

Music Composition: Intermediate Division—Kyle Gatesman, (4th Grade, Canterbury Woods Elementary School PTA) for his musical composition titled "Reflections in Color: Variations on a Theme."

Visual Art: Primary Division—Hannah Cadenazzi, (1st Grade, Great Falls Elementary School PTA) for her interpretative painting titled "Family."

Visual Art: Intermediate Division—Brittney Fogg, (5th Grade, Willow Springs Elementary School PTA) for her authentic drawing titled "Beauty is worth looking for."

Visual Art: Middle/Junior Division—Jiwhae Choi, (8th Grade, Rachel Carson Middle School) for the multifaceted vision of "Beauty is never giving up."

2009 National PTA Award of Excellence: William Park, (12th Grade, Langley High School) who was recognized at an awards reception at the Department of Energy on January 16.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today to recognize the outstanding achievements of these students. I also ask that we recognize the Northern Virginia District PTA, in partnership with the Virginia PTA, as they work diligently to develop the diversity of talents and skills of students attending schools throughout Northern Virginia. It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the achievements of these students and the Parent Teacher Associations that support them.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT
HIESTAND

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, March 30, an Atlanta icon passed away. Robert Hiestand sold roses and carnations on the corner of Northside Parkway and West Paces Ferry for 20 years and, in the process, became a ubiquitous fixture in the daily routine of Atlantans from all walks of life. He was 55 when he passed.

Over the years, Governors, state legislators and Members of Congress including myself have stopped for a few kind words and a few beautiful flowers from Robert. Yet it is the students who often saw him on their way back and forth from school that have most loudly opined his loss.

I have heard a few different versions of how Robert ended up in Atlanta but the version he told was that his motorcycle ran out of gas as he was passing through and he decided to stay. For two decades after that, come rain, come summer heat, come winter cold, come what may, Robert's only condition to go to work was whether the flowers could survive.

The vibrant remembrances of the Atlanta community reflect the tremendous impact of his character, of his hard work and of his staunch individualism that allowed him to carve out his own niche and leave a lasting impression on the lives of so many. He will be missed and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his contribution to Atlanta.

HONORING LONG ISLAND ADVOCACY CENTER FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Long Island Advocacy Center.

Long Island Advocacy Center has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. Long Island Advocacy Center's continuous acts of selfless efforts are admirable.

I am proud to honor Long Island Advocacy Center for their extraordinary work in the community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,886,315,749,582.96.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,247,890,003,289.16 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIFTH
ANNUAL MICHIGAN EARTH DAY
FESTIVAL ON THE OCCASION OF
THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
EARTH DAY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the organizers and participants of the fifth annual Michigan Earth Day Festival on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. As a Member of Congress it is my privilege to support this forum as we work to develop Michigan's green and blue economies.

Much like the day it celebrates, the Michigan Earth Day Festival brings together Michiganders from all regions and sectors of community who recognize that the economic vitality of Michigan lies in the innovation and development of our of State's complementary green and blue economies. This festival provides an opportunity for local entrepreneurs, environmentalists, conservationists, civic officials and everyday citizens to build the network of human capital infrastructure so critical

to Michigan becoming a leader in these new industries. Last year the Festival attracted an estimated 50,000 Michiganders to its grounds in downtown Rochester, all of whom were focused on the "triple bottom line" of economic, environmental, and individual prosperity.

On its fifth anniversary, the Michigan Earth Day Festival is set to provide its largest platform yet in its effort to draw attention to the connection between our environment and our future economic prosperity. This year's Festival event will host over 200 participants including environmental and conservation groups, local governments, green business owners and others who will be promoting resource conservation, green technology development, and good stewardship of our environment which will brighten Michigan's economic future while securing our State's rich natural wonders.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the work of the Michigan Earth Day Festival's organizers and participants towards creating a greener and stronger Michigan economy. I wish the Festival's organizers and participants many future years of success as we work together to develop a renewed, greener and more robust Michigan economy.

HONORING THE WORK OF THE
REVEREND DR. WALTER THOMAS
RICHARDSON ON THE OCCASION
OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM
SWEET HOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and thank The Reverend Dr. Walter Thomas Richardson of South Florida for his 26 years of service to Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastor Richardson's historic tenure at Sweet Home began in October of 1983, and for nearly three decades, he has dedicated his life to serving others. Under his leadership, the parish has achieved great things. Sweet Home transitioned from two-Sunday a month worship to weekly Sunday worship, as well as going from one-morning service to two-morning services. Sweet Home also grew from a small facility to a modern and up-to-date facility with classrooms, offices and seating capacity for 500 in 1991. In 2009, the facility grew yet again to house more than 1000 people and sits on 24 acres of land. The staff at Sweet Home also grew and now has full-time employees. During his tenure, Sweet Home has also been involved in advocating for social justice and multicultural integration, protesting against hate crimes, drugs and corruption, and taken part in building the first Habitat for Humanity housing project in Miami-Dade County.

Pastor Richardson has preached and ministered across our great nation and around the world, including places like Korea, South Africa, Haiti and the Caribbean. More than 51 associate ministers have served with him at Sweet Home, and at least 16 are now serving as senior pastors and chaplains throughout the country. He has counseled more than 200

couples, married more than 100 couples, performed more than 1000 funerals, baptized more than 2000, and preached more than 5,000 sermons. Pastor Richardson currently serves as an adjunct professor at St. Thomas University in South Florida, and will continue to lecture, speak, and preach at conferences,

churches and seminars in the U.S. and around the world.

Pastor Richardson retires in the coming weeks but the end of his tenure as Senior Pastor at Sweet Home, does not mark the end of his work in our community, our nation and the world. I am certain that Pastor Richardson

will continue to serve and inspire others and change lives. I ask you to join me in honoring the work of Pastor Richardson, thanking him for his service to our community, and wishing him the best in future endeavors.

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 29, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 4

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Crime and Drugs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Wall Street fraud and fiduciary duties, focusing on if jail time can serve as an adequate deterrent for willful violations.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Finance

To resume hearings to examine the President's proposed fee on financial institutions regarding the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP).

SD-215

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine mitigating inter-ethnic conflict in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OCSE) region, focusing on persisting tensions.

SVC-208/209

2 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To resume hearings to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on improving America's secondary schools.

SD-430

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 work-life programs, focusing on attracting, retaining and empowering the Federal workforce.

SD-342

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MAY 5

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the National Institutes of Health.

SD-124

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine traumatic brain injury (TBI), focusing

on progress in treating the signature wound of the current conflicts.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine terrorists and guns, focusing on the nature of the threat and proposed reforms.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the increased importance of the Violence Against Women Act in a time of economic crisis.

SD-226

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine voting by mail, focusing on state and local experiences.

SR-301

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold hearings to examine violence in Mexico and Ciudad Juarez and its implications for the United States.

SD-124

1 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine how to promote job creation.

Room to be announced

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the National Park Service's implementations of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

SD-366

MAY 6

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Philip D. Moeller, of Washington, and Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine current issues related to offshore oil and gas development including the Department of the Interior's recent five year planning announcements and the accident in the Gulf of Mexico involving the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine ensuring fairness for older workers.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MAY 19

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending legislation.

SR-418

MAY 25

9 a.m.

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

10:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

3:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

5 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

MAY 26

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

MAY 27

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

MAY 28

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222