

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE KOREAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA AND THE 2025 KORUS FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Korean American Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area (KAAW) and its President, Steve Lee, on the occasion of the 22nd KORUS Festival.

As one of the largest festivals of its kind, the KORUS festival brings together Koreans, Korean Americans, and others from our rich multicultural community to celebrate our dynamic and harmonious relationship. The festival provides not only the opportunity for us to experience the customs of the Korean culture, but also to recognize the shared history and partnership between our two nations. As a member of Congress, I look forward to continuing my friendship with KAAW and the Korean American community as we continue to build on the success of our alliance and work together toward the achievement of our common goals. I will continue to do all that I can to ensure that the U.S.-Korea alliance remains strong and enduring.

It would not be possible to hold an event of this magnitude without the support and commitment of volunteers from the community. It is my great honor to recognize the efforts and include in the Record the name of the following individuals:

Steve S. Lee, Victoria Lee, Taesung Lee, Brian Kim, Mi Kyung An, Jae Byun, Jae Lee, Kwang Hyung Park, Wan J. Chae, Chun J. Park, Elwin Maldonado, Mi Ja Kim, Jenny Hwang, Eric Shin, William Hwang, Bethel Lee, Ella Jung, Naomi Mercy Han, Zephaniah Kim, Sena Kajiyama, Sophia Moon, Jeffrey Kim, Roi Lee, Sophia Patton, Enoch Hayul Lee, Ellie Harin Lee, Iriel Kang, Kaylee Kim, Luke Lee, Leonard Kim, Aria Kwon, Kevin Kim, Irene Kang, Han June Lee, Veronica Patton, Luke An, and Genevieve An.

I would also like to give special recognition to Ms. Anna Ko, whose tireless work as KORUS coordinator and Master of Ceremonies helped make this amazing event possible.

Mr. Speaker, festivals like KORUS are a wonderful example of the tremendous diversity we enjoy in Northern Virginia. Such a variety of cultures enriches the lives of our citizens and fosters greater tolerance and understanding. I commend KAAW and the volunteers listed above for helping to bring such wonderful events to fruition and ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them great success in their future endeavors.

HONORING CHUCK WEAGRAFF AS A DISTINGUISHED FIRST RESPONDER LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Chuck Weagraff is a 21-year veteran of the fire service and the proud third generation of his family to wear the badge. His career has spanned multiple departments and communities, including Honolulu, the cities of Ocoee and Oviedo, and now serving with distinction at the Reedy Creek Fire Department. At every step, Chuck has demonstrated the highest level of professionalism, dedication, and passion for the calling of a firefighter.

Within the department, Chuck has distinguished himself as both a leader and a teacher. He serves as an instructor on the Special Operations Team, preparing members for the most complex and dangerous challenges of the profession. As a paramedic preceptor, he has mentored countless new medics, imparting not only technical skill but also the calm confidence and compassion that define the best in emergency medicine. In addition, as a certified department fire instructor, he dedicates himself to developing the next generation of firefighters. His impact as a mentor and instructor is felt throughout our organization and beyond.

Chuck is known among his peers as steady under pressure, generous with his time and knowledge, and always putting the needs of others first. His quiet but steady leadership inspires those around him to be better, both on and off the job.

Outside the firehouse, Chuck is a devoted family man to his wife and two children. The same dedication that defines him as a firefighter is equally present in the way he supports and cares for his family.

For his decades of service, professionalism, leadership, and devotion to both his department and his loved ones, Chuck Weagraff exemplifies the very best of the fire service.

CELEBRATING THE 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES INC. (CRI)

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Community Residences Inc. on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

For half a century, this remarkable organization has stood at the forefront of the movement to expand opportunity, ensure dignity, and promote independence for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Northern Virginia.

What began in 1975 as a grassroots response to the lack of community-based housing for people with disabilities has grown into one of the region's most respected providers of inclusive services. In its earliest days, CRI, then Arlington Community Residences, challenged outdated models of institutionalization by creating homes where individuals could thrive as valued members of their neighborhoods. Over the decades, the organization evolved, broadening its programs and reaffirming its mission in a new name Community Residences Inc, with the tagline, choice, respect, and independence; that reflects the core principles guiding their work.

As the organization celebrates 50 years of service, it also looks forward to the launch of its Champions Campaign: a bold initiative to secure the resources needed to expand housing, enrich community programs, and prepare the next generation of advocates. The campaign is not only an investment in facilities and services, but in the vision that every individual deserves the right to self-determination, belonging, and a life of purpose.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing CRI for 50 years of leadership, compassion, and impact. Their history is a testament to the power of community action, and their future promises to carry forward the values of choice, respect, and independence for generations to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROBERT WADE TURNER

HON. AUGUST PFLUGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Robert Wade Turner, who dedicated more than four decades of service to law enforcement in Coleman County, Texas.

Robert Wade Turner began his law enforcement career on August 1, 1975, in Coleman, Texas, with the Coleman County Sheriff's Office, where he faithfully served his community for his entire career. On November 5, 1988, he was elected Sheriff, a position he held with distinction until his retirement on January 1, 2017.

Over the course of 42 years in law enforcement, including 28 years as Sheriff, Robert embodied the highest standards of duty and honor. He was recognized as an honorably retired peace officer for the State of Texas.

Robert Wade Turner passed away on Sunday, September 28, 2025. He is survived by his wife, Linda Turner, his son, Joe Turner, and his daughter, Ami Polston.

Sheriff Turner leaves behind a legacy of selfless service, integrity, and dedication to the people of Coleman County. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his decades of honorable service to Texas and to our Nation.

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HONORING TROY PARKER AS A DISTINGUISHED FIRST RESPONDER LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, firefighter Troy Parker was born and raised in Osceola County, Florida, and is a 2016 graduate of Harmony High School. At the age of 21, while returning home from his sales job, he came upon a serious motor vehicle accident. In that moment, he felt a profound calling to serve and protect others, a calling that led him to pursue a career in the fire service. Through two years of rigorous training and determination, he achieved his goal of joining Osceola County Fire Rescue.

Since that time, Firefighter Parker has earned multiple accreditations, enabling him to serve on the department's Special Operations and Hazardous Materials teams. He is an active member of the Benevolent and participates in numerous community and fire service outreach initiatives. Currently enrolled in paramedic school, he continues to advance his skills and his ability to deliver lifesaving care.

On March 3, 2025, while off duty, Firefighter Parker encountered a vehicle accident in which an occupant was trapped inside a car rapidly submerging into a retention pond. Without hesitation, he entered the water, striking the window with his bare hand until he could reach the driver. As the vehicle overturned and sank, pulling them both underwater, Firefighter Parker displayed exceptional courage and determination. With remarkable strength and selflessness, he freed the trapped occupant, swam them to shore, and remained by their side until Engine 52 arrived to provide further care. His decisive actions embodied the highest traditions of valor and service.

Firefighter Parker intends to dedicate his life to a full career of service within the fire service. His professionalism, heroism, and unwavering commitment to his community bring great pride to himself and to Osceola County Fire Rescue.

RECOGNIZING THE 18TH ANNUAL OUT OF DARKNESS WALK

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Northern Virginia community that came together this past weekend for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness Fairfax Walk at the Mosaic District.

This annual event brings hope and healing to families across our region, offering space for remembrance, resilience, and collective action to end the tragedy of suicide.

Organized by the National Capital Area chapter of AFSP, the Fairfax Walk has become one of the most visible demonstrations of solidarity in the fight for mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Each year,

survivors of loss, advocates, mental health professionals, and neighbors walk side by side to honor loved ones and to break the stigma that has for too long silenced conversations about mental health. The impact of this work cannot be overstated: in Virginia, more lives are lost to suicide each year than to car accidents, and the need for accessible, compassionate support is urgent.

Thanks to the dedication of volunteers, community partners, and sponsors, this year's Fairfax Walk has raised over \$125,000 to support prevention programs, research, advocacy, and resources for those in crisis. Local partners including Leidos, Intact, SPAN, Interstate, Wellsourced, Dutyfirst, Columbia Mental Health, Embark Behavioral Health, Bechtel, and the County of Fairfax joined AFSP in providing resources and encouragement to those walking this past Saturday.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Virginia's 11th Congressional District, I ask you to join me in extending my gratitude to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention National Capital Area chapter for their leadership, and to every participant who walked Out of the Darkness in Fairfax. Their commitment ensures that no one has to struggle alone, and that our community continues to move toward light, compassion, and healing.

CONGRATULATING AIRPORT HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize the Airport High School baseball team from West Columbia, "The Eagles," as they rallied to defeat Seneca High School in the 2025 4A South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) State Championship. This marks the first State Championship in team history.

In the best of three-game final, the Eagles defeated Seneca 4–3 in the first game, and 10–0 in the second game—a strong close to their winning season record of 15–1.

The Airport High team includes players Brayden Dinlap, Gabe Ingram, Charlie Jackson, Ayden McCauley, Isahia Clemons, Landon Jeffcoat, Hunter Epps, Saundiata Anderson, Harrison Shoffner, Cash Epps, Casen Hatfield, Brice Gillette, Braden Gross, Justin Sightler, Sean Feliciano, Rodrigo Rizo, Caleb Eubanks, Cooper Chavis, and Daniel Butts. Alongside the players are talented coaches Casey Bradwell, former Eagles player, and assistant coaches Kris Kirkland, Jermei Epperson, Cameron Zimmerman, Brandon Caughman, Nick Gooding, Ryan O'Hara, and Layne Turner. Three of my sons, Add, Julian, and Hunter are Airport graduates and former baseball Eagles.

On behalf of all South Carolinas, I congratulate the Airport High Eagles on this impressive achievement and I wish them the best of luck as they defend their title in the upcoming season. This victory of the Airport High Eagles is well-deserved for the team, coaches, families, and community for all their hard work and support, making their dream come true.

HONORING TIM JONES AS A DISTINGUISHED FIRST RESPONDER LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Tim Jones was born in the Bronx, New York, in the 1970's, and from a young age knew he wanted to be a firefighter. Growing up, he admired the courage and sacrifice of firefighters, and as a child, he often told friends and family that one day he would drive fire trucks. September 11, 2001, profoundly shaped Tim's path, reaffirming his commitment and lifelong calling to public service. Two years later, on September 11, 2003, he officially began his career with the Orange County Fire Rescue Department. From that day forward, he has dedicated his life to protecting others, serving his community, and honoring the legacy of sacrifice and courage that inspired him.

Driving and operating fire engines quickly became his passion, while training and teaching emerged as his gift. Tim has trained hundreds of new recruits as a recruit training officer and guided experienced firefighters, engineers, and lieutenants through advanced instruction on the fire ground. He has helped design and administer the department's driver-operator promotional exam and has been a consistent leader in professional development.

Beyond technical training, Tim has invested deeply in the health and well-being of his fellow firefighters. As a certified peer fitness trainer, he has supported personnel in maintaining physical readiness. As a founding member of the Peer Support Team and Dog Therapy Program, he has championed mental health resources for firefighters and their families. His leadership, loyalty, and compassion have made him a cornerstone of the department and community. His fellow firefighters know they can count on him at any hour, on or off duty, and his community knows him as a trusted friend. It is not uncommon for neighbors, residents, or even strangers to stop him to thank him for the many ways he has touched their lives—whether through saving a loved one, offering comfort during hardship, or simply showing up when he was needed most and simply being a steady and trusted presence.

Tim lives by the words of Muhammad Ali: "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth." His career exemplifies that service, sacrifice, and commitment.

RECOGNIZING THE 2025 ELLY DOYLE PARK SERVICE AWARDEES

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the honorees of the 2025 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards. These awards, sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board in cooperation with the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board, recognize individuals and organizations for their extraordinary contributions to our environment and public park system.

The Elly Doyle Park Service Awards were established in 1988 in honor of former board member Ellamae Doyle's many years of outstanding service. Recipients have also been selected for the Eakin Philanthropy Award, named in honor of the family that donated the first parcels of parkland to the park authority more than 50 years ago; the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship, named in honor of a celebrated local historian and military veteran; the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award, named in honor of a local champion of environmental education and protection; and the Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award, named for the former Sully District representative on the Park Authority Board. In addition, a special recognition will be given to Park Authority volunteers, who play an integral role in the agency's success.

It is my honor to congratulate all the recipients of the Elly Doyle Park Service Awards and to include in the RECORD the names of the following individuals:

Elly Doyle Special Recognition: Cynthia Glakas, Paul Gross, Brian Keith, and Christina Tyler Wenks.

Elly Doyle Park Service Award: Tim Bowlers and Carolyn J. Gamble.

Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award: Marc Kohn.

Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award: Sara Holtz.

The Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award: Mary Lipsey.

Fairfax County Park Foundation Eakin Philanthropy Awards: Helen L. Kafka (posthumously), McLean Central Park Playground Team, Pohanka Automotive, and the Scott A. & Phyllis P. Crabtree Family Foundation.

Chairman's Choice Award: Ken Quincy and Aimee Vosper.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this year's awardees. Fairfax County is regarded as one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family, and our nationally recognized park system has played a key role in that distinction. Our community has a strong commitment to promoting and preserving our environment, including our public parks and outdoor spaces, as the efforts of the individuals and organizations recognized tonight reflects. These are truly selfless actions done for the benefit of all and merit our highest praise.

CONGRATULATING GARRETT ILLERBRUNN'S CAREER IN THE U.S. ARMY'S 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Warrant Officer Garrett Illerbrunn for his dedicated service in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division.

Chief Warrant Officer Illerbrunn, a native of North Dakota, with a love of the outdoors and dedication to farming, started his service in the U.S. military in 2005 and is now retiring after more than twenty years of service.

Garrett served honorably for those twenty years, as an Apache AH64 crew chief before becoming a pilot and officer. He is retiring as Chief Warrant Officer 4, where he provided

leadership and support to units from the battalion to the corps and beyond.

At the end of 2023, Garrett suffered a life-altering injury to his skull during a drone attack in Iraq. He's accomplished great strides in his recovery with his family by his side, even learning sign language from his son Tucker, and I look forward to seeing further successes in his future.

Garrett has many accomplishments in his time of service, including being awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and many more. But it's clear his most beautiful life accomplishments have been marrying his wife, Lorna, and becoming a dad to Tucker.

I hope Garrett celebrates with a Miller High Life and Jimmy John's and I'll be sure to do the same to honor his service today.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Chief Warrant Officer Garrett Illerbrunn for his dedicated service to our great country. I wish him the happiest retirement with his family.

RECOGNIZING MR. STEPHEN D. AUSTIN, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF U.S. ARMY RESERVE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Mr. Stephen D. Austin, Assistant Chief of Army Reserve, on his retirement from the U.S. Army Reserve as a Department of the Army Civilian, Senior Executive Service Tier 3.

Mr. Austin's career is a testament to unwavering dedication and distinguished service. Over the course of 26 years in uniform and 19 years as a civilian leader, he has served in positions with increased responsibilities, culminating in his role as Assistant Chief of Army Reserve. A native of Oregon and a proud graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Mr. Austin has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless Soldiers, Army civilians, and their families.

Even after retiring as a Colonel in the U.S. Army, Mr. Austin's passion to serve endured. In June 2015, he returned to the Army Reserve as a member of the Senior Executive Service, where he represented the Army Reserve in the formulation and synchronization of policy and strategy at the national, departmental, and service levels. His leadership has been instrumental in shaping the development of policy, resourcing, and plans that generate, sustain, and integrate Army Reserve capabilities in support of our Nation.

Mr. Austin's professionalism, integrity, and tireless commitment to service have been evident in every role he has held. His legacy is one of excellence, and his contributions have strengthened the foundation of our military and its future.

I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to his children—Sarah, Grace, Naomi, Camille, and Nate—for their unwavering support throughout his career. The sacrifices made by military families are profound, and their strength and resilience are vital to the success of our armed forces.

As Mr. Austin embarks on this next chapter, I wish him and his family a future filled with

peace, joy, and well-deserved rest. The United States Army Reserve—and indeed, our Nation—is better because of his service.

I thank Steve for his extraordinary career and your enduring commitment to our country.

COMMEMORATING HICKORY FARMS ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Hickory Farms.

Established in 1975, Hickory Farms is a community made up of 198 single-family homes in the Braddock District. Fairfax County is full of history, and this community's history has been well documented by local historians, including resident Robert Cosgriff. Through research, Cosgriff found that Hickory Farms is situated on a piece of land that some scholars believe is the largest private land holding in history. In 1672, Charles II of England granted proprietary rights to approximately 5 million acres to Henry Earl of Arlington and Thomas Lord Culpeper, Baron of Thorsway, for their support of Charles' claim to the throne during the period of the Commonwealth under Cromwell. The rights to the property were passed through descendants, and the first owner to reside on the 21,996-acre estate, the largest single land holding in what is now Fairfax County, was William Fitzhugh. The estate was named "Ravensworth" after an ancestral home in England. Their property was approximately nine percent of the total area of Fairfax County, and included the land now known as Hickory Farms.

Fairfax County contains over 1,500 homeowners' and condominium associations, each one performing similar functions for residents, but some associations, like Hickory Farms Community Association (HFCA), go above and beyond for their members. While much of HFCA's functions are standard, such as ensuring owners maintain their properties and ensuring the common areas are maintained, they also make a conscious effort to encourage a deep sense of community within Hickory Farms.

This sense of community starts right when new homeowners or tenants move into the neighborhood. HFCA's Welcome Wagon Representatives welcome new residents, hand them a welcome packet, and collect contact information to make sure they are able to take full advantage of everything HFCA has to offer. Throughout the year, residents can gather with their neighbors for social events like children's parades, Halloween parties, summer kickoffs, and more. Many of these events take place throughout the large common areas within Hickory Farms. The common areas comprise over 20 acres of wooded land and open areas, including a number of maintained walking trails.

It takes countless volunteers to maintain the common areas, greet new neighbors, put on social events, and support the necessary functions of the HOA. Not only does Hickory Farms recognize people's contributions in the monthly newsletter, but a number of active volunteers have been recognized on an even

larger level. I include in the RECORD the following volunteers:

Braddock District Citizen of the Year: Robert Cosgriff (1997) and Bob and Lee Sottile (2002)

Braddock District Neighborhood Enhancement Award: Melissa and Jarrett Stark (2019)

Braddock District Civic Engagement Award: Robert Cosgriff (2024)

Lord Fairfax (Braddock District): Robert Mullin Jr. (1990) and Robert Cosgriff (2021)

Lady Fairfax (Braddock District): Pamela Barrett (2009)

In addition to these individual recognitions, HFCA has received a number of awards as a community because of their environmental and conservation efforts. HFCA earned the Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Award in 2002 and 2024, as well as earning the "Friends of the Trees" Award in 2021. These awards are a testament to the dedication of the Hickory Farms residents and the commitment of the HFCA to uphold high environmental standards for their community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me, in congratulating Hickory Farms on its 50th anniversary. For five decades, residents have enjoyed the best of what Fairfax County has to offer because of the tireless work of the HFCA. This community is a prime example of why this county is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. Cheers to another 50 years.

HONORING RONALD HUGUENIN AS A DISTINGUISHED FIRST RESPONDER LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Ronald Huguenin has dedicated more than two decades to public safety and service in Central Florida. Beginning his career in 2001, he served with the Daytona Beach Fire Department from 2002 to 2007, where he was a member of the Motor Medics, the Technical Rescue Team, and served as a fire explorer advisor, mentoring young adults interested in careers in the fire service. In 2007, he joined the Orlando Fire Department, where he currently serves as a lieutenant paramedic within the Special Operations Command, assigned to Engine 2/B, known as the "Pride of Parramore."

Lieutenant Huguenin is a state-certified firefighter and nationally registered paramedic, with specialized certifications as a hazmat technician and Scott Air-Pak technician. His career reflects a strong commitment to technical excellence, operational readiness, and leadership in complex emergency situations that demand precision and teamwork.

Beyond emergency response, Lieutenant Huguenin has played an active role in strengthening community ties and developing the next generation of firefighters. He participated in the "Books and Badges" program, which promotes literacy and mentorship in local schools, and contributed to strategic planning efforts that brought together a diverse group of individuals to help shape the long-term vision of the Orlando Fire Department. He currently serves as the lead instruc-

tor for the B-shift Field Training Officer program, ensuring probationary firefighters develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence to complete their first year successfully. Additionally, as treasurer for the Orlando Professional Firefighters Union, he has helped organize initiatives that provide food and support for families and individuals in need across the Central Florida community.

Lieutenant Huguenin's dedication to his profession, his department, and the community he serves exemplifies the courage, service, and selflessness that define the firefighting profession.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SANDRA FIGUEROA-VILLA

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor non-profit leader and lifetime activist, Sandra Figueroa-Villa. Born and raised in South Los Angeles, Ms. Figueroa-Villa has devoted over four decades to the non-profit sector, most notably serving as the Executive Director of El Centro del Pueblo since 1980.

At El Centro del Pueblo, Ms. Figueroa-Villa has worked to address and mitigate the impacts of gang violence in Los Angeles. Thanks to her leadership, El Centro was transformed from an organization with a budget deficit and two part-time employees to a nationally recognized social services provider with 80 employees and an annual budget of \$10 million.

Ms. Figueroa-Villa has expanded El Centro's services to include family preservation, employment services, and youth delinquency prevention programs, which helps reduce youth violence and strengthen local families. In addition, El Centro is home to the Echo Park Family Source Center, providing financial counseling, tax preparation, tutoring and college prep classes and other critical services to Angelenos.

Ms. Figueroa-Villa has also been active in public service, serving on the Board of Police Commissioners. In this role, she improved policies for the Police Department's interactions with homeless individuals, and the Department's de-escalation and use of force protocols. Ms. Figueroa-Villa continues to serve on numerous executive boards and commissions, notably including the City's Children, Youth, and Family Commission and the Los Angeles Unified School District's Redistricting Commission.

In recognition of Ms. Figueroa-Villa's decades of leadership in advancing social justice and community empowerment, the city has named the intersection of W. Sunset Boulevard and Lemoyne Street, adjacent to El Centro del Pueblo's main office, as "Sandra Figueroa-Villa Square." This historic renaming will ensure Ms. Figueroa-Villa's legacy is remembered by all Angelenos in the years ahead.

On behalf of my colleagues in Congress, I sincerely thank Ms. Figueroa-Villa for her continued dedication to Los Angeles and lifelong career in public service.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, observed each October to honor the invaluable contributions of people with disabilities to the workforce and to reaffirm our commitment to expand their participation in the future.

In 1945, the Nation first designated a national week to recognize the contributions of people with physical disabilities. Designated by Congress as NDEAM in 1988, commemoration evolved to acknowledge the importance of increasing the number of people with disabilities in the workforce. In 2001, the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) was created and was given responsibility for NDEAM and for selecting and helping promote its annual theme.

This year's theme is "Celebrating Value and Talent", which reminds us that Americans with disabilities bring innovation, resilience, and unique perspectives to our communities and all sectors of our economy.

As we celebrate NDEAM and disability employment, I want to recognize the success of the AbilityOne Program, one of the largest and most impactful sources of employment for people who are blind or have significant disabilities in the United States.

Since Congress first established the program over 80 years ago, AbilityOne has empowered individuals with disabilities by providing meaningful work opportunities through Federal contracts. Today, nearly 40,000 Americans, including thousands of veterans, are employed on these contracts providing essential products and services for Federal agencies with excellence, reliability, and pride.

ServiceSource, based in my Congressional district, is one of 400 AbilityOne Federal contractors doing this work across the country, contributing to workforce development and strengthening communities. I commend their efforts and other employers who are actively hiring people of all abilities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month and in advancing policies that empower every American to secure a job and thrive. During the month of October, we should all reaffirm our commitment to a workforce that recognizes and welcomes everyone's contributions.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CLEMENCY HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Clemency Home Rule Act, which would give the District of Columbia exclusive authority to grant clemency for D.C. crimes. Currently, the president exercises the authority to grant clemency for D.C.

crimes, though presidents rarely do so. D.C. residents deserve a say in whether their fellow residents deserve mercy. In the 117th Congress, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill as part of the District of Columbia Home Rule Expansion Act of 2022 (H.R. 8861).

While D.C. law appears to give the mayor authority to grant clemency for certain D.C. crimes (D.C. Code 1–301.76), under current practice, clemency petitions for D.C. crimes, like federal crimes, are submitted to the Department of Justice for the president's consideration.

The states and territories have full control over their criminal justice systems, including clemency. D.C. also should have full control over its criminal justice system. Since the D.C. Council has authority to enact local D.C. laws, D.C. officials are in the best position to grant clemency for D.C. crimes. This bill would give D.C. authority to use any type of clemency system.

This bill is an important step in expanding D.C. home rule. I urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER FEARON
AS A DISTINGUISHED FIRST RESPONDER LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, earlier this summer in Altamonte Springs, while off-duty and spending time with his family, Firefighter and Paramedic Christopher Fearon witnessed a five-year-old boy slip under the water and begin to drown. Within seconds, he pulled the child out, cleared his airway, and helped him take a lifesaving breath. The boy was purple in the face and struggling to breathe, but thanks to Chris's training, instinct, and calm under pressure, he survived and recovered.

Chris embodies: Skill and decisiveness under pressure—drawing on years of fire-rescue and paramedic training; Service beyond duty—never hesitating to act, even off the clock; Humility and compassion—later reflecting, “All I wanted to do since I was little was help people . . . and I love it.” This act of quick thinking heroism, covered by local news, not only saved a life but also drew attention to the importance of water safety in Central Florida. The boy has since received a scholarship to learn to swim, creating a ripple effect of safety and prevention beyond the incident itself.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL SPINE HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing October as National Spine Health Awareness Month.

In the U.S., 100 million people suffer from neck or back conditions every year according to the CDC. Back pain is the number one cause of missed workdays, the leading cause of job-related disability and pain in the U.S., and the most common non-cancer related reason for an opioid prescription in the U.S. In addition, those with back and neck pain are four times more likely to become clinically depressed.

The National Spine Health Foundation, located in my district in Reston, Virginia, is the only national patient-centered non-profit dedicated to helping patients overcome debilitating spinal conditions and take back their lives. For over two decades, the Foundation has increased its commitment to and has developed award winning patient education, advocacy, and research work to give patients the tools they need to make informed decisions about their spine health and navigate their own treatment journeys with confidence.

To further address the complex challenges of spinal health, the Foundation has created four specialized task forces led by experts in their fields.

The Opioid Task Force which has advanced research on minimizing opioid use while still optimizing pain relief.

The Bone Health Task Force promotes bone health screening protocols, research, and public education.

The Military & Veterans Task Force works to ensure that service members and veterans receive advanced, appropriate spine care.

Finally, the Motion Preservation Task Force ensures patients and providers have access to lifechanging motion-preserving procedures, focusing on artificial disc replacement.

The Foundation continues to be strongly committed to spine health research. Patient reported outcomes have long been part of fabric of NSHF since its inception. As they are deeply invested in supporting evidence-based healthcare decisionmaking, it is important to be part of the process of creating the evidence. Their cloud-based research tool called ‘Spine-online’ enables them to conduct multicenter studies and partner with research teams both in the U.S. and internationally. Active studies are currently occurring on robotic surgery, enhanced surgical recovery, augmented reality, a genetic basis for personalized spine treatments, stem cell therapy, and more.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the importance of good spinal health and thanking the NSHF and the healthcare providers who help spine and neck patients, not just in October, but all year long.

RECOGNIZING THE TOMBIGBEE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to highlight the completion of Tombigbee Electric Cooperative's commitment to bring reliable, high-speed fiber internet access to more than 100,000 residents in Northwest Alabama.

Tombigbee Electric Cooperative was established to meet the need for electricity among

citizens in the rural areas of Northwest Alabama. Since its founding in 1941, Tombigbee has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to serving its community and strengthening the area it surrounds. Over the decades, the cooperative has provided safe and provide safe and reliable electric power and fiber-to-the-home internet.

In 2017, Tombigbee Electric Cooperative set forth an ambitious goal to provide high-quality, high-speed internet service to 100,000 people across Northwest Alabama. Today, that goal has been achieved.

Through the installation of more than 4,200 miles of fiber and a total investment of \$145 million, made possible by \$37 million in state and federal grants, as well as a \$100 million investment by the cooperative itself, Tombigbee Electric Cooperative has delivered on its promise to bridge the digital divide for rural Alabamians.

Mr. Speaker, this milestone represents more than the completion of a project, it signifies a lasting investment in the prosperity and potential of rural communities. Thousands of citizens will now reap the benefits of this achievement, including expanded educational opportunities, strengthened economic development, improved access to health care, and an enhanced quality of life for countless families and businesses.

Tombigbee Electric Cooperative has demonstrated that when vision, leadership, and commitment to community are combined, meaningful progress can be made.

This accomplishment serves as a reminder that rural America must never be left behind. I commend Tombigbee Electric Cooperative for its steadfast dedication and leadership, and I look forward to seeing the continued benefits this investment will bring to the people of Northwest Alabama.

HONORING LA SHELLE DOZIER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the career and legacy of La Shelle Dozier as she retires from her position as executive director of the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), where she has served my constituents for over twenty-three years. I ask all of my colleagues to join me to acknowledge her distinguished career.

Since first joining SHRA in 2002, La Shelle has been integral to the agency's operations and has had a transformative effect on affordable housing opportunities in Sacramento. Starting as a management analyst, La Shelle quickly learned every facet of the Sacramento housing industry. She rose very quickly to managing the transformation of South Sacramento's Franklin Villa into the 360-unit Phoenix Park. She also directed resident services and oversaw the Housing Choice Voucher program that today supports more than 13,000 of my constituents with up to 100 percent of their rent needs.

La Shelle formally took leadership of SHRA in 2008, where she successfully pushed the agency to transform legacy projects into model affordable housing developments that continue to inspire communities across the country to

do more to address the housing crisis. In 2012, I worked with La Shelle and SHRA to secure a \$300,000 planning grant to begin the process of redeveloping the Twin Rivers public housing project, now called Marisol Village, an affordable housing project. Thirteen years of partnership later, and after securing over \$32 million in federal funding, Marisol Village is now double its original size at 427 units. Most importantly the community now provides my constituents with vital resources, like a full suite of resident services, green space, childcare facilities, a light rail station and cultural amenities, right at their doorstep. I am proud to have worked with La Shelle to create real positive impact with Sacramento's federal tax dollars right here in our community.

La Shelle Dozier's tenure at SHRA is a shining example of what makes Sacramento special. La Shelle knows firsthand that often it takes a village to build a village. Time and time again I have joined La Shelle in support of SHRA's projects and witnessed her build a wide coalition of local, state and federal partners to bring a safe and healthy home to those who need it most. The work that La Shelle and her team have done is truly indicative of why I love our region. Here in Sacramento, we lift up our community and seek to create positive and lasting impacts for all Sacramentans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the career and legacy of the SHRA Executive Director, La Shelle Dozier.

**HONORING JEFFREY BOOHER AS A
DISTINGUISHED FIRST RE-
SPONDER LEADER IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA**

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Jeffrey Booher is a certified firefighter/lieutenant and paramedic with the City of Kissimmee Fire Department, where he has served with distinction for over 20 years. A native of Central Florida, Jeffrey was inspired to enter the fire service following the events of September 11, 2001. Leaving behind a successful career in construction management, he committed himself to public service and began training at the Central Florida Fire Academy.

Throughout his tenure, Jeffrey has held numerous roles, including firefighter/EMT, firefighter/paramedic, and driver/operator. He currently serves as a company officer, leading his crew with a strong focus on safety, professionalism, and mentorship.

Jeffrey holds a bachelor's degree in fire administration from Waldorf University, graduating with honors. He has also completed specialized training at the Emergency Services Leadership Institute and the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, with a focus on incident command.

Jeffrey's technical credentials include technician-level certifications in Rope Rescue, Vehicle Machinery Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, and Trench Rescue.

His dedication has earned him multiple honors, including 2017 KFD Officer of the Year, Citywide Employee of the Month in 2015 and 2024, and City of Kissimmee Employee of the

Year in 2024. In 2019, he was awarded the Honeywell DuPont Scholarship to attend FDIC International.

Beyond his operational duties, Jeffrey has contributed significantly to department initiatives, serving on committees for firefighter safety, apparatus and station design, and the hiring and training of new firefighters. He also serves as a trustee and co-chairman of the Firefighter Pension Board. His role as assistant accreditation manager helped lead to the fire department's first international accreditation. With unwavering dedication, technical expertise, and a heart for service, Lieutenant Jeffrey Booher continues to embody the values of leadership, integrity, and commitment that define the fire service.

**RECOGNIZING THE FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF MERRIFIELD ON
THEIR 155TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the First Baptist Church of Merrifield on the occasion of the 155th anniversary of its sanctuary. For more than a century and a half, First Baptist Church of Merrifield has served as a cornerstone of faith, service, and community for the Northern Virginia region. First Baptist Church of Merrifield was started in a log cabin between 1871 to 1872. FBCM had then branched out and began worshipping on property owned by Mr. Robert Bradley of Merrifield. In 1891, the property was purchased from him by church Trustees: John E. Coates, Joshua Ball, and Joshua Pearson for the sum of five dollars. FBCM is a church formed from strong community family ties and has remained steadfastly community focused since.

FBCM remains a vital part of our district today by partnering with neighbors and local organizations to fulfill local needs through service projects, food and supply drives, youth programs, and many other community-centered initiatives. Through these efforts, FBCM continues to foster a spirit of faith, service, collaboration, and compassion throughout our district.

Over the past 155 years, FBCM has been led by 13 pastors and 2 interim pastors. Each one contributing to the growth of FBCM and leaving behind their own unique legacy of service. A few of those contributions include: the establishment of the Golden Ages Senior Saints Ministry, the construction of the Merrifield Child Development Center, the recovery of the original church bell, the creation of a youth mentoring program with Luther Jackson Middle School, the development of a tutoring outreach program targeting local students, and much more. FBCM and its congregation lead by faith and example in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending First Baptist Church of Merrifield for its efforts to better the Northern Virginia region. Achieving 155 years of ministry is a milestone worth celebrating. It is a privilege to work alongside this great congregation in the community, and I wish them continued success through faith, family, and service.

**RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH IN LAMPASAS, TEXAS**

HON. AUGUST PFLUGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Lampasas, Texas.

Founded in 1873 during the turbulent years of Reconstruction, St. Mary's has stood as a steadfast place of worship and community for a century and a half. From its beginnings under the leadership of Dr. Thomas S. Denny and a small group of faithful families, the church persevered through frontier hardships, local feuds, floods, and economic trials. Over the years, it has grown into a vibrant congregation rooted in service, tradition, and faith.

The sanctuary itself, built of native limestone in the Victorian Gothic style, is a testament to the perseverance of its early leaders, including Capt. A.H. Barnes, Dr. James Bierbower, W.T. Campbell, T.H. Haynie, W.C. Price, and others whose dedication made possible the construction of a permanent church home. Generations of families, like the Campbells, the Haynies, the Richeys, the Olivers, and many more have sustained and enriched the life of St. Mary's across decades, ensuring its continued presence as a spiritual cornerstone of the Lampasas community.

Today, St. Mary's remains a thriving parish, carrying forward its mission with more than a dozen families whose membership stretches back multiple generations, while also welcoming new parishioners who bring fresh perspectives and energy. Together, this congregation embodies the resilience, stability, and continuity that have defined St. Mary's since its founding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring St. Mary's Episcopal Church for 150 years of faithful service to its members, the people of Lampasas, and the greater Central Texas region. May the congregation continue to serve as a beacon of hope, light, and grace for generations to come.

**HONORING LIEUTENANT
HUMBERTO VERGARA AS A DIS-
TINGUISHED FIRST RESPONDER
LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA**

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, as a dedicated Osceola County Fire Rescue Lieutenant with 32 years of service, Lieutenant Humberto Vergara has built a career centered on ensuring the well-being, preparedness, and safety of firefighters and the communities they serve. With a passion for leadership, health, and physical fitness, Lieutenant Vergara leads by example, fostering a culture of resilience and excellence within not only Osceola County Fire Rescue, but across the entire state of Florida.

Specializing in health and safety initiatives, Lieutenant Vergara is the health and safety

chairman at Osceola County Fire Rescue and has successfully developed and implemented programs aimed at reducing workplace injuries, enhancing physical readiness, promoting mental wellness, and preventing cancer. His hands-on approach to fitness training and safety education has equipped firefighters with the tools and confidence needed to perform their duties effectively under the most challenging conditions.

Lieutenant Vergara was a founding member of the Florida Firefighter Fitness Collaborative, established in 2011. Their mission was to offer "Wellness Mutual Aid" to other fire departments across the state that pursued the implementation and/or maintenance of their wellness/fitness programs, such as the IAFF Wellness Fitness Initiative.

Lieutenant Vergara currently serves on the Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative, which focuses on areas of firefighter cancer prevention, health and fitness, mental wellness, and firefighter safety. Through the FFSHC, Bert chairs the health and safety section for the state of Florida. Bert also serves as a member of the First Responder Center of Excellence, Health, Wellness, and Fitness Advisory Committee. He also serves as an advisor on the IAFF Wellness Fitness Initiative Taskforce.

Lieutenant Vergara continuously seeks opportunities for professional development to stay at the forefront of emerging health and safety practices. He remains committed to mentoring firefighters, cultivating teamwork, and creating sustainable strategies to improve overall firefighter performance.

Lieutenant Vergara was recently the recipient of the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, Firefighter Cancer Initiative, Commitment Award for his contributions to improve the health and wellness of Florida's firefighters.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL JABAR SHABAZZ ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lt. Colonel Jabar Shabazz, who is retiring after 31 years of faithful service to our Nation, culminating in his service as lieutenant colonel, the highest rank in the Sheriff's Office, immediately below Sheriff.

Lt. Col. Shabazz has always been a competitive and driven person, as was apparent in his days as a college basketball player. He attended Virginia State University on a four-year athletic scholarship and played small forward. In his senior year, his team won the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship. While his goal was to join the NBA, Shabazz ended up meeting several folks who worked for the Richmond Sheriff's Office when he was playing in a summer league after college.

He began his career in public service in 1989 when he joined the Richmond Sheriff's Office. After five years of distinguished service in Richmond, Lt. Col. Shabazz decided to join the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office in March of

1994 after taking a tour of the Adult Detention Center (ADC) and liking what he saw.

Since his graduation from the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, he has spent the majority of his career in the ADC but has served with distinction in all areas of the agency, including court security and internal affairs. Throughout his time in each division and rank, Lt. Col. Shabazz made his mark on his colleagues and the Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid. Sheriff Kincaid ended up offering Shabazz the position to serve as her Chief Deputy in 2022, despite his nearing retirement. Knowing he had more service to give, he accepted and obtained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

When taking over the position of Chief Deputy of Operations, Shabazz was confident in his skills in operations and was looking forward to being responsible for both the ADC and all of their support services. Sheriff Kincaid described him as being "the gold standard of leadership in [the] agency," and that he "brings with him a mentality of getting to yes and finding a way over, around, or through any obstacle to get the job done." His appointment to this position was also historic, as he became the first African American Lieutenant Colonel and Chief Deputy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lt. Colonel Jabar Shabazz on his retirement. On behalf of myself and the citizens of Fairfax County, I thank him and his family for his honorable 31 years of selfless service to our Nation. Fairfax County is the safest jurisdiction of its size, and that is in no small part due to the dedication of individuals like Lt. Col. Shabazz. Best wishes for a safe and happy retirement.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 8

Time to be announced

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeremiah Workman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

S-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 1070, to establish a National STEM Week to promote American innovation and enhance STEM education pathways for all students, including those in rural, urban, and underserved communities, S. 2126, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, S. 2245, to amend the Digital Coast Act to improve the acquisition, integration, and accessibility of data of the Digital Coast program and to extend the program, S. 2357, to reauthorize the Young Fishermen's Development Act, S. 2563, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment, S. 2666, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a taskforce on unlawful robocalls, an original bill entitled, "PIPELINE Safety Act of 2025", and the nominations of Joyce Meyer, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Harry Kumar, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, and Seval Oz, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine big tech and silencing Americans.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ho Nieh, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Douglas Troutman, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-562

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Jonathan Greenstein, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, Donald Korb, of Ohio, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel, and Derek Theurer, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine labor law reform part 1, focusing on diagnosing the issues and exploring current proposals.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act, focusing on restoring clarity, certainty, and predictability to the United States patent system.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider the nomination of William Kirk, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joshua Simmons, of Virginia,

to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Peter Metzger, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Analysis.

SD-G50

3:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine closing loopholes that kill American patients.

SH-216

OCTOBER 9

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Kenneth S. Wilsbach, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

SD-G50

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Crystal Carey, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel, and Scott Mayer, of Pennsylvania, and James Murphy, of Maryland, both to be a Member, all of the National Labor Relations Board, and Rosario Palmieri, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Anthony D'Esposito, of New York, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Labor.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine AI's potential to support patients, workers, children, and families.

SD-430

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Rebecca L. Taibleson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, David A. Bragdon and Lindsey Ann Freeman, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Robert P. Chamberlin and James D. Maxwell II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, Matthew E. Orso and Susan Courtwright Rodriguez, both to be a United States

District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Sara Bailey, of Texas, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, Braden Boucek, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee for the term of four years, Dominick Gerace II, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years, Jerome Francis Gorgon, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years, James Kruger, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years, Scott Leary, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years, Bryan Stirling, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years, Thomas Wheeler II, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years, Thomas Albus, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years, and Adam Mildred, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

SH-216

OCTOBER 22

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 2130, to make improvements to the AUKUS partnership, S. 2424, to require a report of, and a strategy to combat, arms sales of the Government of the People's Republic of China, S. 1744, to amend the Arms Export Control Act to include Taiwan among the list of recipient countries with respect to which shorter certification and reporting periods apply and to expedite licensing for allies transferring military equipment to Taiwan, S. 2626, to strengthen the leadership role of the United States at the Inter-American Development Bank, S. 2146, to require the United States Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to advocate for increased transparency with respect to exchange rate policies of the People's Republic of China, S. 2550, to provide for international cooperation to

secure critical mineral supply chains, S. 1854, to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to political and economic elites in Haiti, S. 2657, to impose sanctions relating to the support of the People's Republic of China for the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, S. 2018, to modify certain limitations and exclusions regarding defense articles and requirements regarding security assistance and sales with respect to the Republic of Cyprus, S. 799, to establish and implement a multi-year Legal Gold and Mining Partnership Strategy to reduce the negative environmental and social impacts of illicit gold mining in the Western Hemisphere, S. 2684, to support countries in Latin America and the Caribbean that maintain official diplomatic relations with Taiwan, to counter efforts by the People's Republic of China to coerce or pressure governments into breaking such ties, to deepen coordination with Taiwan on diplomatic, development, and economic engagement in the Western Hemisphere, S. 2224, to amend the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019 to provide that the United States, in its role as a member of any international organizations, should oppose any attempts by the People's Republic of China to resolve Taiwan's status by distorting the decisions, language, policies, or procedures of any such organization, S. 2918, to amend the Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act to improve the implementation of the seizure of Russian sovereign assets for the benefit of Ukraine, S. 1000, to establish an Ambassador-at-Large for Arctic Affairs, S. Res. 409, recognizing the 74th anniversary of the signing of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Philippines and the strong bilateral security alliance between our two nations in the wake of escalating aggression and political lawfare by the People's Republic of China in the South China Sea, an original bill entitled, "Deter PRC Aggression Against Taiwan Act", and an original bill entitled, "SCAM Act".

S-116