

the Jefferson Bank and Trust demonstrations and case. In 1975, she became the first chairwoman of the national NAACP board and served nine terms. During President Lyndon B. Johnson's administration, Wilson served as deputy director of the Model Cities Program.

During the 1980's, she served as chairman of the board of the Mutual Insurance Company of New York, Real Estate Investment Trust. She continues to be a beacon in the African American community. She served as board chair of two Historically Black Colleges: St. Augustine's College and Talladega. She is also a member of numerous nonprofit organizations and trustee-emerita of both Washington University and Webster University.

Madam Speaker, this Ms. Wilson is the epitome of a great American. She is an inspiration to all who cherish justice and equality. I am honored to salute her for her countless contributions to the state of Missouri and to this nation. I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the works of Margaret Bush Wilson; with tenacity, grace and courage she has blazed a trail for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA POLLARD

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this moment to recognize the work of Martha Pollard of Lafayette County, Missouri. Martha served as Lafayette County Public Administrator for 16 years. She is married to Ian Pollard and has two sons Jeff and Mark. She also has two granddaughters, Julie and Emily.

Martha grew up on a farm in Pettis County and attended K-12 school in Green Ridge, MO. She graduated as Salutatorian. After graduating high school, Pollard went to the University of Central Missouri and received her Bachelor of Science in Education and Master's of Education.

Her service as a teacher has spanned the nation, from the Knob Noster elementary school in Missouri to the Los Angeles City Schools and finally the Concordia School District for the past 30 years. She taught music, chemistry and science.

Additionally, she has held many positions in the Missouri Association of Public Administrators, ending with President from 2006-2008.

Martha is concluding her service as Public Administrator in Lafayette County. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in thanking her for her leadership and hard work in the Lafayette County community.

TRIBUTE TO SUNY COLLEGE AT
CORTLAND MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate the State University of New York, SUNY, College at Cortland Men's Cross Country Team on its 2008 NCAA Division III championship win.

I am proud to share with my colleagues that on November 22, 2008, the SUNY Cortland Men's Cross Country Team achieved its first-ever national title at the NCAA Division III finals against Hanover College. I am pleased to count SUNY Cortland amongst the many distinguished institutions of higher learning in my district, and this title win is yet another shining example of the high intellectual and physical caliber of the students attending this fine college.

The SUNY Cortland Men's Red Dragons had an outstanding season in 2008, winning the 32-team cross country championship with a final score of 80 points. This final tally pushed the Red Dragons a total of 25 impressive points beyond their nearest competitors and contributed to a top-four national ranking for the third straight year.

Four Red Dragons earned All-American honors by finishing in the top 35 of the 278-runner pool. Junior Seth DuBois of Altamont, NY, finished in 7th place; senior Shamus Nally of Burnt Hills, NY, finished 11th; senior Josh Henry of Truxton, NY, placed 15th; and junior Justin Wager of Guilderland, NY, finished 28th. Additionally, the remaining three runners on SUNY Cortland's Men's Cross Country Team all finished in the top 75. Junior Kyle O'Brien of Monroe, NY, placed 61st; sophomore Stephen Scrafford of Cooperstown, NY, placed 65th; and junior Jerry Greenlaw of Warwick, NY, finished 73rd.

Madam Speaker, I also wish to recognize first-year head coach Steve Patrick for his guidance, leadership, and commitment to the Red Dragons. Mr. Patrick was deservingly named the NCAA Division III Men's Cross Country National Coach of the Year by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association for his contributions to SUNY Cortland's sports program. I also wish to praise his assistant coaches, Kathryn Wagner and Jacob Smith, and thank them for their dedication.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the SUNY Cortland Red Dragons on their impressive achievements in 2008 and I wish them much luck and success in their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF COLM F. CONNOLLY,
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR
THE STATE OF DELAWARE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today and pay tribute to Colm F. Connolly, the United States Attorney for the State of Delaware. On September 4, 2001, after receiving a Presidential nomination and confirmation from the United States Senate, Colm assumed his position as the chief federal law enforcement officer in our state. It is not possible to quantify the many ways our communities have benefited from the work he did while in office, but I can say without doubt that Delaware is now a better, safer place because of his hard work and ceaseless dedication.

Though Colm is now departing the U.S. Attorney's office to join the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, he leaves behind an extraordinary legacy to which others can aspire. Dur-

ing his seven year tenure, Colm put systems in place to integrate federal and local law enforcement. Through fines and forfeitures, his office collected nearly \$600 million for the government. Furthermore, Colm successfully prosecuted numerous cases, including the trial and conviction of both Bruce Stewart and Thomas Capano. Remarkably enough, Colm was able to obtain a drug conviction of Stewart without police recovering drugs, and a murder conviction of Capano without police recovering a body.

Once again, I thank Colm F. Connolly for his selfless service to our community—his work has and will continue to touch the lives of many. Colm served the office to which he was appointed seven years ago with great distinction and honor, and the State of Delaware is greatly indebted to him. Due to his selfless efforts, Delawareans can rest assured that justice prevails and we are safer. Colm has set the bar high, and he will be missed by many. I wish him nothing but the best as he moves forward to pursue new opportunities and help others in need.

SPECIAL ORDER

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in the case of Roe v. Wade. My colleagues have provided a litany of great arguments against this decision, ranging from the legal (the court overstepped its bounds), to the scientific (fetal awareness and pain) to even their personal beliefs as guided by their religion. As such, let me bring a new perspective to this debate.

I have the unique distinction as being the only member on the Floor today to have lived their entire life within the dark shadow cast by the Court's decision on January 22, 1973. As such, I do not remember the fiery debates the demonstrations or the heartache which followed a day which saw a nine-person judicial body devoid of medical knowledge singularly arbitrate a question that has plagued men for ages, "when does life begin?"

What I do know is that this decision has artificially divided the country for far too long, creating a single issues litmus test for every politician, judge and doctor. And while it seems this country will remain divided on this issue, it is my sincere hope that we all agree that human life is a precious gift that cannot and should not be wasted.

Throughout my life, women have been able to obtain abortions only to realize after the fact the sadness that comes with any death.

I am left to wonder about potential achievements that America could have accomplished had so many of its precious and innocent of citizens been given a chance to reach their potential. The future doctors, scientists, actors, teachers, policemen, coaches and, yes, even politicians that America has missed because nine people decided the definition of human vitality. Creating an almost arbitrarily line—above which exists human life, below which equals a mass of tissue.

But perhaps more troubling than these lost opportunities is the thought process that abortion on demand has created. A 2004 study

found that women have cited “social reasons,” such as feeling unprepared for a child or considering themselves too immature to have a child, as the reason for an abortion in 93% of the cases. While I do not have personal experience, I know from talking to my sisters that they both felt woefully unprepared when they were pregnant. They both felt too young, worried if they would be a good parent and fretted about their children’s future. But they had a support structure provided by family, friends and their church standing beside them.

Now I certainly understand that unfortunately not everyone has access to the amazing support network that my sisters had, but that is not reason to allow abortion, that is rea-

son to provide more services to these women, services which can help provide these women the tools to make strong decisions, to see the light at the end of the tunnel and see that a child is a gift, not a burden.

I am reminded of this fact when I look into the face of my nieces and nephews, I cannot imagine thinking what my life would be like without my young nieces and nephews in it. The holidays we’ve experienced and the memories we shared are times I will forever cherish. I am indebted to the wisdom these children have shown me though their looks of happiness on their faces during birthday celebrations, Christmas mornings and family vacations. In fact, just recently, they have given me

another memory that I will always cherish. I was touched by their kindness and support when on the opening day of this Congress; they left me letters of congratulations and support on my desk.

It’s the little things they have done and the joys they have brought to my life have been unimaginable. I cannot imagine my life without the happiness they have brought. I shudder to think how different my life would be had my family chosen a natural feeling of worry and self-doubt over the gift of life.

I hope that my fellow Americans will choose life and remember the potential for every American. I yield back the balance of my time.

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 27, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 28

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

Organizational business meeting to consider committee's funding resolution, subcommittee membership and jurisdiction, and rules of procedure for the 111th Congress, and the nominations of James Braidy Steinberg, of Texas, to

be Deputy Secretary, and Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veterans organizations' priorities for the 111th Congress.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine federal response to the housing and financial crisis.

SD-608

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine global climate change.

SD-419

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine lessons from the Mumbai, India terrorist attacks.

SD-342

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Eric H. Holder, Jr., to be Attorney General.

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 impact of the economic crisis on the U.S. Postal Service.

SD-342

Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SH-219

JANUARY 29

9:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Organizational business meeting to consider committee's funding resolution, rules of procedure, and subcommittees for the 111th Congress.

SD-342

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the global economy, focusing on outlook, risks, and implications for policy.

SD-608

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine quality in health reform.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219