

CELEBRATING THE 60TH WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY OF BOB AND  
CLEOLA RICHARDSON

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 21, 2009*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the longstanding and happy marriage of two of my constituents, Bob Fred Calvin Richardson and Cleola Johnson Richardson. This August 20 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Bob and Cleola took their wedding vows at a garden ceremony at Mrs. Richardson's home in Meadville, Pennsylvania on August 20, 1949. They have since moved to Mt. Vernon, NY, where they owned and operated their business Richardson Electronics. They have been residents of Mt. Vernon for 45 years.

Bob and Cleola have four wonderful children, Paula, Marilyn, Robert and Candice, ten grandchildren, as well as two great grandchildren. I want to congratulate Bob and Cleola Richardson on their 60th anniversary and wish them the best of luck as they spend the rest of their lives together.

### NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

### HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 21, 2009*

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize September 18th as National POW/MIA Recognition Day and to honor and remember the members of our armed forces who were prisoners of war and those who to this day remain missing in action.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our veterans, especially our POWs and MIAs for their service, and show them our respect and gratitude for the sacrifice that they and their families have made for our country.

President Kennedy once said "a nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers." We long remember our veterans and the lessons they teach us, and we recommit ourselves to never rest until every American who is believed to be imprisoned is freed, and every American who is missing is fully accounted for.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to the family members of POWs and MIAs for weathering agonizing uncertainty during such a difficult time. We, and countless people around the world, are the beneficiaries of their courage and their vigilance. This solemn day of

recognition serves as an important reminder to always honor our duty to support those who serve.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 21, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor during the week of Monday, September 14, 2009.

Had I been present on Monday, September 14, 2009, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 696 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 6), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 697 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 459), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 698 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 59).

Had I been present on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, I would have voted "Present" on rollcall vote No. 699 (On agreeing to H. Res. 744), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 700 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 317), "no" on rollcall vote No. 701 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 22), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 702 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3137)

Had I been present on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 703 (On agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 746), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 704 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 260), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 705 (On agreeing to the Hall (TX) amendment to H.R. 3246), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 706 (On agreeing to the Donnelly (IN) amendment to HR. 3246), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 707 (On agreeing to the Massa amendment to H.R. 3246), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 708 (On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3246), "no" on rollcall vote No. 709 (On passage of H.R. 3246)

Had I been present on Thursday, September 17, 2009, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 710 (On agreeing to the Hoekstra amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 711 (On agreeing to the McMorris Rodgers amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 712 (On agreeing to the Foxx amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 713 (On agreeing to the Himes amendment to H.R. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 714 (On agreeing to the Minnick amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 715 (On agreeing to the Schauer amendment to H.R. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 716 (On agreeing to the Teague amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 717 (On agreeing to the Guthrie amendment to HR. 3221, I would have

voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 718 (On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3221) because as an original cosponsor and a strong supporter of H.R. 3571, the Defund ACORN Act, I agree that it is absolutely necessary to prevent all Federal taxpayer dollars from going to ACORN, and "no" on rollcall vote No. 719 (On passage of H.R. 3221).

### RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES HARDWOODS IN- DUSTRY

SPEECH OF

### HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. CHILDERS. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to be a co-sponsor of House Resolution 81 and see this important measure brought to the floor for a vote. I represent Mississippi's First Congressional District—a district strong in forestry and farmland. This industry is dominated by small-based family owned businesses, like my longtime friend Jimmy Pharr's in Marietta, MS, which will benefit from the passage of this resolution. These small landowner/businesses often have fewer than fifty acres much of which may at one time have been crop or cattle farms. Many landowners have rededicated these lands solely to the production of timber. These timber stands are valuable, long-term investments which expand to job opportunities in a myriad of related businesses—sawmills, logging, trucking, insurance, and many others.

Hardwood lumber growers and manufacturers in Mississippi's First District are valuable members of the communities in which they live, and (like many others in Mississippi) have children and grandchildren who hope to stay in these businesses and continue to enjoy all that life offers closer to home. Hardwood timber stands are a critical part of savings and investment for many of my first district families. Without strong markets for lumber, those investments plummet. H. Res. 81 will help assure stronger markets without government intrusion. Instead we are offering a strong statement from the House that this private enterprise industry is one which should continue to reap the rewards of decades good business decisions and stewardship of the land.

The benefits of Mississippi hardwoods are much the same as the benefits enjoyed in nearly every state of the union—from the sheer beauty these forests offer to the hundreds of good jobs tied to them. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting yes on this important measure.

## 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, September 22, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED  
SEPTEMBER 23

9:30 a.m.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control  
To hold hearings to examine prison gangs and their connection to the drug trade.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the Defense Contract Audit Agency, focusing on reform.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the USA PATRIOT Act.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne S. Ferro, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Cynthia L. Quartermann, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation.

SR-253

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen and Dolly M. Gee, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Richard Seeborg and Edward Milton Chen, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

SD-226

## SEPTEMBER 24

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, focusing on one year later.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the President's decision on missile defense in Europe.

SD-106

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 1670, to reform and modernize the limitations on exclusive rights relating to secondary transmissions of certain signals, and an original bill to extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, and the nominations of Paul Joseph Fishman, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, Jenny A. Durkan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, Florence T. Nakakuni, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii, and Deborah K. R. Gilg, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, all of the Department of Justice, and Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Roberto A. Lange, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, Irene Cornelia Berger, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, and Charlene Edwards Honeywell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

SD-226

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the future of newspapers, focusing on the impact on the economy and democracy.

210-CHOB

10:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine the government, focusing on performance.

SD-342

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 a review of United States diplomatic readiness, focusing on the staffing and foreign language challenges facing the foreign service.

SD-342

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine securitization of assets, focusing on problems and solutions.

SD-538

Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters.

S-407, Capitol

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Immigration, Refugees and Border Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform, focusing on faith-based perspectives.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Contracting Oversight Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine improving transparency and accessibility of federal contracting databases.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Crime and Drugs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine body building products and hidden steroids, focusing on enforcement barriers.

SD-226

## SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Veterans Affairs contracts for health services.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bartholomew Chilton, of Maryland, Jill Sommers, of Kansas, and Scott D. O'Malia, of Michigan, all to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Edward M. Avalos, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Edward M. Avalos, and Harris D. Sherman, of California, to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Kenneth Albert Spearman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration.

SR-328A

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009", and the nominations of Brenda Dann-Messier, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, and Alexa E. Posny, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education, and George H. Cohen, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

SD-430

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine advancing freedom of information in the New Era of Responsibility.

SD-226

## OCTOBER 1

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine managing Federal forests in response to climate change, including for natural resource adaptation and carbon sequestration.

SD-366