

the life of Michael Graves. I am proud to say that he was from my home state—truly his impact was felt in New Jersey and throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Mr. Graves' coworkers, family and friends, all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing Mr. Michael Graves.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF THE "THE BORINQUENEERS"

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the brave individuals listed below for their service in the U.S. Army's 65th Infantry Regiment, an all-volunteer Puerto Rican unit known as "the Borinqueneers." This exceptional group of veterans has made Central Florida their home. As their representative, it is my honor to recognize each one of them for their service to our nation.

Aida I. Rodriguez, Andre Vergara, Andres Medina, Angel L. Mendoza, Anibal Albertorio, Carlos Diaz-Husband, Carlos Guffain, Carlos Soya, Celio Freytes Melendez, David Flores Mendez, Despian Quilles, Diego Melendez, Edwin Aviles, Efrain Diaz, Enrique De Jesus.

Enrique Quiñones, Epifanio Agosto, Eriberto DeJesus, Esteban Alejandro, Felipe Ramos Gonzalez, Feliz Lopez, Ferdinand Lopez, Francisco Mendez Lugo, Francisco Torregoza, German R. Colon, Gilberto Ramirez, Gisele Ayala-Granddaughter, Hector M. Perez, Jesus Asencio, Jose A. Feria.

Jose Alujo, Jose Angel Colon, José Ángel Ramirez, Jose Mercado Pacheco, Jose Semidey, Jose Troche, Juan B. Melendez Rodriguez, Juan Bautista, Juan Ramos Flores, Leonardo Justiniano, Leonardo Zeno, Luis F. Suarez, Luis Martinez, Luis Muñoz, Luis Ramirez.

Luis Sabater, Marcia Mojica, Moises Rivera, Narcisco Villot, Nelson Gonzalez, Nestali Franco Baez, Nicolas Ayala, Osvaldo Alvarado, Osvaldo Rivera, Pedro Martinez, Rafael Donis, Rafael Gonzalez, Rafael Lopez Machado, Rafael Martinez Negron.

Ramon Mendez, Raul Aldarondo Galdan, Raul E. Reyes Castaneira, Raymond Medina, Richard Acosta Guerreo, Ruben Aquino, Samuel Collazo, Santiago Villafañe, Victor M. Rosario, Victor Mesias, Victor Ortiz, Victor Roldan, Wilfredo Lopez.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to honor these members of the 65th Infantry Regiment for their exceptional service to our nation.

HONORING AUSTIN CONWAY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Austin Conway. Austin 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 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Austin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Austin 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, Austin has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

INTRODUCTION OF SUPERMARKET TAX CREDIT FOR UNDERSERVED AREAS ACT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Supermarket Tax Credit for Underserved Areas Act, which I introduced earlier today. If enacted, this bill would provide tax incentives for the establishment of supermarkets in urban and rural areas without access to fresh food.

It is hard to believe, but more than 23 million Americans, including many residents in my hometown of Memphis, Tennessee, live in communities that lack access to fresh food. I believe that is simply unacceptable in a nation as great as ours.

No American should have to live in a so-called, "food desert." According to the Department of Agriculture, a "food desert" is a low income neighborhood that lacks grocery stores within a 1 mile proximity for urban residents and 10 miles for rural residents. Many families in these neighborhoods face transportation challenges and rely on corner convenience stores that often stock processed snack products (potato chips, soft drinks, and candy) rather than fresh meat and produce. Studies have shown that access to healthy food choices can help prevent many diet-related illnesses, including diabetes, obesity, hypertension, heart disease and digestive diseases.

That is why I introduced Supermarket Tax Credit for Underserved Areas Act. This legislation seeks to reduce food deserts, create jobs and boost local economies by increasing the rehabilitation tax credit for supermarkets that open stores in food desert communities. The bill would also increase the work employment tax credit for supermarkets that hire disadvantaged youth, community residents, veterans and ex-felons. Finally, Supermarket Tax Credit for Underserved Areas Act would provide a tax credit for supermarkets that purchase their fresh fruits and vegetables from local growers.

I urge my colleagues to support this much needed legislation.

CRUZ GARCIA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cruz Garcia

for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Cruz Garcia is a 12th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cruz Garcia 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 Cruz Garcia 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, March 19, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 24

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Middle East policy.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine waters of the United States, focusing on stakeholder perspectives on the impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule.

SD-106

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 Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security

To hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on performance, not prescription.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine management reforms to improve forest health

and socioeconomic opportunities on the nation's forest system.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine continuing America's leadership, focusing on advancing research and development for patients.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on assessing the impact of transnational crime.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

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

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment

To hold hearings to examine capital formation and reducing small business burdens.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security

To hold hearings to examine unmanned aircraft systems, focusing on key considerations regarding safety, innovation, economic impact, and privacy.

SR-253

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Veterans Choice Act, focusing on exploring the distance criteria.

SR-418

MARCH 25

9 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 Defense Health Program.

SD-192

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

2 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on understanding and addressing the root causes of Central American migration to the United States.

SD-342

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul A. Folmsbee, of Oklahoma, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, and Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the fight against Alzheimer's disease, focusing on a treatment by 2025.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine the current state of readiness of U.S. forces in review of the Defense Authorization Re-

quest for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

MARCH 26

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command, U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Special Operations Command programs and budget in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the Administration's Quadrennial Energy Review.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on defining the current population living in the shadows and addressing future flows.

SD-342

2:30 p.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 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222