually cost our citizenry more money by in fact \$66M due to the added transportation costs that results from drastically slowing down the processing and delivery of the nation's mail.

The timely processing and delivery of mail is critical. The Postal Service delivers 154 billion pieces of mail annually to 155 million delivery points, accounting for 47 percent of the world's mail. This equals over 2,000 percent more than the total business for UPS or FedEx.

Third, Mr. Speaker, it would not have been unusual or extraordinary for the Rules Committee to have protected from a point of order the mail delivery standards added to this bill.

The Rules Committee actually voted to waive points of order on over 30 partisan riders included in this bill, thereby protecting from removal controversial, legislative provisions impacting the SEC, IRS, CFPB, FCC, and District of Columbia.

Finally, further the Ranking Member for the Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government (Mr. SERRANO) has made it clear that the mail-delivery standards are off budget and do not impact scoring.

The future of our public Postal Service is threatened by delayed mail. Delayed mail harms small businesses, rural America, and our economy in general.

Representatives are hearing from their constituents that mail service has fallen off a cliff with late mail. In fact, a bipartisan majority (235 Republicans and Democrats) has co-sponsored H.Res 54, calling upon the Postal Service to take all appropriate measures to restore service standards.

The mail service standard language imposes no legislative mandate of specified action on the part of the Postal Service—let me repeat—no legislative mandate of specified action on the part of the Postal Service. The mail service standard language is direction from the House Appropriations Committee to the Postal Service that they must correct an administrative and operational situation that actually costs more money, and which undermines prompt reliable and efficient service to all Americans.

When it comes to ensuring the timely delivery of mail for the American people and businesses, Congress holds the ultimate responsibility over postal operations. And now that the Postal Service is being wed to a plan that reduces service standards and slows down America's mail, it is crucial for Congress to exercise this authority.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would hope that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would reconsider their point of order. Let us do everything in our power to protect the mail delivery standards provision that the Appropriations Committee with bipartisan support added to this bill.

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, July 07, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold closed hearings to examine national security cyber and encryption challenges.

SVC-217

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission's proposed privacy regulations, focusing on how they affect consumers and competition.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Stark Law, focusing on current issues and opportunities.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the 2016 Trafficking in Persons Report.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Freedom of Information Act at Fifty, focusing on whether the Sunshine Law's promise has been fulfilled.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine encouraging entrepreneurship, focusing on growing business, not bureaucracy.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security

To hold hearings to examine the FAST Act, the economy, and our nation's transportation system.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Energy

To hold hearings to examine protections designed to guard against energy disruptions, including S. 3018, to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector.

SD-366

JULY 13

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Florence Y. Pan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for the nuclear cruise missile.

SD-138

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine a review of the Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record (VistA), progress toward interoperability with the Department of Defense's electronic health record, and plans for the future.

SD-124

2 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
 To hold hearings to examine combatting the opioid epidemic, focusing on a review of anti-abuse efforts by Federal authorities and private insurers.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
 To hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for the nuclear cruise missile.

SVC-217

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness

To hold hearings to examine NASA at a crossroads, focusing on reasserting American leadership in space exploration.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Health Care

To hold hearings to examine Alzheimer's disease, focusing on the struggle for families and a looming crisis for Medicare.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues

To hold hearings to examine Zika in the Western Hemisphere, focusing on risks and response.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine researching the potential medical benefits and risks of marijuana.

SD-226

2:45 p.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine campus safety, focusing on improving prevention and response efforts.

SD-106

JULY 14

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine evaluating the financial risks of China.

SD-538

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine Every Student Succeeds Act implementation, focusing on perspectives from stakeholders on proposed regulations.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, and the nominations of Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Donald C. Coggins, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and David C. Nye, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho.

SD-226