

RECOGNIZING THE INNOVATION AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BOEING 787 DREAMLINER

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2012

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the production and delivery of the first Boeing 787 Dreamliner airplanes and to congratulate everyone at The Boeing Company on this milestone in aviation history.

The roots of today's Boeing Company were five companies founded by visionaries whose names are forever etched in the history of aviation. William Boeing (The Boeing Airplane Co.), Donald Douglas (Douglas Aircraft Co.), James McDonnell (McDonnell Aircraft Corp.), James "Dutch" Kindelberger (North American Aviation), and Howard Hughes, Jr. (Hughes Aircraft) pioneered aviation design, provided our nation with a critical component of military superiority and ushered in the modern era of air travel.

The Boeing 787 Dreamliner builds on the legacy and combined knowledge derived from those early pioneers but takes innovation to new levels. The Dreamliner departs from traditional metal construction with greater use of composite materials than any previous aircraft. Improvements in engine technologies take fuel efficiencies a step further to give the Dreamliner both the range and speed of larger aircraft.

The Dreamliner has used advanced technologies to improve the flying experience beyond exterior design and engine performance. Higher cabin humidity levels, larger passenger windows and monitoring systems that coordinate with land-based computers are a few other examples of Dreamliner innovations.

With final assembly in Boeing's Washington plant, Dreamliner subassembly occurs in locations throughout the United States and across the globe. Named an "Aircraft of Legend," the Dreamliner is an example of American innovation and technological leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the debut of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner and in congratulating everyone at Boeing and their subcontractors who have been involved in its design, construction and delivery.

HONORING THE GREATER ROCHESTER AREA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ELDERLY ON ITS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2012

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Greater Rochester Area Partnership for the Elderly. For twenty years, this community organization has directly and indirectly enhanced and enriched the lives of senior citizens in Western New York State. It brings together professionals, volunteers, and students who work with the aged in order to improve to ensure contemporary education, quality and implementation of services and support pro-

vided to senior citizens. The organization holds monthly workshops and programs which have had a positive impact for two decades on those who work with the elderly. Issues such as health care coordination, housing and residential issues, home health care, financial concerns, transportation, social life, emergency services, food and nutrition, senior volunteer options, and many others are regularly discussed and areas for cooperation and improvement are identified. The result is a better life for senior citizens. We celebrate the milestone of twenty years of effective service and advocacy and look forward to many more. It is with great pride that we recognize the achievements of the Greater Rochester Area Partnership for the Elderly and the dedicated professionals who advance the cause of quality of life for our senior citizens.

HONORING THE MUSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE POSSUM

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2012

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, music is in the very fiber of our being, and we are proud to continually showcase the sounds that call Tennessee "home." From the serious songs of the darkest moments to the lighthearted tunes of the breeze, George Jones is one of the staples of country music. I rise today to celebrate the many chart-topping hits, the award-winning duets, and the musical accomplishments of The Possum.

It seems as if each of the past several decades have been marked by a George Jones hit. In the 1950s, it was Billboard's No. 4 "Why Baby Why." In the '60s, his singles consistently hit the Top 10. 1973 brought us the Number 1 single "We're Gonna Hold On." 1980 brought music fans what many call one of greatest country records of all time, "He Stopped Loving Her Today." He rounded out the 20th century with the powerful ballad "Choices," reminding us all of the humanity and redemption found in community. With 13 Number 1 hits, 30 Top 5s, the prized duet partner of James Taylor, Merle Haggard, Ray Charles, Randy Travis, Alan Jackson, and Garth Brooks, Jones's unique country music sound is beloved the world over.

Inducted into the Country Music Hall of fame in 1992, chosen as a Kennedy Center Honors recipient in 2008, and presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012, George Jones certainly has the laurels of a seasoned country music star. But you won't find him resting on those, nor will you hear his countless fans telling others of his awards. His fans and his peers speak of his fidelity to the music, to the sound, to the hard work of finding and singing the right notes of the soul.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MARRIAGE

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize National

Marriage Week 2012. As our country faces challenging times, the value of a strong family is undeniable. Marriage is the foundation of family and economic prosperity in our nation. National Marriage Week reminds us of the importance of maintaining marriage as a sacred union. As the definition of marriage continues to be debated, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in protecting the institution of traditional marriage as the centerpiece of the family.

IN HONOR OF DON CORNELIUS LEGENDARY CREATOR AND HOST OF "SOUL TRAIN"

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, remember and celebrate the life of Don Cornelius, the legendary creator and host of "Soul Train," the ground-breaking television program that helped define my generation and revolutionized the way Americans—and millions of others around the world—learned, experienced, and loved soul music. Don Cornelius passed away on February 2, at the age of 75.

"Soul Train," which he hosted from 1971 to 1993, exposed African American recording artists and groups to national audiences and boosted the reach and popularity of every artist who appeared on the show. The list reads like a who's who of musical giants: Michael Jackson and the Jackson 5; James Brown, the "Godfather of Soul," Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight and the Pips; the Temptations, the Supremes, Earth, Wind, and Fire; Marvin Gaye; Al Green; Chaka Khan, and the mighty, mighty Dells.

Don Cornelius joined the Marines and was stationed in South Korea during the height of the Cold War. He later became a television journalist reporting on civil rights and urban issues. This background prepared him to conceive and make real "Soul Train," which succeeded in using the love of good music to help bridge racial and social divisions in our country.

As one of the millions of young girls who tuned in every week to "Soul Train" to sing and dance along with that week's musical guests, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Don Cornelius for the sheer joy and happiness he brought to so many people and for "Soul Train"'s positive impact in bringing people of diverse backgrounds together around their shared love of good music and dance.

We will always remember "Soul Train," the iconic television show best known for its flamboyant colors, striking fashion, great music, revolutionary dance moves, and the famous "Soul Train Line."

Don Cornelius lived a consequential life. He made a difference. And for that, I conclude by wishing him, as he always concluded each "Soul Train" show by wishing us, as always, "love, peace and soul!"

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 14, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 15

9:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, and Chester John Culver, of Iowa, and Bruce J. Sherrick, of Illinois, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine energy and economic growth for rural America.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Transportation.

SD-608

Finance

To continue hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, focusing on protecting those who protect us.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine pay for performance, focusing on incentive compensation at large financial institutions.

SD-538

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine violence against Roma in Europe, focusing on violence in the region, and human rights violations.

B318, Rayburn Building

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

FEBRUARY 16

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the European debt crisis and its implications.

SD-538

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 and revenue proposals.

SD-608

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Employment and Workplace Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine addressing workforce needs at the regional level, focusing on innovative public and private partnerships.

SD-430

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Andrew David Hurwitz, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, John Z. Lee, and John J. Tharp, Jr., both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, George Levi Russell, III, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Kristine Gerhard Baker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

SD-226

Foreign Relations

Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Iran's influence and activity in Latin America.

SD-419

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine energy development in Indian country.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine securing America's future, focusing on the "Cybersecurity Act of 2012".

SD-342

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

FEBRUARY 28

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed

session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine strengthening conservation through the 2012 farm bill.

SH-216

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings to examine a legislative presentation from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

345, Cannon Building

FEBRUARY 29

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for Veterans' Programs.

SR-418

MARCH 1

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SH-216

MARCH 6

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SH-216

MARCH 7

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings to examine a legislative presentation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

SD-G50

MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

MARCH 13

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50