

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAKE COUNTY LAND TRUST

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lake County Land Trust, which is celebrating thirty years of protecting Lake County's natural resources including wildlife habitat, wetlands, streams, shorelines, and forests.

Thirty years ago, the Lake County Land Trust was formed by a group of concerned residents, including Susanne Scholz, Roberta Lyons, John Graham, Glenn Dishman, Mary Tullanian-Benson, Michael Friel, Judy Cox, Kim Clymire, and Sibyl Day who saw the need for expanded conservation efforts in Lake County. The original officers worked to set up guidelines for the types of property that the Trust would work to preserve and educate themselves about the various funding sources available for land conservation and preservation purposes.

Shortly after its founding, the Trust began work to acquire the Rodman Ranch and Preserve, which was well known for its valuable wildlife habitat, including the largest Great Blue Heron rookeries in Northern California. This important property also contained nesting sites for Osprey and Western Grebes. The Rodman Ranch and Preserve remained unprotected and was being touted as an excellent site for housing developments, golf courses, and a marina. In order to protect this critical habitat, the Trust negotiated an option to purchase the property and with a successful "Adopt-A-Nest" campaign, they brought in nearly \$40,000 toward the \$1.2 million purchase price of the land. The Trust was able to preserve the natural habitat of the Rodman Ranch and facilitate the continued health and existence of the many nesting, breeding, and feeding areas for wildlife.

In September 2004, the Lake County Trust worked with the Bureau of Land Management and the State Wildlife Conservation Board to secure funding for an acquisition of the Black Forest, a 255-acre forest on the slopes of Mt. Konocti. The Bureau of Land Management now holds title to the land, which is dedicated to open space and wildlife habitat.

The Lake County Land Trust has also worked to conserve land and water resources of important environmental, cultural, and historic integrity on behalf of present and future generations. This includes protecting the Rabbit Hill and Chaparral Preserve, Melo Wetland Preserve in 2016, and most recently the Wright Wetland Preserve in 2020. They have successfully done this by working cooperatively with landowners, private groups, and government agencies.

Mr. Speaker, the Lake County Land Trust is deeply appreciated for their work preserving Lake County's natural resources through edu-

cation, cooperation, and conservation. I am proud to have represented this outstanding organization since its inception 30 years ago. Because of the Trust's outstanding work in our Lake County community, it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

### RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PINK PONY

#### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate The Pink Pony of Mackinac Island on their 75th anniversary. A bright sight at the end of the ferry dock, The Pink Pony is widely celebrated for their extraordinary live music, refreshing drinks, and mouthwatering whitefish dip.

In 1948, as a part of the Seahorse Cottages, the pub first opened its doors. Though it wasn't until a renewal project by the original owners in 1956 when The Pink Pony was given its iconic name and design. Today, the restaurant maintains its classic warm feel while continuing to provide outstanding service and a welcoming atmosphere.

The Pink Pony has become a focal point for the residents and tourists alike. Sitting at the end of the Port Huron to Mackinac Sailboat Race, the bar is a favorite of sailboat racers and features the "Pink Pony Yacht Club", complete with pennants from competitors from all over the world.

Critically acclaimed as one of the best outdoor bars in the United States, The Pink Pony consistently receives rave reviews and national awards. Recognitions include 'The Most Iconic Bar in Michigan' by Thrillist, and 'One of America's Best Restaurants for Outdoor Dining' by the Daily Meal, as well as many more accolades.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize The Pink Pony, for its 75th anniversary. I wish The Pink Pony many more years of success and wish the crew the best in all of their future endeavors.

### HONORING TENNESSEE'S SECOND DISTRICT VETERAN OF THE MONTH

#### HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Seaman Lois Hensley, an American hero who served faithfully in the Navy from 1942 to 1945.

Seaman Hensley was born in New Philadelphia, Ohio. After high school she couldn't find a job in town and decided to join the Navy at the insistence of her father who was a Navy veteran.

She was sent to Yonkers, New York to become a teletype operator where she sent and received logistical messages. After her initial training, she was then stationed in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia.

In 1945 she returned home and enrolled at Kent State University to study nursing where she was reacquainted with her former high school classmate James Hensley. They got married in 1946 and had three children together.

The couple moved around with James's job for many years before settling down in Friendsville, TN. After James passed away in 2003. Lois started doing volunteer work at Blount Memorial Hospital and Morning View Village Assisted living center. She started crocheting Prayer Shawls for friends and strangers. She made well over 600 shawls. She made it her life mission to wrap people in love with the shawls.

Our country's heroes are the men and women of our armed forces, like Seaman Lois Hensley, who continue to serve and sacrifice for our country and community. It's my honor to recognize Seaman Lois Hensley as the Tennessee Second District's November 2023 Veteran of the Month.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was attending a bipartisan briefing at the White House to review and discuss the funding needs for our national security. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 547 and NAY on Roll Call No. 548.

### HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOUIS M. MARTINI WINERY

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Napa Valley landmark, the Louis M. Martini winery. In 1906, Louis M. Martini, an Italian immigrant who first made wine with his father in San Francisco, began his winemaking journey with the simple goal of making the best Cabernet Sauvignon possible. He built a legacy of top-notch hospitality, excellence, and innovation, championing fine dry wines, premium viticulture, and was a pioneer of temperature-controlled fermentation.

In 1933, Louis M. Martini established the world-class Louis M. Martini Winery in St. Helena, California. This was the first winery to open after the Repeal of Prohibition in Napa County. Louis M. and his son, Louis P. Martini, were early adopters of cold fermentation,

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a process that helps preserve a wine's fruit characteristics. They were also among the first to bottle a varietal Merlot in California. In 1938, the family further invested in winemaking by purchasing the Goldstein Ranch in Sonoma, renaming it Monte Rosso Vineyard.

Louis M. helped establish the Napa Valley Vintners Association with the aim of developing and promoting the quality of Napa Valley wines worldwide, while Louis P. pioneered the use of wind machines to prevent frost damage in vineyards. In 1954, Louis P. Martini inherited the role of winemaker from his father and would later be inducted into the Vintner's Hall of Fame as a "Pioneer" in the wine community.

The impact of the winery's legacy extends far beyond wine. In 1994, the Louis P. Martini Endowment was established as a viticulture and enological research fund. This fund has supported students in their research and helped send them to the American Society of Enology and Viticulture National Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

In 2019, the original winery was restored, introducing an array of world-class tasting experiences. Among the most significant additions to the winery during the redesign was the creation of a new culinary program, headed by Chef Jeffery Russell, and an extensive food and wine tasting known as the Martini Park and Cabana Experiences. Today, Louis M. Martini Winery has become a go-to destination for comprehensive tastings, educational experiences, and elevated food programs.

Mr. Speaker, the Louis M. Martini Winery has established a legacy that encapsulates the enduring commitment and passion of the winemakers, growers, and enthusiasts behind the winery's longevity and success. It has played a crucial role in cultivating Napa Valley's reputation for world-class wines throughout the 20th and 21st centuries. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor their 90 years of winemaking here today.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 546, NAY on Roll Call No. 545, and NAY on Roll Call No. 544.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF HORN'S GASLIGHT BAR AND RESTAURANT

#### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Horn's Gaslight Bar and Restaurant for 90 years of exemplary service. I would like to congratulate the Horn Family and their staff on their success and wish them many more years of success.

The Horn family has a long and celebrated history in Mackinac. In 1915, Ed Horn first

came to Mackinac Island to work for the Michigan Life Saving Service, the predecessor to the United States Coast Guard. During Prohibition, Ed Horn leased the building that would become Horn's and opened a pool hall and snack shop. In December of 1933, following the passage of the 21st Amendment, Ed finally opened Horn's Gaslight Bar and Restaurant as we know it today.

Since its start, Horn's has been a staple of Mackinac Island. During the day you can hear lively piano music drifting out the door and see eager customers dining on the renowned southwest cuisine. When the sun sets, the chairs are pulled aside, and the dance floor comes alive. Horn's is a favorite late-night spot among locals, workers, and visitors alike.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Horn's Gaslight Bar and Restaurant for 90 years of outstanding service. I'd like to wish the Horn family and their staff all the best in their future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING PHILLIP JACKSON

#### HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize delivery driver Phillip Jackson of Thurston County for his remarkable perceptiveness that helped to reunite a five-year-old boy with his mother. While making a delivery to a West Olympia Texaco, Phillip noticed an unaccompanied boy without shoes or a shirt walking around the convenience store. Sensing that something was amiss, Phillip immediately sprang into action and called 911. It was Phillip's initiative in alerting authorities of the situation that allowed local law enforcement, who had already been working with the boy's mother after she had reported him missing, to locate the child. Even after the police had arrived, Phillip remained with the boy until the mother and her child were reunited. Phillip credits his intervention to a workplace training he took that teaches delivery drivers to recognize signs of human trafficking and children at risk on the road. I applaud Phillip's awareness and quick action to help keep our most vulnerable members of our community safe and I am proud to recognize him today as our community's Constituent of the Month.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD CLARENCE CLARK

#### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of a great American and former United States Senator, Richard Clarence Clark. Dick Clark was born on September 14, 1928, in Paris, Iowa, and died peacefully on September 20, 2023, at his home in Washington, D.C., at the age of 95.

Dick Clark enlisted in the U.S. Army after high school and served his country in England during the Korean War. He earned a Bachelor's degree at Upper Iowa University and his

Master's at the University of Iowa. He then taught at Upper Iowa University, worked as a volunteer for the Democratic Party, and in 1972 he ran for the U.S. Senate. Partly in response to his unorthodox campaign tactic of actually walking 1,300 miles across Iowa to meet the voters, he won the seat. He served on the Senate Foreign Relations, Agriculture and Public Works Committees and after losing his race in 1978, he was soon appointed Ambassador-at-Large by President Jimmy Carter and spent most of 1979 serving as the administration's coordinator for refugee affairs, working to provide aid and housing for tens of thousands of people fleeing wars and famine in Southeast Asia. He then worked on the presidential campaign of Senator Ted Kennedy and became a Senior Fellow at the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies.

Dick Clark has been described as hard-working, studious, well-liked, and a highly respected Senator. He was all these and more. I first met him in 1994 when I was invited to participate in my first Aspen Institute Congressional Program as a newly elected Member of the House of Representatives. This program, initiated and directed by Dick Clark, fostered relationships with members of both parties and provided high value information on a variety of policies presented by experts and discussed by Members. Dick Clark said that "good policy depends on informed policy makers" and many minds were shaped and policies refined as a result of this superb Aspen Congressional Institute. Dick was as fine a human being one could ever know . . . a kind man of enormous integrity, a beautiful friend and a true patriot.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to this remarkable man, his life and his work, and in extending our most sincere condolences to his wife Julie, his three children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. We are a better and stronger nation because of him.

#### RETIREMENT SECURITY WORK ONGOING: AN UPDATE FOR NATIONAL RETIREMENT SECURITY MONTH

#### HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss a critical issue impacting millions of Americans who work hard every day so that, when the time comes, they can enjoy their golden years in retirement. October is National Retirement Security month, so it is a good time to both reflect on the retirement reforms we have recently enacted and look ahead to the remaining work to be done.

America's retirement savings system and the retirement outlook for millions has dramatically improved because of Congress's bipartisan work over the last few years. Our private sector retirement savings system works well for many employees and employers, but additional improvements could help more Americans achieve a successful retirement for all.

As a senior member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, I was proud to play an active role in helping draft and advance the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 into law

last year. Building on the great work Congress achieved with the SECURE Act of 2019, SECURE 2.0 included almost 100 provisions that will help employers offer plans and assist employees in both beginning to save and saving more for retirement. I was especially pleased that my provision to reduce administrative costs for employers by increasing the cash-out limit for the first time in over two decades was included in the final law.

One significant issue we still need to make more progress on is providing greater access to savings and income options that will help make sure retirees do not outlive their retirement savings. Americans collectively face a substantial retirement income gap. This means that the amount of money retirees have saved compared to what they need is \$4 trillion short, with 40 percent of families likely to outlive their retirement savings, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

This gap is concerning, and why guaranteed, or lifetime income has long been a critical issue for me. A few years ago, as the Chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce's Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Subcommittee, I was proud to chair a hearing on a range of bipartisan retirement bills. One of the bills we discussed that day was the Increasing Access to a Secure Retirement Act, which I introduced with Representative LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER to remove a regulatory barrier for employers looking to offer lifetime income solutions to their employees. That important provision became law in the SECURE Act, but our efforts to ensure everyone has access to the best lifetime income options remain ongoing.

Earlier this year, I along with Representative DONALD NORCROSS reintroduced the bipartisan Lifetime Income for Employees Act. This legislation would improve plan sponsors' and investors' default lifetime income options and take a crucial step to help American retirees have adequate income in retirement. Increasing the range of savings and income options will help provide workers with the possibility to achieve higher returns on their retirement investments and greater peace of mind that their income will last throughout retirement.

Our bill, and other sensible steps to improve worker access to guaranteed lifetime income, must be a part of future bipartisan retirement saving packages. I am hopeful my colleagues will cosponsor the Lifetime Income for Employees Act and help us to enact it into law.

In addition to expanding access to lifetime income Congress must do more to help all Americans achieve a financially secure retirement. More than 55 million Americans do not have access to an employer sponsored retirement plan, including 78 percent of workers at firms with fewer than 10 employees. Congress should continue to work to help them get access to savings plans as this is the first step to helping them achieve financial security in retirement.

Let's not wait until next year's National Retirement Security Month to advance proposals that will strengthen our nation's private retirement system. Bipartisanship has been and will continue to be the key to advancing the next retirement security package. We can and should act now to help all our constituents get on a clearer path to a more secure retirement.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed Roll Call vote 556 on October 26, 2023.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

## RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAVERSE CITY YOUNG MARINES

## HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Traverse City Young Marines. The incredible organization boasts of half a century of dedication to enhancing the lives of America's youth and of a strong commitment to Drug Demand Reduction efforts.

The Young Marines Program was established in 1959 and officially chartered on October 17, 1965. Open to children 8 years old through high school, the Young Marines promote the importance of self-confidence, academic achievement, honoring our Veterans, good citizenship, community service, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

The Traverse City chapter has consistently demonstrated excellence through their community centric initiatives. The Young Marines conduct a yearly cleanup of M-37, volunteer countless hours of community service, and contribute to honoring our Michigan Veterans by partnering with local organizations such as the Navy-Marine Relief Society. Throughout their 50 years of service, the Young Marines of Traverse City have earned numerous distinctions. Most recently, they were recognized by Encampment 2021 and achieved a division distinction from Encampment 2018. Nationally, the Young Marines have received 12 Fulcrum Shields, a national award highlighting diligence in drug reduction efforts.

These exemplary young men and women owe a great deal of gratitude to the numerous volunteers who filled integral positions in the organization for the past 50 years. These volunteers have served as Unit Commanders, Regiment Commanders, Battalion Commanders, and Paymasters, among many other roles. Without the selfless commitment of these leaders, the Young Marines would not be the esteemed organization it is today.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Traverse City Young Marines for 50 years of service and dedication to the Traverse City youth. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I'd like to congratulate the Young Marines and Volunteers, wishing them the best in all of their future endeavors.

## CELEBRATING MAYOR JOYCE WHICHARD-BROWN

## HON. DONALD G. DAVIS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I honor a remarkable leader, trailblazer, and advocate for the beloved Town of Williamston. It is my distinct privilege to stand before you and pay tribute to a woman whose dedication and unwavering commitment to our community have left an indelible mark on our hearts and history books. Today, I celebrate Mayor Joyce Whichard-Brown, the first African American and first female mayor of Williamston.

Mayor Whichard-Brown's leadership journey began in Williamston, where she was born and graduated from EJ Hayes High School. She then moved to Virginia and worked in the U.S. Patent Office and various private law practices. In 2005, she returned to her hometown, Williamston, North Carolina, and has served as mayor since 2015.

Her accomplishments extend far beyond Williamston. She served on the North Carolina League of Municipalities Board of Directors. She has also taken on the role of vice chair of the Highway 17/64 Commission and initiated the quarterly mayor's meetings, fostering regional partnerships and cooperation. Under her guidance, the Town has seen significant improvements, such as the major upgrade to a fire department building and the transformation of the Stalls Building into a state-of-the-art police department facility. Mayor Whichard-Brown secured approval for the renovation of Gaylord Perry Park, making it more accessible and enjoyable for citizens.

Her tireless efforts also led to a substantial HUD grant of \$750,000, dedicated to housing revitalization and downtown renovation. Moreover, she was pivotal in securing over \$1 million in grants to complete the Roanoke River Boardwalk.

New businesses have thrived under her leadership, raising property tax-assessed values and breathing new life into the Town. Mayor Whichard-Brown has shown unshakable resolve, a willingness to stand her ground, and a remarkable ability to maintain her sense of humor. She led with grace, strength, and an unwavering commitment to her community.

Retiring from the Town, she can spend more time with her two children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Let's not forget Mayor Whichard-Brown's lesser-known talent, her incredible singing voice, which she generously shares at an annual stampede.

I thank her for her service and look forward to the continued positive impacts in the town.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I had to leave for a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on rollcall No. 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553; YEA on rollcall

No. 554, 555, 556; NAY on rollcall No. 557; and YEA on rollcall No. 558.

RECOGNIZING DARLETTA BERRY-JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE IVINS OUTREACH CENTER

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Darletta Berry-Johnson—the founding and only Executive Director of the Ivins Outreach Center, headquartered in Morrisville, Pennsylvania. In 2023, Ivins is celebrating its twentieth anniversary in operation. The mission of Ivins “strives to improve the quality of life for those within our neighboring communities, providing opportunities for them to be healthy, confident, connected, and secure, regardless of age, income, or background.” Their goal is “to create a community that is stronger, healthier, more involved, more generous, and more accepting of others.”

Darletta has been the driving force and inspiration of Ivins’ far-reaching success in making a significant difference in the lives of tens of thousands of individuals, young and old alike, in, around, and beyond Bucks County—an area I proudly serve and represent. In supervising and leading a small group of dedicated part-time staff members and scores of community volunteers, a sampling of Darletta’s efforts has resulted in:

Services to senior citizens such as Ivins’ Staying Put and Home Share programs that enable folks to remain in their homes despite illness, disabilities, food insecurities, safety concerns, lack of transportation, and a host of other physical and social issues.

Services to an annual enrollment of upwards of 3,000 youth through oversight and administration of 21st Community Learning Center Grants that provide after-school social and academic support, and summer employment and enrichment camps for students in the school districts of Morrisville Borough, Bristol Borough, Bensalem Township, Bucks County Technical High School, and the non-public Holy Trinity, St. Marks, and St. Ephrem elementary schools, and Conwell-Egan High School.

Covid Relief through Darletta’s collaboration with the United Way, Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce, area grocery stores, houses of worship, and local law enforcement agencies in providing meals for families and individuals in addressing grocery shopping, transportation needs, providing holiday experiences for the less fortunate of all ages, and shelter for the young, the homeless, the abused, and senior citizens.

Coordinating efforts to support law enforcement agencies by securing a COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant through the United States Department of Justice for the Borough of Morrisville; successful submission of COPS grant applications for Falls Township and Bensalem Township police departments; and a submitted application along with the Bristol Borough Police Department to fund a School Safety Officer.

Leadership roles have included, but not limited to: Pennsylvania Department of Education

Advisory Board, Bucks County Children & Youth Advisory Board, Established Morrisville Education Foundation, Morrisville Collaborative, Lower Bucks Family YMCA Board of Directors, G.A.G.E. Gang Awareness, Communities That Care Consortium, Academic Oversight Committee for Bristol Borough, Bensalem School District Diversity Committee, Conwell-Egan Catholic High School Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

Finally, given Darletta Berry-Johnson’s record of achievements, she is the recipient of the Women Business Leaders in Bucks County award presented by the Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce; and the Women for Women and Women Who Make a Difference awards presented by the Bucks CountyYWCA.

We are incredibly grateful for the impact Darletta Berry-Johnson has had through her long, distinguished career at the Ivins Outreach Center and wish for her continued success as she continues to serve our community.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF PUTNAM COUNTY VETERAN OF THE YEAR, JOHN MULLINS

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. John Mullins of Ottawa, Ohio, who has been named Putnam County Veteran of the Year. Every year, the Putnam County Veterans Service Commission recognizes a veteran from their county who has been honorably discharged, embodies the spirit of professional excellence, and has significant off-duty community service. After reviewing all the nominees, Mr. Mullins was selected for the honor.

Mr. Mullins first entered the U.S. Armed Forces in 1980 and served in the U.S. Air Force. After leaving the Air Force in 1992, Mr. Mullins continued serving his community by joining the Ottawa Police Department. He served the City of Ottawa for twenty-five years as part of the police department, while also spending time as a volunteer firefighter for the Ottawa Fire Department. After leaving the police department, Mr. Mullins went on to become a deputy sheriff for the Putnam County Sheriffs Office where he is currently serving.

Outside of his public service career, Mr. Mullins has been involved in the VFW, AmVets, and many other organizations that help raise awareness and fund veteran programs. He has helped with the POW/MIA programs for Putnam County while also organizing Ottawa Honor Guard for funerals and other events. Wherever it is possible to help a veteran in need, Mr. Mullins has dedicated his time to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Mr. John Mullins of Ottawa, Ohio, on his selection as the Putnam County Veteran of the Year. On behalf of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, I wish John all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for service to Putnam County and our Nation.

HONORING MILTON JONES

**HON. TIM BURCHETT**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Milton Jones, an East Tennessean who served our country in the U.S. Navy and worked on the Manhattan Project.

Milton grew up with an interest in technology and how it works, which would serve him well throughout his career. After he graduated from Farragut High School in 1941, Jones earned a first class radio license from Madison College in Nashville. He then went on to train the Army Signal Corps until he was called back to Tennessee to help on the Manhattan Project.

After the end of World War II, Milton started at WIVK radio as a chief engineer and proceeded to help set up new stations throughout the South. He retired in 1993, but continued to work as a consultant for different radio stations and helped tune their towers.

Milton raised four children with his wife Anna Ruth Atkins, and turned 101 years old in March of 2023. He has served his country and his family well, and the East Tennessee community is thankful for the impact he has had on those who have been fortunate enough to know him.

HONORING CRAIG MCNAMARA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Craig McNamara, of Winters, California, as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Farming, Agriculture, and Resource Management for Sustainability (FARMS) Program.

Craig McNamara was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan. After traveling by motorcycle across Central and South America to learn more about the all of agriculture. Mr. McNamara enrolled at the University of California, Davis where he earned a bachelor’s degree in plant and soil sciences. He then apprenticed under Tom Lum of Dixon for three years and would later rent his first 100 acres of farmland and establish Sierra Orchards.

In 1993, Craig and his wife, Julie, founded the FARMS Program giving high school students access to applied scientific research and careers in agriculture, conservation, and sustainability. The FARMS Program grew to become a model practice for youth education throughout the nation and led to the establishment of the Center for Land-Based Learning in 2001.

Since its founding, the Center for Land-Based Learning has educated more than 25,000 students from 30 different California counties. The Center for Land-Based Learning is the only organization of its kind in the state to offer a closed loop of agriculture-based education, internships, and careers. Because of the program high school students and adults have had the opportunity to discover impactful careers in fields ranging from biological sciences and technology-aided farming to land-use management and robotics.

As an American farmer and activist, Mr. McNamara was revolutionary in the field of sustainable, climate-smart agricultural practices. He endured years of skepticism from those steeped in antiquated beliefs, but that did not slow down his work. Today, modern environmental science and economics embrace Mr. McNamara's teaching which emphasizes that "people, profit, and planet" all deserve equal attention and dedication.

Throughout his professional career, Mr. McNamara has served as a board member for the American Farmland Trust; the Roots of Change Stewardship Council; University of California, Davis Dean's Advisory Council and Agricultural Sustainability Institute Advisory Board; and the Public Policy Institute of California Advisory Board. He is currently a board member on the Edible Schoolyard Project and Project REGEN. He is also on the leadership council of the Public Policy Institute of California.

Mr. Speaker, Craig McNamara is a dedicated public servant and leader in our community. He has inspired and educated future generations of farmers and agricultural leaders. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him and the work of the FARMS Program here today.

#### 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, October 31, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### NOVEMBER 1

- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine the science of extreme event attribution, focusing on how climate change is fueling severe weather events.  
SD-406
- Committee on Foreign Relations  
To receive a closed briefing on Ukraine.  
SH-216
- Committee on the Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Seth Robert Aframe, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Edward Sunyol Kiel, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Sarah French Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Christopher Charles Fonzzone, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.  
SD-226

- 2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
To hold hearings to examine small businesses and America's outdoor recreation economy.  
SR-428A

- Select Committee on Intelligence  
To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.  
SH-219

- 3 p.m.  
Committee on Rules and Administration  
To hold hearings to examine ongoing threats to election administration.  
SR-301

- 3:30 p.m.  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine research at the Department of Veterans Affairs.  
SH-418

##### NOVEMBER 2

- 9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Finance  
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Marjorie A. Rollinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury, and Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, and Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, and both

to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.  
SD-215

- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine ensuring financial protection for servicemembers, veterans, and their families.  
SD-538

- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the opportunities and challenges in deploying carbon capture utilization and sequestration and direct air capture technologies on federal and non-Federal lands.  
SD-366

- Committee on Finance  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Martin O'Malley, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security.  
SD-215

- Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Harry Coker, Jr., of Kansas, to be National Cyber Director, Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, and Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.  
SD-562

- Committee on the Judiciary  
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Eumi K. Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.  
SH-216

##### NOVEMBER 7

- 2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
To hold hearings to examine causes of roadway safety challenges and possible interventions.  
SD-406

##### NOVEMBER 8

- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine accessing clean water infrastructure assistance, focusing on small, rural, disadvantaged and underserved communities.  
SD-406