

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. NICK MANGANARO ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Nick Manganaro as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Nick began working at Medico Industries at the young age of 13, and he has continually served my local community in his duties at the company's Hanover Township facility.

The son of Italian immigrants, Nick was born on May 23, 1925, and graduated from Pittston High School in 1943. He proudly went on to serve in the Navy during WWII and was stationed in Panama. Upon returning to Pittston in 1946, Nick immediately resumed his work at Medico Electric Motor Company.

To this day, Nick is still employed by Medico Industries, where he has worked for 77 years. His work ethic is unparalleled. A wearer of many hats, Nick has worked on the rigging crew, operated cranes, drove tractor trailers, and maneuvered all of the construction equipment. Within the company, Nick is considered to be a father figure to many employees, always willing to provide support and guidance to those in need. He is admired by his coworkers and customers for his bright attitude, modest demeanor, and dedication to the company.

Though he cannot perform all the job functions he once could, Nick continues to work seven days per week—a habit that is indicative of his tireless, hard-working character. He still lives at the Manganaro family homestead, where he resides next door to his sister, Maria Capolarella Montante. The two have one living brother, Joe Manganaro. Outside of work, Nick is a member of St. Rocco's Parish in Pittston, and is a life-long member of the San Cataldo Society in Pittston, a social organization that is united in celebrating its member's Italian heritage, familial values, and religious principles.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Nick Manganaro on this important milestone, and I admire his diligent work ethic and sense of commitment. I thank Nick for his service to our country and community, and I hope that he will celebrate this year in the company of his family and friends.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL NEGRO GOLF ASSOCIATION

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 50th anniversary of the National Negro Golf Association (NNGA) and to recog-

nize the organization for its efforts to increase interest in the game, particularly among African American communities.

Sports often reflect the racial and social trends in the larger American society; and perhaps no game illustrates the gradual progression in race relations quite as clearly as golf.

Nearly 50 years ago, a small group of black students gathered in Lebanon, Pennsylvania to establish the NNGA. Its history would become part of the greater ongoing struggle to overcome a legacy of social exclusion. While NNGA's mission focuses on recreation, it has become an agent for social change.

Today, NNGA has grown to over 200 members in seven chapters, including a chapter in the 11th Congressional District of Ohio, my home district. Its interest in diversity and inclusion has inspired the association to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the United Negro College Fund and has helped professional African American golfers further their careers in this once exclusive sport.

Over the course of its history, the fraternal spirit of the NNGA membership has positively impacted the lives of its members and future generations of young golfers. Happy 50th Anniversary to the National Negro Golf Association.

CONGRATULATING BRIGADIER GENERAL KRISTIN K. FRENCH ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brigadier General Kristin K. French on her retirement from her long and heroic service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Completing her studies at the historic grounds of West Point Military Academy in 1986, Brig. Gen. French would later go on to complete two masters degrees in Logistics Management and Strategic Studies. After serving all over the world in operations such as Operation Desert Fox in Kuwait, Operation Joint Endeavor in Croatia, Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, she assumed command of the Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command and Joint Munitions Command at the Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, Illinois in July of 2013.

A highly decorated officer, her awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal. Brig. Gen. French is married to Lieutenant Colonel Rick French, and together they have a daughter and a son.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Brigadier General Kristin French for her dedicated service in the Armed Forces, bravely protecting

and defending American citizens. I congratulate her on her well-earned retirement after nearly 30 years of service, and I wish her and her family the very best the future has to offer.

CONGRATULATING CURT FRYE

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Curt Frye of Wayne, Nebraska, on his recent retirement after 30 years of service to the students and faculty at Wayne State College.

Mr. Frye taught for 18 years in Nebraska public schools before becoming Associate Dean of Students at Wayne State in 1985. In the years following, he served in numerous roles including Dean of Students, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Interim President before being named President in 2011.

Having served at the college longer than any of his predecessors, Mr. Frye is known for his dedication to seeing Wayne State students succeed. I had the opportunity earlier this year to visit the College Center in South Sioux City, a unique partnership established under Mr. Frye's leadership to provide a high-quality, affordable education to more students in the region. Despite his retirement, Mr. Frye's vision and tireless work for the college he loves will continue to benefit Wayne State students for years to come.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's Third District, I thank Mr. Frye for his decades of service to Nebraska education and congratulate him and his wife Dianne on the start of this new chapter in their lives.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes:

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Chair, I rise today to express my opposition to H.R. 5, the Student Success Act. This bill undermines the fundamental purpose of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which was created to ensure that disadvantaged children are provided a high-quality education that allows them to compete on a level playing field with their more-advantaged peers.

Among its many problematic provisions, this bill cuts crucial education funding, fails to hold states and districts accountable for supporting

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and improving the achievement of all students, eliminates and weakens protections for disadvantaged students, and lacks critical support systems for our nation's educators.

I believe No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is flawed and must be reformed, and reauthorization presents a tremendous opportunity to make much-needed improvements and bring our education system into the 21st century. However, instead of fixing the problems of NCLB, the Student Success Act does not reflect best practices and fails to strike the appropriate balance between flexibility and accountability.

Reauthorization should support college and career-ready standards, address the overuse of testing in teacher and school evaluations that currently forces educators to substitute test preparation for instruction, and feature an accountability system that includes meaningful targets for improving student attainment that gives schools and districts flexibility in how they achieve those goals.

I urge my colleagues to vote against H.R. 5 and instead support reauthorization that restores our nation's commitment to providing equal opportunity for all students regardless of their background and protect our country's students including the most vulnerable, which was the intention of this landmark civil rights law.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2822) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes:

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chair, let me thank our Ranking Member, Congresswoman McCOLLUM, for her tremendous leadership of this Subcommittee.

Mr. Chair, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Interior and Environment bill before us would place health and safety of all Americans at risk. It dangerously cuts funding by \$246 million from FY 2015 levels and is \$3.1 billion less than the President's FY2016 request.

The deep cuts to this bill would undermine our air quality, land, water and conservation funding and will have devastating impacts on all communities in my home state of California and across the country.

What's worse—this bill slashes funding for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by more than 700 million dollars—from FY2015 levels and funds the agency at more than a billion dollars less than the President's FY2016 request. These profound cuts would significantly harm the Clean Water Fund and the Safe Drinking Water Fund—critical programs that ensure the safety of our drinking water and our children.

It also includes \$40 million in cuts to the Historic Preservation Fund (HPP), which

would weaken the National Park Service's (NPS) ability to preserve sites significant in the Civil Rights Movement. This includes sites like the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, where I marched this spring to commemorate the 50th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday."

Furthermore, there are also egregious policy riders in this bill that would block clean air protections, such as the EPA's Clean Power Plan.

Too many families, particularly those in low-income, vulnerable communities, already suffer from poor air quality because of dirty carbon pollution.

We know that communities of color are disproportionately affected by pollution-related illnesses, including asthma. According to the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology, one in six African American and one in nine Latino children suffer from asthma.

There are other toxic policy riders that would block the protection of our imperiled wildlife under the Endangered Species Act, like the Greater Sage Grouse population.

The Endangered Species Act is the only law that has safeguarded more than 2,000 plants and wildlife from extinction. This law enjoys broad support from nearly 85 percent of Americans. And yet here we are again, with a bill that seeks to undermine decades of animal protection and runs counter to vast public support.

Mr. Chair, we need to continue to fight to defend our environment, address climate change, and make real, meaningful impacts on reducing greenhouse gas emissions so we can protect our environment, our children and our future.

Unfortunately, the bill before us does just the opposite.

I hope that as this process moves forward, we can address the insufficient funding allocations and backwards policy riders that would harm every American and put our precious environment at risk.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2822) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes:

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the amendment offered by my colleague that would, in essence, prohibit the EPA from spending any funds to ensure that states fulfill their obligations under the Clean Water Act to help clean up the Chesapeake Bay. If passed into law, this amendment would endanger the progress we have made in restoring the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and would put in jeopardy not only the Chesapeake Bay itself, but also critical economic contributions that the Bay provides.

When I was in the Virginia House of Delegates, I was part of a joint Virginia-Maryland legislative task force that first recommended the creation of a multi-state commission to address Bay issues. In our report filed in 1980, we recommended "the need for improved coordination of Bay-wide management to meet the long-term needs of the people of both Maryland and Virginia" and found that this was not an issue that Maryland and Virginia alone could solve.

Cleaning up the Bay required the cooperation of all states in the watershed. In 1983, Chesapeake Bay Watershed states signed the first Chesapeake Bay agreement to coordinate their efforts on this issue, and in 2010 the EPA set pollution limits to reduce pollution, nutrients, and sediment flowing into the Bay.

As a result of these efforts, the quality of the Chesapeake Bay has been significantly improved and states continue to invest millions of dollars in their Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint Plans. Just yesterday, a unanimous decision was issued by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals affirming the authority of the EPA under the Clean Water Act to set limits on pollution in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. In the decision, the Court wrote that cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay "will require sacrifice . . . but that is a consequence of the tremendous effort it will take to restore health to the bay."

I agree with the Court's assessment: cleaning up the Bay will take tremendous efforts and coordination between all six states in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and the District of Columbia, and participating states should have the certainty that other states can be trusted to fulfill their obligations to help clean up the Bay.

I believe that instead of offering amendments to undermine these efforts, we should be investing even more resources to ensure that they are successful. I urge my colleagues to reject this amendment.

RECOGNIZING LESLIE VELEZ AND
DANIEL HENRY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Leslie Velez and Daniel Henry for their hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District as interns in my Washington, DC office for the Spring 2015 session of Congress.

The work of this young man and woman has been exemplary and I know they both have bright futures. They served as tour guides, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity to these two and look forward to seeing them build their careers in public service.

Both of our interns have made plans to continue their work next year with various organizations in Washington. I am certain they will succeed in their new roles and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Leslie Velez and Daniel Henry for their service this spring.

DECADES OF COMPASSION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Avadele Short of Katy, Texas for receiving an Award of Distinction for her 34 years of dedicated service to the Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

Mrs. Short and her husband were two of the founders of the Memorial Hermann Katy Volunteer Auxiliary when the hospital opened its doors in 1981. Since then, Mrs. Short has given more than 9,000 hours of her time to the Katy community and is the only remaining original member of the Auxiliary. With her help, the volunteer program has expanded from 45 original members to 145 members today. Now 91, Mrs. Short still volunteers twice a week and brings smiles to all the patients and the entire hospital staff. Hospital staff and patients alike agree, it would not be the same place without her care and compassion.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Mrs. Avadele Short for more than three decades of volunteer service to the Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital. Thank you for all that you have done for our community.

CONGRATULATING MADDY
PETICOLAS**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Maddy Peticolas of Godfrey, Illinois, on achieving the Congressional Award Silver Medal.

The Congressional Award recognizes individuals for excellence in four areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition. During her time at Principia High School, Maddy participated in a number of activities that helped to improve her community.

Maddy spent over two hundred hours volunteering at a local day camp, staffing events and led hikes for children. She also grew in her faith of Christian Science by reading "Prose Works", written by Mary Baker Eddy, a founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist. Additionally, as a ukulele player, Maddy worked to improve her memorization and sight reading skills.

She also spent many hours playing for her club soccer team, and began running to increase speed and confidence as a player. She climbed a 14,000 foot mountain and completed a ropes course during her time on a yurt campground where she was also in charge of meals.

In all these things, Maddy demonstrated determination in improving both herself and her community. Whether it was through volunteering, personal development, physical fitness, or expedition, Maddy impacted the lives of many and I am proud to represent individuals like her in my district.

Congratulations on earning the Congressional Award Silver Medal, Maddy.

HONORING MR. JOSÉ DUEÑAS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mr. José Dueñas, former President and CEO of the Alameda County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Known throughout the Bay Area as a fervent Latino community leader, Mr. Dueñas has left an undeniable mark on our community. With his passing on June 20, 2015, we look to honor the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born in Mexico City, Mexico on February 24, 1952, Mr. Dueñas was raised in Oakland, California where he graduated from Fremont High School. He later attended California State University, Hayward and St. Mary's College of California. Upon receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, Mr. Dueñas went on to pursue a career in public service to develop and promote opportunities for the greater Bay Area community.

During the earlier stages of his professional career, Mr. Dueñas' determination and hard work led him to become a senior manager for the Port of Oakland, the fourth largest port in North America. Shortly after, he was chosen to lead the Bay Area World Trade Center as Chief Executive Officer where he coordinated trade missions to over 40 different countries.

Afterwards, the Alameda County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (ACHCC) hired Mr. Dueñas to represent and provide assistance to over 18,000 Hispanic owned firms. As President and Chief Executive Officer at ACHCC, he led the charge of building a sustainable economic and financial foundation for Latino businesses to grow and prosper in the Bay Area. During his tenure, he also helped create a Latino Political Action Committee to help promote Latino candidates and address key issues facing the Latino community and communities of color.

Furthermore, Mr. Dueñas also ran his own company, Global 8 Partners, which focuses on international trade, government affairs and Hispanic business marketing. He is survived by his two children, Nicolas and Annalisa, three sisters and one brother.

I will always remember José's resiliency, his charisma, and passion for serving his community. Some of my most memorable moments with José were traveling to Mexico and Africa on the trade missions he helped organize. He truly understood the importance of international trade to the Bay Area, and he shared his knowledge with policy makers and the private sector to help spur economic growth and create jobs. His larger than life spirit will live forever and will continue to give us hope for the future. I will be forever grateful for his wise counsel and friendship.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes an outstanding individual and leader, Mr. José Dueñas. Mr. Dueñas' contributions have truly impacted countless lives throughout the Bay Area. I join all of Mr. Dueñas' loved ones in celebrating his incredible life and offer my most sincere condolences.

PEARLAND ISD SECONDARY
TEACHER OF THE YEAR—MELISSA
WARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Melissa Ward of Pearland's Dawson High School for being named Pearland Independent School District's 2015 Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Ward has always had a gift and talent for teaching. After receiving degrees in both sociology and psychology, she sought a career where she could help people and found a passion for teaching. In addition to her classroom excellence, Ms. Ward also coaches girls' cross country, track and field, and basketball. She often takes time out of her day to attend her students' cheer, band, or sporting events. She has also implemented the Student Training in Teacher Leadership Program, which provides mentoring for students who are considering teaching for a career at Dawson High School. Her dedication to Dawson High School doesn't stop.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Melissa Ward for winning the Pearland Independent School District's 2015 Secondary Teacher of the Year Award.

HONORING THE COUNTY OF
NAPA'S IF GIVEN A CHANCE
PROGRAM**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the valuable and tremendous work of the Napa County organization, If Given A Chance. For two decades, this group has provided scholarships and resilient high school graduates to overcome extraordinary challenges and troubled pasts.

Since 1995, the If Given A Chance program has provided young people that have faced tremendous difficulties the opportunity to continue their education after high school and gain the work experience they need to succeed. With support from local businesses and philanthropic organizations, the program awards more than \$100,000 in scholarships, and graduates have gone on to get Masters and Ph.D. degrees at schools such as UCLA, UC Davis, and Stanford University.

If Given A Chance has supported hundreds of Napa Valley students in their efforts to pursue college and vocational education. The remarkable young people that participate in If Given a Chance have overcome gang affiliation, addiction, injury, abuse and disease, and this program provides them the opportunity to make a better life for themselves and their families. If Given A Chance is a testament to the significant and positive impact young people can have on their communities, and a true demonstration of the qualities that make our country great.

Many have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of If Given A Chance, and none

more-so than Jim King, the program's founder. His legacy continues, and the board of directors has continued the tradition of exceptional work in support of Napa County's youth.

Mr. Speaker, If Given A Chance has helped to engage and support so many students in the Napa community. I celebrate them for devoting themselves to the success of the next generation and wish them good fortune in their next twenty years of service.

HONORING SCENTSABILITY MICRO-ENTERPRISE, INC.

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of ScentsAbility Micro-Enterprise, Inc. as they are awarded the Platinum Business Award at this year's Connections luncheon, an annual awards ceremony sponsored by Career Source Broward and Palm Beach Counties. This award, presented by the South Florida Business Leadership Network, recognizes employers for disability-friendly practices and their commitment to training disabled Floridians for employment opportunities.

ScentsAbility has made it its mission to do exactly that. Under the guidance of ScentsAbility employees, disabled Floridians craft and sell homemade candles as well as learn important vocational and leadership skills that will allow them to succeed in a variety of workplace settings. ScentsAbility's care and commitment to this work has enabled countless Americans with special needs to live independently and with confidence. Too often, Americans with intellectual and physical disabilities are unable to find meaningful employment and earn a living. As a nation, it is important we recognize and enable organizations, such as ScentsAbility, that raise awareness of these critical issues and prioritize the diverse needs of our community.

It is with great pleasure that I honor ScentsAbility and its director, Ms. Bonnie Schmidt.

IN HONOR OF THE GREATER TOMBALL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor the 50th anniversary of The Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce of Tomball, Texas.

There is no doubt that the Tomball area is experiencing exciting economic growth. The area, once known for agriculture, oil, and the railroad is now a bustling corridor home to tech start-ups and manufacturing firms. Throughout this growth, one thing has stayed constant—the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce's small town friendliness.

Although the Chamber was not formally incorporated until 1965, it was first organized in the 1920s when a group of local businessmen identifying themselves as the chamber sent a

telegram to a Marshall, Texas doctor to entice him to move to the area.

Built upon a mission to provide resources and foster relationships that empower businesses to prosper, the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce is truly the model of excellence for all Chambers.

The Tomball Chamber's great success is due in no small part to the local business leaders who over the years have worked so hard to make Tomball the great community it is today.

Those men and women have been supported by a tremendous group of Chamber executives including Pete Still, Doris Johnson, Diane Holland and Bruce Hillegeist.

I had the privilege of working firsthand with Diane and Bruce as a chamber executive myself in nearby Montgomery County. Diane not only led the Tomball Chamber for 20 years but was the first woman to hold the post of Chairman of the Board of the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives. Bruce, who currently serves as the Tomball Chamber's President, held that same post in 2010 and is widely respected for his vision, energy, and leadership.

Continually advocating on behalf of its members, the Chamber was a driving force in the creation of the Tomball Tollway which has brought much needed relief from congested roadways.

Additionally, the Chamber was a key player in bringing the community college to the Tomball community. Now known as Lone Star College—Tomball, the college has become an integral part of the Tomball economic infrastructure with an enrollment of over 12,000 students.

Today, I want all of America to join with us in celebrating 50 years of excellence. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce.

PEARLAND ISD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR—TAMMY NORMAN

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tammy Norman of Pearland's Rogers Middle School for being named Pearland Independent School District's 2015 Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Throughout her childhood, Ms. Norman was inspired and encouraged by her teachers. Today, she strives to have the same effect on her students by helping them grow academically and being a positive influence. Ms. Norman creates an engaging learning environment by supplementing her lessons with technology, humor, and fun activities. Ms. Norman is truly making a lasting impact on the lives of her students.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Ms. Norman for being named Pearland ISD's 2015 Elementary Teacher of the Year.

ANTHONY JOSEPH NARUTOWICZ

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the life and legacy of Anthony Joseph "Tony" Narutowicz, a local business owner, U.S. veteran and active community leader, who passed on October 14, 2014, at the age of 81.

A life-long resident of Baltimore County, Mr. Narutowicz attended Saint Joseph Academy in McSherrystown, Pennsylvania, Leonard Hall Academy in Leonardtown, Maryland, and Mount Saint Joseph High School in Baltimore. He served in the U.S. Merchant Marines for two years before joining the Army for another two years during the Korean War as a corporal.

Mr. Narutowicz worked several jobs before landing in the family business, a tavern and package store called Mickey's of Edgemere, in 1963. He was eventually named president of the company and managed it until his retirement in 2001. Among his many claims to fame, he once successfully fought two armed robbers outside a local bank.

An extremely active and loyal Democratic leader, Mr. Narutowicz was a founding member of the Baltimore County Seal Democratic Club, serving several terms as president. He also served on the Democratic State Central Committee from 1991 to 1998 in addition to launching his own bid for the Maryland House of Delegates.

A prominent business owner, Mr. Narutowicz sat on the Board of Directors at Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings and Loans for 25 years. He also donated time as a member of the Edgemere-Millers Island Businessmen's Association for a decade.

Giving back to his community was always a top priority for Mr. Narutowicz. An active parishioner at St. Luke Catholic Church, he was an avid supporter of church and community programs that benefitted children and worked for many years as treasurer of a charity golf tournament to provide scholarships for local high school students. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows North Point Lodge 4, an organization that operates under the principles of friendship, love and truth.

A dedicated family man, he was married to Verna Moore Narutowicz for an incredible 53 years. Together, the couple had four daughters, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the life and memory of Mr. Tony Narutowicz. He was a valued member of the Baltimore County Community who will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

RECOGNIZING WARREN E. MOTTS AND THE MOTTS MILITARY MUSEUM

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Warren E. Motts, the founder of the

Motts Military Museum in Ohio. As a Colonel in the Ohio National Guard, I truly appreciate all that Warren has done to make the museum into what it is today.

In 1987, Groveport, Ohio native Warren Motts established the military museum in his family's residence in order to preserve the history of our armed forces. As new exhibits were added, the museum was later moved to a larger facility on nearly four acres of land.

After moving, the museum began receiving large donations from military families, which allowed for the acquisition of military vehicles, aircraft, and a World War II boat. In 2001, the museum had the funds to break ground on a new wing to add even more military artifacts. The new wing of the museum was completed in 2006 and items are still being added to this section of the museum.

Today, the Motts Military Museum has exhibits for the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and Desert Storm. The museum also has some historical NASA artifacts, medals, and a POW exhibit.

It is a testament to Warren Motts' dedication that The Motts Military Museum has grown into an incredible facility for people all over Ohio to learn about the rich history of America's armed services. I thank Warren for all of his tremendous work in establishing this museum and ensuring it will continue to grow well into the future for our community and visitors to enjoy.

CONGRATULATING THE RAIN-
WATER FAMILY AND THE CITY
OF CARROLLTON FOR RAIN-
WATER LANE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the city of Carrollton, Texas, located in my Congressional district, for renaming Jamestown Lane to Rainwater Lane in commemoration of the Rainwater family, who have resided in the area since 1855. This change, proposed April 7th, was approved by the city council on May 5th, and put into effect May 6th.

The Rainwaters are one of the oldest families in Carrollton, having lived there for over 150 years. Carrollton has a history of honoring important residents and families with street names, and continues that tradition with Rainwater Lane. The Rainwaters even worked on the plot of land where Carrollton City Hall is currently placed. It is a long deserved honor to name a street after one of the great Carrollton families. The newly renamed Rainwater Lane is located behind Carrollton City Hall right in the heart of Carrollton. As Carrollton mayor Matthew Marchant said on the subject, "The Rainwater family is a very key part of the history of the city of Carrollton and your legacy continues, even through today."

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the Rainwater family and the city of Carrollton on this commemoration.

PEARLAND ISD HIGH PRINCIPAL
OF THE YEAR—DR. JENNIFER
MORROW

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Jennifer Morrow of Pearland's Turner College and Career High School for being named Pearland Independent School District's 2015 Elementary and Secondary Principal of the Year.

Dr. Morrow has been working as principal at Turner College and Career High School since 2012. She has helped create educational programs that allow students to earn associates degrees while becoming career certified. These higher learning programs fill an important role in ensuring our communities have well trained employees to meet specific industry needs. Dr. Morrow shows the innovation and leadership that is deserving of this prestigious award.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Dr. Jennifer Morrow for being named Pearland ISD's Secondary Principal of the Year.

HONORING CARLI LLOYD OF
DELTRAN

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding performance and ultimate victory of the United States Women's National Team during the FIFA Women's World Cup.

On July 5, 2015, the women representing the United States of America soared to victory over Japan in the final game of the Women's World Cup. I would like to recognize the entire team for representing our country with a sweeping and courageous win.

I would like to congratulate Carli Lloyd, who grew up in Delran, New Jersey, for a truly heroic performance and the ultimate representation of her hometown in New Jersey's third Congressional district. Ms. Lloyd's brilliant play in the Women's World Cup concluded with the first hat trick in WWC Final history. Not only did Ms. Lloyd win the Golden Ball Award, but she inspired our country with her passion, leadership and fearless execution that led the United States Women's National Team to become the first team to win three FIFA Women's World Cup titles.

Carli Lloyd continues to represent New Jersey's third Congressional District with honor and distinction and I am proud to represent her in Congress.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK
GULBRANSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Patrick Gulbranson of Stuart, Iowa, as he has been named to Special Olympics Team USA and will represent the United States at the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles, California.

The 2015 World Games, which will take place July 25th through August 2nd marks the 14th Special Olympics World Summer Games. Every two years, the world comes together for this event, a flagship event of the Special Olympics movement, which promotes equality, tolerance and acceptance through the power and joy of sport. This prominent world stage brings attention to the Special Olympics movement and the abilities of people with intellectual disabilities. Currently, more than 4.4 million Special Olympics athletes train and compete year-round in 170 nations across the globe.

Patrick is one among a 491-member delegation representing the United States in competition in 17 different sports. After earning a gold medal at the 2013 Special Olympics Iowa State Bowling Tournament, Patrick qualified to apply for his spot on Special Olympics Team USA bowling.

I commend Patrick for his dedication to the sport and I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in congratulating him for qualifying to represent the Special Olympics Team USA at this year's World Summer Games. It is an honor to serve Iowans like Patrick, and I wish him the best of luck at the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games and in all his future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING THE 45TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF PRESIDENT RICH-
ARD M. NIXON'S SPECIAL MES-
SAGE TO CONGRESS ON INDIAN
AFFAIRS

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 45th anniversary of President Richard M. Nixon's Special Message to Congress on Indian Affairs.

For nearly two hundred years, Federal Indian policy has veered from one failed policy to another. Past policies have included treaty-making, outright war and hostilities, land allotment, assimilation, and termination. On July 8, 1970, President Richard M. Nixon issued his Special Message to Congress on Indian Affairs. In the message, he acknowledged that the state of Federal Indian policy was wholly inadequate. President Nixon noted that the Indians were the most deprived group of Americans, ranking at the bottom of nearly every economic and social measurement. He related that, despite inconsistent and often hostile Federal treatment, the story of the American Indian was one of great struggle, but ultimately overcoming overwhelming challenges.

He highlighted the long history of cultural contributions to American society which have become part of the American experience and spirit. He also noted the "record of enormous contributions Indians have made to this country, its art and culture, its strength and spirit, its sense of history, and its sense of purpose."

The President's Special Message was of particular importance because it called on Congress to repudiate and repeal the termination policy expressed in House Concurrent Resolution 108, and instead he promoted a policy that would allow Indian tribes to become part of the American fabric and participate in their communities across this great nation, at every level.

The President's message represented a fundamental change to how the United States engages Indian tribal governments and their people, proclaiming "the time has come to break decisively with the past and to create the conditions for a new era in which the Indian future is determined by Indian acts and Indian decisions." Since then, the United States Indian policy has become one of Indian Self-Determination, without Termination.

Congress responded to the Nixon Administration's initiative in 1975, by passing the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, paving the way for the enactment in 1988 of the Tribal Self-Governance Program. As a result of these enactments, Indian tribes currently manage and administer one-half of all programs and services offered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service.

In an effort to further develop a relationship of trust and confidence between the Federal government and Indian people, the President endorsed legislation to restore the Blue Lake lands to the Taos Pueblo Indians. Previously, the United States had appropriated the land for the purposes of creating a national forest. The Pueblo held the land sacred and necessary to express their religious faith. The message also proposed reforms to Indian education, encouraged investment, economic development and job creation in tribal communities, called for liberalizing land leases, and increasing support for Indian health.

Since then, Congress and the Executive Branch have collaborated to enact and implement statutes to improve Indian education, health, housing, sacred site protection, energy and economic development, and international trade and tourism. Every President since Nixon has embraced and implemented the policy of Indian Self-Determination. This policy is supported by the twin pillars of strong tribal governments and vigorous tribal economies, and continues to be the most successful Indian doctrine to date.

Mr. Speaker, I come before you now to commemorate President Richard M. Nixon's Special Message to Congress on Indian Affairs, affirm its support for the enduring truths contained therein, and call for the policy of Indian Self-Determination to be expanded and strengthened by this and future Congresses and Presidents.

ONE MILLION CHILDREN FED

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lanches of Love for serving its one millionth free lunch to the children of the Fort Bend County community.

Lanches of Love has been serving Fort Bend County since 2012 by providing nutritious lunches for children in need. On June 23, the organization handed out their millionth sack lunch and moved one step closer to ending childhood hunger. We are extremely proud of Lanches of Love's dedication to our children and are grateful for every volunteer who has helped them reach this milestone.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you again to Lanches of Love for serving the children of Fort Bend County and helping to eradicate childhood hunger.

HONORING THE ST. HELENA NATIVE SONS HALL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the St. Helena chapter of Native Sons of the Golden West, Parlor 53, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its meeting hall.

First opened on June 25, 1915, the St. Helena Native Sons Hall has hosted events and gatherings of all kinds and served as a valuable meeting space for the local community. Concerts, funerals, weddings, and auctions have been held within its walls. Once an old dance hall, the building was moved to its current location on Spring Street in St. Helena in 1915. A century later, the hall remains a cornerstone of the St. Helena community.

Founded in 1875, the Native Sons of the Golden West is one of the oldest fraternal service organizations in California. The organization was initially established to preserve the state's early history, including the events of the Gold Rush. Today, the Native Sons serve as a charitable organization and work to purchase, rehabilitate, and restore monuments from California's pioneer days. Sutter's Fort, the Franciscan Missions, and the Monterey Custom House were all preserved thanks to efforts of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize the St. Helena chapter of the Native Sons of the Golden West for the 100th anniversary of its hall, and for many years of dedication to the local community. I wish them all the best on this historical occasion, and look forward to another century of service and celebration.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM "BILL" ALFRED KINDRICKS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Congressmembers ANNA ESHOO and MIKE HONDA, in memory of William "Bill" Alfred Kindricks, who passed away on June 8, 2015. Bill was a leader in our community both in his public work with San Francisco BART and Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority, and in his private life as an integral member of his church and mentor within the black community in Santa Clara County.

Bill Kindricks, born the youngest of four siblings on July 24, 1946, on the campus of Tuskegee University to Lewis and Salena Kindricks, grew up in Opelika, Alabama. He graduated from Alabama A&M University and the University of Virginia, Darden Graduate School of Business, and played professional football with the Cincinnati Bengals and Oakland Raiders.

For most of his life, Bill resided and was an active member of his community in San Jose. A devout man, Bill was baptized and attended church weekly throughout his life. During his career, Bill worked for General Motors and San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and retired from the Santa Clara County Valley Transit Authority (VTA) after 23 years of dedicated service.

Until his passing, Bill was a nurturing, supportive leader and mentor in the 100 Black Men of America, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., National Forum Black Public Administrators, Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet of Santa Clara County, and NAACP, among others. As the President of the Silicon Valley Chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Bill contributed to the development of hundreds of young adults. Compassionate and generous with his time, Bill was always available to selflessly help those in need.

Bill was a genuinely good human being. He bettered the lives of others with his magnanimous presence and spirit. Many loved and respected Bill, and his passing is mourned and deeply felt among those whose lives he has touched. Together with my colleagues, I want to express my sincerest condolences to Bill's family and fellow church members. Our hearts are with them in this time of sorrow. Along with Bill's family, friends, former colleagues and our community, we will miss him. We have been lucky to have him.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

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 \$18,151,950,433,860.76. We've added \$7,525,073,384,947.68 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.

HONORING BRUNO SCHUSTEK

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Schustek Pond in the Village of Willowbrook, Illinois.

On July 6, 1930, the wealthy heiress Mary "Merry" Fahrney decided to try her hand at skydiving for the first time without any prior training or a qualified instructor to assist her. Upon exiting the airplane her parachute became entangled on the plane's wing, leaving her helplessly suspended hundreds of feet above the ground for over two hours. Charles Geiger and Bruno Schustek witnessed Fahrney's predicament from the ground and decided to assist her. When he reached Fahrney's plane, Schustek climbed out of his own airplane, down a rope, and onto the wing of her aircraft freeing her parachute and allowing Merry to glide safely to the ground. Unfortunately, Schustek was unable to climb back into his plane and fell to his death.

Eighty-five years to the day after Bruno Schustek's death, the North American Spine Society unveiled a new plaque in his honor. Decades after his heroic act, Schustek's memory lives on thanks to Maria R. Traska, Joseph Kubal and Keith Yearman, amateur historians who discovered and publicized Schustek's story. With the dedication of the Schustek Pond, his selfless actions will continue to inspire and remind us of his sacrifice.

PEARLAND ISD PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR—SHARON BRADLEY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sharon Bradley of Pearland's Jamison Middle School for being named Pearland Independent School District's 2015 Elementary and Secondary Principal of the Year.

Ms. Bradley has served as principle of Jamison Middle School for ten years. Previously, she taught multiple different grade levels including as a junior high assistant principal. She developed a passion for helping to guide her students into becoming strong leaders through the school system. Ms. Bradley has demonstrated great leadership and dedication to her students and colleagues.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Sharon Bradley for winning the Pearland Independent School District's 2015 Elementary and Secondary Principal of the Year Award.

CELEBRATING STEFAN ROZENFELD

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, on July 12, 1940, six-year-old Stefan Rozenfeld arrived on the shores of the United States of America with his mother and father, after a long and perilous journey from Poland. This week, he will celebrate the 75th anniversary of his arrival.

His journey, albeit encompassing a narrative far too familiar for many American Jews, represents a remarkable story of survival and courage.

When they fled their native Poland in January 1940, Stefan Rozenfeld and his mother escaped certain death at the hands of the Nazis. Only weeks after they departed their home in Lodz, the Jews of Lodz were rounded up and crammed into a ghetto that served as a staging ground for deportations to Nazi extermination camps. The Rozenfelds made their way to Belgium, where they reunited with Stefan's father and secured American immigration visas. However, unable to obtain passage to the United States before the Nazi invasion of Belgium in May 1940, they narrowly evaded the Nazis once again, securing safety in France. But when France capitulated to the Nazis in June, 1940, the Rozenfelds were trapped. Denied entrance to their last two remaining hopes, Portugal and Spain, vulnerable and without anywhere else to turn, Stefan and his family seemed destined to fall into the Nazis' murderous hands.

Portugal, neutral throughout World War II, had closed its borders to Jewish refugees. It was only the actions taken by an exceedingly courageous diplomat, Aristides de Sousa Mendes, the Portuguese consul in Bordeaux, which permitted the Rozenfelds, along with tens of thousands of other refugees, to successfully flee the Nazis. Despite a government directive strictly prohibiting the issuing of visas to Jews, Sousa Mendes instructed his vice-consuls to issue Portuguese visas to anyone who petitioned for one, regardless of nationality or religion. Yet, in saving as many as 30,000 lives, Sousa Mendes sacrificed his own career and livelihood. Put on trial by the Portuguese government, the formerly high-ranking diplomat was convicted and forced into retirement, tarnishing his reputation and leaving him impoverished.

While Sousa Mendes was unjustly blacklisted and punished, the Rozenfelds were able to escape to Portugal and then to the United States, where they landed in Hoboken, New Jersey on July 12, 1940. Settling in Queens, New York, Stefan's father started a company that dubbed and translated foreign films for American audiences. The company became an important component of the American film industry, most notably dubbing the Vittorio De Sica film, "Two Women," which starred Sophia Loren. After graduating from Stuyvesant High School in downtown Manhattan and Perdue University in Indiana, Stefan joined his father's company. In 1958, he married Linda Schoengold, a childhood friend he had known since he was eight years old and with whom he had four children: Julie, Laurie, Paul, and Leah. After raising the children in

New Rochelle, where Linda volunteered in the community and worked to encourage voter participation, Stefan and Linda today live in active retirement, yet make sure to return every summer to Pine Lake Park, where they first met. Stefan maintains his lifelong passion for classical music through his extensive collection of recordings and the series of concerts he and Linda host for friends. Despite having faced incredible adversity, the Rozenfeld family, with the help of the heroic Aristides de Sousa Mendes, survived and managed to thrive, embodying the very ethos of the American dream.

After Aristides de Sousa Mendes died in disgrace in 1954, his name was largely forgotten. Many of the refugees whose lives he had singlehandedly saved were scattered around the world. Yet after decades of hard work by his children, and with support from Congress, the Portuguese diplomat eventually came to be known internationally as a hero. Named by Israel in 1966 as Righteous Among the Nations, he would later be honored in his native Portugal, where Portugal's president Mario Soares declared him "Portugal's greatest hero of the twentieth century." In 2004, after reparations were paid to his family and his name restored, celebrations were held in over thirty nations to commemorate Sousa Mendes on the fiftieth anniversary of his death.

Aristides de Sousa Mendes recorded the names and visa numbers of the individuals he granted visas to in a ledger book which now lies in the Portuguese Foreign Ministry in Lisbon. I recently viewed images of Sousa Mendes' list, and, although to some it may appear only as names and numbers, to me it represents promise and hope for the Jewish people and the heroism of one exceptionally brave man.

The story of the Rozenfelds' flight from Nazi persecution, the righteous actions taken by Aristides de Sousa Mendes, and the Rozenfelds' successful passage and settlement in America is important to recognize. I am deeply grateful for Sousa Mendes and his actions, which allowed Stefan and thousands of other refugees to escape the evils of the Nazis and live a life of freedom and promise. I am pleased to be able to share the story of the Rozenfelds' perseverance and courage, of Sousa Mendes' heroic actions, of a case of the United States fulfilling its role as a haven, affording refugees welcome and freedom, and of the refugees contributing their energy and industry to the United States, with the House of Representatives today.

I wish Stefan Rozenfeld and his family well as they celebrate this historic anniversary.

HONORING JAMES MONDO

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate James Mondo of Ridge, New York who turned 100 years old on July 4, 2015.

James, who is commonly known as Jack but more affectionately known as "pop", was born in Brooklyn, New York. The youngest child of Italian Immigrants, Francis and Clara, James grew up with seven siblings. In 1933,

he married Anna Brillante, and together the couple had twin girls Clara and Marie, and a son Francis. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, as a part of Delta Company's 25th tank division in Germany from 1945 to 1946.

Following the war, James and Anna moved the family to Mineola, New York where he drove trucks for the National Biscuit Company for 30 years before retiring in 1978. He continued to serve his community as an American Legion Post chaplain for over 20 years and by becoming a fourth degree knight in the Knights of Columbus. A die hard Yankee fan, he had witnessed all 40 of their American League pennants and 27 World Champions and still cheers the team on today. James and Anna settled down in Ridge, New York, where they have resided to this day and enjoy seeing their 8 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

James is truly an exceptional man and I join with his friends and family in celebrating this wonderful milestone. I wish him good health and continued success in the coming years.

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 9, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED JULY 14

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Paul J. Selva, USAF, to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and General Darren W.

McDew, USAF, to be commander of the U.S. Transportation Command.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

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

To hold hearings to examine unlocking the cures for America's most deadly diseases.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine islanded energy systems, focusing on energy and infrastructure challenges and opportunities in Alaska, Hawaii and the United States Territories.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities for small businesses engaged in energy development and energy intensive manufacturing.

SR-428A

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 15

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kristen Marie Kulinowski, of New York, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years, and Gregory Guy Nadeau, of Maine, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's semi-annual report to Congress.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on understanding threats and strategies for the maritime border.

SD-342

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine juvenile justice in Indian Country, fo-

cusing on challenges and promising strategies.

SD-628

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 the governance and integrity of international soccer.

SR-253

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine what lower labor force participation rates tell us about work opportunities and incentives.

SD-562

JULY 16

2 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management

To hold hearings to examine the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs's role in the regulatory process.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:45 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 132, to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, S. 326, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects, and S. 1691, to expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives.

SD-366

AUGUST 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the back-end of the nuclear fuel cycle and related legislation, including S. 854, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste.

SD-366