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Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Tucker for earning this award. He is a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can help you achieve your goals. I am honored to recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Tucker for his accomplishments and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO CHANCEY
RICHARDS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chancey Richards of Atlantic, Iowa, for receiving the American Future Farmers of America Degree Award. The American Future Farmers of America Degree is the highest honor an FFA member can achieve.

From October 28th through October 31st the FFA held their annual National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. It was then that Chancey was awarded the American FFA Degree for his abilities and outstanding achievements in agriculture business, production, processing and service programs. After starting his sophomore year of high school Chancey learned of his love for the agriculture industry. He began helping out at a local cattle operation by doing odd jobs around the farm along with raising his own horse, Chicago. This experience taught him about the responsibilities that come with operating your own cattle farm and how to be successful.

Eligibility requirements for this prestigious FFA award include: earning at least \$10,000 and productively investing \$7,500 through a supervised agriculture experience program or working in an existing agriculturally-focused position, completing 50 hours of community service, as well as demonstrating outstanding leadership abilities. Chancey met and exceeded each of these requirements through his dedication to the organization and the agriculture community.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Chancey for earning this award. He is a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can help you achieve your goals. I am honored to recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him for his accomplishments and wishing him nothing but continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO TODD ASHBY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Todd Ashby, Executive Director of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, for being recognized by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) as this year's recipient of the Ronald F. Kirby Memorial National Award for Outstanding Individual Leadership.

To earn this prestigious national award the recipient must display outstanding efforts in metropolitan transportation planning and planning leadership. They must also display and exemplify at least two of the following criteria: innovation, impact of profession, implementation, and coordination. Todd has embodied each of the four criteria and has worked tirelessly to promote his profession and the city of Des Moines.

Todd has worked behind-the-scenes on his most recent project to establish the Des Moines Transload Facility. It will serve as a hub for surrounding area businesses by connecting the trucking network to the rail network. Based on recent findings, it will be a significant improvement over what is available today in central Iowa. It will allow businesses to reach areas of the state, and country that were unreachable before the facility. It is estimated that the Transload Facility will be completed by 2016.

Mr. Speaker, Todd has displayed a work ethic and dedication to success that is matched by few. I am honored to represent him and Iowans like him, in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Todd for receiving this outstanding award and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO LAVERNE AND
PEGGY GOSS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate LaVerne and Peggy Goss of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1955.

LaVerne and Peggy's lifelong commitment to each other, their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, truly embodies our Iowa values. It is families like the Gosses that make me proud to call myself an Iowan and represent the people of our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this special couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO DUANE AND
SHARON STEFFENS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Duane and Sharon Steffens of Atlantic, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 19, 1965, at the Methodist Church in Cumberland, Iowa.

Duane and Sharon's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Todd, Stacy, Denny, and Tracy, along with their grandchildren truly embodies our Iowa values. It is families like the Steffens's that make me proud to call myself an Iowan and represent the people of our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this special couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO JOE AND MARY
NELSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joe and Mary Nelson of Anita, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 18, 1965, at Zion Lutheran Church in Atlantic, Iowa.

Joe and Mary's lifelong commitment to each other, their children Jeff and Kim, and their grandchildren, truly embodies our Iowa values. It is families like the Nelsons that make me proud to call myself an Iowan and represent the people of our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this special couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO SANDY SCHUBERT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sandy Schubert for the grand opening of her new business, Hedgeie's Books, Toys & More, in Bedford, Iowa.

Sandy opened her new business on September 29th, 2015. She and her husband Kevin want to give back to their community and are striving to provide needed products in this small rural town that would otherwise not be available. They sell a wide range of items from books and toys for all ages, to local Iowa

wines. Small businesses, like Hedgie's Books, Toys & More, are the backbone of small rural economies.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Sandy and her family for their commitment to their community. It is an honor to represent hardworking Iowans like the Schuberts in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on their new business venture and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO MARK MCNEES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mark McNees, as he was named President of the Iowa Firefighters Association at the Association's 137th annual meeting. Mark also serves as the Fire Chief for the City of Atlantic, Iowa, where he has served as a firefighter for 25 years.

The mission of the Iowa Firefighters Association revolves around improving Iowa's fire services and protecting the public. They work to uphold these goals through the enactment of legislation, improving training practices, fire prevention, and increasing access to public safety information. Mark has displayed a commitment to the core principals of the Iowa Firefighters Association and is truly deserving of this important role within the Association.

Mr. Speaker, Mark has dedicated himself to serving and protecting his community. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him and wishing him and the Iowa Firefighters Association nothing but continued success as he settles into his new role.

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, December 01, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 2

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense personnel reform and strengthening the all-volunteer force.
SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine agriculture's role in combating global hunger.
SR-328A

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine protecting trade secrets, focusing on the impact of trade secret theft on American competitiveness and potential solutions to remedy this harm.
SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine reforming the federal budget process, focusing on modernizing budget concepts to improve accuracy and transparency.
SD-608

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of G. Kathleen Hill, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Eric Seth Rubin, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Kyle R. Scott, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, and David McKean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, all of the Department of State, and Carlos J. Torres, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.
SD-419

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1125, to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, and S. 1879, to improve processes in the Department of the Interior; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA), focusing on whether the justice systems in Indian country have improved.
SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Administration's alien removal policies.
SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine consolidating non-Department of Veterans Affairs care programs.
SR-418

4 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action oversight, focusing on the International Atomic Energy Agency's report on the possible military dimensions of the Iranian nuclear program.
SH-219

DECEMBER 3

9 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on the United States role in the Middle East.
S-116

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine supporting the warfighter of today and tomorrow.
SD-106

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine implementation of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980, including perspectives on the Act's impacts in Alaska and suggestions for improvements to the Act.
SD-366

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert A. Salerno, and Darlene Michele Soltys, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, and Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2019 (Reappointment).
SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 1318, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, and the nominations of Dana J. Boente, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years, and John P. Fishwick, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.
SD-226

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the economic outlook.
SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.
SH-219

DECEMBER 8

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine the AB InBev/SABMiller merger and the state of competition in the beer industry.
SD-226

DECEMBER 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 2257, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of protecting our national parks' natural, historic, and cultural resources for present and future generations.
SD-366