

A portrayal Alice wrote of her mother a few years ago truly sums up Mary's remarkable personality. While visiting at Alice's home in Australia, Mary was entranced by the description of a woman as a "truly remarkable rare bird." This phrase fits Mary well, Alice says, because "there is so much about my mother that is remarkable and rare. In my mind, the mixture of exuberance and STICK TO-IT-iveness that she brings to her work in the garden has become a kind of shorthand for what I so admire in her approach to life. My mother is always cultivating something—in fact, she is constantly cultivating many things at once. With an abundance of creative energy, she starts more projects in a day than many of us do in a month, and—even more impressively—she has the patience and the persistence to see the majority of them through."

Alice describes how Mary brought the imaginative vision, inspiration, and verve of her gardening to everything she did, from the Women's History Project, to nurturing her relationship with Dave, throwing pots, cooking feasts, filling a neighborhood with trees, and "raising a happy and appreciative daughter who turned out to be a real, live feminist herself."

In addition to Dave and Alice, Mary is survived by her mother Ruth Moyer, son-in-law Geoff, and two grandchildren, Marcus and Ian.

Madam Speaker, Mary Ruthsdotter also looked forward to what women can accomplish. In her life she exemplified her own description of the path women's lives will take: "Holding prominent public offices and winning Olympic downhill ski medals may be new to women, but not because those possibilities had held no interest for them in the past. As social conventions change and women are allowed to do even more with our lives, we will." Here's to Mary—a truly remarkable rare bird.

HONORING NYASHA SPROW, RECIPIENT OF THE 15TH ANNUAL PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Nyasha Sprow, 12, of Dale City, Va., for receiving a Prudential Spirit of Community Award, a nationwide program that honors youth for outstanding acts of volunteerism. The Prudential Spirit of the Community Award was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in order to impress upon our young people that their contributions are important and to inspire young people to become involved in their communities. As a recipient of the award, Nyasha will receive a \$1,000 award and an engraved silver medallion.

Nyasha was nominated by the Prince William Chapter of the American Red Cross in Manassas. She is a seventh grader at Herbert Saunders Middle School in Manassas and is an advocate for organ and tissue donation. Her two sisters were tragically killed, and her mother made the hard decision to donate their organs and tissues. Following this tragic event, Nyasha has made advocating organ donation her personal mission.

Nyasha is a spokesperson for the National Kidney Foundation, where she conducts presentations for elementary school children, distributes literature at health fairs and speaks with the media. She also helps with fundraising events sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation and the Washington Regional Transplant Center. In addition to her work with the National Kidney Foundation, she discussed the issue of organ donation as a contestant in the National American Miss pageant.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Nyasha Sprow for her outstanding volunteerism. She should be applauded for her initiative in making her community a better place to live. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accom-

plishment that is truly extraordinary for someone of her age, and she deserves our sincere admiration. Her actions demonstrate the impact the youth can play in our communities.

CONGRATULATING NATIVE CENTRAL FLORIDIAN ZACK GREINKE ON BEING NAMED THE AMERICAN LEAGUE CY YOUNG AWARD WINNER FOR THE 2009 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Zack Greinke on being named the American League Cy Young Award winner for the 2009 Major League Baseball season. Mr. Greinke has performed at the highest level in every division of baseball, from the Conway Little League All-Stars to the Kansas City Royals of Major League Baseball.

His passion and dedication to the sport of baseball is evident from his many achievements and recognitions throughout his baseball career. The Baseball Writers' Association of America lauded Zack Greinke's Major League-leading 2.16 earned run average. He won his first six starts with a 0.40 earned run average, the third best start in Major League Baseball history. Mr. Greinke did not give up a home run through the first 83 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings he pitched, struck out 15 batters and threw a one-hitter in back-to-back outings in August 2009. Mr. Greinke won six games and lost only one, with a 1.75 earned run average during his final 11 starts, and pitched a perfect inning in the American League's 4–3 Major League Baseball All-Star Game victory.

Madam Speaker, I truly admire Mr. Greinke's accomplishments and recognize the hard work and dedication it took to achieve such a distinguished honor. I congratulate Mr. Greinke and his family on this exceptional award.

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, February 23, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 24

9 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Transportation.

SD-608

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine contracting in a counterinsurgency, focusing on an examination of Blackwater-Paravant contract and the need for oversight.

SH-216

Environment and Public Works

Water and Wildlife Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine legislative approaches to protecting, preserving and restoring great water bodies.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Forest Service.

SD-366

Finance

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine a stronger workforce investment system for a stronger economy.

SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Human Rights and the Law Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine child prostitution and sex trafficking in the United States.

SD-226

Appropriations

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fis-

cal year 2011 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations.

SD-192

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-192

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian Anthony Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, Elizabeth Erny Foote, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Marc T. Treadwell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, and Josephine Staton Tucker, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Business meeting to consider any pending nominations.

SR-222

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 2961, to provide debt relief to Haiti, S. Res. 400, urging the implementation of a comprehensive strategy to address instability in Yemen, S. Res. 404, supporting full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and other efforts to promote peace and stability in Sudan, and the nominations of Leocadia Irine Zak, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, Walter Crawford Jones, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, and Douglas A. Rediker, of Massachusetts, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, and Ian Hoddy Solomon, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Bisa Williams, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, Beatrice Wilkinson Welters, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, David Adelman, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, Brooke D. Anderson, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America

for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, and to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, Allan J. Katz, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Ian C. Kelly, of Maryland, to be U. S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, and Judith Ann Stewart Stock, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, all of the Department of State, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine foreign policy priorities in the fiscal year 2011 International Affairs budget.

SD-419

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the challenges and opportunities in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) fiscal year 2011 budget proposal.

SR-253

FEBRUARY 25

9 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress.

SD-538

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine aviation safety, focusing on one year after the crash of flight 3407.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, S. 1132, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 2772, to establish a criminal justice reinvestment grant program to help States and local jurisdictions reduce spending on corrections, control growth in the prison and jail populations, and increase public safety, H.R. 1741, to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, S. 1554, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974