

Africa and West Africa; been a Goodwill Ambassador to Korea; and served as a past President of the NAACP San Diego Chapter. Simply by reading his résumé, one realizes that Dr. Manley is a man who is dedicated in every way to his family, to his community, to his religion and to this world. He has worked at the local level, the national level and the international level; with the government, with non-governmental organizations, and at the grassroots.

His work has focused on peace and understanding among the people of the world. He has worked to improve race relations in the San Diego area. He has also worked to promote inter-denominational and inter-religious relations in San Diego and around the world. Indeed, I can think of no better candidate for the Ambassador of Peace Award than Dr. Willie E. Manley.

THE OCCASION OF THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF MARK MEAKER

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mark Meaker for his many years of dedicated service to a number of Northern California fire departments, and also to congratulate him on the occasion of his upcoming retirement.

Mark Meaker began his fire service career in 1971 as a volunteer firefighter with the Arcade Fire District. After a year with Arcade, he went to work with the Citrus Heights Fire District in 1972 and worked his way up through the ranks. Chief Meaker spent eight years as a company officer, six as a battalion chief and five years as an Operations assistant chief for the Sacramento County Fire Protection District. In that period, he played a key role in the development of their ambulance program and was incident commander on many large-scale emergency operations.

Mr. Meaker became Fire Chief of the Elk Grove Community Services District Fire Department in July of 1997. Since becoming Fire Chief, the department has completed construction of three new fire stations, and is scheduled to begin construction on a \$2.7 million fire training facility this spring.

Under Chief Meaker's leadership the Elk Grove CSD Fire Department has dramatically improved upon the rate at which its crews respond to emergency situations. The department now executes an emergency response time of 5 minutes or less 75 percent of the time the crew is called into action. This is a 35 percent increase, up from 40 percent in the years prior to his service. Mr. Meaker sup-

ported the improved education and motivation of line personnel, implemented an aggressive move-up policy along with restrictions on units leaving their cover areas, and aided in the construction of additional fire stations. These improvements, along with Mr. Meaker's dedication and hard work, are responsible for the dramatic improvement in the Elk Grove CSD Fire Department's emergency response time.

After six years of serving as Fire Chief for the Elk Grove Community Service District Fire Department and more than 30 years of dedicated duty to California's fire service, Mark Meaker is retiring. It is my pleasure to honor him today; his hard work and dedication will be missed.

TRIBUTE TO IRONWOOD AARP CHAPTER #556 IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 35TH YEAR OF SERVICE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a group of senior citizens who have kept their Ironwood American Association of Retired Persons Chapter #556 active and healthy for 35 years in Ironwood, Michigan.

Some of the charter members who were there when AARP Chapter #556 was first organized are still active members. Current Chapter President Ray Maurin presides over meetings the first Monday of every month at the Ironwood Senior Center.

Chapter #556 is involved every year in a workshop that brings Upper Peninsula AARP chapter presidents and others from Michigan AARP together, usually in the Ironwood area, to discuss legislative issues. These workshops are open to the public, are always informative and often lead to enthusiastic political discussions.

On an individual level, members of Chapter #556 this year joined forces with Lake Superior AARP Chapter #1791 to improve home safety for 52 homebound senior citizens by providing and installing home smoke detectors. This program was so popular that Grace Nurkkala, Michigan AARP Chapters Specialist, says she has a list of 25 additional seniors who have asked to be included.

Members of Chapters #556 and #1791 have also recently delivered cheerful, bright coffee mugs and live plants to brighten the lives of 52 seniors who receive home meal delivery through the Ironwood Senior Center.

As they stay active and engaged in political activity, reach out to their neighbors and join together for fellowship and action on issues important to senior citizens, the many mem-

bers of Ironwood AARP Chapter #556 can be proud of their 35 year record of accomplishment on behalf of seniors.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that you and the other members of this body will join me in extending our heartiest congratulations to Ironwood AARP Chapter #556 on the 35th anniversary of its organization.

VETERANS LOSE ONE OF THEIR BEST FRIENDS

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, on June 20 the Nation lost a dedicated public servant and its veterans and Armed Forces personnel worldwide a loyal and steadfast champion. Our colleague, former Arizona Congressman Bob Stump, whose legacy is a remarkable record of programs that will benefit active duty service men and women, National Guard and Reserve personnel, and veterans for generations to come, passed away after a lengthy illness.

I consider it a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve in the House of Representatives with this gentleman from 1987 to the day of his departure—some 14 years, the full time for which we both served as members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. In that time, I never encountered a more generous, more courteous, more affable, nor more resolute individual in this body. I am proud to have served as Ranking Democrat under his very capable chairmanship of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and to have worked with someone who so clearly understood and practiced true bipartisanship.

Bob was one of those all-too-rare individuals in elected office—an unassuming, behind-the-scenes workhorse who eschewed self-promotion and who knew his way and how to get there. It didn't take long for one to understand that Bob's kindly manner sometimes belied the firm hand he kept on the helm of leadership in veterans' affairs and armed services, and in the cause of his constituents.

Those who have served in uniform, and those still serving, likely will never know the full measure of what this good man gave them, but they will feel it every day in a broad range of benefits and services that bear his mark. His near half-century of contributions to his country, beginning as a combat medic in the Pacific Theater of World War II, through service in both houses of the Arizona legislature, 26 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and chairmanship of two committees, will forever be held in the same high regard as the man we came to know and appreciate.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on 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, June 24, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 25

- 9:30 a.m.
 - Armed Services
 - To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General John P. Abizaid, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command. SH-216
 - Environment and Public Works
 - Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee
 - To hold oversight hearings to examine the consulting process required by Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. SD-406
 - Foreign Relations
 - To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (P.L. 106-200). SD-419
 - Appropriations
 - Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee
 - Business meeting to consider proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. SD-124
 - 10 a.m.
 - Energy and Natural Resources
 - Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366
 - Governmental Affairs
 - To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joshua B. Bolten, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. SD-342
 - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 - Business meeting to consider S. 1248, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and pending nominations. SD-106
 - Judiciary
 - To hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice Inspector General's Report on the 9/11 detainees. SD-226

- 2 p.m.
 - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 - Economic Policy Subcommittee
 - To hold oversight hearings to examine certain measures to strengthen the economic situation in rural America. SD-538
 - Judiciary
 - To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Louise W. Flanagan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Allyson K. Duncan, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Samuel Der-Yeghiayan, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Lonny R. Suko, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Earl Leroy Yeakel III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Karen P. Tandy, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, and Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, and Robert C. Brack, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. SD-215
 - Foreign Relations
 - Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee
 - Judiciary Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights Subcommittee
 - To hold joint hearings to examine constitutionalism, human rights, and the Rule of Law in Iraq. SD-226
 - 2:30 p.m.
 - Foreign Relations
 - European Affairs Subcommittee
 - To hold hearings to examine the progress and challenges to the successor states to Pre-1991 Yugoslavia. SD-419
 - Energy and Natural Resources
 - Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
 - To hold oversight hearings to examine grazing programs of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, focusing on grazing permit renewal, BLM's potential changes to grazing regulations, range monitoring, drought, and other grazing issues. SD-366

JUNE 26

- Time to be announced
 - Governmental Affairs
 - Business meeting to consider the nominations of Judith Nan Macaluso, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Fern Flanagan Saddler, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Joshua B. Bolten, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. SD-538
 - Room to be announced
 - 9 a.m.
 - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
 - To hold hearings to examine H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, includ-

- ing catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape. SR-328A
- 9:15 a.m.
 - Foreign Relations
 - Business meeting to consider S. Res. 90, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Senate strongly supports the non-proliferation programs of the United States, and the nominations of Marsha E. Barnes, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, Robert W. Fitts, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, John E. Herbst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, George A. Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, John F. Maisto, of Pennsylvania, to be Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, Greta N. Morris, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs), and William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia. SD-419
 - 9:30 a.m.
 - Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 - Business meeting to consider S. 1264, to reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission, S. 1218, to provide for Presidential support and coordination of interagency ocean science programs and development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research and monitoring program, H.R. 1320, to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users, S. 1262, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and S. 1106, to establish National Standards for Fishing Quota Systems, an original bill authorizing funds for TEA-21 programs, and pending nominations. SR-253
 - Judiciary
 - Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226
 - 10 a.m.
 - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 - To hold hearings to examine affiliate sharing practices in relation to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. SD-538
 - Finance
 - To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and James J. Jochum, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. SD-215
 - 11 a.m.
 - Indian Affairs
 - Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SR-485