

HONORING BRENDA LOVE FOR HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE WARREN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman of great perseverance and determination, minority business owner Mrs. Brenda Love.

Originally of New Orleans, Louisiana, Mrs. Love and her family relocated to Vicksburg, Mississippi when she was fourteen years old. At an early age, Mrs. Love's mother instilled in her the importance of hard work and dedication. These values coupled with savvy business sense have earned Mrs. Love distinction as one of Warren County's most influential business owners.

For more than 15 years, Mrs. Love has served as a model figure in the business community. She has extended services to her community as a trusted income service provider through her business, Love Income Tax Services. She and her husband are also owners of two other local businesses, Unique Impressions Restaurant and Lounge and Unique Banquet Hall, which provides event space for residents looking to host events in the Vicksburg area.

Mrs. Love is a respected member of the general community as well. Outside of her other businesses, Mrs. Love thrives as a realtor associate with Coldwell Banker All Stars. She is also a member of the Warren County Board of Realtors, and the board for the Vicksburg Convention Center and City Auditorium.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a minority business owner, Mrs. Brenda Love, for her leadership, entrepreneurial spirit, and invaluable contributions to Warren County as a valued member of the business community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SPECIALIST DWAYNE W. FLORES, GUAM ARMY NATIONAL GUARDSMAN

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

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Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery and service of Guam Army National Guardsman Specialist Dwayne Westfall Flores from the village of Sinajana, Guam. Specialist Flores was one of the 600 Guam Army National Guard soldiers assigned to the 1st Battalion—294th Infantry Regiment that were recently deployed to Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. On May 16, 2013 Specialist Flores was killed during a suicide car bomb attack in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was 22 years old.

Specialist Flores was born on February 26, 1991 to Leonardo Arriola Flores and Eva Westfall Flores. Specialist Flores devoted every Sunday as an altar server at the 5:45 a.m. mass at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Basilica in Haga. In his civilian employment, Specialist Flores worked as a body repairman for LamLam Tours, a tour bus operations company.

After graduating from George Washington High School, Specialist Flores enlisted in the Guam Army National Guard on May 19, 2008 and served as a Human Resources Specialist and was assigned to Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment. This was his first deployment.

For his service and performance, Specialist Flores received numerous awards and achievements, including the Bronze Star Medal Purple Heart Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Guam Cross of Valor and Overseas Service Bar.

I join our community in mourning the loss of Specialist Flores, and I extend my deepest condolences to his parents, Leonardo and Eva; his siblings, Stephanie Westfall Flores Taitano and Steven Westfall Flores; and his extended family, close friends, and loved ones.

Specialist Flores served with honor and distinction, and like the many sons and daughter of Guam who served before him, he gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country. Our nation will be eternally grateful for his service.

May God bless the family and friends of Specialist Dwayne Westfall Flores and may God bless the men and women of our United States Armed Forces and keep them safe.

HONORING REVEREND WILLIE E. BLUE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a civil rights activist and known legend from Mississippi, Rev. Willie Blue. He is from Charleston, Mississippi.

Civil rights and the movement was a necessary part of American culture. It helped to seal cracks in the American society by making great improvements in its foundation and Rev. Willie E. Blue was a part of that effort.

In 1963 he joined SNCC (Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee). SNCC was founded by Ella Baker at Shaw University as a direct response to segregated public facilities. SNCC's aim was to desegregate those public facilities by organizing "Sit-ins". From 1963–1966 he was the field secretary for SNCC and he has worked alongside people

like Julian Bond, Stokely Carmichael, Kwame Ture, Bob Moses, and Hollis Watkins to name a few. He became a member of the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement in 2007.

Although the years have passed since the start of the Civil Rights Movement, Rev. Blue has continued his efforts by working with young people to make sure they are educated on the movement and its contribution to society. He is building the fire inside of them to continue the fight for a better America for all citizens. "It's their turn now" he says, "and the veterans have to show them the way."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Reverend Willie E. Blue for his dedication to fighting oppression, discrimination, and injustice in Mississippi.

HONORING ELIZABETH MICHELLE WOODS FOR HER CONTINUED SERVICE TO HER COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran from the Mississippi Delta, Sergeant Elizabeth Michelle Woods.

Ms. Woods's desire to serve her country began at an early age. As a senior in high school she joined the ranks of the United States Army Reserves and served eight years with the 479th Ordnance Company.

Following her tenure with the 479th Ordnance Company, Sergeant Woods served as assistant squad leader during a tour of duty in Operation Desert Storm. Not only did Sergeant Woods return home a decorated soldier with distinctions such as the U.S. Army Achievement Medal and the U.S. Army Certificate of Achievement, but she also obtained an Associate of Arts Degree in Social Work.

As a result of her tireless work and leadership over her twelve years of service to her country, Sergeant Woods garnered the status of sergeant promotionable along with an Honorable Discharge. After her military service, she continued her educational pursuits and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work, a Masters Degree in Social Work, and an Executive Masters of Science Degree in Health Administration.

Sergeant Wood's knowledge of social work and love of serving her community inspired her to enter the field of victim advocacy and develop a Crime Victims Assistance Program within the Department of Veterans Affairs, and serve as Director of Social Work at the Delta Health Center and Aaron Henry Health Center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sergeant Elizabeth Woods for her dedication to serving our country and her community.

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, June 6, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

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

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine 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.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine department leadership.

SD-192

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

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine sex trafficking and exploitation in America, focusing on child welfare's role in prevention and intervention.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Strengthening America's Schools Act", and any pending nominations.

SH-216

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

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard
To hold hearings to examine deep sea challenge, focusing on innovative partnerships in ocean observations.

SR-253

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

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

10 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending benefits legislation.

SR-418

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

To hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on preparing for and responding to the enduring threat; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing in SVC-217.

SD-G50

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

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Yvette Roubideaux, of Maryland, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-628

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

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine crumbling infrastructure, focusing on outdated and overburdened highways and bridges.

SD-124

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Syrian refugees in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on the United States and international response to the humanitarian crisis that threatens to destabilize the entire region.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

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

JUNE 20

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine water resource issues in the Klamath River Basin.

SD-366