

I urge my colleagues to join me in working to strengthen the Superfund program by ensuring that polluters continue to pay. With our environment at such a high risk, we need a fully funded Superfund program now more than ever. Restoring these taxes will go a long way towards making certain that funds are available to cleanup America's most toxic waste sites and to help keep our communities and our families safe, healthy and economically secure for future generations.

**CHRIS NILSSON NAMED TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 15, 2017*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chris Nilsson of Fort Bend County, TX, for being named as the Texas Computer Education Association's (TCEA) Technology Administrator of the Year for 2017.

Chris is Lamar Consolidated Independent School District's Director of Technology Integration and oversees computer technicians and the districts Campus Instructional Technology Specialists. He was nominated by two of the technology specialists thanks to his exemplary vision and technology management. His colleague, David Jacobson, the district's Chief Technology Information Officer, said he's done an outstanding job leading and uniting two departments and is very deserving of this recognition. His expertise is an asset for both the school district and the students.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Chris for being named as TCEA Technology Administrator of the Year. We're very proud of him and look forward to his future accomplishments.

THOMAS S. WILLIAMSON, JR.

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 15, 2017*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Thomas S. Williamson, Jr., who passed away this month at the age of 70. Mr. Williamson was a former president of the D.C. Bar and a member of our Federal Law Enforcement Nominating Commission, which advises me on the selection of important federal officials for the District of Columbia, including federal district court judges and the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. Tom will be especially remembered as a champion for equal legal access to justice for all. His service will be held at the National Cathedral tomorrow.

Tom Williamson began his career at the law firm Covington & Burling LLP in 1974, where he became a partner, focusing on employment law, complex litigation, and health and welfare law matters for state governments. As a student, Tom played varsity football at Harvard College and excelled academically. He went on to Oxford University, where he was a

Rhodes Scholar, and then to the University of California at Berkeley School of Law. From the beginning of his career and for more than 40 years, Tom had a deep commitment to pro bono service and civil rights. His passion for equal justice was influenced by his experience as a child when his family integrated a white neighborhood in Piedmont, California and experiencing the racism that resulted.

District residents are particularly grateful to Tom, who was an influential member of a team of attorneys representing the District in *Adams v. Clinton*, a case that sought voting rights for the District in the House and Senate. Throughout his years in successful private practice, Tom continuously provided legal service to those most in need of good lawyers—whether providing pro bono service to residents or leading the defense of the District's marriage equality law. Tom's career in law also included public service, where he served as the deputy inspector general at the U.S. Department of Energy and the solicitor of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Mr. Speaker, as my thoughts are with Tom's wife, Shelly Brazier, and his family, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Thomas. S. Williamson, Jr.

**BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK**

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 15, 2017*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, March 13 through 17, 2017 commemorates Brain Awareness Week, which presents an important opportunity to educate lawmakers, students, and the broader public about brain science, and its many impacts and benefits. This is critical when you consider that brain disorders and diseases affect the lives of nearly 100 million Americans—from Alzheimer's to ALS to mental illness.

Neurological and neurodegenerative disorders are among the leading causes of disability in the United States and around the world—greater than heart disease and cancer put together. As society ages, this number will increase exponentially as will the cost to the healthcare system and to the economy. Yet, the underlying causes of most neurological diseases remain unknown.

Neuroscience is the next great frontier. Research and work being done in this field needs to be front and center in both the private world and Congress.

The bipartisan Congressional Neuroscience Caucus' mission is to build awareness of the intrinsic role brain research plays in understanding ourselves and our society. As the Co-Founder and Co-Chair, I am committed to working on these important issues and hope my colleagues will join our efforts as members of the Congressional Neuroscience Caucus.

**NEW STEAKHOUSE DEBUTS IN RICHMOND, TX**

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 15, 2017*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a new upscale restaurant in Richmond, TX, and its executive chef, Ja'Nel Witt.

Sammy's Steakhouse will be Sammy Vela's sixth restaurant in the area and will cater to steak and wine lovers. The menu has a variety of delicious dishes, from green chili-smoked gouda mac and cheese to mouth-watering steak. An extensive wine bar allows customers to complete their dish with the perfect complement. The executive chef, Ja'Nel Witt, will be a great addition to the new restaurant, especially having been the Season II winner of Gordon Ramsey's Hell's Kitchen. Her culinary talents will be appreciated by Richmond and Houston area visitors.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I again recognize and welcome the newest restaurant, Sammy's Steakhouse, to TX-22. We look forward to trying Sammy's Steakhouse.

**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, March 16, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

**MARCH 20**

11 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SH-216

**MARCH 21**

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. policy and strategy in Europe.

SD-G50

10 a.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine opportunities to improve and expand infrastructure important to Federal lands, recreation, water, and resources.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine FDA user fee agreements, focusing on improving medical product innovation for patients.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security  
To hold hearings to examine fighting back against scams used to defraud Americans.

SR-253

Special Committee on Aging  
To hold hearings to examine raising grandchildren in the opioid crisis and beyond.

SD-562

MARCH 22

9 a.m.  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor.

SD-430

10 a.m.  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the promises and perils of emerging technologies for cybersecurity.

SD-106

Committee on Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the state of global humanitarian affairs.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine perspectives from the DHS frontline, focusing on evaluating staffing resources and requirements.

SD-342

Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations.

SD-G50

10:30 a.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Department of Defense  
To hold hearings to examine defense readiness and budget update.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard  
To hold hearings to examine the state of the Coast Guard, focusing on ensuring military, national security, and enforcement capability and readiness.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations  
Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy  
To hold hearings to examine a progress report on conflict minerals.

SD-419

3:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Airland  
To hold hearings to examine Army modernization.

SR-222

MARCH 23

9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine United States European Command.

SD-G50

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Personnel  
To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense civilian personnel reform.

SR-232A

MARCH 29

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management  
To hold hearings to examine the effect of borrowing on Federal spending.

SD-342

3 p.m.  
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
To hold hearings to examine how small businesses confront and shape regulations.

SR-428A