

Foundation, the Regents of Concordia University, and the Board of Directors of Tejon Ranch, among others.

The selfless efforts of Barbara and Kari have impacted so many and both have set an exceptional example for all of us to follow as we work to improve our community. Through investing in education to providing resources to those less fortunate, Barbara and Kari are steadfast in their vision and commitment to helping others. We congratulate Barbara and Kari for jointly being named the 2017 Kern County Person of the Year and commend them for their tireless service, work, and vision for our community. We look forward to witnessing their continued efforts that touch the hearts of so many.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CRAIG ANDERSON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Craig Anderson and his 20 years of active stewardship as the Executive Director of LandPaths, a non-profit organization in Sonoma County that has become a national innovator in land conservation practices under his leadership.

Craig Anderson's career has consistently engaged his dual passions of land conservation and community engagement. Beginning in 1985, Mr. Anderson worked at the Yosemite Institute where he taught field science courses to high school students. Four years later he became the Director of Outdoor Classroom Programs for the Ojai Valley School, leading students on wilderness trips that exposed some of them to land use and natural history curriculum for the first time. During that same period, Mr. Anderson took his knowledge from the classroom and applied it in the field, when he became the site manager for the McCloud River Preserve. As the site manager he oversaw all activities taking places across the 2,200 acre preserve on a daily basis. All of these experiences prepared Mr. Anderson for his next role as the Executive Director of Land Paths, a position he took on in 1997, and continues to hold to this day.

As the Executive Director of Land Paths, Mr. Anderson has grown the organization from a single staff member working out of his apartment to a staff of 15. Pushing the organization's mission of connecting people to nature, Mr. Anderson successfully spearheaded the agency's efforts to create nature preserves with public access. LandPaths has created five such preserves throughout Sonoma County as a result of his leadership to date. In addition to these efforts, Mr. Anderson led the development of the award winning Bayer-Farm Park & Community Garden, which has now been held up as a model for expanding green spaces in urban areas. Because of his foresight in developing local preserves and community gardens, LandPaths has also been able to create student and community stewardship programs that use these properties to ensure the public's commitment to environmental conservation and land use practices. Beyond the local impact of Mr. Anderson's leadership, he has also been recognized on a

national level for his innovative practices and stewardship programs.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing deep appreciation for Craig Anderson's extraordinary leadership in the field of land use, conservation and stewardship, by extending to him congratulations on his two decades of service.

SUPPORTING THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Legal Services Corporation and its important work across the country in facilitating civil legal aid for those in need.

Civil legal aid is one of the most effective strategies for helping victims of domestic violence and that is why our federal government must make a strong investment in the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), which administers federal funding for civil legal aid.

From my over 33 years in law enforcement, I know all too well that unlike people who commit crimes, victims do not always have the same opportunity for an attorney. For a low-income individual in need of help with a civil legal issue, paying expensive legal fees for an attorney is not an option. And for people who are in abusive relationships, the thought of navigating the legal system alone can often be what keeps them from leaving their abuser.

Research shows that providing an attorney can reduce the number of domestic violence victims by as much as 21 percent. A 2015 study out of King County, WA, where I was the Sheriff, found that when survivors received legal representation they were 85 percent more likely to have child visitation rights denied to the abusive parent, 77 percent more likely to have restrictions placed on the abusive parent's child visitation, and 47 percent more likely to have treatment ordered for the abusive parent.

Our great nation was founded on the principle of justice for all, not just for those who can afford it. When low-income families and survivors of domestic violence are forced to face the justice system on their own, it is a failure of our society. As the appropriations process moves forward, I urge you to support and strengthen funding for the Legal Services Corporation.

RECOGNIZING MARK GOTTO

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to Mark Gotto, Centennial City Council Member for District 3 Mark Gotto, for his many years of hard work and dedication to the City of Centennial. Council Member Gotto's leadership and vision has, amongst other accomplishments, contributed to the City of Centennial's reputation as one of the best in Colorado.

Council Member Gotto has consistently and effectively guided the City of Centennial to-

wards a more business-friendly atmosphere that increases growth and the quality of life. He has continually provided his guidance and leadership as the City Council Liaison to a variety of different boards and committees, such as the Centennial Budget Committee, the Southgate Water and Sanitation District, and the Arapahoe Library District Board of Trustees.

Outside of his service on the Centennial City Council, Council Member Gotto has also dedicated his time making our community and the State of Colorado a better place. He continues to volunteer at the Children's Hospital of Colorado on the Anschutz Medical Campus and ensures that the Centennial City Council does not pass any resolution that would negatively affect the aging population in his city.

Mr. Speaker, City Council Member Mark Gotto represents the very best the State of Colorado and our nation has to offer in public service. I offer my sincere appreciation for his unyielding dedication to public service, and I wish him the very best of luck as he leaves the Centennial City Council and moves on to future endeavors.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN'S ANACOSTIA COMMUNITY MUSEUM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum.

The Anacostia Community Museum, which opened in 1967, has been a staple of the District of Columbia community. Not only has the museum served as a major cultural institution, including in highlighting the important contributions made by African Americans to D.C. and the nation, but it has also served as a pillar of educational enrichment and achievement through its Museum Academy Program. In addition, the museum's Citizen Scientist Program brings high school students and Smithsonian educators, as well as scientists, together to engage in environmental stewardship and learn more about science, technology, engineering and mathematics initiatives.

The museum also continues to be a dominant force in terms of community engagement, creating a hands-on children's room and a youth advisory council. Additionally, the museum works on a number of events and projects that focus on community restoration within Anacostia. For example, the museum recently hosted a community forum with the National Park Service to illustrate the importance of volunteering within one's community and also partnered with WTTG Fox 5 to allow visitors to participate in an urban gardening project.

Aside from its community engagement and restoration, the Anacostia Community Museum showcases various exhibits that focus on the different issues that impact urban communities, both in D.C. and nationwide. Specifically, the museum works with D.C. residents, artists, community activists, scholars, local officials and other outside organizations to cultivate carefully crafted exhibits that challenge

museum visitors to think critically and enhance their museum experience.

Therefore, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Anacostia Community Museum, an institution that continues to remain at the forefront of addressing social and political issues that affect individuals in D.C. and the nation, as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JONATHAN WILLIAMS PLAZA

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Jonathan Williams Plaza, a New York City Public Housing Authority (NYCHA) development located in my district in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. This complex is home to more than 1,340 residents. Built at the height of the Civil Rights movement, and three decades after the New Deal and the 1934 Federal Housing Act, Williams Plaza's towering buildings have long symbolized innovation and hope.

Williams Plaza has provided a sound foundation and pathway to self-sufficiency for thousands of its residents. The stability it provides families is what helped launch the educational achievement and careers of former public housing residents like U.S. Supreme Court Sonia Sotomayor.

Williams Plaza provides meaningful support and services for its residents. Under NYCHA's Family Partnerships initiative, residents are able to connect to critical resources that help support family stability and tenancy. It offers job training opportunities, on-site afterschool partnership and accessible childcare in addition to NYCHA's city-wide network of social services.

On this special 50th year celebration, I also would like to recognize the Jonathan Williams Plaza Tenant Association for their volunteerism. The community service they provide improves the quality of life for their neighbors and surrounding community. They are a valuable asset to NYCHA and the resident stakeholders. I also want to recognize Mr. Juan Bello, Housing Manager and his team for their unwavering dedication to residents. I salute the following:

Mr. Joel Gross—Tenant Association President

Ben Zion Weiss—Vice-President

Abraham Frankel—Treasurer

Joanne Sanchez—Corresponding Secretary

Joel Schwartz—Secretary

Louise Sanon—Sergeant At Arms

Housing Manager—Mr. Juan Bello

Superintendent—Marian Polowcyk

Housing Assistant—Nina Dinkevich

Maintenance Staffer—Efrain Quintana

Caretaker—Andrew Adams

Resident Volunteer—Abraham Frankel

Resident Volunteer—Pedro Roman

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL
GREGORY S. CHAMPAGNE

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Major General Gregory S. Champagne who will retire from the United States Air Force and the Missouri Air National Guard on November 1, 2017 with 36 years of dedicated service. Since his commissioning, Major General Champagne has spent his career as a Missouri Air National Guardsman and currently serves as the Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command at the Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana where training, equipping, and maintenance for all United States intercontinental ballistic missile and bomber forces are conducted. The Air Force Global Strike Command provides strategic deterrence, global strike, and combat support and houses the nation's inventory of Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles, B-1, B-2, and B-52 bomber aircraft under its nine wings.

In 1981, Major General Champagne received his commission through the Academy of Military Science. He has served on numerous assignments such as wing staff assignments, logistics and flying operations and has flown in combat missions in Operations Provide Comfort and Southern Watch. Furthermore, he commanded the 207th Air Expeditionary Group at Tallil Air Base, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Prior to his current post, Major General Champagne was Commander, 131st Bomb Wing, Missouri Air National Guard, and Whiteman Air Force Base. At Whiteman, he oversaw the National Guard's only B-2 unit that provides nearly 1,100 combat-ready Airmen for both state and federal missions.

Throughout his many years of service, Major General Champagne has received numerous awards and decorations including: Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster, Combat Readiness Medal with two silver oak leaf clusters and two bronze oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with bronze star, and Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star.

Major General Champagne intends to spend precious moments with his wife, Cheri Champagne and his sons, 1st Lieutenant Clayton Champagne and wife, Cara, and Captain Tyler Champagne and wife, Kris and his grandson Nicolas.

I ask you to join me in recognizing this distinguished public servant, Major General Gregory S. Champagne on his retirement after 36 years of dedicated service to our nation. This retirement is well deserved.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a sys-

tem 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, September 19, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 20

9 a.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine disaster preparedness and response, focusing on the special needs of older Americans.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Dourson, of Ohio, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and Matthew Z. Leopold, of Florida, David Ross, of Wisconsin, and William L. Wehrum, of Delaware, each to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Allison H. Eid, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Annemarie Carney Axon, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Michael Lawrence Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Thomas Alvin Farr, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and William M. Ray II, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management

To hold hearings to examine end of the year spending.

SD-342

SEPTEMBER 25

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal.

SD-215