

IN HONOR OF U.S. ARMY
SERGEANT JAVIER SANCHEZ, JR.

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 8, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of U.S. Army Sergeant Javier Sanchez, Jr., 28, of Greenfield, California, who died when an improvised explosive device hit his vehicle on a combat patrol on June 23, 2013 in Sar Rowzah, Afghanistan.

Javier was a graduate of the Greenfield High School and joined the Army in August 2006 serving in Baumholder, Germany, Fort Irwin, California and most recently in Fort Drum, New York. Javier was an infantryman and had previously deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2007 to 2008 with 1–6 Infantry of the 1st Armored Division. In his current assignment Javier was with the Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team based at Fort Drum, New York.

He is a hero to his family, the city of Greenfield, the State of California, and the people of the United States and we express our deepest gratitude for his service to our country. As his uncle most recently stated, “He always had this ‘country first’ attitude and I think that’s what made him sign up.” In the face of war, this is the truest definition of courage and character, an example that all soldiers should strive emulate. His selfless act is one that will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire House, I would like to extend the nation’s deepest sympathies to Javier’s wife Cassandra Sanchez, his mother Margarita Sanchez, and his father Javier Sanchez, Sr. Sergeant Javier Sanchez, Jr. served his nation honorably, and sacrificed his life. He is an American hero.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 8, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to cast votes on Monday, July 8, 2013 due to inclement weather that prevented me from making it to Washington, DC.

THE INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO NAME THE U.S. COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 8, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a bill, at the request of the U.S. Coast Guard, to direct the General Services Administration to name the new U.S. Coast Guard headquarters, on the St. Elizabeths West Campus, the “Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building.” Signalman First Class Douglas Albert Munro is the U.S. Coast Guard’s only Medal of Honor recipient. Signalman First Class Munro died heroically on Point Cruz, Guadalcanal after succeeding

in his assignment, for which he had volunteered, to evacuate a detachment of Marines that had been overwhelmed by the enemy.

On September 27, 1942, after making preliminary plans for the evacuation of nearly 500 beleaguered Marines from Point Cruz, Guadalcanal, Signalman First Class Munro, under attack by enemy machineguns on the island, led five small boats toward the shore. As he closed onto the beach, he signaled the other boats to land. Then, in order to draw the enemy’s fire from a western attack and protect the boat heavily loaded with the Marines, he placed his boat as a shield between the beachhead and the enemy. When the evacuation was nearly completed, Signalman First Class Munro was killed by enemy fire. Due to his outstanding leadership and willingness to sacrifice his own life, Signalman First Class Munro and his fellow members of the U.S. Coast Guard undoubtedly saved the lives of many service men that otherwise would have been killed in the line of duty.

Signalman First Class Munro was educated at South Cle Elum Grade School in Washington state, and graduated from Cle Elum High School in 1937. He attended Central Washington College of Education for a year and left to enlist in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1939. He had an outstanding record as an enlisted man and was promoted rapidly through the various ratings to a Signalman First Class. In addition to being a Medal of Honor recipient, Signalman First Class Munro was also posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal, and was eligible for the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

The new U.S. Coast Guard headquarters building, which I propose to be named for Signalman First Class Douglas A. Munro, will be 1.1 million square feet and will house up to 3,700 U.S. Coast Guard employees. The U.S. Coast Guard headquarters building represents the first phase of the eventual consolidation of 4.5 million square feet of office space scattered around the National Capital Region to the West Campus of the old St. Elizabeths Hospital, located in the Anacostia neighborhood of Washington, D.C. The Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation construction project marks the first time the federal government will locate a federal agency east of the Anacostia River.

I believe that Signalman First Class Douglas A. Munro’s outstanding service to his country and his unique status as the only member of the U.S. Coast Guard to earn the Medal of Honor ensure that it is particularly fitting to name the new U.S. Coast Guard headquarters the “Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 8, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen personal reasons, on June 28, 2013 I was not present to vote on final passage of H.R. 2231—the “Offshore Energy and Jobs Act.” If present I would have voted “nay.”

Domestic energy production is thriving under the Obama Administration’s “all of the

above” energy strategy. In 2012, American oil production reached the highest level in two decades, and natural gas production reached an all-time high while U.S. oil imports fell to the lowest level in nearly 20 years. Our current energy policies are leading to U.S. energy independence and reducing our reliance on Middle East oil. I am committed to promoting safe and responsible domestic oil and gas development, but H.R. 2231 is an irresponsible plan to expand offshore drilling without proper environmental protections and considerations.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of 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, July 9, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 10

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance

To hold hearings to examine stopping fraudulent robocall scams, focusing on if more can be done.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine repealing the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) and the path forward, focusing on a view from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 815, to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine lessons learned from the Boston Marathon bombings, focusing on preparing for and responding to the attack.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Gregory Howard Woods, to be United States District Judge for the

Southern District of New York, Elizabeth A. Wolford, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, and Debra M. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi.

SD-226

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine building job opportunities for veterans.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine diabetes research, focusing on reducing the burden of diabetes at all ages and stages.

SDG-50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine Smithfield, focusing on foreign purchases of American food companies.

SD-562

JULY 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense operations conducted pursuant to the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force and the presidential policy guidance on counterterrorism.

SVC-217

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1237, to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies.

SD-106

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine assessing the transition in Afghanistan.

SD-419

11 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine mitigating systemic risk through Wall Street reforms.

SD-538

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and Stuart F. Delery, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, Todd M. Hughes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Colin Stirling Bruce, to be United States District Judge for the

Central District of Illinois, Sara Lee Ellis, and Andrea R. Wood, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Madeline Hughes Haikala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Victoria Nuland, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Douglas Edward Lute, of Indiana, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Daniel Brooks Baer, of Colorado, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 15

3 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine strategic sourcing, focusing on leveraging the government's buying power to save billions.

SD-342

JULY 16

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on the situation in Syria.

SVC-217

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine how United States gasoline and fuel prices are being affected by the current boom in domestic oil production and the restructuring of the United States refining industry and distribution system.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine S. 980, to provide for enhanced embassy security.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine the Bureau of Reclamation's Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study.

SD-366

JULY 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower

To receive a closed briefing on the major threats facing Navy forces and the Navy's current and projected capabilities to meet those threats.

SVC-217

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SH-216

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 235, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, and S. 920, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land.

SD-628

3 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine small business tax reform, focusing on making the tax code work for entrepreneurs and startups.

SR-428A

JULY 18

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and reappointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and reappointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

SH-216

AUGUST 1

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the November 6, 2012 referendum on the political status of Puerto Rico and the Administration's response.

SD-366

SEPTEMBER 11

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2014 for the Federal Communications Commission.

SD-138