

staff of the Canutillo Independent School District and to thank the community of Canutillo for their commitment to our students.

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MR. PAUL F. CAIN—TEXAS  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2008

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**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 1, 2009*

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, El Paso, Texas is fortunate to have some of the best teachers in the country. As a parent and grandparent, I am grateful for the work of our educators in the El Paso area, and today I want to recognize Mr. Paul F. Cain, a teacher at Ysleta High School in the Ysleta Independent School District, for being selected as

the 2008 Texas Teacher of the Year. This is the highest honor that the State of Texas can award to a teacher and it is a program run by the Texas Education Agency. The program recognizes and rewards outstanding teachers like Mr. Paul F. Cain for their energy, commitment, and passion for our kids.

When Paul Cain graduated from high school, he had two possible career paths to pursue, the military or teaching. He initially chose the military but the Army ultimately recognized his potential and put him in a military classroom as a mathematics instructor. After more than a decade of military service, he moved to Ysleta High School to teach math. That first year, he was given a schedule, a textbook and a classroom and virtually no guidance. During his 18 years as Chair of the Mathematics Department at Ysleta High School, Mr. Cain made sure that every new teacher was mentored and supported by other

veteran teachers. Mr. Cain has been quoted to say that he believes teachers are the “most positive individuals in the world.” He believes firmly that teachers have the responsibility to make students aware of their strengths to “motivate [them] to participate in the learning process.”

Mr. Paul F. Cain is part of a larger history of educational excellence in El Paso. I am proud to note that to date, El Paso area educators have been chosen as Texas Teachers of the Year nine times. The National Teacher of the Year Program began in 1952 and continues as the oldest, most prestigious national honor program that focuses public attention on excellence in teaching.

I am proud of the work of our teachers, and I am committed to ensuring that education remains a top priority in this Congress.

## 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, April 2, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## APRIL 3

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for March 2009.

SD-106

## APRIL 22

10 a.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the current readiness of United States ground forces.

SR-222

2:30 p.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending health related legislation.

SR-418

## MAY 6

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending benefits related legislation.

SR-418

## MAY 21

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to markup pending legislation.

SR-418