

we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Nadia Sutton of West Hollywood, California.

Born in Brussels, Belgium, Nadia has led an interesting life both as an actress and an activist. She has traveled extensively and lived all over the world, including residing in Israel, France, Spain, England and the United States, where she moved in 1979. As an actress, Ms. Sutton has worked in theater, radio, television and film. Passionate about civil rights, she began her activism career by supporting the Algerian independence cause while in France, and in England by helping create an alternative radio station and working against the censure of a Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender (LGBT) magazine.

Ms. Sutton has been involved in numerous organizations in the Los Angeles area with a primary focus on LGBT, women's rights, and animal issues. For many years, she has organized protests, lobbied legislatively and fought against LGBT discrimination, and for marriage equality. Nadia served on the West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board for twelve years, and is a Founding Board member of The Lavender Effect, a virtual museum dedicated to educating the public about the historical contributions of LGBT people, especially those from the Southern California area. She sits on the West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board, on the Board of Directors of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, and is active with C.I.T.Y. x1 (Community Intervention Through Youth), an organization dedicated to organizing free social events for LGBT youth. A devoted animal lover, she co-founded PAWS LA (Pets Are Wonderful Support), an organization dedicated to helping people living with AIDS keep their beloved animal companions, where she is currently serving as a Board member, and is a volunteer with Catnippers, an association that helps spay and neuter feral cats and kittens. Nadia resides in West Hollywood with her cat, Barnaby.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Nadia Sutton.

HONORING ANDREW NEIL DANNER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew Neil Danner. Andrew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Andrew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Andrew has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew Neil Danner for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO DR. KEVIN V. DE
REGNIER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Kevin de Regnier for being inducted as the 62nd President of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF). He is an Iowa native and I'm proud to recognize him today for his great achievement.

Dr. de Regnier earned a B.A. in chemistry with a biology minor from the University of Northern Iowa before going on to receive his osteopathy degree from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences (Now Des Moines University). He completed his residency in family practice at Des Moines General Hospital shortly after. He also received his certification from the National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. de Regnier has served on the ACOFP Board of Governors since 2006, and has been an active leader in the Osteopathic medicine community for years. He has also been appointed by the Governor to serve on the Iowa Health Systems and Plans Committee of Iowa Health Regulation Task Force and continues to serve as an adjunct professor of family medicine at Des Moines University.

Dr. de Regnier is an Iowan who has made our state proud. He has dedicated his life to helping and serving others and it is with great honor that I recognize him today. I know that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring his accomplishments. I thank him for his service and wish him and his family all the best moving forward.

HONORING BRAD SILVER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, there are few things more noble than a life dedicated to public service. The work my good friend Brad Silver has done as part of the Bronx Jewish Community Council (BJCC), an organization that represents the combined community relations and anti-poverty efforts of all the local Jewish community councils in the Bronx, has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals in the area.

Brad began his professional career in 1971 as an Outreach Worker for Teens at the Bronx House, a local Jewish community center. While serving as Teen Program Director and finally Co-op City Program Director at Bronx House, he somehow found time to pursue and receive his Masters Degree in Social Work at Yeshiva University. In 1978 Brad began working at the Hawthorne Cedar Knolls School, a

residential treatment center for adolescents of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services.

Following six successful years at Cedar Knolls, Brad moved onto the BJCC, where he began serving as the Director of Social Services in 1984. As his role and responsibilities grew, Brad began moving up the BJCC ladder, becoming the Executive Vice President of the Council in 1999. In his time with the BJCC, the organization has achieved a remarkable reputation as a pillar of community betterment. With a budget now exceeding \$17 million annually, the BJCC serves over 10,000 people annually with everything from home attendant services to neighborhood resource centers. Their success is a tremendous testament to Brad's work.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Brad is also an accomplished family man. He continues to reside in the community he was raised in, the Amalgamated Houses in the Bronx, with his wife, and lives just a block away from his mother.

This year the Riverdale Jewish Community Relations Council is honoring Brad with the Community Service Award at their Legislative Breakfast. In working with him personally, I know no one is more deserving of this honor.

A TRIBUTE TO KELLYE
NAKAHARA WALLETT—28TH CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN
OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Kellye Nakahara Wallett of Pasadena, California.

Born and raised in Oahu, Hawaii, Ms. Nakahara moved to San Francisco in the 1960's to establish herself as a professional artist, selling her watercolors of the San Francisco waterfront. In 1968, she married David Wallett and they moved to Los Angeles, where she began her career as an actress. Halfway through the first season of the popular television series "M*A*S*H", she landed the role of "Nurse Kellye." A renowned and award-winning artist who generously donates her artwork to many charitable organizations, Kellye's artwork has been displayed in Pasadena City Hall, the California State Capitol, and in the White House, where at Congressman SCHIFF's invitation, she painted a Christmas ornament for the official White House Christmas Tree in 2008.

Well-regarded as an enthusiastic and energetic community leader, Ms. Nakahara Wallett's past volunteer service includes eight years on Pasadena's Arts and Culture Commission, serving as an Ambassador for the Southern California Cherry Blossom Festival, and an Honorary Committee member and volunteer for the Latino Heritage Parade in Pasadena. She was also active in the American Diabetes Foundation, Neighborhood USA Conference, and the American Red Cross. Currently, she is a twenty-three year volunteer

with The Sunshine Kids, a non-profit organization dedicated to children with cancer, and a frequent guest speaker for various Japanese reparation organizations. Kellye is the Artistic Director and Artist-in-Residence for the Towne Singers, sings with the California Philharmonic, and has been a long-time volunteer judge for Representative SCHIFF's 28th Congressional District Art Competition Forum & Exhibit.

Long-time Pasadena residents, Kellye and her husband David, have two children, daughter Nalani, son William, and four grandchildren, David, William, Max and Grayson.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Kellye Nakahara Walleit.

RARE DISEASE MONTH, HONORING
DR. ABRAHAM ABUCHOWSKI

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Abraham Abuchowski, a constituent from Warren, NJ, for his contributions to the rare disease community, his important role in bringing innovative orphan therapies to market and his support of the biotechnology industry in New Jersey.

Last month Dr. Abuchowski was presented with the Dr. Sol J. Barer Award for Vision, Innovation and Leadership. This award recognizes outstanding research and business leaders who have made and who continue to make significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of the biosciences industry in New Jersey and throughout the world.

After receiving his doctorate from Rutgers University, Dr. Abuchowski went on to develop PEGylation, the most widely used protein drug delivery system in the world. He founded Enzo to commercialize the technology and it later became the first biotechnology company in New Jersey to obtain Food and Drug Administration approval of a product.

Three decades later, New Jersey has become a leader in the biotechnology industry and our companies have secured more than thirty drug and medical device approvals in 2014 alone. Dr. Abuchowski is continuing his work to improve health outcomes for individuals affected by rare diseases and the company he currently leads, Prolong Pharmaceuticals, recently received an orphan drug designation from the Food and Drug Administration for a therapy he has been working on to treat sickle cell disease.

I am proud of the contributions that Dr. Abuchowski has made to advance medical research and to develop innovative treatments for rare diseases in New Jersey and around the world. I ask my colleagues to continue to support rare disease research and treatment development to ensure affected individuals have access to innovative therapies and improved health outcomes.

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, March 17, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 18

9:30 a.m.

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 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine S. 697, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Forest Service.

SD-124

Committee on Appropriations

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

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Transportation.

SD-562

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the impact of patent litigation practices on the American economy.

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation from multiple veterans service organizations.

SD-G50

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Missile Defense Agency.

SD-192

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Northern Ireland, focusing on Stormont, collusion, and the Finucane inquiry, includ-

ing other issues of accountability for past government collusion in paramilitary crimes.

RHOB-2175

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the postures of the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

Committee on the Budget

Business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016.

SD-608

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 35, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, S. 438, to provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects, S. 465, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, and the nomination of Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, of Arizona, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine an original bill, entitled "the Reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 2015".

SD-628

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President 2015.

SD-562

MARCH 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Transportation Command, and U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Affordable Care Act at five years.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy

To hold hearings to examine the United States-Africa leaders summit seven months later, focusing on progress and setbacks.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the regulatory regime for regional banks.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security

To hold hearings to examine the evolving cyber insurance marketplace.

SR-253