

Court judgeship. He was appointed to the post by Gov. William F. Weld, and in 2000 was nominated by Gov. A. Paul Cellucci to the Superior Court bench. He then served as a Recall Judge for four years; and retired again in 2014.

Judge McCann has been an active member of our community through his work with Westborough Community Fund, Chamber of Commerce, Capital Expenditures Committee, Armstrong Jr. High Parent Association; Westborough Human Rights Council, Amnesty International, and Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms World Jurist Association. He was a member and officer of the Worcester Bar Association, Worcester Bar Advocates, Worcester Bar Foundation, and Legal Assistance Corporation.

Judge McCann is also an avid fly fisherman and has said that in retirement, he aims "to find a lot of rivers" and spend quality time with his grandchildren, Conor and Mairead McCann.

After a long and illustrious career, dedicated to helping others and upholding the law, I cannot think of a better way for him to spend his second retirement. I am grateful to Judge McCann for all that he has done for Massachusetts families and communities.

#### CONNECTING FORT BEND COUNTY

##### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fort Bend County Public Transportation for being honored by the Mamie George Community Center.

Each year, the Mamie George Community Center honors organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment to improving Fort Bend County. The Department of Transportation received this award for its work with the Mamie George Community Center to develop a new system of transportation for seniors in the Richmond/Rosenberg area. Through their efforts, the organizations created new bus routes to give seniors the ability to live independently and stay active in their community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Fort Bend County Public Transportation for this honor. Thank you for your commitment to seniors and to Fort Bend County.

#### KIDS TEACHING KIDS PROGRAM

##### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Kids Teaching Kids program within Medical City Children's Hospital which was created in 2010. Tonight, Kids Teaching Kids holds its 21 Day Challenge kickoff event, where eight Dallas area superintendents and community leaders will join together to teach kids healthy snacking habits.

During the 21 Day Challenge, culinary high school students work with a Medical City Children's Hospital registered dietitian to learn nutrition basics. The students use that knowledge to make snack recipes for elementary school students to prepare for themselves. School districts in the Dallas area are getting involved in the program and encouraging their students to participate in the challenge.

The Kids Teaching Kids program has seen tangible results. Kids in the Dallas community are making healthier choices inside and outside of school. In 2014, 4,500 students signed up for the 21 Day Challenge and 900 completed the challenge. Before the challenge, 16.8% of kids said that they did not eat healthy snacks. After the challenge, 83.6% of those 16.8% said that they were eating more fruits and vegetables after the challenge.

The impact of this program in our community is visible. The Texas Restaurant Association and the Greater Dallas Restaurant Association actively support the program. School districts of Dallas, Richardson, Plano, Desoto, Rockwall, Irving, Carrollton, Lewisville, Frisco, Prosper, Allen, and Wylie currently participate in the program.

Thank you to Medical City Children's Hospital for supporting this program and for allowing it to flourish. We need more innovative ideas of this nature in every metropolitan area in this country. With the support of our peers, we can work to change our habits to become a healthier community.

#### HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JAMES B. ANGELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

##### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of James B. Angell Elementary School. For over eight decades, Angell Elementary school has benefited our community through its dedication to the education and development of Ann Arbor's youth. The U.S. Department of Education recognized this commitment by naming the school a 2015 National Blue Ribbon Award recipient.

Founded in 1923, Angell Elementary is one of Ann Arbor's oldest elementary schools. The school's prominence in core curriculum classes such as Mathematics, English, and Science led students to perform in the top fifteen percent of all Michigan students on state administered assessments. This earned the school the title of "Exemplary High Performing School", and led the Michigan Department of Education to nominate the school for the National Blue Ribbon Award.

The school's mission is, "To provide an uncommon education to the common man." Although Angell Elementary's core curriculum classes are exceptional, it is the enrichment programs offered by the school that allow it to thrive. The programs provide students with the unique opportunity to engage in their community. The school partners with the University of Michigan and takes students through the University's various history museums and scientific laboratories. The school takes great efforts to promote the arts as well, providing students with trips to art museums in Toledo and Detroit, as well locally in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor the teachers, students and parents of James B. Angell Elementary school for their commitment to maintaining a standard of excellence that best prepares the leaders of our future.

#### ST. NICKS ALLIANCE ANNUAL AWARDS BENEFIT AND 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

##### HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Nicks Alliance, a community based non-profit organization created in North Brooklyn during the fiscal crisis of New York City in the 1970s. This year it celebrates its 40th Anniversary on November 9, 2015.

St. Nicks Alliance, formerly known as the St. Nicholas Neighborhood Preservation Corp., emerged in 1975 at the height of a nationwide grassroots movement to preserve and improve urban neighborhoods in decline. In Williamsburg, Brooklyn, a group of concerned and determined residents and business owners, and Msgr. Walter J. Vetro, pastor of St. Nicholas R. C. Church, came together and initiated neighborhood-based efforts to improve the community's physical and economic conditions. This led to the incorporation of the organization.

As we know, some groups are formed to address an issue on their block; Msgr. Vetro and the volunteers mobilized to address the issues of the greater neighborhood. The organization launched an action plan that aimed to address a range of issues and concerns that included public safety, crime, and drugs; tenants' rights, abandoned housing, and housing discrimination; environmental and public health issues, such as toxic waste dumping, lead paint, and pollution; community reinvestment, redlining, and related matters; economic development, job training, and manufacturing closings; youth, education, and recreation; and municipal services delivery.

Today, forty years later, St. Nicks Alliance has created 1,700 units of affordable housing for low income families, seniors and persons with disabilities and manages more than 1,000 units of housing in North Brooklyn. It has helped residents secure federal assistance ranging from Section 8 housing assistance, weatherization programs, to new market tax credits, which serve as resources to fuel job creation and development. It has collaborated with the public and private sector to deliver comprehensive programming to the community. This includes summer and after-school enrichment services to 2,500 young people; elder care and adult health and fitness programs, onsite service coordination; homeownership training, small business development and business retention assistance. Its workforce development program, like the federally funded Environmental Response & Remediation Technician Program successfully trained, certified and placed local residents to work the field of environmental response and remediation services. It is recognized for the comprehensive ready to work service it delivers.

St. Nicks Alliance is a part of the fabric of the Williamsburg and Greenpoint community.

My district is enriched and indebted to them for their service to advance the betterment of the North Brooklyn community.

The outstanding accomplishments made by St. Nicks Alliance during its proud, 40-year history are a testament to the excellent work of so many dedicated professional employees and partners and leadership of Michael Rochford, Executive Director and Board Members, past and present.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the St. Nicks Alliance in Brooklyn, New York for its commendable and exemplary work and wish it many years of continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE  
OF MS. KAY VARTANIAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Kay Vartanian for her distinguished military career and service to the City of Dearborn.

Born on January 15th, 1914, Ms. Vartanian has been a lifelong resident of Dearborn. At the peak of World War II, she enlisted in the United States Army to actively support the war effort. She was stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia until her honorable discharge on January 11, 1946. For her sacrifice and hard work for our country, Ms. Vartanian was awarded the Victory Medal, the American Theater

WAAC Service Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal. After serving her country, she returned to Dearborn.

As Ms. Vartanian reaches the age of 101, she has become the oldest female veteran in our area. Throughout her life, especially through her faith community, Ms. Vartanian has dedicated her life to the service of others. Kay has been an important member of her church and is loved by all of her friends and neighbors. To many, she is considered part of their family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Ms. Kay Vartanian on her distinguished military service and to celebrate her extraordinary work for the Dearborn community and the nation.

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 infor-

mation, 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, November 5, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 10

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine 30 years of Goldwater-Nichols reform.

SD-G50

NOVEMBER 17

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine past wild-  
fire seasons to inform and improve fu-  
ture Federal wildland fire management  
strategies.

SD-366

NOVEMBER 19

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
sources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine  
the Well Control Rule and other regu-  
lations related to offshore oil and gas  
production.

SD-366