

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING FOREST LAWN CEMETERY AND THE JOHN LAY SOCIETY

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Forest Lawn Cemetery and the 175th anniversary of the internment of its oldest resident, Mr. John Lay. The founder of Forest Lawn Cemetery, Mr. Charles Clarke and his wife, Mrs. Mary Anna Clarke, created a pristine burial site for Buffalo residents because of their generosity and commitment to the community. Mr. Lay, the first permanent resident at Forest Lawn, was blessed with the Clarke's donation to ensure his eternal resting place and left a legacy of prevailing beneficence.

Forest Lawn Cemetery has continuously served both the past and present members of the Buffalo community, and is acknowledged as a place where grief can pivot to the celebration of life for permanent residents. The cemetery's monuments, architecture, and well-maintained landscape allow the history and accomplishments of those who have passed to be respected and remembered. This iconic cemetery is the final resting place of more than 165,000 individuals, recognizing that every life should be cherished and remembered with a peaceful rest for eternity.

Today, we recognize the inaugural inductees into Forest Lawn's John Lay Society and honor the lives and legacies of those who lie at peace. Forest Lawn Cemetery's unwavering contribution to the preservation of Western New York's rich history has attracted and educated community members throughout the globe, helping to shape future generations, and we are all the better for it.

RECOGNIZING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF GREATER BUFFALO ON ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the constituents of New York's 23rd Congressional District to recognize a true cornerstone of our community. For 80 years, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo has been a pillar of strength, service, and unity for Western New York—a place where generations have come together to learn, grow, and celebrate Jewish life and values.

Since its founding in 1945, the JCC has embraced its mission to be the town square for building and strengthening community through

recreational, educational, cultural, and social programs rooted in Jewish values. For 80 years, the JCC has fulfilled this mission by offering a wide array of inclusive services and programs open to people of all faiths and backgrounds. From preschool classrooms to Camp Centerland, from heated pools to the renowned Jewish Repertory Theatre, the JCC has created a space where everyone is welcomed with warmth and purpose.

Today, two vibrant campuses serve over 1,000 people each day—a testament to the JCC's enduring mission and commitment to the greater good. With a vision of "Shaping Futures, Building Community," the JCC continues to help families thrive and neighbors connect.

It is with great pride that I recognize the Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo on this important milestone and urge all residents of New York's 23rd District to join me in honoring the JCC's enduring legacy of service and its continued contributions to our community.

HONORING OTHA JAMES III

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Otha James, III, a devoted public servant and community leader from Indianola, Mississippi. For more than three decades, Mr. James has exemplified the values of dedication, resilience, and compassion, both in uniform and in this everyday life.

Born and raised in Indianola, Mr. James is a proud graduate of Gentry High School. He began his path of service as a volunteer firefighter in his youth, eventually building a distinguished career with the Indianola Fire Department, where he now serves as Captain. In this role, he supervises emergency operations, develops rescue plans, ensures safety protocols, and acts as incident commander—always leading by example.

Before his career in emergency services, Mr. James served our Nation honorably in the Mississippi Army National Guard from 1989 to 1996 as an M1 Abrams Tanker. As a Desert Storm veteran holding the rank of Specialist E-4, he demonstrated courage and an unwavering commitment to country.

A lifelong learner, Mr. James has earned an associate degree in fire science, a Bachelor of Science in fire administration and fire investigation, and a master's degree in homeland security and emergency management, all from Columbia Southern University. His dedication to education reflects a determination to serve more effectively and inspire others to do the same.

His contributions extend beyond the firehouse. As Sunflower County's fire investigator, he works tirelessly to strengthen community

safety. Among his many accolades, he was named Firefighter of the Year in 2011, a testament to his professionalism and passion for public service.

Mr. James draws inspiration from his late grandmother, Della Mae Webb, whose teachings on love, respect, and kindness continue to guide him. Despite personal losses and challenges, he remains steadfast in his commitment to his family and his community. Balancing a demanding career, he starts each day preparing his daughters for school before reporting to duty.

Looking to the future, Mr. James aspires to serve as fire chief and expand his impact in emergency management. Whether mentoring colleagues, engaging with residents, or spending time with family, he embodies the qualities of a servant leader.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to commend Mr. Otha James, III for his exemplary service, enduring dedication, and the positive difference he makes every day in Indianola. May his story inspire us all to serve with humility, purpose, and compassion.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEGACY OF MR. JEFFREY E. TURNER

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to join you in recognizing and celebrating the extraordinary public service and legacy of Mr. Jeffrey E. Turner, a lifelong son of Clayton County and a dedicated servant-leader whose impact on our community spans more than three decades. A road named in Mr. Turner's honor is a lasting symbol of his journey and service, paving the way for others who will follow in his footsteps.

From his early days in 1987 as one of only four African American patrol officers on the Clayton County Police force, Mr. Turner's career has been defined by courage, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to justice and community safety. Rising through the ranks to become Clayton County's first African American Police Chief, Mr. Turner led with vision, compassion, and innovation. Under his leadership, the department earned National Accreditation, an accomplishment that elevated both the standards and reputation of our law enforcement institutions.

Beyond the badge, Mr. Turner served our community with humility and integrity during some of Clayton County's most challenging times. His steady leadership and unshakeable dedication offered a model of public service grounded in both excellence and heart.

While Mr. Turner now steps away from formal office, his legacy continues, in the safer neighborhoods he helped build, in the officers he mentored, and in the example he set for generations to come. We honor not just his titles, but the integrity with which he carried them.

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I thank Mr. Turner for his 35 years of selfless service to Clayton County. His commitment has left an indelible mark on our community, and it is my hope that this moment of recognition serves as a reminder that his contributions will not be forgotten.

With my deepest appreciation.

CLARIFYING CHANGES TO H.R. 1

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to clarify the changes to depreciation rules in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act as they pertain to energy property installed by the geothermal heating and cooling industry. Section 70509 of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act will exclude certain energy property from qualifying as “5-year property” under section 168(e)(3)(B) of the tax code. It is my understanding that after this change, geothermal heat pump systems (i.e., energy equipment of the type described in section 48(a)(3)(A)(vii) of the tax code) will qualify as “7-year property.” This is because geothermal heat pump systems do not have a class life, and it is my understanding that they are not considered residential rental or nonresidential property for purposes of the tax code. Accordingly, such systems are 7-year property (which is one of the asset classes eligible for bonus depreciation).

CELEBRATING THE REMARKABLE CAREER OF PAUL MARZELLO

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Paul Marzello and his remarkable career of service as President and CEO to the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park, as he enters into retirement after many years of dedicated work. Mr. Marzello’s impactful leadership with the Park has strengthened the legacy of the Nation’s largest inland naval park, through strategic partnerships and innovative outreach programs.

Mr. Marzello has inspired civic engagement and preserved crucial American history by way of his visionary leadership and commitment to our Nation’s history. His work directly focused on making connections with local and national institutions to bolster STEM education, as well as strengthening relationships with veterans’ organizations and civic leaders. Mr. Marzello’s experience and dedication to fostering relationships between local and national organizations deepened his unwavering commitment to the Western New York community.

Mr. Marzello’s innovative guidance and commitment to honoring United States veterans and preserving our Nation’s military history was instrumental in spearheading the pre-restoration of the U.S.S. *The Sullivans*, a retired United States Navy Fletcher-class destroyer that previously faced partial sinking from extreme weather conditions. Mr.

Marzello’s ‘Master Plan’ restoration project garnered financial support from local, state, and federal leaders, along with national media attention.

Today, as Mr. Marzello retires from his dedicated service, and innumerable medal presentations, we celebrate not only his professional accomplishments but also his unwavering commitment to Western New York and the United States of America. His continued outreach, insight, and loyal devotion to the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park has forged a strong path for the preservation of our Nation’s history for generations to come, and we are all the better for it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to make the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 191; YEA on Roll Call No. 192; and YEA on Roll Call No. 193.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DELIA C. RAMIREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 194; NAY on Roll Call No. 195; and YEA on Roll Call No. 196.

RECOGNIZING DR. HAGIR ELSHEIKH

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. Hagir Elsheikh, a distinguished resident of the 10th Congressional District, for her exemplary public service, charitable leadership, and extraordinary contributions to healthcare and autism advocacy within the Commonwealth and the Nation. Dr. Elsheikh is the Chairwoman and CEO of Hagir Network and the founder of multiple mission-driven organizations, including Kareem’s Mission Autism Support Center, Tomorrow’s Smile Inc., HSE Staffing Agency LLC, Autism Care Solutions LLC, and KMission TV LLC.

A serial entrepreneur, nurse, educator, and a former Sudanese refugee who survived political torture and violence, Dr. Elsheikh came to Pennsylvania in 2001, where she rebuilt her life and impacted thousands through programs that serve children with autism, train and employ caregivers, and create educational media. She also mentors women and youth throughout Pennsylvania in leadership, business, and civic engagement.

Dr. Elsheikh has earned awards such as the 2025 Globe St. Humanitarian Woman of Influence Honoree, Honorary Doctor of Humane

Letters from Central Penn College, 2024 YWCA Carolyne L. Smith Legacy Award Recipient, 2024 Harambee Award, Life Esteem Inc., Pennsylvania Senate Citation Honoree, and her work was featured on France 24, BBC, WITF, ABC, AlhurraTV, and VOA. Her memoir, Through Tragedy and Triumph: A Life Well Traveled, supports survivor scholarships and peacebuilding initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 10th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Dr. Hagir Elsheikh as a courageous leader, international diplomat, and philanthropist for her exceptional service to the Citizens of Pennsylvania, and for her tireless efforts to build love and compassion into every sector she touches, from healthcare to charity. Her life stands as a model of resilience, passion, and public service.

RECOGNIZING EMILY HALE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Emily Hale for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

A Louisville, Kentucky native, Emily graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from the University of Kentucky in 2024. During her time in college, Emily volunteered her time as a Court Appointed Special Advocate in Lexington and served as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office. Upon graduation, Emily began her career in Washington, D.C. and joined my team to serve the constituents of Kentucky’s 2nd District as my Staff Assistant in the summer of 2024, where she gave phenomenal tours, treated my constituents with kindness, and navigated the unpredictable 2025 Presidential Inauguration with grace. After I became Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, I knew I wanted Emily’s optimism and readiness to serve on my new team. She transitioned to become the Staff Assistant for the Energy and Commerce Committee in January of this year and was a critical force in making sure committee markups and hearings went smoothly, including a nearly 27 hour long markup to help pass our portion of President Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill.

Soon, Emily Hale will depart the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to serve another member of the Kentucky delegation, Dean of the House HAL ROGERS (KY-05), as his Legislative Correspondent—a role I know she will excel in. I wish her the best in all her bright future and thank her for service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and to the constituents of Kentucky’s 2nd Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING MS. AGNES BAIN

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Ms. Agnes Bain, a beloved Western New York

community member whose love and devotion to African American arts has shaped the way that future generations understand, celebrate, and preserve Black cultural expression.

Ms. Bain spent nearly five decades at the African American Cultural Center in Buffalo, New York, including two decades holding the role of Executive Director, helping to ensure that African American arts of all variations were celebrated and kept alive for Black culture and storytelling. Throughout her career, Ms. Bain, as a multimedia producer, created over one hundred African American centered works across film, television, music, and dance.

Appointed by former Buffalo, New York Mayor Anthony Masiello to the New York State Council on the Special Arts Service Program, she focused her attention on expanding the rich and diverse cultural resources that are and will become the heritage of community members throughout New York State. Alongside her work with the African American Cultural Center, Ms. Bain held the position of board member on the East Side Coalition of the Arts and the Niagara Frontier Folk Art Council.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Agnes Bain lived a life of devotion to community, and her love of the fine arts. Her unwavering commitment to what she loved and her compassion towards others made a profound impact on all who knew her. Ms. Bain was a woman who believed in the power and significance of African American arts and culture above all else, and worked tirelessly to uplift, protect, and share with future generations. Her kindness, loyalty, and warmth will forever be remembered. Let us continue to honor her legacy by carrying forward the values she lived by: respect, preservation, and above all, love.

RECOGNIZING WYATT DICKINSON, EAGLE SCOUT

HON. W. GREGORY STEUBE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. STEUBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Wyatt Dickinson. Wyatt is a member of Boy Scout Troop 776 and has exemplified extraordinary leadership, innovative problem-solving, and a demonstrated commitment to making a lasting, positive impact, by earning the most prestigious rank in Scouting—the Eagle Scout.

Eagle Scouts are recognized as trailblazers who are willing to tackle the most pressing challenges facing their communities and the world with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Scout must identify and investigate an issue they care about, devise a plan, and then lead a team of experts and community members to implement a project that produces lasting change. Eagle Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Scout's Oath to 'help other people at all times.'

Wyatt's project, "Blessing Bags", was an excellent endeavor to address homelessness in our community. Wyatt acted by collecting snacks, stuffing bags, and distributing them to

the homeless and less fortunate teens. His compassion and dedication will have a positive impact on our community for years to come.

On behalf of the 17th Congressional District of Florida, I congratulate Wyatt Dickinson for achieving the highest distinction in Scouting, the rank of Eagle Scout. We thank Wyatt for his leadership and making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ANNA DALESIO FRETZ

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anna Dalesio Fretz, a remarkable constituent from my district who just celebrated her 100th birthday. Anna was born on July 11, 1925, in her home in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, to Antonio and Rose Dalesio.

Anna met Arthur (Art) Fretz at the Rainco Factory, Lansdale, when she was 17 years old. They were married on March 6, 1943. Art joined the U.S. Air Force and served as an airplane mechanic during World War II.

After Art's discharge in 1950 from the Air Force, they settled at their home on Spur Road in Souderton, Bucks County, where they raised their two children, Annamae and Arthur Jr. (Artie). Anna also helped raise her two grandchildren, Tom and Lisa Fretz, while Artie served two tours for the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War.

Anna was an excellent host to her family and friends until her move to Hidden Meadows on the Ridge, Sellersville, Bucks County in January 2024. She is well known for her Italian cooking, Sunday spaghetti dinners, savvy pinochle and Rummikub skills and incredible sense of humor. Anna sang in her church choir and ran the shut-in ministry for many years at Faith Baptist of Sellersville. She continues to live a full life surrounded by her 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to please join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations, sincere well-wishes, and all of God's Blessings to Anna Dalesio Fretz on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

HONORING THE KENNEDY FIRE DEPARTMENT ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate a proud rural fire department in my district, the Kennedy Fire Department, which is proudly marking its 100th year of service to its community and surrounding areas.

Since 1925, the Kennedy Fire Department has stood as a symbol of courage, commitment, and community. For a full century, generations of volunteers have answered the call,

not for accolades or attention, but out of a deep and abiding duty to protect their neighbors.

This is a department that doesn't just show up, they step up. Whether it is a fire within their own town or a neighboring community in need, Kennedy's volunteers have never hesitated to offer support through mutual aid. When disaster strikes and the stakes are high, these men and women grab their gear and get moving, facing flames, chaos, and the unknown with unshakable resolve.

Their station, nestled on Dailey Hill Road, is home to a well-equipped fleet that reflects their forward-looking mindset. From modern engines and tankers to EMS response vehicles, Kennedy has made the investments needed to stay ready, and it shows.

They are more than just emergency responders. They are leaders, mentors, and hometown heroes. The department is deeply woven into the fabric of the Kennedy community—organizing events, hosting parades, educating the public, and building the kind of trust that only comes from a hundred years of walking the walk.

As the Representative for New York's 23rd District, it is my honor to recognize this incredible milestone and to thank every past and present member of the Kennedy Fire Department for their service. Their legacy is not only one of bravery, but one of relentless dedication to the people they serve.

RECOGNIZING THE NATION'S COMMUNITY SUPERVISION PROFESSIONALS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Nation's community supervision professionals, who are dedicated public servants and perform many vital roles in their work with justice-involved adults and juveniles. They identify opportunities and services to help justice-involved individuals contribute to society, while holding them accountable for their actions. They remain mindful of their role in protecting public safety.

In honor of Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2025, whose theme is "Heroes Behind the Mission: Transforming Lives, Enhancing Public Safety," we salute all those who have chosen this important career. In the District of Columbia, we especially thank the employees of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) and the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia (PSA) for their service. CSOSA and PSA are models of excellence in community supervision.

Community supervision agencies are valuable partners of other government agencies, nonprofits, neighborhood-based groups and all who strive to make our Nation safer and stronger. We extend our gratitude to community supervision professionals and recognize their many achievements as we proclaim July 20 through July 26, 2025, as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2025.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. HELEN SHALLOWHORN LEE

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Helen Shallowhorn Lee. Her life is a remarkable story of love and resilience, which we celebrate as she reaches this significant milestone.

Born on June 23, 1925, in Buffalo, New York, Mrs. Shallowhorn Lee is one of five children of Mr. Wade and Mrs. Helen Shallowhorn. For much of her life, she has been an active and faithful member of New Covenant United Church of Christ. Together, through their faith, Mrs. Shallowhorn Lee and her husband, Mr. Robert Finnis Lee, Jr., became devoted parents to Robert and Carolyn (Clanton), and later a grandmother to Aaron and great-grandmother to Cameron.

Over the century, she has witnessed many changes in her life and community, yet her love for those around her has remained a constant source of strength. After twenty-six years of service, Mrs. Shallowhorn Lee retired from Erie County Medical Center. Following her retirement, she chose to volunteer more than three decades at the Buffalo VA Medical Center, affectionately known as “The Book Lady” to all she encountered.

Mr. Speaker, today, we honor Mrs. Helen Shallowhorn Lee for her lifetime of service, love, and faith to both her family and community. Mrs. Shallowhorn Lee’s life is a testament to the power of goodwill and dedication to others, and her legacy of care and kindness will surely live on for generations to come. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish Mrs. Helen Shallowhorn Lee a joyful and blessed 100th birthday.

HONORING BISHOP DWIGHT S. RIDDICK, SR. ON HIS 40TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY AT GETHSEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Bishop Dwight S. Riddick, Sr., Pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Newport News, Virginia. This year marks the 40th anniversary of Dr. Riddick’s dedicated service to Gethsemane Baptist Church and to the people of Hampton Roads and beyond. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight just a few of his many accomplishments.

Dr. Riddick is a native of Chesapeake, Virginia, and a proud graduate of Norfolk State University. In 1991, he earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia. He went on to receive a Doctor of Ministry degree from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia in 2005 and earned a second doctorate from the Chicago Theological Seminary in 2016. Most re-

cently, he completed the 2024 Collaboration Track of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.

In 1985, Bishop Riddick was called to lead what was then Gethsemane Baptist Mission, now Gethsemane Baptist Church, after six years as pastor of First Baptist Church of Dendron, Virginia. After just two years of his leadership at Gethsemane, the church constructed a 20,000-square-foot worship and education center. In 2011, as the congregation continued to grow, Bishop Riddick led the construction of a second building, which became Gethsemane Baptist Church at The Transformation Place.

As Pastor, Dr. Riddick has cultivated an active and thriving congregation that has grown to more than 2,000 members. Under his leadership, numerous community outreach programs and ministries have been established. His influence and service extend beyond his church; he has held several leadership positions, including serving as the 40th President of Hampton University’s Minister’s Conference, President of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, and a member of the Board of Trustees at Virginia Union University. In 2012, he was honored with the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities Humanitarian Award.

Bishop Riddick is also the founder of F.L.A.M.E., Inc. (Fostering Leadership and Ministry Excellence), a faith-based organization that provides support, training, and accountability for senior pastors across denominational lines. In September 2019, F.L.A.M.E., Inc. unanimously elected Dr. Riddick to the Office of Bishop, an elevation he accepted with humility and reverence. He was consecrated as the Presiding Prelate on November 13, 2021.

To date, Bishop Riddick has licensed over 100 ministers, and nearly 40 have become pastors, chaplains and full-time professional ministers. Beyond his work at Gethsemane Baptist Church, he currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Greater Peninsula C.A.R.E.S. Foundation, Inc.

On the occasion of his 40th pastoral anniversary, it is my great honor to recognize and commend Bishop Dwight S. Riddick, Sr. for his unwavering service, exceptional leadership, and tireless dedication to the parishioners of Gethsemane Baptist Church, the people of Hampton Roads, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MAYOR BILL BAKER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of William John “Bill” Baker, mayor of the City of Piedmont, Alabama.

Bill was born in Far Rockaway, New York, to Edna McCracken Baker and Fred Stephenson Baker on October 27, 1949. He was awarded the Eagle Scout Award for Troop 501 in June 1962. He graduated from Piedmont High School in 1967 and graduated from Jacksonville State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1973.

After graduation, he worked at the Department of Human Resources as a social worker

for 36 years. He also worked at Piedmont Health Care Center as the Alzheimer’s Coordinator and Activity Director after his retirement from DHR.

Mayor Baker was awarded a State of Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Civic Award in 2008 and received the Piedmont Journal Citizen of the Year award in 2013.

Mayor Baker has served the City of Piedmont since 1988, when he was first elected to city council. He was appointed mayor August 4, 1996, after the death of Mayor Vera Stewart and served until October 7, 1996. Bill was appointed to the city council on November 15, 1999, after the resignation of Councilman Rick Freeman. He continued to serve on the council until October of 2013. He was appointed Mayor of Piedmont on October 4, 2013, after Mayor Rick Freeman resigned. He was re-elected as mayor in 2016 and 2020.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing my friend, Mayor Bill Baker, and thanking him for his service to the City of Piedmont. Congratulations.

NTIA POLICY AND CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1766, The NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Coordination Act.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration, or NTIA, is a critical agency within the Department of Commerce that works across the Federal government to develop telecommunications and information policy. Congress should support this agency and give it the resources and authorities it needs to fulfill its current mission. However, this bill would waste taxpayer dollars by unnecessarily duplicating activities already authorized by Congress.

The NTIA was originally part of its sister agency, the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Since Congress established NTIA as its own agency in 1978, the two agencies have carried out complementary but distinct areas of work. NIST serves as an independent, unbiased arbiter of trusted measurements and standards while NTIA has its regulatory responsibilities.

These two agencies often work together, unfortunately this bill would swell NTIA’s mission into a cybersecurity role to which it does not possess the appropriate experience or expertise and blur the lines between the agencies, especially on issues related to cybersecurity. For example, Congress authorized NIST, in collaboration with CISA, to conduct a cybersecurity activity related to the internet and communications networks in the Cybersecurity Enhancements Act of 2014, the CHIPS and Science Act of 2020, the HACKED Act of 2021, and more. H.R. 1766 would directly duplicate, at NTIA, those ongoing efforts underway at NIST. There is also a provision in the bill that implicates agencies outside of the Department of Commerce by duplicating the Department of Homeland Security’s information technology supply chain security programs.

This Act was included as part of a broader NTIA Reauthorization that was considered in

the 118th Congress. At the time, the Department of Commerce weighed in requesting significant changes to the provision that are unfortunately not included in the Act we will consider today. As such, this bill merits further vetting and input from the Department of Commerce.

This bill needs to be changed to address these concerns. Until that happens I must regretfully oppose this legislation in its current form.

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF RAYTOWN'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Raytown as it celebrates the 75th anniversary of its incorporation as a city. Finding its foundations as a crossroads for road-weary travelers, this city remains one of the warmest and most welcoming communities in my district.

Raytown's rich history begins long before its incorporation, stretching back to the 1820's when pioneers transversing the Santa Fe Trail built a small settlement there. A mere day's journey from Independence via covered wagon, Raytown represented the final township for settlers and adventurers to stock up on supplies. Cattle, oxen, fresh fruits and vegetables were commonly purchased from farmers in the area. Skilled laborers such as blacksmiths, wagon repairmen, and iron workers began to settle in the area as well, responding to a growing need for their expertise along the wagon trains.

One such laborer, a blacksmith named William Ray, moved to Jackson County in 1848 and established his forge at the crossroads of the Santa Fe Trail with other local trails. Ray's shop, and even Ray himself, soon became a prominent landmark, and by 1854, the area was known as "Ray's Town," which eventually turned to "Raytown". The city's legacy as a center of trails and as a rendezvous meeting point, echoes today in the community's strong network of parks, historic sites, and trails throughout the city.

A century after people began to call the area Raytown, residents acted to legally incorporate the city on July 17, 1950. They mobilized in response to Kansas City's annexation of surrounding towns and began signing petitions to remain a distinct locality from Kansas City, showing the same streak of local pride, fierce autonomy, and initiative that still embodies Raytown and its residents 75 years later.

Raytown's community has changed substantially since its advent, from the city's agrarian roots to a suburban business hub. The city began with a single store, a post office, and a doctor's office, but currently hosts over 2,500 businesses, a testament to how the city has expanded over the years. Its proximity to Kansas City and small-town charm makes it appealing to city commuters looking for a slower pace to life. Just over 30,000 residents call Raytown home, truly making it a small city with huge opportunity. Raytown's residents can enjoy a thriving community that offers a wide variety of amenities. Visitors stop

by to enjoy Raytown's rich history, including the Rice-Tremonti Home and Cave Spring—both former campsites for wagon trains—as well as the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California Trail crossings.

Raytown's welcoming atmosphere and small-town feel exemplify the values of Missouri's 5th District, and the city's recent revitalization efforts come just in time for our district to welcome thousands of international visitors next year for the 2026 World Cup. As Raytown prepares, I am sure that visitors will experience the same hospitality that I know so well. On behalf of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Raytown on its 75th Anniversary of incorporation and may its community enjoy many more years of prosperity and fellowship.

REMEMBERING MRS. BRUNETTE WASHINGTON

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Brunette Washington, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and community member whose love, compassion, and devotion to her family and Western New York inspired all who knew her. Mrs. Washington passed away this month at the age of 111, having lived a fulfilling and rewarding life.

Mrs. Washington was born on June 7, 1914, in Forkland, Alabama, and later moved to Lackawanna, New York, where she shared more than seven decades with her husband, Mr. James Washington. Together, the loving couple became parents to Israel, Willie (Lott), Marvis (Washington), and Winona (Kirkland).

She is survived by many who loved her, including five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, eleven great-great grandchildren, and one great-great-great grandchild. Her love for her family and community left a lasting impact on all who crossed her path.

Respectfully known as "Mother Washington" to her congregation at Macedonia Baptist Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher, member of the nurses guild, and President of the Mission Society, she is remembered for ministering to the youth, helping those in need, and as a joyful singer for the Lord in the church's choir.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Brunette Washington lived a life of devotion to her family, her community, and her faith. Her unwavering commitment to those she loved and her compassion towards others made a profound impact on all who knew her. Mrs. Washington was a woman who believed in the importance of family above all else and worked tirelessly to support those around her. Her kindness, loyalty, and warmth will forever be remembered. Let us continue to honor her legacy by carrying forward the values she lived by: respect, service, and above all, love.

CONGRATULATING SUE ANN McCLELLAN ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sue Ann McClellan, the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Assistant Dean for Admissions, who will be retiring on July 30 after 30 years.

Dean McClellan has guided students at my law school alma mater into the legal profession by keeping a close eye on undergraduate prospects, encouraging applicants, evaluating candidates and then watching them mature through the bar exam and on to successful legal careers both locally and across the country. She was instrumental in the creation of the Summer Law Intern Program (known as SLIP), which encourages diverse and talented high school students to work as interns in private law practices, corporate law offices and government agencies, often spurring an early interest in pursuing the profession. She was also involved in the school's response to COVID-19, by addressing the ongoing decline in enrollment, and in the School's 2010 move from the main university campus to the former U.S. Customs House, Court House and Post Office building on the Mississippi River Bluff downtown. She is a 1976 graduate of Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois, with a degree in Sociology. She received a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration in 1985 from Southern Illinois University—Carbondale, and a Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Administration in 1995 from the University of Memphis.

Through the years, Dean McClellan has been like a mother to students and follows their careers with pride. In a statement released by the University, Dean McClellan said: "I've always felt that listening is such a critical element of building a relationship. And relationships are what all of this is built upon."

I congratulate Dean McClellan for a stellar career advancing legal education and helping produce the talented legal professionals for which the university is known.

HONORING LEE CLARK

HON. AUGUST PFLUGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the life and legacy of Lee Clark, a soft-spoken and kind country gentleman, a loving husband, an amazing father, and a true friend. Lee passed into the arms of our Lord on Friday, June 27, 2025. His loss is deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A sixth-generation Texan and rancher, Lee exemplified the values of integrity, diligence, and quiet strength that define the best of rural Texas. Born and raised in Menard, Lee Clark, a steward of the land, devoted his life to the care of his livestock and range. His tireless work ethic, principled nature, and gift for storytelling earned him the respect and affection of all who knew him.

On September 8, 1990, Lee married his best friend and the love of his life, Lisa Price Clark. Together they built a life centered on faith, family, and hard work. Lee was a devoted father to his two daughters, Candice and Madelon, and he was endlessly proud of the women they became. He was dearly loved by his family and inspired those who crossed his path with his encouragement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Lee Clark—a devoted family man, a true Texas rancher, a pillar of his community, and a man who lived with steadfast purpose. May God grant comfort and peace to Lisa, Candice, Madelon, and all who mourn his loss. May Lee's memory be a blessing, and may he rest in eternal peace.

**CELEBRATING SCOTT W. HOBSON
ON HIS RETIREMENT**

HON. JEFF HURD

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Scott W. Hobson of Pueblo, Colorado, as he retires from the Pueblo City Planning & Community Development Department.

Scott's career in public service began in Cañon City, where he served as Director of the Fremont County Special District Parks and Recreation. During that time, he earned two national certifications—Certified Parks and Recreation Professional and Certified Parks and Recreation Executive. One of his proudest accomplishments there was helping create the Arkansas River Trail and launching recreational programs that brought the community together.

In 1980, Scott married Janice Chambers, and together they raised three wonderful daughters, Cindi Selvage, Amanda Hobson, and Lauren Snell.

Scott continued his public service in Summit County as an Open Space Manager, focusing on preserving the beauty and open land of the region. In 1998, he and his family made the move to Pueblo, a place they have called home ever since. Scott began working with the City of Pueblo, where, for more than two decades, he became a key figure in shaping and strengthening the community.

From the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk to Kayak Park and river restoration efforts, Scott brought energy, vision, and a deep sense of care to every project. His understanding of Pueblo's history is second to none, and he has always had a heart for building strong, vibrant neighborhoods.

Scott's legacy is one of service, dedication, and a genuine love for Southern Colorado. We thank him for all he has given, and we wish him the very best in this next chapter.

**RECOGNIZING ERIC MUSSER ON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM COR-
NING INCORPORATED**

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Eric

Musser, President and Chief Operating Officer of Corning Incorporated, on the occasion of his well-earned retirement. For nearly four decades, Mr. Musser has exemplified steadfast leadership, technical excellence, and an unwavering commitment to innovation and service.

Since joining Corning Incorporated in 1986 as a shift supervisor at the company's optical fiber plant in Wilmington, North Carolina, Eric Musser has risen through the ranks, bringing stability, growth, and global perspective to one of the Nation's most innovative companies. His deep operational expertise and visionary leadership have been instrumental in driving Corning's success across its five Market-Access Platforms and international regions.

As Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Musser has led efforts to enhance operational performance, strengthen Corning's global footprint, and implement systems that drive long-term efficiency and growth. He championed key improvements in productivity and efficiency, institutionalized operational best practices, and built a strong foundation for future leaders. His efforts have helped Corning strengthen its market leadership and long-term competitiveness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this House join me in honoring Eric Musser for his exceptional contributions to Corning Incorporated and to American industry. We thank him for his years of service and leadership and wish him and his family all the best in this next chapter.

**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POST-
TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER
AWARENESS DAY**

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day, a day dedicated to increasing public knowledge about PTSD, a complex mental health condition that can develop after experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event.

Nearly eight million people in the United States are living with PTSD, many suffering and unaware of the resources available. Living with PTSD can have a significant impact on an individual's daily life, and an awareness of one's emotional wellbeing, including signs and symptoms such as avoidance, flashbacks, and hyper vigilance is essential to fostering healing and accessing support.

Advancements have been made over the years to better understand and treat PTSD. Through research and lived experience, PTSD has been recognized as a natural response to overwhelming events. Community awareness, peer support, and destigmatizing mental health care are essential to curating healing spaces. Education and training have equipped community members throughout the globe to be able to identify and respond to individuals suffering from PTSD with sensitivity and deep understanding.

To day, we recognize National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day and the strides made by countless individuals and those who walk alongside them with love and support. Let this day serve as a reminder that

help is available, not only through treatment but empathy, education and advocacy. Each year of acknowledgement helps to break down stigma and build caring environments for future generations and we are all the better for it.

**HONORING CHARLES PARSON
GAYLOR, III**

HON. DONALD G. DAVIS

OF CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following obituary of Charles P. Gaylor, III.

CHARLES P. GAYLOR, III OBITUARY

Charles "Charlie" Parson Gaylor, III, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and dedicated servant to the Goldsboro community, passed away on July 1, 2025, at the age of 75.

Born and raised in Goldsboro, North Carolina, Charlie was the son of the late Judge Charles P. Gaylor, Jr. and the late Councilwoman Mildred Ellis Gaylor. A lifelong resident of the city he so passionately served, Charlie's legacy is deeply woven into the civic, legal, and cultural fabric of Wayne County.

Charlie graduated from Goldsboro High School in 1967 before earning a double Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He went on to receive his Juris Doctor from the Delaware Law School of Widener University in Wilmington, Delaware.

Charlie practiced law in Goldsboro from 1977 to 2008 and went on to serve with distinction as a District Court Judge from 2009 to 2022. Even in retirement, he continued to serve as a recalled judge.

His professional and civic contributions were extensive and impactful. He held leadership roles in numerous organizations, including serving as Chair of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and the Wayne County Economic Development Commission. He also served as the inaugural Chair of the Wayne County Development Alliance. Charlie was a dedicated member of the Wayne County Bar Association, North Carolina State Bar, and North Carolina Bar Association. He was also an avid supporter and past board member of the Foundation of Wayne Community College, the Arts Council of Wayne County, the Wayne County Public Library Foundation, the Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation, the Wayne County Historic Association, the Military Affairs Committee of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, and the Goldsboro Civitan Club.

Charlie was passionate about historic preservation and cultural enrichment, having served as President of the Historic Preservation Society of North Carolina and as a tour guide for the Goldsboro Union Station Project. His efforts were pivotal in safeguarding the architectural and historical heritage of the region.

He also dedicated his time and leadership to a broad array of community initiatives—from small business development and civic education to passenger rail service advocacy and military appreciation events. Notably, he co-chaired the 1976 Wayne County Bicentennial "Town Forum" series alongside his wife, Rhonda.

Among his many accolades, Charlie was honored with the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, the Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds Award, the Gertrude S.

Carraway Award of Merit, and the prestigious Cannon Cup from the North Carolina Division of Cultural Resources. He was also the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation and was inducted into the North Carolinian Society, an honor reserved for individuals who have rendered distinguished service to the state.

Charlie was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Goldsboro, where he found spiritual grounding and community fellowship.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Rhonda McDonald Gaylor; his son, Charles P. Gaylor, IV and daughter-in-law, Sarah Gaylor; and his cherished grandson, Charles "Charlie" Gaylor, V.

A celebration of Charlie's life will be held Monday, July 7 at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Goldsboro. The family will receive friends following the service in the church's activity center. A private burial for the family will take place at Willow Dale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 1101 E. Ash Street, Goldsboro, NC 27530 or the charity of one's choice.

Charlie Gaylor's life was one of selfless devotion—to justice, to heritage, to education, and to the people and places he held dear. His legacy lives on in the institutions he shaped, the community he strengthened, and the countless lives he touched through a lifetime of committed 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 Thursday, July 17, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 22

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Vice Admiral Frank M. Bradley, USN, to be admiral and Commander, United States Special Operations Command, and Lieutenant General Dagvin R.M. Anderson, USAF, to be general and Commander, United States Africa Command.

SD-G50

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Joseph Barloon, of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador, and Brian Morrissey, Jr., of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

SD-215

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety

To hold hearings to examine issues impacting the trucking and commercial bus industries.

SR-253

SD-419

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jason Evans, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management).

SD-419

SD-430

10:30 p.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jonathan McKernan, of Tennessee, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, and Alex Adams, of Idaho, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-215

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine securing the skies, focusing on law enforcement, drones, and public safety.

SH-216

SR-428A

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues

To hold hearings to examine the status of democracy and human rights in Hong Kong, focusing on five years after the PRC's judicial takeover.

SD-419

SR-328A

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration

To hold hearings to examine criminal aliens in America.

SD-226

SD-419

3 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

SD-562

JULY 23

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Seval Oz, of California, and Michael Rutherford, of Florida, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Gregory Zerzan, of Texas, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Transportation.

SR-253

SD-418

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine challenges to meeting increased electricity demand.

SD-366

SD-G50

JULY 24

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral Daryl L. Caudle, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense.

SD-366

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Katherine Scarlett, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and Jeffrey Hall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-562

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar nominations; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine dismantling transnational criminal organizations in the Americas.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Education and the American Family

To hold hearings to examine choice and literacy, focusing on empowering families for better educational results.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism

To hold hearings to examine United States diplomatic strategies for a dynamic Middle East.

SD-419

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine innovation in the crosshairs, focusing on countering China's industrial espionage.

SR-428A

3 p.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Richard Fordyce, of Missouri, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.

SR-328A

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure

To hold hearings to examine the road ahead, focusing on proposals to improve America's transportation infrastructure.

SD-562

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

4 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine certain pending nominations.

SR-418