EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING COMMUNITY BRIDGES OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of Community Bridges of Santa Cruz County, which has acted as a catalyst for a brighter future by opening doors, offering hope, and providing a hand up to the people of Santa Cruz County, California, since 1977.

Community Bridges’ family of ten vital programs meets the needs of more than 22,000 children, families and seniors each year. Its programs empower seniors to live with independence and dignity, increase access to medical care and good nutrition, and provide education and family support.

Throughout the years, Community Bridges has helped launch more than ten nonprofit programs, saved five from closing their doors, and navigated with commitment to countless community initiatives. Every day, they work collaboratively to build on the safety net in our community and discover solutions to emerging issues across a broad spectrum of stakeholders. Community Bridges effectively engages a broad base of support to carry on their important mission that touches every part of our community for the benefit of all who live and work here.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Community Bridges for 40 years of strengthening our diverse community by providing innovative human services.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JUSTICE KATHRYN WERDEGAR

HON. JARED HUFFMAN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of California Supreme Court Justice Kathryn Werdegar on her retirement after 23 years of exceptional stewardship on the court and 55 years of public service.

A resident of Marin County, Justice Werdegar received her Bachelor’s degree with honors from the University of California, Berkeley, whereupon she began her subsequent legal studies and became the first woman to be elected editor-in-chief of the California Law Review. She completed her law degree at the George Washington University School of Law where she graduated as the valedictorian of her class.

Upon graduating from law school, Justice Werdegar went to work as an attorney for the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in 1962. She showed clear determination and initiative, working directly with Attorney General Robert Kennedy and writing an amicus brief that pressed for the release from jail of Martin Luther King, Jr.

After moving back to California in 1963, Justice Werdegar took on a number of academic and legal challenges before going to work as a research attorney for the State Court of Appeal in 1981. Showing a voracious work ethic and attention to detail, she went on to become a senior staff attorney for the California Supreme Court only four years later.

Justice Werdegar’s career as a judge began in 1991, when Governor Wilson appointed her to the State Court of Appeal, only ten years after becoming a staff member for that body. Shortly thereafter, in 1994, Justice Werdegar was appointed by the Governor to the California Supreme Court where she has been ever since.

During her tenure on the California Supreme Court, Justice Werdegar strove to understand the real world impacts of each case brought before her. In doing so, she went beyond politics and ideology to prioritize the rights of people in both her majority and dissenting opinions. Some notable examples of this include her majority opinion that is strongly supported California’s three strikes law, her 2008 ruling that bans on same-sex marriages are unconstitutional, and her single dissenting opinion that gun manufacturers have a responsibility for the weapons they sell to the public. Because of her clear dedication to the law and rigorous approach to each case, Justice Werdegar is well regarded by her colleagues and offt the bench.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing deep appreciation for Justice Werdegar’s extraordinary service to the legal profession and the public at large by extending to her best wishes on her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA RIVERA CHAVIS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2017

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to Martha Rivera Chavis, and the many contributions she made as a dedicated resident of Montclair, New Jersey, and to countries abroad.

Born and raised in the Dominican Republic, Mrs. Chavis was an astounding woman who loved caring and providing service to people. She completed her studies at San Pedro Apostol Catholic School in the Dominican Republic and received her degree in French Civilization from Sorbonne University in Paris, France in 1987. Following her graduation she served as a French to Portuguese translator for the Republic of Angola’s Ambassador to the United Nations. It was during this time she met the love of her life, Rev. Dr. Benjamin Franklin Chavis. The couple married in September, 1988.

Mrs. Chavis was a beloved mother and fierce advocate for freedom, justice, and equality in the United States, Africa, and the Dominican Republic. She was an astounding First Lady of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, and First Lady of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Her service, however, far expanded from her First Lady roles. After her husband, Rev. Dr. Chavis, visited Angola, the couple cared for nine Angolans including six children with missing limbs as a result of the civil war in Angola, in their home in Montclair, New Jersey. Due to the Chavis’ unwavering care, when the nine Angolans returned to Africa, they were able to go back with prosthetics.

Mr. Speaker, I know my fellow members of the U.S. House of Representatives agree that Mrs. Chavis deserves to be recognized for a job well done, and for many years of service to her local and international communities.

ONGOING EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS THE VOTE

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL
OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2017

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to bring awareness to the Trump Administration’s nefarious voter suppression campaign. On June 28, a letter from the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity asked states to hand over personal information of voters ranging from Social Security numbers to party affiliation.

As I have stated before, these so called “election integrity” efforts are a sham, and a “solution” that is in search of a problem. The Administration’s ridiculously inaccurate claim that the President lost the popular vote due to millions of undocumented immigrants illegally voting is just another false and misleading statement. There are no facts that back up the Trump Administration’s claims. Unfortunately, these false claims are now being used as a justification to illegally collect voter information and suppress Americans’ sacred right to vote.

Fortunately, these voter suppression efforts by the Trump Administration have received bipartisan opposition. When asked if he would release his constituents’ private information, the Secretary of State from Mississippi, Mr. Delbert Hosemann, said that “they can go jump in the Gulf of Mexico, and Mississippi is a great state to launch from”. The Secretary of State from my home state of Alabama, Mr. John Merrill, has also refused to turn over private information. The opposition to this commission is so strong that 44 states have refused to turn over this private information.

If the Trump Administration were truly concerned about the integrity of our elections, he would join Congress in condemning Russia for interfering in our election and work with our intelligence community to prevent future election-related cyber threats.
This year, I introduced an amendment to the 2017 Intelligence Authorization Act that provides our lawmakers, election officials, campaigns, and the public with additional information and resources to defend our democracy against emerging cyber threats. Our intelligence community warns that if we do not act on this priority, they will fail victim to Russian cyber-threats. The cybersecurity of our elections shouldn’t be a partisan issue, and I was proud to see the House Intelligence Committee take a step forward together by passing my amendment.

We have come too far to allow for voting barriers to be resurrected, or to allow our electoral process to be hijacked by a foreign entity. We have no choice but to move forward and unite to ensure that every citizen of the United States has the opportunity to vote. I call on all of my colleagues to condemn the malicious Election Integrity Commission created by this administration, and support my bill, H.R. 2978—The Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2017 to restore the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

WHAT WE ALL OWE TO LIU XIAOBO

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 17, 2017

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, Liu Xiaobo’s premature death was a jarring shock to every one who admired this champion of human rights and democracy. We mourn his loss because it is a tragic loss for his family, friends and a catastrophic loss for China and the entire world.

We owe Liu Xiaobo a debt of gratitude because he demonstrated that the noble ideas of democracy and due process, liberty and the rule of law are not foreign ideas in China. These are universal principles that beat strongly in the hearts of people everywhere from New Jersey to the Ninevah plains of Iraq, from Poland to Peru, and from Burma to Beijing.

We owe Liu Xiaobo a debt of gratitude because he reminded us that the desire for democracy and human rights is shared by everyone because each person is endowed by the Creator with inalienable rights. The Chinese Communist Party has tried to curtail his ideas, they call them dangerous and subversive, and they seek to silence, censor, and repress them. Yet, they live on in the hearts of untold millions of Chinese people.

With Liu Xiaobo’s death, we are also reminded of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King who said “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” We should all agree that what was done to Liu Xiaobo and his wife Liu Xia was a grave injustice.

Liu Xiaobo’s imprisonment in 2009 became a death sentence. The blame for this should lie squarely on the Chinese government and for his death they alone should be held accountable.

Liu Xiaobo was the first Nobel Peace Prize winner to die in state custody since Carl von Ossietzky after being held in a Nazi concentration camp.

The Chinese government complained that it was “stabbed in the back” by those expecting it to deal quickly with its client state in North Korea. How shameful it is to play the victim card while a victim of their own repression lays dying.

No nation should be judged entirely by crimes of the past, but this crime—the death and silencing of Liu Xiaobo—should follow the Chinese Communist Party like an unwashable, permanent stain.

We must never forget Liu Xiaobo’s enduring contributions—whether during the Tiananmen Massacre where he helped save the lives of many students or with Charter 08—the treatise urging political and legal reforms in China based on constitutional principles.

We must not forget Liu Xiaobo; we must advance and preserve his legacy, and repeatedly confront the Chinese Communist Party with his ideas and memory.

In this time of need we must signal the Congress’s unanimous support for Liu Xiaobo’s family, his wife Liu Xia, and all those bravely standing up for human rights and democracy will undermine its power.

I will always remember the words of Liu Xiaobo’s speech that day about the importance of pressing for human rights: “Freedom of expression is the foundation of human rights, the source of humanity, and the mother of truth. To strangle freedom of speech is to trample on human rights, stifle humanity, and suppress truth.”

And he also expressed his hopes for China’s future: “...I firmly believe that China’s political progress will not stop, and I, filled with optimism, look forward to the advent of a future free China. For there is no force that can put an end to the human quest for freedom, and China will in the end become a nation ruled by law, where human rights reign supreme.”

Liu Xiaobo will, sadly, never see a free China. Chinese authorities have gone to great lengths to stifle his ideas and those who followed him. In recent years, the government of President Xi Jinping has engaged in an extraordinary assault on the rule of law, human rights, ethnic minority groups, and civil society.

As China’s economic and military might grows, more and more countries will be afraid to raise subjects that the Chinese Communist Party wants to taboo.

The U.S. stands alone—inadequate as its efforts are at times—in its willingness to keep the flame burning. The protection of human rights issues that need to be raised. The U.S. cannot lightly shrug off the mantle of being democracy’s defender, no matter how heavy that mantle may become.

It is tempting to be pessimistic about China’s future and the future of U.S.-China relations. But I am not pessimistic. Constant repression has not dimmed the desires of the Chinese people for freedom and reform. I contribute this fact, in part, to Liu Xiaobo’s ideas and example.

Nevertheless, the U.S. cannot be morally neutral or indifferent to the state of the Chinese government’s repression of fundamental freedoms. Human rights are not a secondary interest, but one critically linked to U.S. economic and security interests.

The U.S. must not shy away from meeting with China’s other Nobel Laureate, the Dalai Lama, or other dissidents. We must use Congressionally authorized sanctions to hold Chinese officials accountable for torture and gross abuses. We must connect Internet and press freedoms as both economic and human rights issues. And we must demand, repeatedly and clearly, that the unconditional release of political prisoners is in the interest of better U.S.-China relations.

I believe that someday China will be free. Someday, the people of China will be able to freely pursue the God-given right to live in a nation of free Chinese men and women will honor and celebrate Liu Xiaobo as a hero. He will be honored along with all others like him who have sacrificed so much, and so long, for freedom.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF COMMANDER HAROLD CHAPMAN

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 17, 2017

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Harold Chapman, a resident of New York’s First Congressional District and the 73rd AMVETS National Commander. Commander Chapman’s unyielding work for both his country and fellow veterans exemplifies public service, and should be appropriately revered and respected. At the age of 70, Commander Chapman has spent more than 50 years of distinguished service to the United States and her people. I am proud to offer this statement in honor of Commander Harold Chapman.

Commander Chapman is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Air Force, with his Vietnam War-era service including 18 months in the Pacific Theater, as well as postings at air bases in California and Texas. Following his honorable discharge, Commander Chapman began his service at the AMVETS Department of New York, taking command of AMVETS Department of New York Post 18 in 1995. Remarkably, Commander Chapman went on to hold each chair in sequence at the AMVETS Department of New York before taking command of the entire department and its more than 70 posts in 2002.

Following his two terms as New York’s representative to AMVETS’ National Executive Committee, in 2008, Commander Chapman became the head of AMVETS District I. This impressive next step saw Commander Chapman oversee all AMVET members and Posts in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. While in command of District I, Commander Chapman’s admirable efforts to grow AMVETS membership throughout his district earned him an award from AMVETS National Headquarters and respect. In light of his years of distinguished service to the United States and her people, I am proud to offer this statement in honor of Commander Harold Chapman.

Commander Chapman’s unyielding work for AMVETS is only one of many incredible accomplishments. Commander Chapman is also a member of the AMVETS Department of New York before taking command of the entire department and its more than 70 posts in 2002. Following his two terms as New York’s representative to AMVETS’ National Executive Committee, in 2008, Commander Chapman became the head of AMVETS District I. This impressive next step saw Commander Chapman oversee all AMVET members and Posts in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. While in command of District I, Commander Chapman’s admirable efforts to grow AMVETS membership throughout his district earned him an award from AMVETS National Headquarters and respect. In light of his years of distinguished service to the United States and her people, I am proud to offer this statement in honor of Commander Harold Chapman.

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across the United States, Commander Chap-
manship insists that aiding and protecting our vet-
erans should always be one of our top prior-
ities.
Mr. Speaker, Commander Harold Chap-
manship’s dedication to public service and com-
mitment to helping our nation’s veterans must be
codeled. Commander Chapman has always put his country before himself, and it is both an honor and privilege to serve as
his Representative in Congress.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR GENERAL
ROBERT D. CARLSON

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 17, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to
recognize Major General Robert D. Carlson, who departed from his role as Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Trans-
Atlantic Division, on July 14, 2017. Major Gen-
eral Carlson has dedicated his life to keeping this nation safe, and I am grateful for not only his outstanding service to our great nation, but also to the citizens of Virginia’s 10th Congres-
sional District. In this capacity as commander of the Transatlantic Division, located in Win-
chester, Virginia.

At a young age, Major General Carlson chose to pursue a career in service in defense of the freedoms that we cherish. This led him to attend the United States Military Academy, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in
general engineering. Upon graduation, Major General Carlson was commissioned into the Engineer Regiment and later received a Mas-
ter of Science in engineering management from the University of Missouri and a Master of Arts in strategic studies from the United States Army War College (USAWC) at Car-
lisle, Pennsylvania.

Throughout his distinguished career, Major General Carlson has served in numerous command and staff positions from company-to-
division-level units. Before assuming his cur-
rent position, some of Major General Carlson’s assignments include commanding the 372nd Engineer Brigade and the Contingency Re-
spoonse Unit, 416th Theater Engineer Com-
mmand, and serving as the Chief of Staff, U.S.
 Agency for International Development. The co-
lossal amount of prestigious awards and decora-
tions that he has attained are illustrative manifesta-
tions of his heroic service and devo-
tion to this nation. These honors, among oth-
ers, include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Distinguished Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clus-
ters, Department of State Meritorious Honor Award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Bronze Service Star, Army Commendation Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terror Service Medal, NATO-SFOR (Balkans) Medal, NATO–ISAF (Afghanistan) Medal, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Engineer Regiment Bronze DeFleury Medal.

Under his esteemed leadership as com-
mander of the Transatlantic Division, he
oversaw both the USACE Contingency Con-
struction Program and the Associated Foreign
Military Sales Construction Programs, which provided vital facilities for U.S. Forces and our allies throughout the Middle East. Additionally, Major General Carlson has also been a pro-
ponent of increasing awareness of and ex-
 panding opportunities for today’s youth in the Science, Engineering and Technical career fields. He led or assisted with STEM-related events, such as National Engineer Week and TAM-sponsored STEM events in the Win-
chester area.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 10th District, I would like to express my gratitude to Major General Carlson for his dedicated ca-
reer of service, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing such a truly commend-
able figure. I wish him and his wife, Valerie, and their three children, Cody, Chad, and Camie, all the best as he moves on to his next assignment.

IN HONOR OF CONSUL GENERAL
DR. ANDY DAVID

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 17, 2017

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
honor the efforts of Dr. Andy David, Israel’s Consul General to the Pacific Northwest, who has worked tirelessly to deepen the ties be-
tween our two nations, as he completes his tour of duty at the Consulate General of Israel in San Francisco.

Dr. Andy David began his appointment as Consul General in August 2012. He has fo-
cused his work on relationship building with essential organizations such as the American Jewish Committee and promoting the special relationship between Israel and the U.S.

Throughout his career in public service, Dr. David has focused his work to advance U.S.-
Israel relations in the areas of economic de-
velopment, business ties and trade opportuni-
ties.

Dr. David helped launch a cultural exchange with Israeli artists and the City of San Fran-
cisco, developing a strong exchange program with San Francisco-based artists and their Israeli counterparts.

Under Andy’s guidance, the University of California system signed a new cooperation agreement with Israel designed to foster tech-
nological innovation, research, and develop-
ment. This collaboration is aimed at helping
American and Israeli companies increase
competitiveness and improve the commercial
success of both countries in global markets.

In 2014, after a series of anti-Israel rallies
cropped up throughout San Francisco, Dr. David and fellow pro-Israel supporters orga-
nized a rally to show solidarity for continued U.S. support of Israel and increase morale for
Israel soldiers fighting against terrorist groups in Gaza.

Today, a strong U.S.-Israeli relationship is
more important than ever. Without the selfless
dedication of public servants like Dr. David, the peace and security of both nations would
suffer.

The United States knows no greater friend
than Israel, and Dr. David has done an ex-
traordinary job of fostering an understanding
among Americans of the importance of Israel
 to the security of the United States. I hope the
accomplishments made by Dr. David will in-
spire a future generation of public servants to
deepen the ties between our countries.

Mr. Speaker, the partnership between the
United States and Israel will continue to reap
Dr. Andy David’s contributions for years to
come, and I rise to express my profound grati-
tude for his tremendous service.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT
STANLEY W. TALBOT AND THE
RENAMING OF CENTENNIAL
BRIDGE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 17, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
commemorate the renaming of the Centennial
Bridge in Rock Island to the Stanley Talbot
Memorial Bridge in honor of Master Sergeant
Stanley W. Talbot. After serving our commu-
nity for decades—and after being taken from
us far too soon—it is fitting that we honor
Master Sgt. Talbot and his family for his dedi-
cation, selflessness and public service.

Every day we rely on men and women in
uniform to protect our families, as they bravely
risk their lives for our safety. We must never
forget that these men and women are moth-
ers, fathers, sons, daughters and friends. As
the wife of a Sheriff, I sympathize with the
family, friends and colleagues of Master Sgt.
Talbot. He was a beloved member of the com-
munity and his 26 year service to the Illinois
State Police deserves to be honored in a pub-
lic and lasting way.

Memorials and dedications like these help
us to remember his sacrifice and the brave
sacrifices of those that come after him. Once
again, I want to honor Master Sgt. Talbot, and
support law enforcement within our commu-
nity.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF MRS. ANITA JOHNSON TO
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
TIVES

HON. MAXINE WATERS
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 17, 2017

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr.
Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Finan-
cial Services Committee, its Chairman, Mr.
HENSARLING, and the U.S. House of Rep-
resentatives, as I pay tribute to one of the
hardest working and dedicated employees this
House has ever known.

Mr. Speaker, for over 30 years Anita L.
Johnson has served this chamber with distinc-
tion, undeniable integrity, humility, kindness,
grace, and skill. For the past several years,
she has worked ably and diligently as the
Chief Administrative Officer for the Demo-
cratic Staff of the Financial Services Committee.

Ms. Johnson began her career on Capitol
Hill in 1982 as the Office Manager and Per-
sonal Assistant to then-Congressman Harold
Ford, Sr. In 1986 she became Office Manager
and Personal Assistant to Congressman
SANDY LEVIN.
Although her husband's transfer relocated Mrs. Johnson away from Capitol Hill and back to her home town of Memphis, Tennessee, for three years, she returned to the Hill in 1989. For the next decade, she served as Executive Assistant and Clerk for the Education and Labor Committee Democrats. In 1999, she became the Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk for Democrats on the Judiciary Committee—a position she held for twelve years.

In 2013, Mrs. Johnson joined the Financial Services Committee and has remained the Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk until her retirement today.

From my time on the Judiciary Committee and as Ranking Member of the Financial Services Committee I have personally come to know Anita Johnson. She is a tireless and relentless worker, an excellent multi-tasker, doing whatever it takes to accomplish tasks both large and small. When everyone else is stressed because of the pressure, she remains calm. She is a true professional, whose expertise, integrity, dedication and commitment have served as an example to her peers and colleagues. Her willingness to go the extra mile, her insights and opinions have been extremely valuable to the successful undertakings of each office she has served—especially my own.

She has flawlessly maintained budgets totaling millions of dollars, ensured the smooth running of each office in which she worked; skillfully clerked dozens of markups, and provided invaluable assistance to myself, other Members, and staff.

Prior to her time on the Hill, Mrs. Johnson was an educator teaching at Wooddale Senior High School (Memphis, TN); Hazelwood Senior High School (St. Louis, MO); Ivanna Eudora Kean High School (St. Thomas, USVI); and, Savannah Area Vocational Technical School (Savannah, GA). Additionally, Anita has been a member of the Washington Performing Arts Society Men and Women of the Gospel for years; and, has performed at the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall; TNT’s “Christopher Columbus”; and, the Kennedy Center Honors. With the Trinity Choir at Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia, Anita has also performed in Austria, Italy, Germany, Paris, Brussels, and Amsterdam.

On budgets and Financial Services Committee, its staff, and this distinguished body, we would like to thank Anita for her commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives and her exemplary service to this nation. Her humility, integrity, generosity, loyalty, sense of humor and professionalism will be sorely missed. She has served as a cherished colleague, mentor and friend to many present and former Hill staff members. We wish her the best of luck and extend to her our deepest gratitude as she leaves Capitol Hill.

Rita B. Garman for her exemplary work on the court for the past 16 years.

In accordance to Justice Garman’s service, the Vermilion County Board voted to rename the county courthouse “The Rita B. Garman Vermilion County Courthouse.” A ceremony dedicating the renamed courthouse will be held on August 4th.

Justice Garman is a 1965 University of Illinois graduate and a 1978 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Law. She began her judicial career at the Vermilion County Court-house as an associate judge.

She served dutifully and responsibly as a judge in the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court from 1986 to 1995. After that, her dedication and perseverance led her to become an Illinois State Appellate Court Justice. In February 2001 she was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court, and she went on to serve as Chief Justice from 2013 to 2016. She continues to serve the people of Illinois as a member of the Supreme Court.

I have come to know Justice Garman over the last few years and applaud her for many years of dedication to upholding the law and pursuing justice. I want to personally congratulate her for this recognition by Vermilion County as they rename The Rita B. Garman Vermilion County Courthouse.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

SPREAD OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER
OF OREGON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, July 12, 2017

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2810) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. Chair, I will vote against the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2018 (Roll no. 378). I commend the House Armed Services Committee for tackling some difficult issues, but I remain concerned about several components of the bill, including its lack of fiscal discipline and use of budget gimmicks.

There are provisions of this legislation that I support. I am pleased this bill includes a provision expressing the sense of Congress that climate change is a direct threat to the national security of the United States. The bill would also support a 2.4 percent military pay raise and would require the Pentagon to report to Congress any attempts by Russian actors to hack the Defense Department’s system.

However, by authorizing a total of $621.5 billion in base budget authority, exceeding the $549 billion cap set in the 2011 Budget Control Act, and using $10 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding for base defense requirements, Congress and the administration are misusing budget mechanisms to pad their accounts in an era of fiscal uncertainty. The bill puts off making tough decisions about defense spending.

The legislation would expand defense funding for several unnecessary weapons programs and undermines key international nuclear non-proliferation efforts. The bill authorizes full funding for the Air Force’s next generation air-launched cruise missile, known as the Long-Range Standoff weapon (LRSO), even though Secretary of Defense Mattis has stated numerous times that he is skeptical we actually need it. I offered an amendment to keep funding for the LRSO at FY17 levels until the administration submits a Nuclear Posture Review to Congress, but it was unfortunately not accepted.

The bill also requires the Department of Defense to develop a missile system that, if tested or deployed, would violate U.S. obligations under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. I offered an amendment to prohibit this system’s development until military experts, diplomats and our NATO allies certify that they agree with this approach, but this amendment too was rejected.

Additionally, the legislation caps funding for nuclear weapon dismantlement at $56 million for FY19 through FY21, making us less safe.

Beyond nuclear weapons and treaties, the legislation maintains a prohibition on transferring detainees in Guantanamo Bay detention facility to the United States for construction or modification of facilities within the U.S. to house detainees for another year. It’s past time that we closed this military prison. We can safely and securely imprison anyone we need to without the extraordinary expense of this recruiting tool for ISIS.

The bill also prohibits a new round of base realignment and closure (BRAC), rejecting the Department of Defense’s request for flexibility to implement BRAC for the sixth year in a row. The best way to support our troops is to fight for common-sense budgeting and spending these sums out properly.

IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY HUBBARD FOR HER LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE DEARBORN COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 17, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Nancy Hubbard for her service and dedication to the City of Dearborn. As one of the city’s longest serving City Council members, Ms. Hubbard was a tireless public servant who left a legacy of achievement and will be missed.

Ms. Hubbard began her career as a secretary with Ford Motor Company and later worked for the Dearborn Department of Public Works and Dearborn Department of Building and Safety. She was elected to the Dearborn City Council in 1990 and compiled a distinguished record of success during her 24 years on the council. Ms. Hubbard has spent 16 years serving as the Council President Pro Temp, where she used the leadership position to advocate on behalf of the city’s residents. She played a key role in the establishment of the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center and in expanding the greenway trail system in the city. She was also involved in economic development initiatives, including the establishment of the Dearborn Town Center and the redevelopment of the Warren Avenue and Dix-Vernor business corridors. As a result of her work, Dearborn has been transformed.
Oregon Service Ribbon, two Meritorious Unit Citations; Combat Action, Drill Sergeant, and Parachutist Badges; Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal, and the German Physical Fitness Proficiency (Sportsman) Badge.

Mostly recently, under his guidance as Commander Sergeant of the Transatlantic Division for the past three years, Transatlantic Division organizations have completed more than $1.7 billion in construction projects in the combat regions of Afghanistan. These efforts have included large scale military installations and utility projects, which have been vital to training and equipping our soldiers and providing the area with a reliable source of power. In addition to his work crucial to enhancing our national security, Sergeant Major Johnson has always been solicitous about the welfare and professional development of his soldiers and established a formal military professional development program and a very active mentoring program.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 10th District, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Sergeant Major Johnson for his dedicated career of service, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a highly venerable figure. I wish him all the best as he moves on to the next phase in his life.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY SILVIO DEANGELO IV AND OFFICER MATTHEW CAVANAGH

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deputy Silvio DeAngelo IV of the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office and Officer Matthew Cavanagh of the Glenolden Borough Police Department. These men saved the life of my staffer and friend Joseph Campisi when he suffered a heart attack on April 19th. Deputy DeAngelo and Officer Cavanagh happened to be finishing a workout at the L.A. Fitness in Springfield, PA when he suddenly collapsed. Fortunately, Deputy DeAngelo and Officer Cavanagh happened to be finishing a workout at that very moment. Despite being off-duty and having never used a defibrillator on a live person before, they immediately sprang into action. Their training came through in the clutch and they were able to resuscitate him before the EMTs arrived. Their quick thinking and decisive action saved his life.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM W. “HOOTIE” JOHNSON

HON. JOE WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on July 14, 2017, South Carolina lost an esteemed businessman and dedicated public servant through the death of William W. “Hootie” Johnson. He made a positive difference with his philanthropic efforts and I am grateful for his lifelong service as Chairman of the Executive Committee at Bank of America and Chairman of Augusta National Golf Club. On Monday, July 17, 2017, a funeral service will be conducted at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina. The following thoughtful obituary was appropriately published in The State on July 15, 2017:

Mr. Johnson died Friday, July 14, 2017, at the age of 86. Hootie Johnson was a former chairman of the Executive Committee of Bank of America’s Board of Directors. He had also served on the Boards of Directors of Alltel Corporation, Duke Energy Corporation, Liberty Corporation and Stephens, Inc. He was the husband of former First Lady John- son and was a son of the late Dewey H. and Mabel Woodward Johnson. He was born in Augusta, Georgia. Mr. Johnson held a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of South Carolina as well as an Honorary Doctor of Law degree. Honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees were also conferred upon him by the Medical University of South Carolina and Lander University. He served as chairman of both the South Carolina Ports Authority and the South Carolina Research Authority, as well as a member of The South Carolina State Development Board. Mr. Johnson also served as chairman of the Committee to Develop a Plan of Desegregation of the National Urban League. He was a Laureate of the South Carolina Business Hall of Fame. The State newspaper named Mr. Johnson as one of South Carolina’s most influential leaders of the 20th Century. Mr. Johnson, an independent, was active in politics serving as finance chairman for Governor Robert McMillan, Governor Carroll Campbell, Governor David Beasley, Senator Strom Thurmond, Senator Bob Dole and President George H.W. Bush. Mr. Johnson was chairman of Augusta National and chairman of the Masters Tournament from 1998-2006 and chairmanemeritus from 2006-present. He held memberships in Biltmore Forest Country Club, Forest Lake Club, the Palmetto Club, the Flamenco Club and the Forest Country Club, Forest Lake Club, the Palmetto Club, the Flamenco Club and the Centurion Club. Memorials may be made to the USC Moore School of Business, Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is assisting the family. In addition to his wife, Pierrine, Mr. Johnson is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Chuck Todd, and Marie and John Fairley, Jr., Harriett Fairley Gilmer, William Fairley, Holt Wrenn, Sarah Wrenn, Mary Breeden, Sally Breeden and Anna Breeden Pitt; great-grandchildren, David Breeden, Robert Gilmer, Florence Elizabeth Wrenn and Elsie Fairley; great-grandsons, Robert Gilmer, John Gilmer, John Fairley III, William Fairley, Gage Breeden Thomas, Charles Todd IV and Dewey Wrenn. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death.
### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Title IV of Senate Resolution 4**

Agreed to by the Senate on 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 Tuesday, July 18, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

**JULY 19**

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<td>9 a.m.</td>
<td>Select Committee on Intelligence, To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan M. Gordon, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, Robert P. Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the National Security Agency, Department of Defense, and Isabel Marie Keenan Patelunas, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury.</td>
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<td>Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, To hold hearings to examine illicit cigarette smuggling in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe region.</td>
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<td>10 a.m.</td>
<td>Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ajitt Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, and Brendan Carr, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.</td>
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<td>10 a.m.</td>
<td>Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, To hold hearings to examine S. 257, to clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, S. 312, to redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the &quot;Saint-Gaudens National Historic Park&quot;, S. 355, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, S. 391, to establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Education Center in New York, New York, S. 841, to designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, S. 926, to authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, S. 1073, to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance, S. 1202, to modify the boundary of the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, S. 1403, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to establish the Conservation Service Corps to place youth and veterans in national service positions to conserve, restore, and enhance the great outdoors of the United States, S. 1438, to redesignate the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in the State of Missouri as the &quot;Gateway Arch&quot;, S. 1469, to establish Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park in the State of South Carolina, and S. 1522, to establish an Every Kid Outdoors program.</td>
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<td>9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Committee on Foreign Relations, To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kay Bailey Hutchison, of Texas, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, John W. Walker, of the Department of State.</td>
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<td>10 a.m.</td>
<td>Committee on the Judiciary, To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice’s enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.</td>
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<td>1:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas G. Bowman, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary, Brooks D. Tucker, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (Congressional and Legislative Affairs), and James Byrne, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and Michael P. Allen, of Florida, Amanda L. Meredith, of Virginia, and Joseph L. Toth, of Wisconsin, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.</td>
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<td>2 p.m.</td>
<td>Committee on Foreign Relations, To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Luis E. Arceaga, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Guatemala, Carmen J. Jiménez, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals, and Sharon Day, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, both of the Department of State.</td>
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**SELECT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Select Committee on Intelligence**

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

**Select Committee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women’s Issues**

To hold hearings to examine the collapse of the rule of law in Venezuela, focusing on what the United States and the international community can do to restore democracy.

**Select Committee on Environment and Public Works**

To hold hearings to examine S. 1514, to amend certain Acts to reauthorize programs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and to amend certain Acts to reauthorize provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Service Corps.

**Select Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs**

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Postal Service's actions during the 2016 campaign season, focusing on implications for the Hatch Act.

**Select Committee on the Judiciary**

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice’s enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.
To hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters.

Committee on Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife
To hold hearings to examine innovative financing and funding, focusing on addressing America’s crumbling water infrastructure.

Committee on Appropriations

Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Sea Power
To hold hearings to receive testimony on options and considerations for achieving a 355-ship Navy from naval analysts.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining
To hold hearings to examine S. 32, to provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, S. 90, to survey the gradient boundary along the Red River in the States of Oklahoma and Texas, S. 357, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public lands in San Bernardino County, California, to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, and to accept in return certain exchanged non-public lands, S. 436, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, to substitute certain land selections of the Navajo Nation, to designate certain wilderness areas, S. 467, to provide for the disposal of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, S. 468, to establish a procedure for resolving claims to certain rights-of-way, S. 614, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, S. 785, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans, S. 837, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Washington County, Utah, to authorize the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Utah, S. 884, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, S. 941, to withdraw certain National Forest System land in the Emigrant Crevice area located in the Custer Gallatin National Forest, Park County, Montana, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States, S. 1149, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to repeal a provision limiting the export of timber harvested from land conveyed to the Kalispell Tribes under that Act, S. 1230, to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, S. 1271, to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boeckoff Peak”, and S. 1548, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas and to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal infrastructure permitting and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council.

Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office reports on human trafficking of American Indian and Alaska Natives in the United States.