

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN TRIBUTE TO JOHN
BARTKOWSKI

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 13, 2017

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Bartkowski who is retiring from the Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers on March 31, 2017. He retires as CEO and President at the organization after serving for nearly 30 years.

Mr. Bartkowski has spent much of his career at the Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers making an extraordinary impact on the lives of the people they serve through both innovation and growth. When John started at Sixteenth Street they had one storefront location and now have 5 sites. Over the decades he has led the organization as a tireless advocate and provider of quality care for community health concerns to make a real difference in the lives of the people they serve. 84 percent of the individuals they serve are Hispanic/Latino, 19 percent are uninsured and 65 percent are at 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level or under. There is a huge need for quality bilingual services and Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers has met that need on all levels.

While at the helm of Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers some of John's most notable achievements in addition to expansion include: the creation of an Environmental Health Department to address lead poisoning and asthma issues, formation of HIV/AIDS outreach which was later expanded to a Department, addition of Behavioral Health Services, Accreditation by the Joint Commission and initiation of the Annual Celebrity Roast to raise funds for the clinic. While he could have been satisfied with maintaining a focus solely on the clinic, John Bartkowski sought to better the entire community. He applied for funding and worked with partners to improve blighted areas like the Menomonee Valley and brought bike trails and new businesses to the area. John truly believes in the concept that a society becomes more vibrant and productive when it is inclusive and he has walked that talk.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to know and work with John Bartkowski for many years on a myriad of health issues. I join with friends and colleagues to congratulate him as he transitions into a different phase of his life.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor John Bartkowski. The citizens of the Fourth Congressional District and the State of Wisconsin are privileged to have someone of his ability and dedicated service working on their behalf for so many years. I thank him for all that he has done and I am indeed honored for these reasons to pay tribute to John Bartkowski.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 13, 2017

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, March 10, 2016, I was unable to be present and missed the recorded votes on roll call no. 157 and 158 regarding H.R. 720, the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 157, and YEA on Roll Call No. 158.

ECONOMIC GROWTH IN JACKSON
COUNTY, GA

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 13, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the economic growth that Jackson County has experienced over the past year. The investment of new companies in the Ninth District of Georgia has brought hundreds of new jobs to our community, and it is my hope that this growth will continue for years to come.

For many years, companies have made their home alongside Interstate 85 in the middle of Jackson County. The continued growth of e-commerce, in addition to the demand for expedited shipping by customers, has made it necessary for companies such as Amazon, Williams-Sonoma, and Whole Foods to acquire regional distribution centers. We are eager to welcome these companies, as well as many others, to northeast Georgia.

In addition to the settlement of new companies in Jackson County, there have been multiple expansions that have been announced by already existing businesses and health centers. The continued growth of these companies shows that they have found a community in the Ninth District that is conducive to their businesses' future.

The number of companies that have decided to absorb industrial space in our district represents another notable step towards increased economic strength for our community. However, Jackson County is continuing to invest not only in the economic sector, but in the future of young men and women by creating a college and career academy. In fall of 2017, the county will submit a proposal for this academy, which has the potential to attract new industries to northeast Georgia, as well as to educate the young men and women of our community. Mr. Speaker, I applaud this holistic approach to community growth on the part of Jackson County.

HONORING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAMILLUS ERIE
CANAL PARK

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 13, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 45th anniversary of the Camillus Erie Canal Park in my hometown of Camillus, New York.

Established in 1972, the Camillus Erie Canal Park is part of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor in Upstate New York. It is maintained and operated by an entirely volunteer group dedicated to preserving and restoring the historic Erie Canal in the Town of Camillus.

The Camillus Erie Canal Park offers Central New Yorkers, tourists, and students from across New York State over 10 miles of historic walkways, boat rides along the Erie Canal, and museums showcasing the history of the canal.

Critical to the preservation of this historic site, members of the Camillus Erie Canal Society and many hardworking volunteers in our community worked to restore the 1842 Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct at the Camillus Erie Canal Park. This is the only restored navigable aqueduct in New York State and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Sites.

The Erie Canal stretches from Albany to Buffalo and has played a pivotal role in the socioeconomic development of New York State and our country. This corridor, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year, was recently designated a National Historical Landmark.

I am proud to recognize the 45th anniversary of the Camillus Erie Canal Park, as well as the Camillus Erie Canal Society for the incredible work they do to preserve the cultural heritage of the Erie Canal in Central New York.

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.

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on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine assessing U.S. sanctions on Russia, focusing on the next steps.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine unmanned aircraft systems, focusing on innovation, integration, successes, and challenges.

SD-106

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine innovative solutions to control invasive species and promote wildlife conservation.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 34, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for "midnight rules", S. 21, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, S. 317, to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, S. 500, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Health Affairs responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Department of Homeland Security related to food, agriculture, and veterinary defense against terrorism, S. 218, to restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on documents sent by mail by the Federal Government, S. 188, to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government, H.R. 274, to provide for reimbursement for the use of modern travel services by Federal employees

traveling on official Government business, H.R. 366, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in managing the Department's vehicle fleet, an original bill entitled, "Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act", an original bill entitled, "Office of Special Counsel Reauthorization Act", an original bill entitled, "Follow the Rules Act", an original bill entitled, "Regulatory Accountability Act", and the nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine visas, focusing on investigating K-1 fiance fraud.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold closed hearings to examine a ballistic missile defense program update.

SVC-217

Committee on Appropriations

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

To hold hearings to examine STEM education, focusing on preparing students for the careers of today and the future.

SD-138

11 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine six years of war in Syria, focusing on the human toll.

SD-419

1:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine the Modus Operandi and toolbox of Russia and other autocracies for undermining democracies throughout the world.

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine GAO's high risk list and the Veterans Health Administration.

SR-418

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine all arms warfare in the 21st century.

SR-232A

MARCH 20

11 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SH-216

MARCH 21

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine FDA user fee agreements, focusing on improving medical product innovation for patients.

SD-430

MARCH 22

9 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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

SD-G50

MARCH 29

3 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine how small businesses confront and shape regulations.

SR-428A

POSTPONEMENTS

MARCH 15

2:30 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine raising grandchildren in the opioid crisis and beyond.

SD-562