

the ACC Board of Trustees before becoming Chairman.

Many go through life wondering if they've made difference; Dr. Vic doesn't have that problem. I'm glad civic-minded leaders like him are working hard to improve their communities. He's led Leander to new heights and positioned his beloved city to continue into a bright future. I salute his work, congratulate him on his achievements, and wish him nothing but the best for the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE 2018 SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2018 Sister Cities International Annual Conference. For 2018, the conference will take place in my hometown of Aurora, Colorado, from the 2nd to the 4th of August. This is both Aurora's and Colorado's first time hosting this important international conference. I look forward to participating in it as a guest and as a speaker.

First established in 1984, the Sister Cities International Annual Conference joins together numerous government officials, national leaders, business leaders, and diplomats for dialogue on many important global issues. The focus of this year's conference is Cities Leading the Way. It will showcase how, "in an era of unrest, cities across the globe are leading efforts to create smarter, healthier, more inclusive, and more innovative communities."

I am proud to attend this prestigious event and look forward to observing how its participants will offer ideas on how to resolve important global issues and promote cross-cultural dialogue at the highest level. Colorado is a world leader in a variety of fields, including agriculture, energy, medical research, natural resources, and tourism. There are numerous tours and guest speakers Colorado will provide to inform and assist the participants as they develop ideas and solutions. I am confident that all will look back upon the conclusion of the conference and recognize that Aurora was a wonderful place to meet.

The Conference made the decision to award the 2018 event to Aurora thanks to the efforts of many, but I want to note particularly the leadership of my late friend and Aurora's biggest booster, Mayor Stephen Hogan. I know it would have meant a great deal to Mayor Hogan to have participated in and to have opened this conference. I am confident that Aurora's new Mayor, Bob LeGare, will ensure that it will be a great success. Finally, I wish to recognize the work of Sister Cities International led by Board Chair, Tim Quigley, and Aurora Sister Cities International led by Board Chair, Dr. Christopher Ward.

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps better than most, how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said, "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to 13 extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are:

Callie Lucia from Texas Christian University; Kelly Clifford from New York University; Matthew Marion from the University of Colorado; Farah Mechref from Texas Tech University; Chaniqua Nelson from Howard University; Zohair Alam from the University of Houston; Sabri Siraj from Arizona State University; Naomi Stelivan from Fisk University; Andy Hong from Brown University; Mariam Boguifo from Texas Tech University; Rishal Jagtap from Langley High School; Ritwik Jagtap from Langley High School; and Fangxin 'Amy' Yu from The Madeira School.

Mr. Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in

America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

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, July 26, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 31

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet

To hold hearings to examine the internet and digital communications, focusing on the impact of global internet governance.

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reducing health care costs, focusing on decreasing administrative spending.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine immigration enforcement and family reunification efforts.

SH-216

AUGUST 1

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 2242, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with respect to post-storm assessments, S. 2773, to improve the management of driftnet fishing, S. 2861, to prosecute, as a Federal crime, the assault or intimidation of a passenger train crew member to the same extent as such actions against aircraft crew members are prosecuted, S. 3119, to allow for the taking of sea lions on the Columbia River and its tributaries to protect endangered and threatened species of salmon and other nonlisted fish species, S. 3143, to provide for a coordinated Federal program to accelerate quantum research and development for the economic and national security of the United States, S. 3265, to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake certain activities to support

waterfront community revitalization and resiliency, S. 3273, to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports, an original bill entitled, "Space Frontier Act of 2019", and the nominations of Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, and Martin J. Oberman, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of R. Clarke Cooper, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (Political-Military Affairs), and John Cotton Richmond, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's agenda, focusing on protecting the en-

vironment and allowing America's economy to grow.

SD-406

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness

To hold hearings to examine the search for life, focusing on utilizing science to explore our solar system and make new discoveries.

SR-253

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 3184, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the requirements for applications for construction of State home facilities to increase the maximum percentage of nonveterans allowed to be treated at such facilities, S. 1596, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase certain funeral benefits for veterans, S. 2881, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the city of Vallejo, California, for the transfer of Mare Island Naval Cemetery in Vallejo, California, S. 1952, to improve oversight and accountability of the financial processes of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1990, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amounts payable by the Department of Veterans Affairs for dependency and indemnity compensation, to modify the requirements for dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain veterans rated to-

tally disabled at the time of death, S. 2485, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide payment of Medal of Honor special pension under such title to the surviving spouse of a deceased Medal of Honor recipient, S. 2748, to amend title 10, United States Code, to require members of the Armed Forces to receive additional training under the Transition Assistance Program, S. 514, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy to veterans, H.R. 299, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, H.R. 5418, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program using multiple prime vendors, an original bill entitled, "Veterans Dental Care Eligibility Expansion and Enhancement Act of 2018", an original bill entitled, "VA Hiring Enhancement Act", an original bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to award grants to persons to provide and coordinate the provision of suicide prevention services for veterans transitioning from service in the Armed Forces who are at risk of suicide and for their families, and an original bill entitled, "Modernization of Medical Records Access for Veterans Act".

SR-418