

was known worldwide among Marines and his mini-museum was visited by many of the Marine Corps' senior leadership, including the Commandant.

John worked tirelessly to educate the public about Guam's significance during World War II and the Marine Corps' role in liberating the island. On July 21, 2008, the 64th anniversary of Liberation of Guam, John opened the Pacific War Museum, transferring his collection to a site more accommodating to the public. This facility, located below a bluff named after U.S. Navy Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, served as an appropriate display venue for John's collection of World War II-era memorabilia and military equipment.

In 2004, John was instrumental in an effort to rename Route 1 on Guam from Marine Drive to Marine Corps Drive to clarify that this highway honors the 1,548 Marines who lost their lives and the 6,000 Marines that were wounded during the Liberation of Guam, and that it is not named Marine Drive because it parallels Guam's western shoreline as many tourists believe. When the bill stalled in the Guam Legislature, John called attention to this issue by walking the entire 27 miles from Andersen Air Force Base to Naval Base Guam pulling a handcart with a billboard that demanded action. His walk, which occurred during the morning rush hour, captured the public's admiration and support for this audacious stunt. John went to this extreme to ensure that our community will always remember the heroism of the Marines who liberated Guam, especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The following day, Route 1 was officially renamed Marine Corps Drive by an Executive Order of the Governor, overcoming the objections of the Legislature.

John was elated when the Department of Defense announced in 2005 that Marines from the 3rd Expeditionary Force would be transferred from Okinawa, Japan to Guam. He viewed the relocation of the 3rd Expeditionary Force as a homecoming for the Marine Corps and was always the first to defend the Marine

Corps when members of the community made negative comments about "his" Marines.

After his passing, community leaders, family, friends, and John's fellow servicemembers spoke fondly of John's service and his dedication to honoring his fellow Marines and veterans. On April 16, 2011, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation posthumously awarded John Gerber the prestigious Colonel John H. Magruder Award in Quantico, Virginia. This national award recognizes an individual or organization for their excellence in depicting and perpetuating Marine Corps history.

Mr. Speaker, John Gerber was a proud son of Guam who dedicated his life to honoring his beloved Marines, veterans, and the people of Guam. Renaming the Guam Main Post Office Facility will serve as a permanent honor to the legacy and memory of John Pangelinan Gerber, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

INTRODUCTION FOR A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY

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OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced a resolution to honor the memory of 3,408 Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders we have lost to AIDS, and to recognize the 9,000 whom are still living with HIV/AIDS in the United States. It supports the goals and ideals of National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, its observance, and, draws attention to the stigma and disparities that hinder proper treatment and prevention within these communities.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders comprise more than 40 different ethnic sub-

groups, speaking more than 100 languages and dialects. This resolution recognizes the importance of providing access to culturally- and linguistically-competent services, especially HIV testing. According to an analysis of recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders were the only racial/ethnic groups with a statistically significant increase in new HIV diagnoses. The CDC estimates that 37% of the HIV diagnoses among these communities progress to AIDS in less than 12 months. Additionally, the CDC estimates that 1 in 3 Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders living with HIV/AIDS are unaware they are infected.

Yet, with increasing rates of infection, they continue to have the lowest rates of access to HIV testing services. Although there are a number of factors that contribute to increasing rates of infections, stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS has proved to be a leading factor in low testing rates and increased risk-taking behaviors.

The observance of National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was established by the Banyan Tree Project, and began as a national campaign to raise awareness of the impact of the HIV/AIDS-related stigma and how it contributes to lower testing rates and greater risk-taking behaviors.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in addressing this need and advancing the larger cause of reducing HIV/AIDS-related stigmas and disparities in access to HIV prevention, testing, and treatment. I would like to thank my colleagues, Representative HONDA, Representative FALEOMAVAEGO, Representative WU, Representative PIERLUISI, Representative MALONEY, Representative CONNOLLY, Representative CHRISTENSEN, Representative LEE, Representative GRIJALVA, Representative AL GREEN, Representative ROBERT SCOTT, Representative SABLAN, and Representative McDERMOTT for their support as original co-sponsors to this resolution.

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, May 12, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 17

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine strategic implications of Pakistan and the region.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine oversight and reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 516, to extend outer Continental Shelf leases to accommodate permitting delays and to provide operators time to meet new drilling and safety requirements, S. 843, to establish outer Continental Shelf lease and permit processing coordination offices, S. 916, to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, and S. 917, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf.

SD-366

Finance

To hold hearings to examine financing 21st century infrastructure.

SD-215

Judiciary

Immigration, Refugees and Border Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine improving security and facilitating commerce at America's northern border and ports of entry.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Appropriations

Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

SD-138

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Department of Defense Subcommittee

To receive a closed briefing the United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM) and the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM).

SVC-217

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine addressing the U.S. Postal Service's financial crisis.

SD-342

2:15 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 618, to promote the strengthening of the private sector in Egypt and Tunisia, S. Con. Res. 15, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, and reaffirming United States leadership and support for efforts to combat malaria as a critical component of the President's Global Health Initiative, and the nominations of Daniel Benjamin Shapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Israel, Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Henry S. Ensher, of California, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, all of the Department of State, and Mara E. Rudman, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service.

S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine strengthening medical and public health preparedness and response.

SD-430

3:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD-562

MAY 18

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the state of the securitization markets.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to continue consideration of S. 772, to protect Federal employees and visitors, improve the security of Federal facilities and authorize and modernize the Federal Protective Service, S. 550, to improve the provision of assistance to fire departments, and S. 792, to authorize the waiver of certain debts relating to assistance provided to individuals and households since 2005.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine improving efficiency and ensuring justice in the immigration court system.

SD-226

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the current materiel readiness of U.S. Forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine seamless transition, focusing on improving Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Energy.

SD-192

Foreign Relations

European Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Administration priorities for Europe in the 112th Congress.

SD-419

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 220, to provide for the reforestation of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, S. 270, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon, S. 271, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, S. 278, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, S. 292, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 322, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, S. 382, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other permits, S. 427, to withdraw certain land located in Clark County, Nevada, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials, S. 526, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, for use as a public shooting range, S. 566, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, S. 590, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and