

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING COLLEEN O'DEA AND THE EQUINE TRANQUILITY WELLNESS CENTER

#### HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Colleen O'Dea, the owner of the Equine Tranquility Wellness Center (ETWC) in Andover, New Jersey. The ETWC has been teaching therapeutic horseback riding lessons to individuals of all ages since 2010. In that time, it has grown to become the largest Equestrian Center in New Jersey that provides annual lessons and holds competitions for the NJ Special Olympics. Colleen and her staff remain incredibly committed year-round to assisting individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities, and to growing their program to include all those in need. I am honored to have incredible people like Colleen in New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, who are dedicated to providing invaluable services to our community.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE VOL- UNTARY SEPARATION INCEN- TIVE PAYMENT ACT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the District of Columbia Courts and Public Defender Service Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments Act. This bill, which the House passed in the 114th Congress, would make a small but important change to the authority of the District of Columbia Courts (D.C. Courts) and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), giving them the same authority federal agencies and federal courts already have to offer voluntary separation incentive payments, or buyouts, to their employees.

Congress has provided this authority to the D.C. Courts and PDS on an annual basis in the last several appropriations bills. However, this bill would make this authority permanent. This authority would give the D.C. Courts and PDS additional flexibility to respond to administrative and budgetary needs.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office has opined that voluntary separation incentive payments may be made only when statutorily authorized. Federal agencies and federal courts already have permanent statutory authority to offer buyouts, and there is no reason why the D.C. Courts and PDS, which are both exclusively federally funded, should not have this permanent statutory authority.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

### CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF NAICA

#### HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs, Inc. (NAICA), founded in 1974, has provided fifty years of determined service and dedication to the residents of New York City, and specifically to the Bronx, through its tireless efforts to support vulnerable individuals and families.

NAICA has been a beacon of hope and strength in the community, offering a wide range of essential services, including transitional housing, supportive services, eviction prevention, legal assistance, and affordable housing to countless individuals in need.

NAICA's steadfast commitment to social justice and housing equity has helped transform lives, creating pathways for stability, security, and prosperity for the most underserved populations in our city and the 50th Anniversary of NAICA marks not only a milestone of longevity but a celebration of its impactful work in improving housing access and preserving the dignity of all residents.

### HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. ROOSEVELT SMITH

#### HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Roosevelt Smith. A passionate historian and community educator, Mr. Smith passed away in late June after leading a life of service to his community and to his Nation.

Mr. Smith attended the second oldest Black High School in Memphis. He was later kicked out of college for demanding the hiring of more African American professors. That caused his draft status to be changed to 1A, leading to his enlistment in the U.S. Air Force, where he served for six years.

After serving his country, Mr. Smith chose to serve his community as a historian and activist. Upon moving to Kitsap County, Washington in the late 1970s, Mr. Roosevelt helped found the Bremerton chapter of the National Association of Black Veterans, led the Black Historical Society of Kitsap County, and served as a board member for the Kitsap History Museum. At the museum, Mr. Smith ensured that Black history was told through sharing his own memorabilia in the Black Americana exhibit. For Mr. Smith, justice for the Black community was always a priority.

Mr. Smith used his historical pieces to educate the community. When items would upset visitors, he welcomed the uncomfortable moments and awkward conversation and used

this as a time to teach and encourage others to understand the significance without confrontation. He was also well-known in the local antiques and art community, where he worked each year at the Kitsap Antiques Show as an appraiser, owned his own watch repair business, and was a familiar face at Kitsap's antique and vintage shops looking for pieces of historical significance to conserve and educate the public.

Mr. Smith dedicated his life to ensuring that the historical experience of the Black community of this Nation are not forgotten, no matter how uncomfortable that history may be. He fought to ensure the Black veterans of Kitsap County had equitable access to their earned benefits and resources where there had previously been barriers. In short, in so many ways, Roosevelt Smith was a difference-maker.

Mr. Speaker, I join our community in grieving the loss of a pillar of the community, a dedicated and passionate historian and activist, and compassionate father, husband, and friend. I join Roosevelt's wife, Deadra, his children, and the rest of his family in grieving this loss. I am honored to recognize his life's work on the House floor.

### CELEBRATING PROVIDENCE ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL'S 95TH ANNI- VERSARY

#### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the impact and celebrate the 95th anniversary of Providence St. Joseph Hospital in Orange County.

Established on September 16, 1929, by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, St. Joseph Hospital became one of the first hospitals in Orange County. Its founders' philosophy of going into the community and caring for our dear neighbors has remained a longstanding tradition throughout their storied service.

First envisioned by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange as a brand-new hospital that would be the "last word in magnificence and technology," St. Joseph Hospital opened as a 190-bed hospital with a medical staff of less than 50. Today, St. Joseph Hospital has grown to be a 463-bed hospital that employs 1,100 medical staff and serves as one of the largest hospitals in Orange County.

Although technology has advanced the practice of medicine well beyond the vision of the founders of St. Joseph Hospital, their core desire to provide care for the whole person's body, mind, and spirit remains unchanged.

Recognized as one of the best hospitals in California, St. Joseph's outstanding medical programs continue to provide high-quality care with compassion, dignity, justice, excellence, and integrity to residents all over our Orange County community.

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I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Providence St. Joseph Hospital for their 95 years of service and care.

**RECOGNIZING EARL AND DIANE  
HORNING'S INDUCTION INTO THE  
MICHIGAN FARMER HALL OF  
FAME**

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Earl and Diane Horning, residents of Manchester, Michigan, on the occasion of their induction into the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame. Their hard work and dedication to their farm and their community over the last sixty years are worthy of commendation.

Horning Farms was founded in 1877 by German immigrants Gottlieb and Barbara Hornung. At that time, the primary purpose of the farm was to provide food for the family. The Hornung family, anglicized to "Horning" family, later made the decision to focus on dairy farming.

After attending Michigan State University, Earl Horning returned to Manchester to become the 4th generation to manage the family farm. Earl and Diane were married in 1964, and the last six decades has seen a massive expansion in the farm's dairy production. The farm's initial sixty cows in 1963 has grown to over four hundred cows, replacement heifers, and one hundred dairy beef. The Hornings additionally farm an impressive one thousand acres for feed and crops.

Earl and Diane have been involved in all things dairy since soon after they took over management of the farm. Earl served on the Michigan Milk Producers Advisory Committee as well as its board. He has also served as the Chairman of United Dairy Industry of Michigan, as well as the National Director for Dairy Management, Inc. Diane has been active in county, state, and national Farm Bureaus. She has spent time on the Farm Bureau's State Policy Development, Promotion and Education, and Washington Legislative Committees. Recently, she served as Director of the Michigan Farm Bureau Board and delegate to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the Hornings' well-deserved induction into the Michigan Farmer Hall of Fame. With the 5th and 6th generations of Hornings now hard at work, it is safe to conclude that Earl and Diane's legacy will be living on well into the future. I thank them for their hard work, and congratulate them on this momentous achievement.

NEWSLETTER FROM  
CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

**HON. CHUCK EDWARDS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on issues surrounding inflation, officer safety and small businesses.

DEAR FRIEND, The Carl Sandburg Home, a national historic site nestled in the mountains of Western North Carolina, preserves the home and legacy of American poet Carl Sandburg.

I'm pleased to share that after convening members of the National Park Service and stakeholders who are in support of a project to improve access to the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site last year, as of a result of this and others' efforts, more than \$1 million will be available for Front Lake dam repairs.

Due to erosion around the Front Lake bridge, the Carl Sandburg Home had to rely on the help of donations from the local community to buy a bus to transport folks through a back entrance as they understood the importance of the site to the local tourism economy. This project will make necessary repairs to once again open the trail for easier access for visitors.

**KAMALANOMICS CONTINUES TO FAIL HARD-  
WORKING WESTERN NORTH CAROLINIANS**

For the past three and a half years, Western North Carolinians have suffered from sky-high prices and plummeting wages.

Kamala Harris has repeatedly cast the deciding vote in the U.S. Senate to approve trillions of dollars in excessive government spending as part of the Biden-Harris administration's failing economic policies. Her policies have led to higher costs for Americans and her price-fixing scheme would only make things worse.

When the federal government overspends, Western North Carolinians pay more to get less. As a member of the House Appropriations and Budget Committees, my goal is to fix how Washington works so that hard-working folks in our mountains can keep more of their hard-earned money.

**IMPROVING OFFICER SAFETY IN YANCEY COUNTY**

After I secured the funding last year in the annual appropriations process, the \$100,000 is making its way to the hands of the Yancey County Sheriff's Office to enhance officer safety in the field.

WNC law enforcement officers risk their lives to protect our citizens and communities, and it is critical that they have the tools to do their jobs safely and effectively.

This grant will provide funding for the Yancey County Sheriff's Office to acquire portable substance analyzer capability, which will improve officer safety in the field and provide a cost-efficient method of identifying potentially deadly substances, such as fentanyl.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I will be continuing to advocate for the necessary and responsible funding of projects back home in North Carolina's 11th District.

**SUPPORTING WNC'S MAIN STREET BUSINESSES**

During the district work period, I've had the pleasure of visiting local businesses in downtown Bryson City, Dillsboro, Franklin and Marion.

A common theme heard from small business owners during my visits was concerns about keeping up with rising costs in this economy.

Entrepreneurs in our mountains contribute to our local economy and enrich our communities. To allow them to create jobs and grow our economy, I'm working to fix how Washington works by getting big government out of the way and rolling back excessive regulations.

**STAY INFORMED ON NC-11 NEWS**

Federal rules will require congressional offices to enter a communication blackout 60 days before an election. This means I'll be restricted in how I can share updates and information with you starting early September.

To stay informed during this period, I encourage you to sign up for my official newsletter by visiting [edwards.house.gov/newsletter](https://edwards.house.gov/newsletter). By doing so, you'll receive important updates directly in your email inbox highlighting what I'm doing in Congress to advocate for Western North Carolina.

I know how important it is to keep you informed about the issues affecting our mountains, from new bills that I'm introducing to local grants and more. By signing up for the newsletter, you won't miss a beat as we continue working together for North Carolina's 11th District.

With my warmest regards,

CHUCK EDWARDS,  
Member of Congress.

**HONORING THE BLOOMFIELD FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**

**HON. MIKIE SHERRILL**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bloomfield Fire Department for receiving accredited status from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). This is a significant milestone and I am so proud of all the hard work, training, and organization that Bloomfield Fire Chief Louis Venezia and his team do every day to be able to provide the highest quality service to the citizens of Bloomfield.

The Bloomfield Fire Department is one of the 300 agencies to obtain Internationally Accredited agency status from the CFAI. The process of accreditation focuses on a rigorous self-assessment and peer review process, focused on the agency's ability to provide quality service to the public, in vital areas such as communication, decision-making, community alignment, relationships with labor and more. According to CFAI, accredited departments "exemplify organizations that are strategic-minded and well-organized, are properly equipped, staffed, and trained."

Going through the accreditation process is no easy task, and this certification means that the Department is both providing excellent service to the public and will continue to improve in the years to come. I thank the Bloomfield Fire Department for always ensuring our community is safe and for being ready for an emergency call, whenever that may happen. I am grateful for their commitment to protecting our district and want to give congratulations to the entire team for this notable accomplishment.

**RECOGNIZING DETECTIVE OMAR  
MONTEMAYOR**

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary public service of Detective Omar Montemayor of The Colony, Texas Police Department as he retires after more than twenty years in law enforcement.

Previously, Mr. Montemayor served for three years in the U.S. Navy, followed by three years with the McAllen Police Department. In

2008, he began serving as a patrol officer with The Colony Police Department. Building upon that foundational experience, he became a Field Training Officer (FTO), where he mentored new recruits to the department, serving as an example and instructing them with the knowledge necessary to perform capably in a challenging and rewarding profession. In addition, Montemayor was assigned the sensitive and crucial position as a Hostage Crisis Negotiator, where he proficiently displayed his abilities to remain calm under pressure, communicate effectively and diffuse dangerous situations.

During his two-decade tenure with TCPD, Mr. Montemayor also served as a Marine Safety Officer, enforcing regulations and ensuring the safety of the public on local lakes and rivers. Additionally, he paid tribute to fallen officers and their families as a member of TCPD's Honor Guard.

After twelve years protecting the citizens of The Colony on its streets and waterways, Mr. Montemayor was assigned as a School Resource Officer at The Colony High School. As an SRO, he had the opportunity to interact with students, staff and parents, to build critical relationships toward a safer and more supportive educational environment. After only a year on the job, he was recognized for his dedication and effectiveness as he received the Texas Association of Resource (TASRO) School Resource Officer of the Year Award in 2019. He was nominated for this statewide award by Lewisville ISD's Safety and Security Director.

Detective Omar Montemayor will truly be missed by his fellow officers and colleagues in The Colony Police Department. He was a consummate law enforcement professional, fostering key relationships with the citizens, schools and businesses within the community he served so well. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

ACKNOWLEDGING RUSSELL M. NELSON DAY IN THE STATE OF UTAH AND CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF RUSSELL M. NELSON

### HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Russell M. Nelson Day in my home state of Utah as well as President Russell M. Nelson's 100th birthday.

President Russell Marion Nelson was born on September 9, 1924, in Salt Lake City. While a student at the University of Utah, he met and married Dantzel White. They shared nearly sixty years together, raising ten children before Dantzel's passing in 2005. He later married Wendy L. Watson in April 2006, and together they are grandparents to 57 and great-grandparents to over 100.

President Nelson is an internationally renowned heart surgeon and medical researcher. Dr. Nelson received his B.A. and M.D. degrees from the University of Utah. He served his residency in surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and the University of Minnesota, where, in addition to earning his Ph.D., he served on the research

team that developed the heart-lung machine which successfully aided the first human open-heart surgery in 1951.

During the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and worked with surgeons focused on improving treatment methods for the wounded. He left with the rank of Captain.

His accolades include the American Heart Association's Heart of Gold Award and the Golden Plate Award from the American Academy of Achievement. He has held prestigious positions such as president of the Society for Vascular Surgery and chairman of the Council on Cardiovascular Surgery.

Russell M. Nelson was called to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 7, 1984. He was called again as President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 2018. Under his leadership, the church has played a large role in both domestic and international humanitarian aid efforts, with the faith often being among the first groups to respond with food, medical, and other practical aid for those enduring the effects of conflict and natural disaster.

I again thank President Russell M. Nelson for a lifetime of achievement, service, and leadership and invite myself and my colleagues to look to his exemplary behavior as we find ways to better the lives of those we serve as members of Congress.

### REMEMBERING JAVIER ARCE

### HON. RUBEN GALLEGU

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. GALLEGU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Javier Arce, Editor, Reporter, and Digital Producer for La Voz Arizona and the Arizona Republic, who recently passed away. Mr. Arce's success as a voice for Latino and immigrant communities in Arizona has inspired many.

Mr. Arce began at La Voz and The Republic in 2014, providing coverage for Arizona readers for over two decades. A Mexicali native, he understood the experience within trans-border communities and helped inform others of immigration and election coverage, showcasing everyday Arizonans and their pursuit of bettering their neighborhoods. He became a strong voice and a fixture in the community, highlighting the lives and successes of Latinos and immigrants who call Arizona home. His passion, commitment, and dedication to the Latino and immigrant community positively impacted the Valley.

As an expert on anti-immigration laws, Mr. Arce was dedicated to creating a mission to find the voices of Latino and immigrant communities that would otherwise go untold. He knew the community and the issues they cared for. He leaves a legacy that will greatly impact the next generation of the Latino and immigrant community in Arizona.

I offer my deepest condolences to Mr. Arce's family and friends.

### HONORING THE MUSICAL TALENT OF MISSISSIPPI NATIVE, HARDY

### HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize "Nashville's nu-metal king," Hardy, from my home state of Mississippi. Hardy was born in Meridian and grew up in Philadelphia, Mississippi, where he attended Neshoba Central High School. Born on September 13, 1990, to Mike and Sarah Hardy, Hardy started playing guitar around age 13. When he was in high school, he took pen to paper to write his first song to, "Impress a Girl." His song writing skills gave him an opportunity to move to Nashville in 2010. While in Nashville, Hardy penned the words to the well-known country song made famous by Blake Shelton called, "God's Country." In 2013, Hardy landed a publishing deal with Relative Music Group. Hardy is the pride of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and has earned his reputation as "a promising purveyor of keeping the spirit of classic heavy Southern rock alive," according to American Songwriter. He is a five-time ACM award winner and two-time CMA award winner. In 2022 he was named the BMI Country Songwriter of the Year.

Music has always been the heartbeat of Mississippi, and I am proud to see Hardy soaring to the top like other Mississippians have done before him. I thank Hardy, for his dedication to the art of music and contributions to our great Nation through song writing.

CELEBRATING  
HOULIHAN  
CHATTERJEE

CHRISTIE  
AND  
RAHUL

### HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise in celebration of the union of Mrs. Christie Houlihan and Mr. Rahul Dev Chatterjee.

Christie and Rahul came from different walks of life—Rahul moved to Texas from India in the year 2000 to study at Texas A&M University, while Christie grew up in New York and had relocated to Dallas in the last several years. Their first date allowed them to bond over their Irish and Indian backgrounds, developing a mutual understanding of their love for their families and for travel.

Towards the end of that first date in June of 2022, when Christie began to make her exit. Rahul presented her with a parting gift: a small box with a bottle of Shalimar perfume by Guerlain. The same type of perfume that Christie's late grandmother used to wear every day and shared with her when Christie was a young child. As was described in the New York Times. Rahul had no way of knowing the significance this small bottle had for Christie, but to her, it was a sign. They were wed on November 18, 2023, in Palm Beach, FL., surrounded by loving family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I am elated to recognize Christie and Rahul, and I extend my enthusiastic well-wishes as they continue this chapter

of their life together. Please join me in celebrating the marriage of Christie Houlihan and Rahul Dev Chatterjee who are so beloved by their community and whose partnership brings joy to so many. I was honored to pay witness to their nuptials and ask Congress to join me in celebrating them as their one-year anniversary approaches.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAST

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Community Actors' Studio Theatre (CAST) organization.

CAST was incorporated as a 501(c)3 in October of 1999. Since that time, CAST has remained committed to its mission to give everyone in the community an opportunity to be engaged, educated and entertained in the theatrical arts.

In its 25 years, CAST has produced over 130 shows, engaged over 600 individuals from the community in the production of those shows and has provided school-day performances to over 10,000 school children.

CAST is unique in the community because it offers the opportunity for those who want to participate in theatre and provides families a chance to act together. Besides two schools, CAST offers the only instructional program in the theatrical arts in the area, CAST Kidz, teaching weekly classes in dance, voice and acting to over 100 students aged 5–18. These students perform in local productions of their own and compete in and win regional and national theatrical competitions.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking CAST for all they do for the community and the children in the area and wishing the organization a happy 25th anniversary.

#### HONORING THE LEGACY OF KAREN ELAINE THOMPSON

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary spirit and life of Karen Elaine Thompson; a beloved daughter, sister, wife, and mother.

On May 11, 1960, Karen was born to Allan and Elaine Johnson in Moscow, Idaho. Just two weeks after her birth, Karen, her mother, and her brother reunited with Allan in Watsonville, California where he had recently taken his first position with Bank of America. Karen began her schooling in Modesto, but as Allan rose through the ranks at the bank, she continued her education wherever work took him including Novato, Shafter, Lindsay, and finally Madera where she graduated high school in 1978.

Karen then chose to further her education at Fresno City College and Heald Four C's Business College with a special focus on secretarial courses. Utilizing her education, she

landed her first secretary position at Fresno Federal Land Bank where she met her first love, Mark Thompson. Later, Karen shifted her focus to marketing as the administrative assistant for the CEO of Fresno-Madera Farm Credit before taking her expertise to Citizens Business Bank in Madera. The zenith of Karen's career would come in the years she spent working as an executive assistant at Fresno Heart Hospital, EyeQ, and Community Cancer Institute, places where her importance cannot be understated. One of her greatest achievements was her work alongside executives in building the Cancer Institute in Clovis.

During these years, Karen also raised her two sons, Kyle and Alex, in Madera. Then, when the opportunity presented itself, Karen and Mark took a chance and purchased a home and acreage in Madera Ranchos and eventually married in 2014.

Wherever she lived, Karen always sought to improve her community. She engaged in a variety of volunteer activities for the Big Fresno Fair Livestock Auction, The Kids Breakfast, and the Toolbox Program. Additionally, Karen was always willing to lend a helping hand in events related to agriculture such as those put on by the Cattlemen's Association. Fresno County Farm Bureau, and Reedley College Ag Backers. Equally important, Karen served in a variety of different capacities through her memberships in PEO and Chapter VO where she provided excellent leadership and communication skills. She also was a member of the Clovis Rodeo Association where she served as secretary of the board since 2022.

Her love for life was reflected in her many hobbies, Karen loved photography, camping, sporting clays, gardening, fishing, camping, hand crafts, traveling, and of course, her grandson Liam.

In Karen's passing, we celebrate a life that left an indelible mark on all who were fortunate enough to know her. Her legacy lives on in her family; husband Mark and sons Kyle and Alex. May we draw inspiration from Karen's enduring spirit and the richness of a life well-lived.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the memory of Karen Elaine Thompson.

#### RECOGNIZING THE USS NEW JERSEY

#### HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Commissioning of the Naval Vessel, the USS *New Jersey* on September 14, 2024.

The third naval vessel named after the great State of New Jersey, this *Virginia* class submarine is a nuclear-powered cruise missile fast-attack vessel that will prove invaluable to the efficacy of our great Navy. After rigorous tests and trials at sea, this ship has proved its capability to perform her designed mission and join America's strong Naval fleet.

Upon being commissioned, the USS *New Jersey* will welcome our brave sailors from the Commanding Officer to the crew who are entrusted with maintaining and operating the submarine during peacetime and time of war.

Not just a phrase but a guiding light through high seas and troubled times, the submarine's motto—Firepower for Freedom—inspires all of its crew members to preserve our Nation's values in fighting for valor and freedom across the globe.

With many Americans coming together in Monmouth County to celebrate the commissioning of the USS *New Jersey*, we also celebrate the long legacy of tenacity and bravery that the Navy has proved time and time again. The brave sailors on all three USS *New Jersey* vessels, and vessels across the globe, exemplify the honor, courage, and commitment stated in the Navy's core values.

As the crew begins their service aboard this exceptional naval vessel, I am grateful for the devotion each and every one of them has to serving their country. I look forward to continuing to support the USS *New Jersey* and its servicemembers in achieving their many missions to come.

#### CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTH- DAY OF THELMA HOLTZCLAW MATHEWS

#### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mrs. Thelma Holtzclaw Mathews on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Mathews was born on September 26, 1924, and grew up with her parents and seven siblings in Titus, Alabama. She moved to Buffalo fifty-four years ago where she has lived since.

After graduating high school, Mrs. Mathews's top priority was her family. Together with the love of her life, Luther, they raised six incredible children, three daughters and three sons. Mrs. Mathews' family continues to grow, with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is most proud to be a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

When Mrs. Mathews is not with her family, she is with her friends and neighbors. They know they can always rely on her for a warm smile and a laugh. Deeply devoted to her faith, Mrs. Mathews is an active member of the Greater Refuge Temple of Christ on Jefferson Avenue.

Further, Mrs. Mathews deeply values civic engagement, having voted in every presidential election she has been able to. She was very excited to vote for the first Black President, President Barack Obama, and is looking forward to casting her ballot for Vice President Kamala Harris, the first Black woman nominated by a major party for President.

Today, Mrs. Thelma Holtzclaw Mathews continues to inspire all who know her, sharing her compassion and dedication to her family, friends, country, and faith. Please join me in celebrating Mrs. Thelma Holtzclaw Mathews on her 100th birthday.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call votes No. 356, 357, and 358 on July 22, 2024. Had I been present, my votes would have been: Yea on Roll Call No. 356; Nay on Roll Call No. 357; and Yea on Roll Call No. 358.

RECOGNIZING MY CHIEF OF STAFF, TIM BERTOCCHI, FOR HIS EXCELLENT WORK ON BEHALF OF MINNESOTA'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. DEAN PHILLIPS**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my former Chief of Staff, Tim Bertocci, for his work on behalf of every constituent in Minnesota's Third Congressional District. In May, Tim departed my office for a new opportunity serving as the Director of External Affairs in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, and I could not be more proud or grateful for his service.

Tim has an impressive and extensive background in public service and leadership. He began his career after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned as an Armor officer. During his nine years of military service, Tim served in various leadership positions, to include serving in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom III. Tim also earned a Master of Arts degree from the Security Studies Program at Georgetown University in 2008. He has worked in various roles including the Senior Operations Advisor for the Joint IED Defeat Organization and as a Foreign Service Officer in Havana, Cuba.

Tim's experience and relationships on the Hill from his time working in former Congressman Tim Walz' Office were invaluable as we stood up an office and built a team of bright, motivated, and radically hospitable public servants. He helped lead us all through a series of unexpected and unprecedented events. On top of his duties as Chief, he also served as an instructor at the United States Naval Academy where he taught a class on irregular warfare in the Political Science Department.

Staff members of our office past and present all proclaim that Tim is the true embodiment of a servant leader. A trusted advisor and confidant, Tim always put the needs of the team before himself. He even used a tiny, converted bathroom as an office instead of the large office normally dedicated to the Chief, to allow staff to have a dedicated space they could hold meetings in. For Tim, success is never about individual accomplishments or prestige, but instead about those around him reaching their highest potential individually and collectively.

Tim set a culture of camaraderie and support across the team, always prepared with a shout out or well timed, supportive gif in the Teams chat. He had an unparalleled ability to

create compromise and identify a novel path forward after taking into careful consideration all the options. Though he rarely mentioned it, his record of military service brought a much-needed perspective and calm confidence to our team. Even in the most difficult congressional moments—it was clear Tim had lived through much worse. Tim's humility and expertise were unmatched during those difficult times.

The people of Minnesota's Third Congressional District were lucky to have Tim's dedication, leadership and unwavering commitment, and he will be dearly missed. However, I'm extraordinarily happy that he will continue to serve the nation at the U.S. Department of Defense. I wish Tim all the best in his future endeavors and thank him dearly for his 23 years of public service to this Nation—and many more to come.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I was present for the vote on Roll Call No. 224 and thought I had voted "AYE" using my member card. However, my vote was not counted. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 224.

HONORING CONGRESSWOMAN  
ANNA ESHOO**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the incredible service of my dear friend and 16-term Congresswoman from California, Representative ANNA ESHOO. ANNA has served the people of San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz counties with great distinction for over three decades. She's hardworking, meticulous, and demanding of herself. In sum, ANNA ESHOO is the kind of person every Member of Congress should be like. She has built a legacy of fighting for her constituents, and her leadership in Congress will be greatly missed upon her retirement.

First elected to Congress in 1992—dubbed "the Year of the Woman"—ANNA was the first Democrat and first woman in the history of the then-14th Congressional District to win the Silicon Valley seat. In Congress, ANNA has been a health care pioneer, a champion for innovation, a human rights and consumer advocate, a staunch proponent of clean energy, and a defender of women's reproductive rights. A prolific legislator, over 60 of Anna's bills have been signed into law by five presidents.

ANNA has served on the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee since 1995. In 2019, she became the first woman to serve as Chair of the Health Subcommittee. ANNA helped draft portions of the groundbreaking Affordable Care Act, oversaw the largest overhaul of Medicare since its inception, and wrote landmark bipartisan legislation to promote the development of new lifesaving cures. ANNA

also broke the glass ceiling as the first female Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, where she has championed a free and open internet, removed barriers to entry in the telecommunications market, and helped deploy broadband to underserved communities.

I know ANNA is grateful to her dedicated staff in both California and Washington, D.C. for the countless achievements they have secured for constituents over the years, and for the support of her children and granddaughter. I thank them for their years of service and sacrifice. I congratulate my good friend and colleague on a well-deserved retirement and wish her the very best in her next chapter in life.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND  
LEGACY OF SENIOR CHIEF  
PETTY OFFICER ERIC DONAHUE**HON. LORI TRAHAN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Senior Chief Petty Officer Eric Donahue for his tremendous contributions and 20-year legacy in the United States Navy, including his service in the Joint Special Operations Command. Senior Chief Donahue has dedicated his life to our country for the past two decades, all while building a family with his wife, Katie, and raising their three children: Meredith, Ivy, and Tyler.

Eric Donahue was born and raised in Andover, Massachusetts, and is a proud graduate of Austin Preparatory School in Reading, Massachusetts. A dedicated student, he furthered his education at the University of New Hampshire, obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Management, and Operations. It was at the University of New Hampshire that Eric met Katie, who has been a pillar of strength for him throughout his Navy career.

Moved by the September 11th terrorist attacks, Eric embarked on a mission to become a Navy SEAL to protect the United States, its freedoms, and its ideals. After graduating from the University of New Hampshire in 2004, he had the opportunity to join the Navy as an officer. Instead of waiting to become an officer, he immediately enlisted to begin training without officer status.

In March 2005, Eric commenced Underwater Demolition/SEAL training and successfully completed the program by August 2006, displaying exceptional dedication. He was subsequently assigned to SEAL Team 8 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Throughout eight overseas deployments, including to Afghanistan and Iraq, his dedication, leadership, and outstanding service led to his appointment to the prestigious SEAL Team Six, the Naval Special Warfare Development Group. Within SEAL Team Six, Senior Chief Donahue has continued to lead in various capacities, overseeing numerous training events worldwide and being entrusted with dignitary protection.

Senior Chief Donahue has received numerous accolades and awards throughout his career in recognition of his service. These include five Sea Service Deployment ribbons, three Presidential Unit Citations, two Navy and

Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, one Navy Unit Commendation Medal, a NATO Medal, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, three Joint Service Commendation Medals, a Joint Meritorious Unit Award, an Iraq Campaign Medal, six Good Conduct Medals, an Expeditionary Medal, three Combat Action Ribbons, a Bronze Star with Valor, an Army Commendation Medal, and an Afghan Campaign Medal.

Senior Chief Eric Donahue has demonstrated remarkable bravery, selflessness, and dedication as a Navy SEAL. He exemplifies the values of courage, resilience, and sacrifice that we hold dear as Americans. His leadership will leave a lasting impact on the United States Navy and our Nation. I would like to formally recognize and extend my deepest gratitude to Senior Chief Donahue and his family for their twenty years of service to our country.

CONGRATULATING AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 682 FOR THEIR NEW VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BRICK WALL

### HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the exceptional work demonstrated by American Legion Post No. 682, and to celebrate the unveiling of their Veteran's Memorial Brick Wall.

For years, American Legion Post No. 682 has selflessly served the veterans of our community. As a combat veteran, I believe taking care of America's heroes when they return home must be a top priority, and American Legion Post No. 682 has courageously stepped up to the task.

One such way they are honoring America's heroes is with the unveiling of their Veteran's Memorial Brick Wall, a memorial constructed to showcase the community's love and recognition of those who have given all for their country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this impressive achievement and congratulate American Legion Post No. 682 on the unveiling of their Veteran's Memorial Brick Wall.

CONGRATULATING BRIGADIER GENERAL CINDY M. SALADIN-MUHAMMAD ON HER PROMOTION TO BRIGADIER GENERAL

### HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Brigadier General Cindy M. Saladin-Muhammad on her new position as Brigadier General within the United States Army, making her the first Muslim to be promoted to the rank in the history of the United States of America. Brigadier General Saladin-Muhammad is an outstanding officer who has dedicated 40 years of service to the

United States Army and during that time earned countless awards and decorations. She holds a variety of degrees including two masters', one in Strategic Studies and one in Business Administration and holds a doctorate in business administration. Brigadier General Saladin-Muhammad has had a stellar career in the Medical Service Corps, rising through the ranks from an Environmental Science Engineering Officer in 1995 to assuming command of multiple support hospitals within the country and abroad. As we congratulate Brigadier General on her new position with the United States Army, I have full confidence that she will serve her position with conviction and pride just as she's done for the past 40 years. I thank her for her service, and congratulate Brigadier General Saladin-Muhammad.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. NIKEMA WILLIAMS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as students return to school for the upcoming school year, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the opening of Booker T. Washington High School in Georgia's Fighting Fifth Congressional District.

In September 1924, the opening of Booker T. Washington High School marked the first opportunity for Black students in the State of Georgia to attend a public high school. This momentous achievement was the culmination of tireless organizing and a direct result of Atlanta's Black Community's political power and determination.

In fact, not until the NAACP and Black community leaders conducted a successful voter registration drive and new Black voters defeated a school bond referendum in 1919 did promises of a new Black high school bear fruit, with money from a 1921 school bond used to construct what would become Booker T. Washington High School.

Black students came from across the state to study at Booker T. Washington High School, as it remained Georgia's only public high school for Black students until 1947. The school's origins in organizing and collective power are evident in the remarkable alumni it has produced, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., groundbreaking surgeon and educator Dr. Asa Yancy, State Representative "Able" Mable Thomas, trailblazing lawyer and judge Romae T. Powell, former United States Secretary for Health and Human Services Dr. Louis Sullivan, and educator Dr. Pearl Craft Dove.

From its inception, Booker T. Washington High School has been part of the fabric of Atlanta and the State of Georgia and an integral part of its community. Students, neighbors, and alumni continue to tout the skill and energy of the marching band and take every opportunity to enjoy school spirit and their music.

Booker T. Washington High School deserves a place in history, not just in the history of Atlanta or Georgia, but of our country. I hope you will join me in both recognizing this historic day and in cosponsoring a resolution

to be introduced later this month that will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Booker T. Washington High School.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE 103D ATTACK SQUADRON

### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2024*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise in recognition of the distinct achievements and serviceable contributions of 103d Attack Squadron on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. For a century, the men and women of the 103d Attack Squadron have served our nation with distinction, dedication, resilience, and valor. As the oldest flying squadron in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and one of 29 original National Guard observations squadrons, their contributions to our national defense are immeasurable and their legacy is one of innovation, excellence and steadfast bravery.

The 103d Attack Squadron traces its lineage back to its formation in June 1924. Federally recognized as the 103d Observation Squadron and commanded by Major Charles Biddle, the 103d has been an integral part of American military history, participating in nearly every global conflict since World War II. The 103d flew a variety of training and observation aircraft until 1941 when the unit was ordered to active service, performing anti-submarine patrols along the New England coast. From 1943 through the end of World War II, the 103d flew photo reconnaissance missions in the F-5C in the China-Burma-India Theater.

From the end of World War II, the 103d was redesignated over ten times and has operated continually since its inception. This unit has gallantly conducted aerial missions and continually maintained operational mission readiness in the following capacities: as a bombardment squadron, a reconnaissance squadron, a military airlift squadron, a tactical air support squadron, a fighter squadron and, finally in its current role, as an attack squadron. The men and women of the 103d Attack Squadron have skillfully operated over twenty distinctly different aircraft, providing over a century of global strike and air superiority capabilities for joint force operations in austere areas, worldwide. Their continual adaptation to the war-fighting environment is a true testament to the resiliency, adaptability, and reliability of the men and women of this storied unit.

Their unwavering dedication to duty and willingness to innovate to meet the needs of the ever-changing battlefield landscape is no better demonstrated than in their most recent transition from manned aircraft to unmanned aerial systems (UAS). The professionals of the 103d Attack Squadron employ the General Atomics MQ-9 in combat air patrols that directly support combatant commanders across the globe providing intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance gathering capabilities, combat search and rescue, and precision weapons employment in close air support operations. The 103d Attack Squadron is critical to the development and implementation of tactics, techniques and procedures used across the globe in MQ-9 missions.

Throughout its long history, the 103d Attack Squadron has embodied the core values of the United States Air Force: Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. They have safeguarded the nation's skies, provided critical support in times of war, and stood ready to respond when called upon. Their aircrew and superior operational support personnel have been, and continue to be, some of the most skilled and dedicated Airmen in the world.

As we celebrate this historic milestone, it is my distinct honor to celebrate those who have faithfully served in the 103d Attack Squadron over the past century. Their sacrifices and those of their families have ensured our freedom and security. It is with deep gratitude that we acknowledge their service and pay tribute to their bravery.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 103d Attack Squadron and in extending a heartfelt thank you to the men and women who have served, and continue to serve, in this distinguished unit. May the next 100 years of Airmen serve with the same valor, honor, dignity, and dedication to duty as the exemplary men and women of the 103d Attack Squadron have so expertly demonstrated over the last century of service.

#### 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, September 10, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### SEPTEMBER 11

10 a.m.

##### Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine social security, focusing on delivering benefits and protecting retirement security.

SD-608

##### Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, Samuel E. Latham, of Delaware, Ronald L. Batory, of New Mexico, and Elaine Marie Clegg, of Idaho, all to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

SR-253

##### Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Matthew James Marzano, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

##### Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Julie Smith, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary (Political Affairs), Stephanie L. Hallett, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Douglas D. Jones, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Michael G. Heath, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, and Mary E. Daschbach, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

##### Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

##### Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine S. 2927, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to increase Tribal access to water conservation and efficiency grants, S. 4016, to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expend amounts in the Colorado River Dam fund, S. 4242 and H.R. 4385, to extend authorization of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, S. 4245 and H.R. 5770, to reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs, S. 4347, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, S. 4458, to reauthorize the Reclamation Rural Water Supply Act of 2006, S. 4576, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program, an original bill to establish a new Reclamation program to support collaborative positions at eligible partner organizations to help develop, fund, and implement water projects with benefits for water management and the environment, an original bill to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes, an original bill to authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Program, an original bill to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, an original bill to establish the Integrated Water Management Federal Leadership Committee and to provide for improved drought resilience and dam safety, an original bill to amend Public Law 89-108 to modify the authorization of appropriations for State and Tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, an original bill to make certain modifications to the repayment period and payment of interest for the Fryingpan-Arkansas project in the State of Colorado, an original bill to prohibit the use of amounts from the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund to implement a certain record of decision, and H.R. 6062, to restore the ability of the people of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in

a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial law in the territory to the President, and to the Secretary of the Interior under Executive Order 10264, dated June 29, 1951, under which the Constitution of American Samoa was approved and may be amended without requirement for further congressional action, subject to the authority of Congress under the Territorial Clause in article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution.

SD-366

##### Select Committee on Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SVC-217

#### SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 a.m.

##### Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Steven S. Nordhaus, USAF, to be general and Chief of the National Guard Bureau, and Vice Admiral Alvin Holsey, USN, to be admiral and Commander, United States Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense.

SH-216

10 a.m.

##### Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine protecting Americans' money, focusing on combating scams and frauds against seniors and savers.

SD-538

##### Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's lead role in conducting advanced computing research, application, and security.

SD-366

##### Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the 2025 tax policy debate and tax avoidance strategies.

SD-215

##### Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the bankruptcy of Steward Health Care, focusing on how management decisions have impacted patient care.

SD-562

##### Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, S. 2220, to amend title 35, United States Code, to invest in inventors in the United States, maintain the United States as the leading innovation economy in the world, and protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the economy of the United States, S. 2140, to amend title 35, United States Code, to address matters relating to patent subject matter eligibility, S. 4713, to amend chapter 11 of title 35, United States Code, to require the voluntary collection of demographic information for patent inventors, S. 2082, to make technical corrections relating to the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, and the nominations of Ryan Young Park, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Byron B. Conway, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District

of Wisconsin, Jonathan E. Hawley, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, April M. Perry, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Gail A. Weilheimer, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Joseph R. Adams, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia, and David L. Lemmon II, to be United

States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia, both of the Department of Justice.

SD-G50

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine anti-NGO laws and other tools of democratic repression.

SD-419

SEPTEMBER 24

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine Novo Nordisk's high prices for Ozempic and Wegovy for patients with diabetes and obesity.

SD-562