

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alex J. Martin for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING KATY
RHOADES, ELIZABETH GHELETA
AND PATRICIA BROWN ON BEING
AWARDED A JEFFERSON AWARD
FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to three remarkable women in my Congressional District in California. These women are distinguished recipients of the prestigious Jefferson Award for Public Service in 2006. I would like to express my own personal gratitude to these women and share their stories with my colleagues.

Katy Rhoades is an extraordinary volunteer who has devoted herself to improving the quality of life of people with disabilities. She became an advocate for the disabled when her son, Kit, was first diagnosed with spina bifida. Katy left a career in the insurance industry to care full-time for her son. While she worked tirelessly with Kit, she also managed to find the time and energy to work with others with disabilities in San Mateo County. I am happy to announce that her son, now 21, has become a successful, independent young man and is currently enrolled at Cañada College in Redwood City. Katy has continually given of herself, tirelessly advocating for people with disabilities.

Her work on behalf of disabled people includes serving on the San Mateo County

Commission on Disabilities, the Health Plan of San Mateo, the Meals on Wheels Coalition, New Beginning Coalition and the Second Harvest Food Bank. Katy has also worked with the California Children Services and the Far-West Wheelchair Sports Association. Katy developed the "Transition to Independence Fair" to help children with disabilities as they grow into adulthood. This unique fair now takes place every other year and is growing in importance. Katy Rhoades is an incredible ally and friend to people with disabilities. She has made her community in the Bay Area a better place for everyone.

Madam Speaker, Elizabeth Gheleta is another recent winner of the Jefferson Award. She has helped rebuild the lives of thousands of San Mateo County jail inmates and former inmates, and has also provided support and assistance to their children and families.

A long, distinguished career with the San Mateo County Service League has made Elizabeth Gheleta an invaluable and integral part of the agency's history. When Proposition 13 closed down the Service League in 1978, Elizabeth took on a leadership role that salvaged it. She built the Service League into a well-established, non-profit community organization with 25 staff members and over 500 dedicated volunteers.

This tireless and visionary woman expanded local in-jail resources to include educational programs, religious services, substance abuse counseling, and life skills to aid in the transition back into society. Elizabeth's success with the Service League has resulted in similar programs that have given hundreds of former inmates and their families a second chance in life.

Elizabeth Gheleta has spent 38 years with the Service League, and her recent retirement will leave a large void in the agency, but we can all take comfort in the knowledge that she leaves behind a strong and essential pillar of

our community. She refused to give up on prison inmates and has given countless men and women the skills and support they need in order to return to productive lives in our society.

Madam Speaker, the third, and certainly not last, extraordinary woman I want to tell you about is Patricia Brown, who has retired from the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center after 20 years of service. She has been the Executive Director of PCRC since 1992, guiding the non-profit organization in its mission to provide conflict management and resolution services in San Mateo County. This remarkable organization has grown under Patricia's leadership and today trains people to communicate and solve problems together, through constructive means. Through her vision and commitment, conflict resolution today not only involves adults, but children in school as well.

Patricia is also an active community volunteer, involving herself in the creation and development of a number of partnerships, including development of the Multi-Option Alternative Dispute Resolution Program. She has served on the California Judicial Council's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee and was involved in an innovative alliance of San Mateo County non-profits known as Thrive. A founding member of the California Dispute Resolution Council and its non-profit partner, the California Dispute Resolution Institute, Patricia can point to countless success stories relating to successful conflict resolution.

Madam Speaker, let me recognize with great pride Katy Rhoades, Elizabeth Gheleta and Patricia Brown, three women who have devoted their lives to making our community a stronger, safer and more vibrant place to live. These women are gems in San Mateo County and an inspiration to all of us. I am honored to be able to highlight their accomplishments.

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, April 17, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 18

Time to be announced

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Gregory B. Cade, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the United States Fire

Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

S-216, Capitol

9:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine economic challenges and opportunities facing American agricultural producers today, focusing on livestock, poultry and competition issues.

SD-106

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine whether the Army is properly sized, organized, and equipped to respond to the most likely missions over the next two decades while retaining adequate capability to respond to all contingencies along the spectrum of combat in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Administration's plan for reducing the tax gap, focusing on goals, benchmarks, and timetables.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to markup S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and the nominations of Douglas G. Myers, of California, Jeffrey Patchen, of Indiana, Lotsee Patterson, of Oklahoma, all to be Members of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Stephen W. Porter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, and Cynthia Allen Wainscott, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability.

SH-216

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism
Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine if "Free Trade" is working.

SR-253

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine repealing the limitation on party expenditures on behalf of candidates in general elections.

SR-301

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine Public Law 107-204 (Sarbanes Oxley Act) and small business addressing proposed regulatory changes and their impact on capital markets.

SR-428A

Appropriations

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for maternal and child health, and family planning and reproductive health.

SD-124

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to markup the nomination of Thomas E. Harvey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans

Affairs (Congressional Affairs).

Room to be announced

2:15 p.m.

Library

Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations and committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

S-115, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy.

SD-138

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr. to be Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

SD-406

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Coast Guard.

SR-253

Printing

Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations and committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

S-115, Capitol

3 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine the readiness impact of quality of life and family support programs to assist families of Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve military personnel in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

9:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of R. Niels Marquardt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of Comoros, Janet E. Garvey, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and Phillip Carter, III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

SD-419

APRIL 19

9 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the impact of global warming on private and federal insurance.

SD-342

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to receive testimony on the Department of Defense's management of costs under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) contract in Iraq.

SD-106

Judiciary

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

Finance

To hold hearings to examine grains, cane, and automobiles relating to tax incentives for alternative fuels and vehicles.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine S. 1079, to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, S. 495, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 221, to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts, S. 495, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 119, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, S. 735, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the terrorist hoax statute, H.R. 740, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, and the nominations of Robert Gideon Howard, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Frederick J. Kapala, of Illinois, to be

United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Benjamin Hale Settle, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington; and the possibility of the issuance of certain subpoenas in connection with the investigation into the replacement of United States Attorneys.

SD-226

Appropriations

Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for military construction for the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

SD-138

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Science, Technology, and Innovation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine United States competitiveness through basic research.

SR-253

Appropriations

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine rising highway fatalities.

SD-124

2 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine the current state of the Postal Service along with the efforts underway to implement the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Public Law 109-435).

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session.

SR-232A

Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

S-407, Capitol

10 p.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine bioidentical hormones.

SD-562

APRIL 20

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for

the National Institutes of Health, focusing on the burden of chronic diseases.

SD-116

APRIL 23

3 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1115, to promote the efficient use of oil, natural gas, and electricity, reduce oil consumption, and heighten energy efficiency standards for consumer products and industrial equipment.

SD-366

APRIL 24

9:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Disaster Recovery Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine trailers, focusing on creating more flexible, efficient, and cost-effective Federal Disaster Housing Program.

SD-342

Armed Services

To hold hearings to receive testimony on United States Pacific Command, United States Forces Korea, and United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Futures Years Defense Program.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine communications, broadband and competitiveness relating to how the United States measures up.

SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind Reauthorization, focusing on modernizing middle and high schools for the twenty-first century.

SD-628

Judiciary

Human Rights and the Law Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the casualties of war focusing on child soldiers and the law.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Insurrection Act rider and the state control of the National Guard.

SD-226

APRIL 25

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine language technology and training for the Department of Defense.

SR-325

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on mental health issues.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

APRIL 26

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to receive testimony on legal issues regarding individuals detained by the Department of Defense as unlawful enemy combatants.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Employment and Workplace Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine if the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is working for working people.

SD-628

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Innovation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine clean coal technology.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) safety.

SR-253

MAY 3

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SR-253

MAY 9

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine on benefits legislation.

SD-562

MAY 16

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael K. Kussman, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SD-562

MAY 23

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine on health legislation.

SD-562