

us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. In the case of Sheriff Smith, he was blessed to have the love and strength of his family to help him along the way. I extend my condolences to Larry's family and friends; although Larry may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEELEN EARLE CROWELL

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mrs. Michaelleen Earle Crowell on her recent promotion from legislative director to chief of staff to Senator BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT). It is a well-deserved honor.

For eight years, Michaelleen served as my legislative director, managed my legislative staff, and strategized successful initiatives like health care reform, the Voting Rights Act reauthorization, and the crafting of the Voter Empowerment Act. When Michaelleen joined my staff in 2005, she brought balance, leadership, and practical experience to our Ways and Means Committee health care and Oversight Subcommittee work.

A native of Lowell, Massachusetts, Michaelleen is a seasoned policy expert and strategist. She grew up in a family engrained in progressive politics, and Capitol Hill was a natural fit. Nearly 20 years ago, she began her congressional career as a research assistant on the Committee on Labor and Human Resources to my good friend, Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Michaelleen went on to earn undergraduate and law degrees from Boston University. She then gained first-hand experience with health care law in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, before moving to Atlanta to practice health care, business, and civil law. She also returned to her public service roots—providing counsel during the transition and inauguration of Mayor Shirley Franklin and serving as legislative director and counsel for the newly-elected Congresswoman Denise Majette (D-GA) who served the congressional district which neighbors the one I represent.

Although we miss Michaelleen and her beautiful family—her husband James and children Jac and Ellie—I wish them continued success and happiness, and I congratulate her from the bottom of my heart on her recent promotion.

COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the genocide of Armenians committed by the Ottoman Empire. We have a grave obligation, in truth and justice, to acknowledge this genocide against Armenians. This House is obligated, as is the

government of the United States, and all peoples and governments around the world. That obligation is all the more grave because the Turkish government—our friend and ally—aggressively denies this genocide.

The facts surrounding the genocide are well known and established beyond any doubt whatsoever. Beginning in April 1915, following years of pogroms and other repressive measures, Ottoman authorities undertook the systematic annihilation of as many as one and a half million Armenians through shootings, mass burnings, gassing, poisoning, drowning, forced labor, or death marches into the Syrian desert. The scale and ferocity of these atrocities were unprecedented in the modern era. The Honorable United States Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire 1913–1916 Henry Morgenthau characterized the policy of the Ottoman government as a “campaign of race extermination” and was instructed by Secretary of State Robert Lansing to continue his protests along with the officials of many other countries, including allies of the Ottomans. Most tellingly, the post-World War I Turkish government indicted the top leaders involved in the “organization and execution” of the policy and in the “massacre and destruction of the Armenians.” The chief organizers were all condemned to death for their crimes, though the verdicts of the courts were not enforced.

As is well known, Raphael Lemkin did not coin the term “genocide” until 1944, almost 30 years after the Ottoman massacre of Armenians. But in his groundbreaking work on the subject, Lemkin cited the case of the Armenians as the classic example of genocide. His idea of genocide as an offense against international law was widely accepted by the international community and was one of the legal bases of the trial of Nazi leaders at Nuremberg.

Despite the overwhelming preponderance of evidence of the Ottoman government's policy of annihilation of Armenians and the virtually universal acceptance of the Armenian case as a classic example of genocide, the government of the modern state of Turkey refuses to acknowledge the crimes of the previous regime as the responsibility of the Ottoman government or as a case of genocide. Indeed, the Turkish government even has undertaken the persecution of those Turks who recognize the genocide.

One day the Turkish government will acknowledge the genocide. That will be a great day for Turkey—for the moral air of the country—and a truly patriotic gesture, a sign of spiritual strength. The sooner the better! The United States does a disservice to Turkey and its people by facilitating genocide denial by not pressing Turkey harder to acknowledge the truth.

WALNUT GROVE LADY TIGERS BASKETBALL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic High School Boys Basketball Team for winning the Missouri Class 4 State Championship.

Winning the state championship is a proud moment these boys achieved through team work and commitment. Members of the team include: Ty Abney, Jake Fletcher, Derric Mertes, Grant Hancock, Marcus Miller, Dylan Bekemeier, Canyon Smith, Cody Geiger, Chase Hoffmann, Dillen Ramsey, Dakota Fortner, Josh Vaughn, Jordan Kerr, Brock Yocum, and managers Tyler O'Dell and Zach McGill. Through their hard work and dedication they finished the season with an overall record of 28–4 and the Missouri Class 4 State Championship.

I also want to commend the coaching staff, which includes Head Coach Trevor Fisher, Dan Stander, and Donny Call, for a job well done. This season was Coach Fisher's first year at the program, and he certainly begins his head coaching career on a strong foundation.

The Republic Basketball Team had tremendous support throughout their season; their friends, family, and fans attended the tournaments, cheered them on throughout the basketball season and followed them to Columbia for the state championship. Over 500 fans welcomed the team home for a victory celebration.

This win is a proud moment for the team and the community, and I urge my colleagues in congratulating the team on their victory.

KYLE BEDFORD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kyle Bedford for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kyle Bedford is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kyle Bedford is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kyle Bedford for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

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 Thursday, April 25, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 7

9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine H.R. 527, to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers.

SD-366

10 a.m. Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Knight, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, and Deborah Kay Jones, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to Libya, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

MAY 8

9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

10 a.m. Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Joint Economic Committee To hold hearings to examine immigration and its contribution to our economic strength.

TBA

MAY 9

10 a.m. Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine an overview of the Federal Housing Administration.

SD-138

MAY 16

10 a.m. Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-430

MAY 22

10 a.m. Joint Economic Committee To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook.

SH-216

JUNE 11

9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Airland Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

11 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

2 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

3:30 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-232A

6 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-232A

JUNE 12

9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on SeaPower Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

2:30 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

JUNE 13

9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

JUNE 14

9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222