

to express my condolences to the family and friends of Hrant Dink. I want also to express my profound respect for all his fellow citizens who protested his murder and mourned his death.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to celebrate the life of one of the greatest leaders in our Nation's history, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Martin Luther King is revered and respected throughout the world for his commitment to unite humanity by working to end segregation and racial discrimination and to create social and economic justice for all.

Martin Luther King, Jr. brought the issues of racism, segregation, and inequality to the forefront of the United States' and the world's moral conscience. He willingly sacrificed his life for humanity in the hope of helping our Nation fulfill its promise of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" for all Americans. He vehemently expressed that America could not be true to its vision unless these inalienable rights expressed in its founding documents could be applied to all.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. envisioned a world-wide community where all forms of discrimination and prejudice would cease to exist. He advocated peaceful methods of conflict resolution instead of brute force and violence. To King, his dream was not a utopian ideal, but a reality that could be actively sought. King stated that, "It is this love which will bring about miracles in the hearts of men."

Those who released attack dogs at him, sprayed him down with firehoses, threatened him, and even bombed his house ultimately learned to respect him and his vision because of his unequivocal embrace of humanity for all. He looked past the evil he faced and the ignorance many held firmly close at heart with an empathetic vision of hope for social and economic justice. That is, he believed righteousness and love could overcome the greatest evils. I quote his vision, "Yes if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter. I won't have the fine and luxurious things of life to leave behind. But I just want to leave a committed life behind."

In his last sermon, Dr. King stated, "If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral, and if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell him not to talk too long.—Tell him not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize; that isn't important. Tell him not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards; that's not important. Tell him not to mention where I went to school. I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others. I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to love somebody—I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry. I

want you to be able to say that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison. And I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity."

On behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional of Ohio I join with the rest of the Nation, and the world to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The torch has now been passed on to us to carry on his commitment for social and economic justice. There is still more work to be done. We must continue to strive towards making the dream Dr. King dreamt for us into a reality. May his legacy live on.

HONORING THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON ITS SELECTION AS A RECIPIENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S 2007 CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PERFORMANCE AND INNOVATION AWARD

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 832, Honoring the Texas Water Development Board on its selection as a recipient of the Environmental Protection Agency's 2007 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Performance and Innovation Award, introduced by my distinguished colleague from Texas, Representative EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON. This important legislation recognizes the exceptional work done by the Texas Water Development Board in its efforts to be an environmental innovator and for its vast contributions to the great State of Texas.

On November 5, 2007 the Texas Water Development Board was honored at the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities annual conference in Denver, Colorado. Subsequently, this mark of distinction produced a major environmental victory. The Texas Water Development Board agency is distinguished for its exceptional regional water planning activities, finest administration practices in nonpoint source pollution endowment, the instream flow program, and funding of water reuse projects amongst other notable achievements.

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund in Texas has lucratively granted communities nearly \$4,300,000,000 in low-interest loans to finance 472 water infrastructure projects across the State of Texas. This initiative serves about one-half of the population of Texas and provides direct environmental and public health benefits.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I urge that Congress recognize the magnitude of the Texas Water Development Board's satisfactory investment and management of water resources in sustainable development, including environmental integrity, human health, and overall quality of life in the United States.

I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation. Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall No. 21: "yes." On motion to pass H.R. 3963, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

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, January 29, 2008 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 30

10 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the economic stimulus, focusing on budget policy for a strong economy over the short- and long-term budget outlook.

SD-608

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the threats and protections for the polar bear.

SD-406

Finance

To hold hearings to examine private fees for service in Medicare Advantage plans.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice.

SH-216

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the Small Business Administration's accountability, focusing on the efficacy of women's contracting and lender oversight.

SR-428A

11 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy with the rank of Ambassador, Goli Ameri, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary for Educational

and Cultural Affairs, and David J. Kramer, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

11:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 86, to designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers, S. 127, to amend the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 to explain the purpose and provide for the administration of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge, S. 128, to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to designate a new management entity, make certain technical and conforming amendments, enhance private property protections, S. 189, to decrease the matching funds requirements and authorize additional appropriations for Keweenaw National Historical Park in the State of Michigan, S. 327, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 783, to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, S. 868, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1039, to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey, S. 1143, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, S. 1247, to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to limit the development of any property acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for the development of visitor and administrative facilities for the Weir Farm National Historic Site, S. 1304, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Arizona National Scenic Trail, S. 1329, to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, S. 1341, to provide for the exchange of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Pima County, Arizona, S. 1365, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with any of the management partners of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, S. 1377, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Henderson, Nevada, certain Federal land located in the City, S. 1433, to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to provide competitive status to certain Federal employees in the State of Alaska, S. 1476, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources study of the Tule Lake Segregation Center in Modoc County, California, to determine suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System, S. 1522, to amend the Bonneville Power Administration portions of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years

2008 through 2014, S. 1634, to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, S. 1740, to amend the Act of February 22, 1889, and the Act of July 2, 1862, to provide for the management of public land trust funds in the State of North Dakota, S. 1802, to adjust the boundaries of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness in the State of Idaho, S. 1921, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, S. 1939, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, S. 1940, to reauthorize the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program, and S. 1941, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System, and any other pending legislation.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Finance

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008", and to consider changes to the rules of procedure of the Committee on Finance.

SD-215

3:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing from members of the intelligence community.

S-407, Capitol

JANUARY 31

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Afghanistan, focusing on a plan to turn the tide.

SD-419

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine military recruiting.

SR-232A

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine strengthening our economy, focusing on foreclosure and neighborhood preservation.

SD-538

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the long-term outlook and sources of growth in health care spending.

SD-608

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 2323, to provide for the conduct of carbon capture and storage technology research, development, and demonstration projects, and S. 2144, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of feasibility relating to the construction and operation of pipelines and carbon dioxide sequestration facilities.

SD-366

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine a report of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission.

SD-406

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1638, to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2450, to amend the Federal Rules of

Evidence to address the waiver of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine, S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, and the nominations of Mark R. Filip, of Illinois, to be Deputy Attorney General, Ondray T. Harris, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, and David W. Hagy, of Texas, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice.

SD-226

10:05 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 2146, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects.

SD-406

10:30 a.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine elderly voters, focusing on opportunities and challenges for the 2008 election.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine eliminating agency payment errors.

SD-106

FEBRUARY 1

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook.

SD-106

FEBRUARY 5

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To continue oversight hearings to examine veterans disability compensation.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the world threat.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine the world threat.

SH-219

FEBRUARY 6

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, the future years defense program, and for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SH-219

FEBRUARY 7

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert A. Sturgell, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and Simon Charles Gros, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Transportation.

SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine weathering the economic storm, focusing on helping working families in troubling times.

SD-430

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Founding Fathers papers, focusing on ensuring public access to our national treasures.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine business transformation and financial management at the Department of Defense.

SR-222

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

FEBRUARY 12

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Randal Hall, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, Richard H. Honaker, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, Gustavus Adolphus Puryear IV, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, and Brian Stacy Miller, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

SD-226

FEBRUARY 13

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for veterans programs.

SR-418

9:45 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 14

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget estimates for

fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine one year to digital television transition, focusing on consumers, broadcasters, and converter boxes.

SR-253

FEBRUARY 27

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the National Space and Aeronautics Administration (NASA).

SR-253

FEBRUARY 28

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the Department of the Navy, and the future years defense program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 immediately following the open session.

SH-216