

the assistant chief of the Fair Employment Practices Division for the State.

In 1964, Clarke was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, as the first woman to serve on the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and in 1966, she left the commission to form her own consulting firm, Hernandez and Associates. Her firm worked to end racism, sexism and all forms of discrimination, and to establish standards for equity in government and corporations.

In 1970 she was appointed the second President of the National Organization for Women (NOW) where she was instrumental in organizing the national Women's Strike for Equality on August 26, 1970.

In 1973, Ms. Clarke took initiative and founded Black Women Organized for Action in San Francisco. In addition, Ms. Clarke was the Co-Chair and Founder with Marilyn Fowler, of the California Women's Agenda, a network and action alliance of over 600 organizations in California, and was chairwoman of the committee that led to the founding of the National Women's Political Caucus that worked to increase political power for women.

Aileen Clarke Hernandez was a leader and fought against discrimination for more than seven decades. She took it as her mission to ensure a voice for women of color in the women's movement and civil rights movement, and worked on behalf of all people seeking social justice. Her monumental efforts have guided our nation on the right trajectory toward a more just society.

On a personal note, I met Aileen in 1972 during Shirley Chisholm's groundbreaking presidential campaign. She became a mentor and helped shape my political views and guided my growing political involvement. I was constantly amazed at how she could build bridges between activists in the feminist movement, people of color, and the civil rights movement, in order to work together for positive change. I was proud to call Aileen my friend; I know that her legacy will live on, and her spirit will continue to guide us through the many challenges that we continue to face.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District honors Aileen Hernandez's memory and her lifetime of service working on behalf of social justice and equality. We join her loved ones in celebrating her incredible life with a promise to honor her tremendous legacy.

REMEMBERING MAJOR REID B. NANNEN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 6, 2017

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor United States Marine Corps Major Reid B. Nannen, who passed away Sunday, March 1, 2014, while training at TOPGUN NAS in Fallon, Nevada.

Reid attended Olympia High School where he was a two-year captain of the swim team, a section leader for the drum line, and an Illinois State Scholar. Reid then attended the University of Illinois where he participated in the Marching Illini Drum Line, and also served as commander of the NROTC Drill Team his senior year. After graduating, Reid married the

love of his life, Sarah M. Simpson, on August 6, 2005, in Peoria, Illinois.

Reid was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in May 2004. After completing The Basic School, Reid attended Naval Aviation Training and received his Wings of Gold in February 2007. He deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from May to December of 2010. Reid attended Tactical Air Control Party training in 2011 and proceeded to Camp Pendleton, California, for duty as a forward air controller. Reid deployed for the second time to Afghanistan from October of 2011 to May of 2012. Reid's valor and leadership led him to serve as a decorated hero receiving the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Achievement Medal, and the Navy Commendation Medal and Air Medal.

In honor of Reid's sacrifice, it is my privilege to commemorate his service through the designation of the Major Reid B. Nannen Highway in Hopedale, Illinois. My prayers and thoughts go out to his wife, Sarah, and their four children, who have lost a loving husband and father. Our Nation is blessed to have servicemen like Captain Reid who have selflessly given their life in defense of our country and our freedom.

HONORING ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 6, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the rich history of St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, a long standing community pillar that is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year.

The Episcopal Cathedral was incorporated on February 10, 1817 in the city of Buffalo. This building was Buffalo's first permanent house of worship and was consecrated on February 25, 1821.

A major milestone in the Church's history was the consecration of a new edifice. This building was designed by renowned architect Richard Upjohn and began a second period of growth for the Church.

St Paul's Cathedral flourished in the city until May 22, 1888 when it was tragically destroyed by a fire. Through perseverance and a strong commitment to the community, the restored St Paul's Cathedral was inaugurated just two years later.

The Church committed to remaining in the downtown community of Buffalo. Even with the hardships of the twentieth century around the country and in Buffalo, St Paul's Cathedral took advantage of every opportunity to grow and serve the community.

St Paul's Cathedral is where The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, attended while he was going through Buffalo Public Schools.

Through different projects throughout the city of Buffalo, the people of St Paul's Cathedral have shown their commitment to social service and preserving their history.

Mr. Speaker, I honor a long standing institution in the city of Buffalo. I am proud to celebrate St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral's bicen-

tennial and I wish the Church good fortune for many years to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 6, 2017

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, early last month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) abruptly pulled animal welfare violation documents from its website. This database contained thousands of inspection reports and other information about violations of the Animal Welfare Act and the Horse Protection Act made by research laboratories, zoos, dog breeding operations, and other facilities. While the agency has begun to repost some of these documents, it has so far only restored a small fraction of the information that was taken down. In the meantime, consumers and animal welfare advocates lack the transparency needed to make informed decisions and hold violators accountable.

For the life of me, I can't understand why USDA would hide this vital information. Ensuring transparency under these laws is a no-brainer. Luckily, many of my colleagues feel the same. Today, I am pleased to introduce, with 34 of my colleagues, the Animal Welfare Accountability and Transparency Act. This bill would require USDA to repost this information on its website and would increase accountability for those who treat animals inhumanely.

Providing consumers with information about where their pets come from and how animals are treated is the least we can do to discourage people from violating the law. It is critical that we ensure the standards set forth by Animal Welfare Act and the Horse Protection Act are upheld. This is why the Animal Welfare Accountability and Transparency Act would create an additional incentive to abide by these laws.

The bill would take away certain tax benefits for businesses that are found to be in violation of those laws. Under current tax rules, the costs of breeding and working animals are treated the same as machinery and equipment, and businesses may deduct these costs from their taxes over a specified period. The bill would prohibit businesses found to have violated the Animal Welfare Act or the Horse Protection Act from claiming these accelerated depreciation bonuses for tax purposes.

I am also happy to have worked with my colleague from Oregon, Senator RON WYDEN, who introduced a Senate version of this legislation late last week. This bill is a small step that this Congress can take quickly to show that we respond to animal abuse and that the federal government should be transparent with consumers. I call on my colleagues to support this bill so that we can send a strong message to animal abusers across this country that their horrendous actions will not be kept in the shadows.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SACRAMENTO MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 6, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th Anniversary of Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium. As the City of Sacramento celebrates one of its most valued and awe inspiring buildings, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring this historical piece of architecture in Sacramento.

The Memorial Auditorium, listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1977, opened in 1927 and is dedicated as a tribute and memorial to those in our community who gave their lives to our country. The Memorial Auditorium has provided the venue for a variety of events including concerts, local graduations, competitions and gubernatorial inaugurations. The building has many unique architectural design elements and operational features.

In honor of this anniversary, the City of Sacramento is offering a viewing of the classic comedy and silent film "Steamboat Bill, Jr." accompanied by the local organist Dave Moreno live. This Buster Keaton film has special connection with the area, as it was filmed on the Sacramento River in 1927 the same year the Memorial Auditorium opened.

Mr. Speaker, as the City of Sacramento honors the 90th Anniversary of the Memorial Auditorium, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring this staple of the Sacramento area and all it has provided to the community.

HONORING DONALD R. WHITE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 6, 2017

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary work of Donald R. White, who recently retired after 32 years of serving as Alameda County's Treasurer-Tax Collector. I recognize his exemplary work and the invaluable influence he had on our community in the County of Alameda.

Mr. White graduated from California State University, Hayward (now Cal State East Bay) where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He is a Certified Public Accountant, a member of the California Society of CPAs, and a member of the American Institute of CPAs. These qualifications helped him become the first African American auditor at Ernst and Young's San Francisco office and he later co-founded Adams, Grant, White & Co, a minority owned accounting firm that had offices in Washington, D.C., Oakland, and Fresno.

Donald began his work for Alameda County in 1985 when he made history as the first African American to be elected to the position of Treasurer-Tax Collector. As Alameda County's Treasurer, White oversaw billions of dollars in county funds, managed multiple departments, and supervised a staff of over 60 employees.

Mr. White is a trailblazer. He dedicated his career to serving and supporting his commu-

nity, investing years with countless community service organizations. He has committed himself to numerous non-profit boards, including service on the Board of Trustees for the East Oakland Youth Development Center and on the Board of Directors and as chair of the Audit Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of California. He served as treasurer for the Alpha Gamma Boule Foundation and treasurer of the Black Elected Officials and Faith Based Leaders of the East Bay.

Over the years Mr. White has also committed his time and expertise to numerous professional organizations, including the California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors, National Association of Securities Professionals, National Association of Black Accountants, and is an active member of the Oakland Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Mr. White is an exemplary model of a positive community activist, promoter of equality, and role model for all. He has worked tirelessly as a public servant and committed himself to expanding and promoting diversity in every aspect of professional services for the county.

On a personal note, I had the privilege to be involved in Don's first campaign, when I organized an event for him with Congressman Harold Ford. Don was also a member of a business delegation that I led to Africa, and the group benefitted tremendously from his expertise and insights. More than anything, Don always lived up to his role as an exemplary public servant, and I am proud to call him my friend.

Today, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I salute the long and successful career of Donald R. White. I offer my congratulations and acknowledge the positive impact that he had on the communities of Alameda County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 6, 2017

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, during the afternoon of Tuesday February 28, 2017, I was absent from the House due to a meeting at the White House with Vice President Mike Pence and my constituent and guest to the President's Address to the Joint Session of Congress, Elizabeth Snyder. I would like to reflect how I would have voted had I been present for legislative business.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call 105. I would have voted "nay" on Roll Call 106, Roll Call 107, and Roll Call 108.

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 7, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

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

To hold hearings to examine investing in America, focusing on funding our nation's transportation infrastructure needs.

SD-192

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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

SH-216

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, "Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act".

SD-406

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine saving lives through medical research.

SD-138

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian affairs priorities for the Trump Administration.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To receive a closed briefing on cybersecurity from the Defense Science Board.

SVC-217

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine the global nuclear weapons environment.

SR-222

MARCH 9

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command and U.S. Africa Command.

SH-216