

and a Racial/Ethnic Task Force in the Sixth Circuit, and the Standing Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan.

Judge Stevenson's departure from the bench will certainly mark a new chapter in her life, which will surely be as successful as her legal career. Though she plans to remain active in the Grand Rapids area, she plans to enjoy spending more time with her husband, Marshall Grate, and her many grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her service and in wishing her a long, happy retirement.

HONORING SERGEANT RONALD D. SLOCKETT

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand before you today to honor the memory of an admirable man and fallen officer, Sergeant Ronald D. Slockett of the Sugar Land Police Department. His memory continues to represent the many brave Americans who put their lives in the line of fire every day to keep our cities and states safe. It is for his unwavering commitment to his duty and dedication to serving his community that the Police Department will be commemorating his sacrifice with a 21-gun salute to be held on the steps of Sugar Land City Hall on July 2nd.

Twenty years ago, while the Nation was celebrating its Independence Day, Sergeant Slockett patrolled the streets. During a routine traffic stop, suspects in the car shot and fatally wounded the veteran policeman. The perpetrators were drug traffickers who were holding hostages in the vehicle with the intent to harm them. Sergeant Slockett's courageous actions that fateful night will always be remembered with admiration, and today, he is recognized as the only Sugar Land Police Department officer to be killed in the line of duty.

Those who knew him recalled his "humor and fast wit," and his "gift to make you laugh." His daughter described him "as a perfect father," while others expressed their respect for his bravery. Simply said, Sergeant Slockett's energy and dedication continues to inspire many in the field. I am proud to honor his commendable contribution as a fallen soldier safeguarding our families and homes.

TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM EXTENSION

SPEECH OF

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, providing health insurance to those working their way out of welfare is vitally important. However, pairing a program that actually helps American families with one that extends funding for abstinence-only education is truly insulting. To stay healthy, our adolescents must receive accurate information about protecting themselves from sexually transmitted infection. Federal funding should not be squandered on programs that are not medically accurate or scientifically proven to prevent disease and unintended pregnancy. This is especially true as we struggle to find funding to provide American youth with health insurance. Our children deserve better than this.

Politics often requires compromises. But make no mistake; my vote is a vote for working families, and not against proven programs to reduce unwanted teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. The Transitional Medical Assistance program will require future extensions, and I will continue to fight for programs that provide real information and protection for our children.

TRIBUTE TO ANNE THERESA HAWK

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, It is my honor to recognize and pay tribute to Anne Theresa Hawk, who celebrated her 100th birthday on June 29, 2007.

Anne was born on June 29, 1907 in Cloverdale, OH. She spent her childhood on a farm in Gainesville, TX, where she attended school in a one-room schoolhouse. The eighth of nine children, Anne is the last surviving member of her family.

Chicago has been Anne's home since she was 22 years old and it is also the place where she met her husband and where they raised their beautiful family. A loving caregiver, she has selflessly dedicated her love and energy to her three children, six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Over time, Anne has become quite a formidable scrabble player. She is also a writer, and she penned a memoir of her childhood in Texas called *Hills Are for Climbing*.

On behalf of the people of the Ninth Congressional District of Illinois, it is my privilege

to congratulate Anne Theresa Hawk on this momentous occasion. You are a true inspiration, an asset to the community, and a wonderful woman. I wish you continued good health and happiness.

HONORING ST. JOSEPH HEALTH SYSTEM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Joseph Health System, which has received a prestigious 2007 Great Workplace Award from the Gallup Organization recognizing the company as one of the twelve best places to work worldwide. St. Joseph Health System operates hospitals and clinics throughout California and is an important healthcare provider for residents of California's First District.

The First District is home to three of St. Joseph's hospitals: Redwood Regional Hospital in Fortuna, St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka, and Queen of the Valley Medical Center in Napa. I have had a long and productive working relationship with these hospitals—as has my wife, Jan, who fondly recalls her days working in Queen of the Valley with Sister Ann.

These hospitals have been fixtures in the North Coast health care delivery system for decades. St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka opened in 1920 in response to the influenza epidemic. It was the first full-service hospital in that area, staffed by 18 Sisters and one lay nurse. Today, St. Joseph Health System is the second largest employer in Humboldt County.

Queen of the Valley Medical Center in Napa is recognized as one of the region's premier treatment centers. Founded over 40 years ago, today it specializes in cardiovascular medicine and a full range of cancer prevention, diagnostic, and treatment services.

St. Joseph Health System is one of the ministries of the St. Joseph Sisters of Orange, a religious order dedicated to social justice, education, and healthcare. In addition to the order's work at St. Joseph Health System, they are a sponsoring religious order of Loyola Marymount University and provide funding for Taller San Jose, a center for the empowerment and education of Latino young adults living in poverty.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we congratulate St. Joseph Health System for receiving a 2007 Great Workplace Award, and acknowledge the contributions they have made to the health of citizens throughout California and the other states in which they serve.

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 Thursday, July 12, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 17

Time to be announced

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to markup the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement).

Room to be announced

10 a.m.

Foreign Relations

African Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the efficacy of democratic developments in Sub-Saharan Africa.

SD-419

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine improving air services to small and rural communities.

SR-253

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and R. Lyle Laverty, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife.

SD-406

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine federal acquisition, focusing on ways to strengthen competition and accountability.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the prosecution of Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To continue hearings to examine the readiness of the Census Bureau for the 2010 census.

SD-342

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital, signed at Helsinki May 31, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109-18), protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Copenhagen May 2, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109-19), and protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and to Certain Other Taxes, Signed on August 29, 1989, signed at Berlin June 1, 2006 (the "Protocol"), along with a related Joint Declaration (Treaty Doc. 109-20), and Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and accompanying Protocol, signed on November 27, 2006, at Brussels (the "proposed Treaty") (Treaty Doc. 110-3).

SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Retirement and Aging Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the federal response to the Alzheimer's epidemic.

SD-628

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense education issues.

SD-562

JULY 18

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine modernization of Federal Housing Administration programs.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the federal response to ensuring the safety of Chinese imports.

SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 625, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, S. 1183, to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, S. 1551, to amend the Public Health Service

Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, and other pending calendar business.

SD-106

Judiciary

To continue oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine abuse of elderly citizens, focusing on prevention methods.

SD-628

2 p.m.

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine increasing government accountability and ensuring fairness in small business contracting.

SR-428A

JULY 19

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual monetary policy report to the Congress.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the mayoral proposal to reform the District of Columbia's public school system, focusing on assessments, assurances, and accountability.

SD-342

2:45 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending judicial nominations.

SD-226

JULY 24

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the protection of children on the internet.

SR-253

JULY 25

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs health care funding.

SD-562

JULY 31

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Ronald Spoehel, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and William G. Sutton, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

SR-253