

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SECURITY POSTURE FOR JOINT SESSION

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the authorities vested in the Speaker of the House by law and the Rules of the House of Representatives, commencing at 5:00 PM on April 28, 2021 and ending at 11:59 PM on April 28, 2021, the corridors and passages of the Capitol under control of the House shall be restricted to those Members and staff who have an office in the House wing of the Capitol, invited Members, and individuals who possess the appropriate credentials for presence in the Capitol as issued by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, and those who are issued a credential in support of the joint ceremonial session. The Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and the United States Capitol Police shall deny admittance to the Capitol except to those listed above.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF PASTOR JOHN DAVID NUGENT

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the faithful service of John David Nugent as he retires from his role of nearly 25 years as lead pastor at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jasper, Texas. Under Pastor Nugent's leadership, the Hillcrest family has grown tremendously from 617 to 1,632 church members. Pastor Nugent's time at Hillcrest Baptist has also seen the construction and completion of a new campus for the church to call home.

Prior to his time at Hillcrest, Pastor Nugent became licensed in ministry in 1973 and was ordained on September 16, 1979, at Central Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana, where he served as associate pastor from 1977 until 1981. He would later go on to serve as pastor at First Baptist Church in Lone Pine, Louisiana; New Zion Baptist Church in Oak Grove, Louisiana; and First Baptist Church in Spurger, Texas, before making the move to Jasper.

Over the years, Pastor Nugent has held influential roles with the Sabine Valley Association, New Bethel Association, Bayou Macon Association, and Louisiana Association.

For nearly a half century, Pastor Nugent has been a steadfast servant of God and tirelessly devoted to furthering His kingdom. He has selflessly dedicated his time as pastor to improving the lives of his congregants, strengthening his community, and spreading the word of the Lord to all who would listen. It is no

wonder why he is held in high regard by all who know him. Madam Speaker, I honor and thank my friend, Pastor Nugent, for his years of dutiful service.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR BOB GOLDEN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding contributions of Bob Golden to his community, state, and nation. As the outgoing Mayor of Haslet, Texas, he has served in his current position with distinction since May 2009. As he retires from public life, it is my privilege to recognize his noteworthy accomplishments.

Mayor Golden began a career in public service through his commissioning as a Navy Ensign following his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1966. During his active duty service, he flew F-4 Phantoms off the USS *John F. Kennedy*. After additional service in the Naval Reserve, he retired at the rank of captain in June 1996, whereupon he and his wife, Kathleen, moved to Haslet.

Prior to his election mayor in May 2009, Mayor Golden served for several years on both the Haslet Planning and Zoning and Parks and Recreation boards. Under his mayoral leadership, the economic tax base of Haslet was significantly expanded through the attraction, building, and operation of a 1.1 million square-foot Amazon electronic order fulfillment center.

Mayor Golden has effectively also overseen the decade-long planning and development of critically necessary improvements to Haslet's infrastructure, including the Haslet Parkway Project, which broadens a busy thoroughfare in the city into a four-lane divided highway along with augmented water and sewer lines. The project, which broke ground in March 2021, is projected to drastically improve truck movements and future logistics operations at Alliance Airport. It is one of Mayor Golden's most valuable contributions to Haslet, and the city's citizens and businesses will positively benefit from the project's fruition.

As Bob Golden completes his final mayoral term, I am honored to recognize and thank him for his decades of selfless devotion as a dedicated public servant. Best wishes in all his future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION AND ECONOMIC AND ENERGY CONVERSION ACT OF 2021

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act of 2021, a version of which I have introduced since 1994, after working with the District of Columbia residents who were responsible for the Nuclear Disarmament and Economic Conversion ballot initiative passed by D.C. voters in 1993. My bill still requires the United States to sign and ratify an international agreement to disable and dismantle America's nuclear weapons, to provide for strict control of fissile material and radioactive waste and to use nuclear-free energy. In lieu of joining such an agreement, this version of the bill also gives the United States the option to ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (Treaty). Many nations have already signed the Treaty. The Treaty was drafted by the United Nations in conferences in March and July of 2017, which is why I did not include it in my previous bills. According to the United Nations, the Treaty is "a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination." I am pleased by the international progress on this important issue.

The bill continues to provide that the funds used for nuclear weapons be redirected to human and infrastructure needs, such as housing, health care, Social Security, restoring the environment, and creating carbon-free, nuclear-free energy. The conversion to a peace economy would occur when the President certifies to Congress that all countries possessing nuclear weapons have begun elimination under an international treaty or other legal agreement.

Our country still has a long list of urgent domestic needs that have been put on the back burner. As the only nation that has used nuclear weapons in war, and that still possesses one of the largest nuclear weapons arsenals, my bill would help the United States reestablish its moral leadership in the world by redirecting funds that would otherwise go to nuclear weapons to urgent domestic needs.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING SPECIALIST ABIGAIL JENKS FOR HER SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Ms. STEFANK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of U.S.

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Army Specialist Abigail Jenks. Specialist Jenks tragically lost her life in an airborne training exercise on Monday, April 19, 2021 at Fort Bragg.

Specialist Jenks was a native of Gansevoort, New York. She graduated from Saratoga Springs High School in 2018 and went on to enlist in the U.S. Army. In June of 2019, Specialist Jenks was assigned as a paratrooper to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She had previously completed the Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Georgia and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Specialist Jenks was a fire support specialist operating as a forward observer with the brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division.

Specialist Jenks always knew she wanted to serve her country by enlisting in the Army. As a member of the famed 82nd Airborne Division, she excelled at her role and flourished in the rigorous and demanding environment that serving in our Armed Forces commands. In recognition of her outstanding service, Specialist Jenks was awarded the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Army Parachutist Badge. Now, she will be posthumously awarded the Meritorious Service Medal—a prestigious award only presented to those who distinguish themselves by outstanding meritorious achievement and service to the United States.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Specialist Abigail Jenks' character, bravery, and remarkable dedication to our country, and I ask this House to remember her sacrifice and legacy forever.

CELEBRATING THE CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), which celebrated its 60th anniversary on April 21, 2021. CCAD is the premier rotary winged helicopter repair and maintenance facility for the United States Army. In the midst of a global pandemic, like a battle-hardened soldier, CCAD remains strong, committed, and dedicated to answering the nation's call and keeping the Army flag flying.

Originally named the U.S. Army Transportation Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center (ARADMAC), CCAD was established on March 10, 1961, and accepted by the U.S. Army on April 21, 1961. Members of CCAD served abroad on the USNS Corpus Christi Bay—formerly the USS Albemarle—during the Vietnam War as the Army's only floating maintenance depot, saving time, money, and lives during the conflict. The names Huey, Chinook, Black Hawk, and Apache evoke memories, pride, and gratefulness to our veterans, active duty, and retired service members and civilians alike, whether in war or peacetime.

The freedom and the security that citizens of the United States enjoy today are a direct

result of the hard work and continuing commitment of CCAD to the mission given by the U.S. Army. Thousands of military, civilian, and contractor employees have walked the halls, worked in the hangars, turned the wrenches, flown the aircraft and dedicated themselves to the operation that began in 1961. The community leaders and citizens of Corpus Christi, Texas, recognize and appreciate the service of all personnel of the Corpus Christi Army Depot, past and present. We salute this great organizations' unending mission.

I wish the Corpus Christi Army Depot a happy 60th birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FORMER SPEAKER JOE TAITANO SAN AGUSTIN

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor the life and legacy of former Speaker Joe Taitano San Agustin. Speaker San Agustin was a devoted public servant, political pioneer, and a true advocate for the people of Guam. Our community will fondly remember him as a compassionate leader who dedicated his entire life to uplifting others and realizing a more prosperous Guam.

When Congress issued legislation in 1968, which provided for the first popular election of the governor and lieutenant governor of Guam, Speaker San Agustin was instrumental in launching Guam's transition into self-governance. He served as the director of administration to both the last appointed and first elected governors of Guam, and by 1976, he was elected to serve as a senator in the 14th Legislature of Guam, where he made strides in economic development and the protection of public finances for two decades. Throughout his ten terms in office, he also served as speaker of the 20th, 21st, and 22nd legislatures, and following his departure from the chamber, his service continued to prove valuable as chairman of the Democratic Party of Guam from 1997 to 2001.

Speaker San Agustin's contributions toward a greater quality of life for the island's residents extended beyond traditional politics, and continue to echo in today's age. Building strongholds for our community, he notably, led twenty government employees in donating to establish the Government of Guam Federal Credit Union in 1962 and went on to serve on the board of directors for the Bank of Guam. He also fought for retirement security as chairman of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board and served as the executive director of the Guam Base Reuse and Closure Office.

Speaker San Agustin was an esteemed leader and advocate who dedicated his entire life to public service. His career illustrates a remarkable fidelity to just and meaningful change, and his countless contributions to our systems of governance and historic policy continue to inspire many in our community. Speaker San Agustin served with my grandfather during their time in the legislature, and I am deeply saddened by his passing. My family and I wish to extend our hearts and prayers for him and his family, and I join the

people of Guam in remembering and celebrating his life and legacy of selfless service. Our island has lost an icon, but we know he is happy with Auntie May. He will be deeply missed, and his love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the people of Guam.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY OF EXERCISE TIGER

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with a deep and poignant gratitude that I rise today to celebrate the American heroes who lost their lives seventy-seven years ago during Exercise Tiger. Paving the way for the D-Day invasion that would take place on June 6, 1944, Exercise Tiger, while once kept secret, is now regarded as having been both a tragedy and a critically instructive component of the Allies' mission to end World War II. The lives lost on that fateful day were honored by the soldiers who learned from Exercise Tiger and carried their memory into battle during the liberation of France. It is a story we must never allow ourselves to forget.

Before the assembled British, Canadian, and American forces could carry out the D-Day invasion, 4,000 soldiers conducted a massive simulated landing to rehearse and prepare for that immeasurably vital military act. However, what started as a military exercise ended as one of the greatest military tragedies of World War II. The calm, dark night of April 28, 1944, burst into chaos and combat when German U-boats ambushed the Tank Landing Ships (LSTs) transporting American soldiers. Almost 750 American servicemen, including over 200 Missourians, would give their last full measure of devotion when their vessels were either destroyed or severely damaged. But Allied forces would not be deterred, as the brave soldiers on those vessels banded together to repel enemy attacks and move forward with their mission. Even in the face of immense loss, a well-equipped enemy force, and little help from nearby Allied forces, the tenacity and determination of the soldiers and sailors involved ensured that the landing operations would continue mere hours after the initial attack. Allied Commanders planning the eventual D-Day invasion learned from Exercise Tiger and incorporated new strategies to ensure soldiers would be protected from barrage before landing on the beach. Without the bravery of the forces that fought that day, it is possible that even more American, Canadian, and British lives would have been lost on D-Day, and that the invasion of France, which hinged on secrecy, speed, and synchronicity, would have failed. It is not hyperbole to say that the soldiers and sailors of Exercise Tiger changed the course of world history and that we are forever indebted to their sacrifice.

It is a time-honored tradition in the United States for us to gather and celebrate the heroism and sacrifices of the countless fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and children who have died to protect our nation from foreign and domestic threats. On the last Monday of May, thousands congregate to quietly observe and remember the names found on marble

headstones cascading across Arlington National Cemetery. On the fourth day of July, we join friends and family for a celebration of our nation's independence. On each November 11th, we reach out to the veterans in our lives, thank them for their service, and if we are lucky, listen to their stories of service. Scattered between these national celebrations are memorials hosted in small towns and big cities across America that pay tribute to the local legends who fought to protect the freedoms we hold dear. Every year since 1989, the Exercise Tiger Commemorative Foundation, alongside the Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light, have celebrated the heroes of Exercise Tiger with a wreath-laying ceremony at stations across the United States. It is now the longest-running wreath tribute in Coast Guard history.

Moreover, this year, the Exercise Tiger Commemorative Foundation has worked with the Audrain County Commissioners to memorialize and celebrate the oft-overlooked heroism of our nation's Black soldiers and sailors. We must never lose sight of the fact that while Black soldiers were fighting for the freedom of France, they themselves were not free in America. As they parachuted in Normandy and stormed Omaha and Utah Beaches, our nation was upholding the horrors of segregation and Jim Crow. They did so because they believed in the promise of America. We are all eternally indebted to that faith and their sacrifices, and I want to thank the Foundation and the Audrain County Commissioners for working to ensure that all our veterans receive the praise, glory, and honor they have earned.

A 5,000-pound anchor, located in Audrain County, serves as the memorial for the heroes of Exercise Tiger. However, it is more than just a relic of the past. Rather, it is a constant reminder that our freedom was paid for by the sacrifices of those who came before us. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, a blue ribbon was wrapped around that anchor, and it was only to be cut down when a vaccine was developed. On April 28, 2021, as our scientists, healthcare workers, and soldiers engage in a noble crusade against COVID-19 at vaccination sites across the country, that ribbon will be removed. While its removal does not signal the end of the pandemic, it does celebrate the fact that we are accomplishing what seemed impossible just months ago. We have demonstrated, like the Greatest Generation before us, that America can overcome any threat when we are united, be it a fleet of enemy submarines or an elusive virus. That capacity will always be worth celebrating.

Madam Speaker, please join me and my colleagues in honoring the nearly 750 Americans, including 201 Missourians, who gave their lives during Exercise Tiger. Additionally, please join me in extending a heartfelt "thank you" to the Audrain County Commissioners, the Exercise Tiger Commemorative Foundation, and the Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light, for organizing these memorial events each year since 1989. On April 28th, it is my fervent hope that we all take a moment to remember the victims and veterans of Exercise Tiger and to re-affirm our commitment to honoring their legacy each day through selfless service to others in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE LIMA NOON OPTIMIST CLUB'S ANNUAL YOUTH APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, I always appreciate the opportunity to share positive news about young people from Ohio's Fourth Congressional District. Today, I am pleased to commend to the House twelve high school students who are being honored for their outstanding leadership skills and volunteerism.

On Wednesday, the Noon Optimist Club of Lima, Ohio, will recognize Tyler Arbeit, Anna Delamotte, Lily Floyd, Addison Jones, Aubree Linhart, Lucas Prichard, Trenton Stout, Sara Watkins, Thomas Williamson, Trace Wilson, Ryan Zheng, and Zachary Zwiebel at its annual youth appreciation luncheon. These students were each nominated by their schools for being good role models for their peers.

I thank the Optimists for their efforts to celebrate the many achievements of these students and am proud to join in the accolades to them. They have my very best wishes for continued success in their lives in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, my vote was not recorded on the Motion to Table H. Res. 331. To clarify, here is the correct information with respect to that vote:

Roll Call Vote Number 122: Yea.

IN HONOR OF UAW LOCAL 276 MEMBER KAREN ROHRSSEN

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to retiring UAW member Karen Rohrsen. Karen is the Administrative Assistant for the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agriculture Implement Works of America Local 276 in Grand Prairie, TX.

With 36 years of faithful service to UAW Local 276, Karen Rohrsen is the conscience and heartbeat of the organization. Her dedication to supporting its members goes above and beyond expectations. She is an essential member of Local 276 who has given her time and talents to helping others.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Karen Rohrsen and extending our best wishes to her for continued success. Her leadership will be greatly missed, but I know she will continue to be an active member of our community and continue to support local union members.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes in Washington, D.C. due to a health issue which prevented me from traveling from my home district.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 120 and YEA on Roll Call No. 121.

HONORING UNITED STATES ARMY PRIVATE WALTER A. SMEAD FOR HIS HEROIC SACRIFICE AT THE BATTLE OF CHOSIN RESERVOIR DURING THE KOREAN WAR

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Army Private Walter A. Smead for his heroic sacrifice at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War, where he ultimately gave his life for his country at the young age of 24. His remains were recently returned to the United States in 2018 and at long last, identified in March of 2021, after he was listed as missing in action in 1950 and then presumed dead since 1953.

Private Smead was born and raised in Saratoga County, New York in the Town of Hadley. After enlisting in the Army and joining Battery A, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, he was deployed to Europe in World War II and then to Korea when the North invaded the South in 1950. Private Smead was reported missing in action at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir after his unit valiantly provided cover for retreating forces before retreating themselves. In 1953, he was presumed dead but, for decades, Private Smead's family had no body to bury or knowledge of how he ultimately met his end. The conflict at the Chosin Reservoir saw more than 7,500 American casualties on the battlefield, and thousands more perished due to freezing temperatures and harsh conditions.

Through the dedication and perseverance of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, the remains of Private Smead were finally identified on March 17, 2021 through DNA matching. His brother and fellow U.S. Army veteran, Douglas, never stopped searching or gave up hope that he would discover additional information about his brother's death. This recent discovery can hopefully provide closure to Private Smead's family. His brave sacrifice in the line of duty helped to ensure the safety of countless U.S. service members, and for his valor, he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Korean Ambassador for Peace medal.

Private Smead will finally receive the burial he deserves with full military honors at the Saratoga National Cemetery this summer. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to remember Private Smead's great sacrifice, and I thank him for his service to his country, protecting our American ideals of freedom and democracy for all.

IN HONOR OF THE VICTIMS OF
THE SHOOTING AT THE INDIAN-
APOLIS FEDEX FACILITY

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I rise with my fellow Congressional colleagues from Indiana to honor the 8 Hoosiers we lost in the senseless shooting at the FedEx facility in Indianapolis.

We also honor those who were injured, and pray that they have a full and fast recovery.

The deceased were our friends, family and neighbors.

They had hopes, dreams, and plans for the future—only to have their lives tragically cut short.

And sadly, they are part of a much larger group of Hoosiers and Americans we have lost to gun violence.

As our community and our state grieve, and as we seek to move forward, we pledge to never forget those we lost—in this shooting, or any other senseless act of violence.

Their legacies will live on through our efforts to save lives in the future.

Hoosiers are resilient, and we will continue working hard to create safer communities across America, always carrying the memory of those we have lost in our hearts.

We will never forget them.

[Apr. 18, 2021]

INDIANAPOLIS FEDEX SHOOTING: WHO WERE
THE EIGHT VICTIMS?

Officials in Indianapolis have released the names of the eight people who were killed when a gunman opened fire at a FedEx warehouse on Thursday night.

Among the victims were four members of the local Sikh community—including a mother, a father and two grandmothers. Other victims include two 19-year-olds, a university graduate and a father.

Local Sikhs say they feel “traumatized” by the attack.

It remains unclear if Sikhs were targeted, authorities say.

About 90% of workers at the facility are members of the local Sikh community, police chief Randal Taylor said. Here’s what we know about the victims.

AMARJEET JOHAL, 66

Johal was a “mother, grandmother and member of the Indianapolis’ Sikh community”, according to the Indianapolis Star.

Her granddaughter, Komal Chohan, says she is “heartbroken” at the death of her “naniji”, or grandmother.

“I have several family members who work at the particular facility and are traumatized,” Ms Chohan said in a statement released by the Sikh Coalition.

“My nani, my family, and our families should not feel unsafe at work, at their place of worship, or anywhere,” she said. “Enough is enough—our community has been through enough trauma.”

JASWINDER SINGH

Mr. Singh only started working at the FedEx facility this week and had told everyone how excited he was, an inlaw, Harjap Singh Dillon, told the New York Times. He said Mr. Singh had been working a night-shift sorting mail when the attack happened.

An active member of the local temple, Mr. Singh had moved to Indianapolis from California.

“He was a simple man,” Mr. Dillon said. “He used to pray and meditate a lot, and he did community service.” Authorities provided Mr. Singh’s age as 68, but his family told the newspaper that he was 70.

AMARJIT SEKHON

A mother of two sons, Ms Sekhon began working at the FedEx facility six months ago on an overnight shift, her niece told the New York Times.

“She was a workaholic, she always was working, working. She would never sit still unless she felt really bad,” her brother-in-law, Kuldip Sekhon, told the Associated Press news agency.

While officials said Sekhon was 48, her relatives said she was 49.

Ms. Kaur had been planning to make her “renowned yogurt” to celebrate for her granddaughter’s second birthday at a large family gathering on Saturday, Rimpi Girm, a family member, told the New York Times.

“And today we’re gathering to plan a funeral,” she said.

Authorities said Kaur was 64, but her family told media outlets she was 50.

Samaria Blackwell was a 19-year-old soccer and basketball enthusiast who dreamed of becoming a police officer.

Her parents, Jeff and Tammi Blackwell, said they were “blessed by the Lord to have such a fun-loving, caring daughter as the baby of our family”, in a statement posted on GoFundMe page launched to fund funeral and other expenses.

“Samaria was tenacious in everything she did, from playing basketball and soccer to being a lifeguard for Indy Parks,” they said. “As an intelligent, straight-A student, Samaria could have done anything she chose to put her mind to.”

Mr. Weisert was a former Air Force officer who served in Vietnam and had previously worked as a mechanical engineer “to make ends meet”, his son, Mike Weisert, told the New York Times. Mike Weisert said his father had been thinking of retiring in the coming months.

Mr. Weisert’s wife of 50 years, Mary Carol Weisert, told local broadcaster WKRC she felt “terror, horror, fear, shock” at his death. “I don’t know how else to describe it.”

A fan of action and classic movies, he enjoyed playing country and bluegrass guitar, according to the New York Times.

Mike Weisert described his father as “a very decent, kind man, very dedicated to protecting and providing for the ones he loved”.

Ms. Smith was a sister and daughter, the Indianapolis Star reported her family saying.

The recent High School graduate was awaiting her first pay cheque after starting work at the plant two weeks ago, a family member told the newspaper.

“She was a lovely, beautiful and youthful teenage girl,” a family member told the Indianapolis Star. “She had just started to buckle down and get a job and take life a little more serious.”

Mr. Alexander was a former Butler University student who had worked at FedEx for several years, according to the Indianapolis Star.

“He was a great kid. He loved to play golf. Had a big heart—always had a smile on his face,” Albert Ashcraft, a former FedEx colleague, told the newspaper.

“Everybody liked him,” Ashcraft said. “He was always saving somebody’s ass. People would bring doughnuts in and he was always sticking doughnuts back for his drivers.”

“The Butler community is mourning the loss of Matthew Alexander, a former student who was killed tragically along with seven others at the FedEx facility in Indianapolis.

We want to extend our deepest sympathies to Matthew’s friends and families during this time of great sorrow,” the university said in a tweet.

LETTER FROM SIKH COMMUNITY

INDIANAPOLIS FEDEX MASS SHOOTING—
SUPPORTING THE SIKH COMMUNITY

DEAR REP. CARSON, like you, we are deeply saddened by the senseless act of deadly violence at the FedEx facility in Indianapolis where eight people were viciously murdered, including four Sikhs. On behalf of the Sikh Coalition, the nation’s largest Sikh civil rights organization, we write to urge your action in support of the investigation and to outline longer-term recommendations that can help ensure the future safety of the diverse communities across the United States.

By way of background, Sikhism is the world’s fifth largest religion, with over 25 million followers. Sikhs began settling in Indiana more than 50 years ago, and the community established its first gurdwara (Sikh house of worship) in 1999. We estimate that there are at least 8,000–10,000 Sikhs who currently live in Indiana. In the last two decades, the Sikh population in greater Indianapolis has experienced significant growth. As a community that has proudly been a part of the Indiana fabric for generations, Sikhs deserve to be safe in their workplaces, homes, schools, and houses of worship—without hate and bias.

We recognize that a motive has not yet been established by law enforcement; however, the attacker’s knowledge of the demographics of this workplace and who he was targeting, as well as his personal history must be taken into account in order to acknowledge the impact of hate, bias and white supremacist activity affecting our communities. Based on public reporting, the shooter allegedly had a propensity for violence—something his mother had previously warned law enforcement about. On March 3, 2020 Brandon Hole’s mother went to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) after her son had purchased a shotgun. She warned law enforcement that her son might commit “suicide by cop.” At this time, FBI agents stated that they did not identify Hole as espousing a racially motivated ideology. However, according to April 20, 2021 media reports, when IMPD officers went to the family’s home, one of the officers went upstairs to seize the shotgun and “observed what through his training and experience indicated was white supremacist websites” on Hole’s computer. At the time, officers also reportedly notified the criminal intelligence unit about what was observed on Hole’s computer and took the shotgun to the police department’s property room with “seized by dangerous person” written on the inventory sheet. To that end, the Sikh Coalition strongly urges both the IMPD and the FBI to fully investigate Mr. Hole’s attack on the Indianapolis FedEx facility, including all bias motivating factors which may be at play.

It was no accident that the shooter targeted this particular FedEx facility where he had previously worked and knew was overwhelmingly staffed by Sikhs. This was not a crime of convenience or a spur-of-the-moment attack; it was one of methodical planning and selection. As such, we implore your office to help ensure that there is an unfettered investigation into motive, without leaving any stone unturned regarding bias as a motivating factor. We also ask that your office ensure that these concerns are not prematurely dismissed.

The most recent available FBI data shows that 2019 was the deadliest year for hate crimes. Sadly, Sikhs were once again among the top five faith groups targeted on the

basis of religion. As members of a religious minority who have been frequently targeted in violent attacks, often motivated by bias, we remain deeply concerned about how bias, bigotry and the resulting backlash impact all of our communities.

To address these broader concerns, we request that your office stand in solidarity with the Sikh community and other minority communities and pledge action that will ensure the safety of your constituents by supporting the policy goals shared below:

1. Unequivocally demand that local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies conduct a comprehensive and thorough investigation into the shooter's motive including accurately identifying any nexus to white supremacist ideology based on the shooter's personal history. Doing so would signal to your constituents that no one should be targeted because of their race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.

2. Improve hate crime reporting by passing the recently re-introduced Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act [H.R. 2383/S. 1086] and ensuring that all law enforcement agencies are required to report hate crimes. This should be part of a larger initiative that prioritizes data collection, a key component of civil rights enforcement and ensuring compliance with federal hate crime and nondiscrimination laws.

3. Close the loophole that limits federal prosecution of mixed-motive hate crimes by reintroducing and passing the Justice for Victims of Hate Crime Act. To effectively combat hate crimes, law enforcement and advocates need the tools to hold offenders accountable and ensure our justice system protects all Americans. This important change addresses a split in federal courts on the interpretation of the motive requirement in the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009 that currently leaves many victims without justice.

4. Reintroduce and pass the Disarm Hate Act to keep weapons of mass destruction out of the hands of dangerous individuals. Shooters opening fire on houses of worship, community centers, and other soft targets are becoming far too common. More than 10,000 hate crimes in the U.S. involved a firearm. Anyone who has been convicted of a misdemeanor hate crime should not be allowed to jeopardize the peace of communities.

5. Request state and federal funding for 360-degree victim assistance services that include language accessible hate crime reporting, mental health services, comprehensive trauma-informed support, and technical assistance and advocates for victims and survivors of hate crimes and mass casualty incidents such as these.

We are also happy to provide resources, sample social media messaging, information on the Sikh community, and guidance on how to support the aforementioned recommendations. If you would like us to keep you informed about vigils or other ways to support the Indianapolis Sikh community, please let us know and we will make sure to share those with you.

We thank you for your efforts to help protect the communities we serve and look forward to working with your office to move these important policy priorities forward.

Sincerely,

SIM J. SINGH,
Sikh Coalition.

TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an exchange of letters between the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on the Budget on H.R. 396, the "Transit Security Grant Program Flexibility Act".

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, April 7, 2021.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
*Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 396, the Transit Security Grant Program Flexibility Act. H.R. 396 contains provisions that fall within the rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget. However, the committee agrees to waive formal consideration of the bill.

The Committee on the Budget takes this action with the mutual understanding that we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and the committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues within our jurisdiction. The committee also reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference convened on this legislation or similar legislation and requests your support if such a request is made.

Finally, I would appreciate your response to this letter confirming this understanding, and I ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the bill. I look forward to continuing to work with you as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

JOHN YARMUTH,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, April 9, 2021.

HON. JOHN YARMUTH,
*Chairman, Committee on the Budget,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN YARMUTH: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 396, the "Transit Security Grant Program Flexibility Act." I recognize that the Committee on the Budget has a jurisdictional interest in H.R. 396, and appreciate your effort to allow this bill to be considered on the House floor.

I concur with you that forgoing action on the bill does not in any way prejudice the Committee on the Budget with respect to its jurisdictional prerogatives on this bill or similar legislation in the future, and I would support your effort to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this legislation.

I will include our letters on H.R. 396 in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of this bill. I look forward to working with you on this legislation and other matters of great importance to this nation.

Sincerely,

BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security.

REMEMBERING LYNNE JORDAN TURLEY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend Lynne Jordan Turley, a music and arts educator and a civic leader who lived a life full of purpose and meaning.

Lynne gave to others because she cared for them and wanted to make the world a better place. She did this through her profession as an educator, both in Memphis and in New York City, where she helped to produce educational texts.

She participated in civic affairs, both political and charitable. She was always for the candidate who supported the underdog and the downtrodden.

Civically, the Lynne and Henry Turley Memphis Center at Rhodes College will and has contributed to the betterment of our city. Lynne was a talented musician who played her piano and sang to the enjoyment of children and friends both in person and on her WKNO television program.

Lynne was a good friend to me both personally and politically. She was sweet and smart and cheery. She had good values that she shared and a big heart that was always open. Her journey from Selma to Memphis to New York and back to Memphis was eventful and exciting.

She was the perfect spouse for her husband Henry as she complemented his abilities and talents and the two were greater for having each other. She had a host of friends, a group known as "the Wild Women" who were very active in community affairs, got involved in politics and encouraged people to vote and make a difference.

When they set their minds to something, they got it done. There wasn't a bigger Memphis Grizzlies fan than Lynne, who loved going to every game and knew all the players, all the fans, and all the ushers. She loved them and they loved her.

I extend my deepest condolences to her husband and my dear friend, Henry; her extended family, and her many friends. She led an exemplary life and will be greatly missed.

STATE OF ISRAEL AT 73

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, of Temple Lev Tikvah and is a reflection of his views:

Distinguished Israeli historian Tom Segev was born in Jerusalem in 1945, earned his doctorate at Boston University and his books were translated into fourteen languages. In his *A State At Any Cost (The Life of David Ben-Gurion)*. Farrar, Straus and Girous. 2018, he treats us to a mesmerizing account of Israel's first prime minister's tumultuous life in the context of fateful times for the Jewish people and humanity. It is

based on a newly released treasure trove of archival material shedding more light on the interaction between complex times and a complex personality of significant contrasts.

Ben-Gurion was a politician-philosopher-poet, or equally the other way around, which he probably preferred. Born in Plonsk, Poland on October 16, 1886 as Davede Yosef Green, he died on December 1, 1973 in Tel Aviv, Israel shortly following the traumatic Yom Kippur War. Indicative of his total attachment to realizing the Zionist dream, he regarded his arrival in Jaffa, Palestine on September 7, 1906 from Odessa, Russia as his preferred birthdate so engraved on his stateley memorial besides his wife Paula, in the Negev, Israel's mostly desert land.

Admired as likely Israel's leading founder, his finest hour, rightly identified by Segev, was his heroic decision to declare Israeli statehood on May 14, 1948 immediately following the British departure which upended its Mandate since 1917.

Early on in his budding career as a Zionist politician in Poland, he proved to be a master of detail, thoroughly studying any given subject before him, particularly recording in his notebook statistical and economic information. Ben-Gurion was also known to be a lover and obsessive collector of books, which he shipped home when abroad, amassing an impressive library. He favored Plato though he copied in ancient Greek from Aristotle; identifying with Plato's model of the philosopher-ruler he sought to blend his statesmanship for the reborn Jewish state given a long lack of sovereignty with a rabbinic tradition celebrating argumentation.

The late Professor Yigael Yadin, the famed Dead Sea Scrolls' scholar who served as IDF Chief of Staff and Deputy Prime Minister, is purported to opine that Ben-Gurion was envious of those with academic standing and thus his enormous drive for acquiring books. Ben-Gurion regarded Dr. Chaim Weitzmann, Israel's first President, who was instrumental in the breakthrough 1917 Balfour Declaration, as his archrival and refused to allow him to sign the Independence Declaration.

Ben-Gurion felt some guilt for not doing more to save fellow Jews during the Holocaust and his encounter with the surviving remnant was painful. He could not even bring himself to visit Poland at war's end and was relentless about the survivors leaving Poland for Germany's American zone through the B'richa (Escape) organization headquartered in Paris. My family and I were among some 200,000 surviving Jewish refugees enabled to leave Poland. Ben-Gurion's goal was to bring them all to the emerging Jewish state with my own family arriving there as Israel celebrated its first Independence Day. Earlier, Ben-Gurion sought to create a temporary Jewish State in Germany's Bavaria but denied by General Eisenhower, who did agree to settle in the American Zone many fleeing East European Jews.

Ben-Gurion bemoaned that the Holocaust deprived the nascent nation of its best human potential, more than the high number of Jewish victims. He credited the leadership and financial support of American Jews for making a critical difference in the 1948 War. He was concerned during the Cold War years that a Soviet nuclear strike on New York would deprive Israel of Jewish support, becoming convinced that Israel required a nuclear capability for its very survival, ever-worried of a second Holocaust. He believed in the potential of nuclear energy in developing the vast wilderness of the Negev's desert. Ben-Gurion viewed Israel as the only authentic Jewish center with "Hebrew Education" as the link with the Diaspora. Back in 1900 when he was only fourteen in Plonsk,

Poland, he established with two friends the Ezra Association, pledging to speak only Hebrew.

The multi-faceted Ben-Gurion opposed the watershed 1967 War, afterwards preferring a smaller Israel at peace with its Arab neighbors, attested in his support for the 1947 U.N. Partition Resolution. He died before witnessing Israel's negotiated peace with Egypt and Jordan along with the recent Abraham Accords, adding four more Arab countries. Ben-Gurion's single-mindedness and utter devotion to his cause of creating a Jewish state in times of unparalleled pain and messianic promise, remains his crowning glory. Both visionary and practical, Segev aptly concludes, "People believed in him because he believed in himself."

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman is the founder of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach. He was born in Chu, Kazakhstan, in 1945 to Polish Holocaust survivors and was raised in Haifa, Israel.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE
AND LEGACY OF FRED ARBANAS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to recognize the life and accomplishments of Fred Arbanas, who recently passed away at the age of 82. A husband, father, grandfather, athlete, public servant, and Kansas City icon, Fred was widely loved and will be fondly remembered. In his youth, Fred played for the Kansas City Chiefs and set records on the field. After his retirement from professional football, Fred dedicated himself to a life of service as an influential player in the Jackson County legislature for more than four decades of stunning community development.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Fred's introduction to Kansas City was through his time on the Kansas City Chiefs, then the Dallas Texans, as a tight end. For eight years, Fred set records for the Chiefs and helped bring them to two Super Bowls and a World Championship. Before his remarkable life came to end, Fred had been inducted into the Chiefs' Hall of Fame, the Missouri Hall of Fame, the Michigan Hall of Fame, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame's All-Time AFL Team. Even in the face of an injury at the height of his career, Mr. Arbanas continued to play and persevere, inspiring those around him.

In 1973, after his departure from the NFL, Fred joined the Jackson County legislature. Between 1974 and 1989, Mr. Arbanas served as the chairman of the legislature four separate times. His tenure in politics was dedicated to transforming the County's recreational services and amenities. Over the course of his 41-year career, Jackson County came to boast the third largest county parks system in the United States, with more than 20,000 acres of land dedicated to that purpose. Fred also played a considerable role in the paving of every road in unincorporated Jackson County and in the relocation of the county jail, projects of great importance to the county at the time.

There is no doubt that Fred Arbanas was a pillar of the Jackson County community. His dedication to the county and his place in Kansas City history will not be forgotten; his con-

tributions to his community will be memorialized in the happy memories created in the green spaces his work made possible; and his inspiring example will be carried forward by a loving family and a grateful community, whose lives were touched, in so many ways, by his devotion to service. Fred is survived by his four children and eight grandchildren. His name will also live on through the Fred Arbanas Golf Course, christened in his honor.

Fred was an icon to his community and a model public servant. His good deeds and commitment to helping others bring to mind Acts 20:35: "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Fred Arbanas embodied what it means to give rather than receive. Whether he was giving his all on the field, or giving his service in the halls of the Jackson County legislature—whether he was giving to his team or to his community at large—Fred Arbanas was always giving.

Madam Speaker, please join me in remembering the incredible, vibrant life of Fred Arbanas. Please also join me in offering condolences to his family and all those mourning his loss. Let us seek to emulate his example in the work we do here in Congress by remembering that service is about setting our talents upon the alter of change and making life better for those in our communities.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF
CHARLES GESCHKE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Charles Geschke, known to all as Chuck, a pioneer and a giant in Silicon Valley, who died on April 16, 2021, at the age of 81, at his home in Los Altos, California. He was born on September 11, 1939, and grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, where his father was a photoengraver and his mother a paralegal.

Chuck was a deeply faith-filled man who once considered entering the Catholic priesthood. He attended a Jesuit high school and studied liberal arts at Xavier University in Cincinnati. He earned a master's degree in mathematics there and later earned a Ph.D. in computer science at Carnegie Mellon. He worked as a math professor, then at the Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency. He was hired by Xerox to work at its Palo Alto Research Center where he met John Warnock, Ph.D., and they joined together in leaving Xerox to found what is now Adobe Inc.

Chuck created a highly successful and important company, one of Silicon Valley's greatest, that enabled desktop publishing which has had worldwide impact. The New York Times, (4/20/2021) opened its obituary of him by asking,

"If you sent a PDF on your computer today, thank him. In 1980, he and a colleague created a way of sending digital documents to a printer, starting a company, Adobe." In the same piece, the Times quoted him as saying this regarding his immense success: "Engineers dream of building something that millions of people will use; that's their ultimate goal."

I don't think many engineers are motivated by money. They're motivated by having an impact."

Chuck was a gentle person with a self-deprecating sense of humor and was unrelentingly generous. With his wife Nan, they donated millions to non-profits and universities. He was a fair-minded boss and with Dr. Warnock, employed the "golden rule" in the treatment of employees. He was a man of great faith and a model for corporate leaders to emulate.

He received numerous well-deserved awards, including the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Award in 2009, with Dr. Warnock, and served on many foundation boards. He was proud of what he created in business, but his family was his greatest treasure.

I had the privilege of knowing Chuck for decades and shared an enduring friendship with him. I sought his wise counsel and practical advice, always learning from him and appreciating his depth of knowledge and integrity.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our condolences to Chuck Geschke's wife Nan, his sons Peter and John, his daughter Kathy Orciuoli, and his seven beloved grandchildren. We are a better, stronger nation because of this great and good man.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR JEFF
WILLIAMS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and the retiring Mayor of Arlington, Texas. Warren Jeff Williams is a dedicated public servant and an advocate for Arlington. His leadership will be missed but I know he will continue to be an active member of our community.

Jeff grew up in Sherman, Texas but often visited relatives in Arlington and attended Texas Rangers games as a child.

His father and grandfather worked in the construction business but Jeff had a plan to go to law school until he got to Texas Tech University where he became interested in engineering and ultimately received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1981. Texas Tech is also where Jeff met his wife, Karen, a photography student.

Jeff and Karen, now have 3 adult children, Natalie, Suzanne, and Ryan, and 7 grandchildren, all under the age of 6. They moved to Arlington in 1984, and their children grew up attending Arlington public schools.

Jeff is the President and CEO of Graham Associates, a civil engineering and surveying firm based in Arlington. He has been the Civil Engineer on many landmark projects including AT&T Stadium, Globe Life Park, Parks Mall, IH-30 Three Bridges, and River Legacy Living Science Center. Jeff has been recognized as a Distinguished Engineer by his alma mater and is a member of the Civil Engineering Honor Fraternity at both Texas Tech and the University of Texas at Arlington.

In addition to his success as an engineer, Jeff is also dedicated to serving his community. He has served on the boards of the Ar-

lington Chamber of Commerce, the Cotton Bowl Association, the Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Arlington YMCA, River Legacy Foundation, and Project Restore Hope Foundation; as a co-chair of the Salvation Army annual luncheon; as a committee chairman and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church Arlington; and as chairman of the 2014 Arlington school district bond committee.

Jeff is completing his final term as Mayor of Arlington in June 2021, drawing to a close a remarkable tenure of civic service that has spanned six years, between 2015 and 2021; and Mayor Williams came into office with a message that it was time for change and, during his tenure, played a vital role, championing municipal projects such as the Abram Street rebuild, a new Downtown Library and City Center, and two new recreation centers (the East Arlington Branch Library and The Beacon); downtown development including Urban Union, East Main, and the Levitt Pavilion expansion; and innovation including on-demand transit, high speed solutions, and an Envision Center.

He supported important economic projects including redeveloping the old Six Flags Mall into the Arlington Logistics Center; opening Summit Racing, Rent the Runway, a UPS regional hub, and Nanoscope Technologies in Arlington; and relocating the national headquarters of DR Horton, Texas Health Resources, and Six Flags Hurricane Harbor to Arlington.

And, over the past six years, the entertainment district exploded. Texas Live, Live by Loews, and the new Globe Life Field opened to the public. Globe Life Park was repurposed. The National Medal of Honor Museum chose Arlington to be its future home. Mayor Williams helped to safely bring the World Series, Professional Bull Riders World Finals, and National Finals Rodeo to town during the pandemic.

He worked to establish a Unity Council to study equity and equality in our community and Unite Arlington Weekends to serve those in need.

Mayor Williams's efforts have not gone unnoticed across our nation. He was selected by the U.S. Conference of Mayors to serve as the Chairman of the prestigious U.S. Metro Economies committee for his incredible results and experience in economic development. He was also selected as 1 of 20 Mayors to participate in the Harvard Bloomberg Leadership program as well as the Yale School of Management for CEO's and Mayors. Mayor Williams worked tirelessly to seek pandemic relief funding on a national scale.

Mayor Williams's adept and forward-looking leadership has helped guide Arlington through a transformative period in its history, and his many valuable contributions will continue to resonate in the years to come.

Jeff has a gift of empowering citizens, fostering partnerships, and encouraging us to all Dream Big.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mayor Jeff Williams and extending our best wishes to him for continued success in his future endeavors. He has given his time and talents to Arlington, which is a better place because of his service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes in Washington, D.C. due to a health issue which prevented me from traveling from my home district. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 123; NAY on Roll Call No. 124; YEA on Roll Call No. 125; YEA on Roll Call No. 126; NAY on Roll Call No. 127; YEA on Roll Call No. 128; NAY on Roll Call No. 129; YEA on Roll Call No. 130; YEA on Roll Call No. 131; and NAY on Roll Call No. 133.

HONORING THE HEUVELTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of the brave first responders of the Heuvelton Volunteer Fire Department as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding. From the beginning, this fire department has shown tremendous dedication to protecting and serving the village of Heuvelton and surrounding municipalities in St. Lawrence County.

First established on April 17, 1921, the Heuvelton Volunteer Fire Department has grown from its original membership of 26 volunteers to a network of local firefighters, emergency medical technicians, divers, and fire police capable of responding to any emergency. Under the direction of its inaugural chief, Claude H. Preston, the fire brigade once rushed to fires with a hand-drawn cart and buckets at the sounding of the church bells at St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Now, since the installation of the town's first fire siren in 1932, a test siren can be heard every day at noon, except Sundays, as it has for the past 90 years. The Department today can service any emergency call in the Heuvelton area and often aids neighboring departments.

Despite its humble beginnings and starting with one "modern" Sanford fire engine, the department now has a fleet of engines and emergency vehicles and a dedicated team equipped with modern medical technologies. Currently, the Sanford engine is still in use after undergoing multiple restorations and can frequently be seen in local parades. In an expansion of additional services still provided today, Heuvelton and Ogdensburg firefighters partnered together to create a joint "First Responders" program in 1989, intending to be first on the scene, even prior to the Rescue Squad's arrival. Volunteers of the Heuvelton crew faithfully assist in the time of need and display the compassionate spirit and lending hand that is customary in the North Country.

Members of the Heuvelton Volunteer Fire Department serve as extraordinary examples of those who sacrifice for the good of the community. Throughout the strain of the current pandemic, they continue to put out fires and to

provide care for their neighbors. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Heuvelton Volunteer Fire Department, a cornerstone in the community.

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 Tuesday, April 27, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's *RECORD*.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 28

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

SD-192

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Kiran Arjandas Ahuja, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Anton George Hajjar, of Maryland, Amber Faye McReynolds, of Colorado, and Ronald Stroman, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine health disparities in Indian Country, focusing on a review of the Indian Health Service's COVID response and future needs.

SD-138

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the reemergence of rent-a-bank.

WEBEX

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider S. 15, to require the Federal Trade Commission to submit a report to Congress on scams targeting seniors, S. 115, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the travel and tourism industry in the United States, S. 120, to pre-

vent and respond to the misuse of communications services that facilitates domestic violence and other crimes, S. 163, to address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry, S. 198, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps, S. 316, to establish a temperature checks pilot program for air transportation, S. 326, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the effects of broadband deployment and adoption on the economy of the United States, S. 381, to establish the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization Council, S. 558, to establish a national integrated flood information system within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, S. 576, to amend title 14, United States Code, to require the Coast Guard to conduct icebreaking operations in the Great Lakes to minimize commercial disruption in the winter months, S. 593, to restrict the imposition by the Secretary of Homeland Security of fines, penalties, duties, or tariffs applicable only to coastwise voyages, or prohibit otherwise qualified non-United States citizens from serving as crew, on specified vessels transporting passengers between the State of Washington and the State of Alaska, to address a Canadian cruise ship ban and the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alaskan communities, S. 735, to amend the Scientific and Advanced-Technology Act of 1992 to further support advanced technological manufacturing, S. 1106, to prohibit the sale of shark fins, S. 1259, to provide that crib bumpers shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, an original bill relating to marine mammals, and the nominations of Donet Dominic Graves, Jr., of Ohio, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and Bill Nelson, of Florida, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SH-216

Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2022 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SR-301

Committee on Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, and other pending nominations.

SD-106/VTC

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the response to COVID-19, focusing on using lessons learned to address mental health and substance use disorders.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ketanji Brown Jackson, to be United States Circuit Judge for the

District of Columbia Circuit, Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Julien Xavier Neals, and Zahid N. Quraishi, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and Regina M. Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

SD-G50

1 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence
To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SVC-217

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Library of Congress, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Government Accountability Office.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities
To hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command's efforts to sustain the readiness of special operations forces and transform the force for future security challenges.

SR-232A

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support
To hold hearings to examine defense acquisition programs and acquisition reform.

SR-222

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Government Operations and Border Management
To hold hearings to examine the non-governmental organization perspective on the southwest border.

VTC

Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the COVID-19 response in Native communities, focusing on Native education systems one year later.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on the Constitution
To hold hearings to examine stopping gun violence, focusing on extreme risk order/"red flag" laws.

SD-226

3 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine the VA telehealth program, focusing on leveraging recent investments to build future capacity.

SD-138

Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine S. 89, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to secure medical opinions for veterans with service-connected disabilities who die from COVID-19 to determine whether their service-connected disabilities were the principal or contributory causes of death, S. 189, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected

disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, S. 219, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the amount of certain payments during the emergency period resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, S. 437, to amend title 38, United States Code, to concede exposure to airborne hazards and toxins from burn pits under certain circumstances, S. 444, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide or assist in providing an additional vehicle adapted for operation by disabled individuals to certain eligible persons, S. 454, to provide health care and benefits to veterans who were exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces at Karshi Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan, S. 458, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide the representative of record of a claimant for compensation or benefits administered by the Secretary an opportunity to review a proposed determination regarding that claim, S. 565, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of veterans who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll as radiation-exposed veterans for purposes of the presumption of service-connection of certain disabilities by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 657, to modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, S. 731, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the management of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 810, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the list of diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents for which there is a presumption of service connection for veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam to include hypertension, S. 894, to identify and refer members of the Armed Forces with a health care occupation who are separating from the Armed Forces for potential employment with the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 927, to improve the provision of health care and other benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans who were exposed to toxic substances, S. 952, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a presumption of service connection for certain diseases associated with exposure to toxins, S. 976, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and

indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, S. 1031, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disparities associated with race and ethnicity with respect to certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 1039, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation for disabilities occurring in Persian Gulf War veterans, S. 1071, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide pension claim enhancement assistance to individuals submitting claims for pension from the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1093, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, S. 1095, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the disapproval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of courses of education offered by public institutions of higher learning that do not charge veterans the in-State tuition rate for purposes of Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, S. 1096, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses and children of individuals who die from a service-connected disability within 120 days of serving in the Armed Forces, and S. 1188, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress regularly of reported cases of burn pit exposure by veterans.

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4:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
To hold hearings to examine United States nuclear deterrence policy and strategy.

SD-562

APRIL 29

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine worldwide threats; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SVC-217.

SD-G50

Special Committee on Aging
To hold hearings to examine supporting older workers amid the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

VTC

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine diversifying on-farm income, focusing on opportunities to strengthen rural America.

SD-192

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the dignity of work.

WEBEX

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eric S. Lander, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Tommy P. Beaudreau, of Alaska, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

SD-366

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine Social Security during COVID, focusing on how the pandemic hampered access to benefits and strategies for improving service delivery.

WEBEX

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jennifer Ann Abruzzo, of New York, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, and Seema Nanda, of Virginia, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 632, to amend chapter 11 of title 35, United States Code, to require the voluntary collection of demographic information for patent inventors, S. 169, to amend title 17, United States Code, to require the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances, S. 228, to promote antitrust enforcement and protect competition through adjusting premerger filing fees, and increasing antitrust enforcement resources, and the nominations of Kristen M. Clarke, and Todd Sunhwa Kim, both of the District of Columbia, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
To hold hearings to examine domestic violent extremism in America.

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