

Humanitarian Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon with one bronze star, United States Coast Guard Special Operation Service Ribbon, and the New York State Medal for Merit.

After many years of service Yeoman Second Class Gwen Colon was honorably discharged from the Navy and worked as a paralegal for a prominent attorney and Henry become Company Commander at the Recruit Training Center in Orlando, FL. Radioman First Class Henry Colon was honorably discharged in 1993. In 1999, Gwen returned to Buffalo where she worked at the Buffalo VA Medical Center. Unfortunately, Henry Colon passed away in 2002. Gwen retired from the Buffalo VA Medical Center in 2009 but never stopped advocating for veterans and their families. In 2015 Gwen started volunteering for the Patriot Guard Riders.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize Henry and Gwen Colon. It is an honor to recognize them as an example of veterans who were dedicated to serving in the military for the betterment of our nation. Henry and Gwen represent the strong resolve and determination of the people of Buffalo and their commitment to furthering their ambitions through hard work. They serve as inspiration to others by showing that our citizens can overcome challenges in their quest to serve our country.

TRIBUTE TO MARY PORTER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mary Porter. Mary was awarded the Presidential Medal at the Lions Club International Iowa state convention.

Mary was recognized at the event as a faithful aide to her husband as Chaplain for many years. She travels to locations throughout the state, providing meaningful memorial services for Lions members who have passed. She uses her ventriloquist skills to recruit new members to the Lions organization.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mary for receiving this outstanding award as a faithful volunteer. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Mary and wishing her nothing but continued success.

HONORING VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise for this Holocaust Remembrance Week to honor the people murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust, especially the six million Jews singled out for genocide. The methods of mass murder were unspeakable, horrifying and modern. The anti-Semitic hate fueling the

killing was an ancient, persistent evil, a disease of the heart that dehumanizes and destroys.

The late, iconic Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel wrote that “The anti-Semite is an ideological fanatic and pathological racist. An anti-Semite is someone who never met me, never heard of me, yet he hates me.” In addition, neighbors, colleagues, and friends, being murdered, strangers, from the youngest to the oldest, were targeted and annihilated merely for being Jewish or being perceived to be Jewish.

Children were even taught to hate the Jewish people, informally at home and formally at schools and through organizations like Hitler Youth. This wicked ideology was imposed on countries conquered by the Nazis. Several generations of Germans and other Europeans were infected by this poison and it may take several generations more for it to be purged from the body of Europe.

Families were robbed of lives, homes were robbed of their belongings, and countries were robbed of the talents of their Jewish citizens. Europe, indeed the world, has been poorer because of this theft. We will never know which cultural, scientific, and other gifts, past, present, and future, were consumed by the carnage of the Holocaust.

It may be tempting to think of the Holocaust as history from long ago. In the span of human history the Holocaust was close enough to be more like the present than the past. Some survivors are still alive, witnessing to the resilience of the Jewish people over the millennia, and perpetrators continue to be prosecuted. Anti-Semitism did not end with the Holocaust.

Anti-Semitic evil is still evident locally and globally. In my district, the Congregation Sons of Israel synagogue was recently vandalized for the second time in nine months. This time cowardly criminals spray-painted 666 on an outdoor Holocaust memorial and drew a swastika-like symbol on a nearby pick-up truck.

For all of America in 2016, the latest year for which the FBI has issued hate crimes statistics, fifty four percent of the victims of anti-religion criminal offenses were Jewish. Every year since Congress began requiring the FBI to collect and report these figures in 1996, more victims of anti-religious hate crimes have been Jewish than any other religious group.

Witnesses testified at a hearing I chaired last year on “Anti-Semitism Across Borders” that extremist groups in the United States are using, modifying, adapting, and boosting the anti-Semitic tactics and strategies of extremists in Europe—which has been the site of so many violent and deadly attacks on Jewish communities in recent years.

Anti-Semitism is hard-wired into the ideology, propaganda, radicalization, targeting, and operations of terrorist groups like ISIS and Al-Qaeda. Neo-Nazis and fringe political elements in Europe are openly promoting anti-Semitism. Segments of Muslim society in Europe have been sources of anti-Semitic incidents, including refugees and migrants who arrive with the anti-Jewish and anti-Israel attitudes of their countries and regions of origin. Anti-Semitism has become mainstream across the political and economic spectrum in many European countries to a degree unseen since World War II.

The rise of anti-Semitism in Latin America reflects trends in Europe as well as in some instances the influence of Iran and its terrorist

proxies like Hezbollah that threaten Israel and Jewish communities everywhere.

The Boycott, Divest, and Sanctions movement, more commonly known as BDS, is a vicious example what the great Natan Sharansky rightfully called “new anti-Semitism”: Anti-Semitism under the guise of criticizing the State of Israel. This new anti-Semitism is rampant on college and university campuses and is even found among local governments. Modern anti-Jewish hatred is as outrageous as older anti-Semitism.

We must fight anti-Jewish hatred until it is defeated. The safety and security of Jewish communities is paramount and must be prioritized—particularly through strengthened and new partnerships between law enforcement agencies and these communities. Our domestic law enforcement agencies at every level have to ensure they are focused on anticipating, preventing and responding to anti-Semitic crimes. Iran, ISIS, Hezbollah, and other terrorist entities that threaten Israel and Jewish communities elsewhere must be confronted.

Stand we must and stand we will with Jewish communities so that they are able to flourish without fear.

TRIBUTE TO DONNA AND RAYMOND SHIELDS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Donna and Raymond Shields of Diagonal, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated this anniversary on February 4, 2018.

Donna and Raymond’s lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this meaningful occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued happiness.

TRIBUTE TO DONNA WALLACE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Donna Wallace. Donna retired from the Adair County 4-H Program on February 28, 2018 after 24 years of service.

4-H in Iowa is designed specifically to prepare our young people to be successful, contributing members of society, and empower them to reach their full potential through exploration and varied experiences. Donna worked hard to build the Adair County program to be

the best that it could be. She is leaving behind a strong program for the youth of Adair County to take part in for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Donna for this milestone, and for providing leadership to Adair County's 4-H program. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Donna and wishing her nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO CHERYL AND RICH
WATSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cheryl and Rich Watson of Anita, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on January 28, 2018.

Cheryl and Rich's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO DR. KEITH LEONARD

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Dr. Keith Leonard of Atlantic, Iowa for receiving the Distinguished Service Award given by the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Leonard has demonstrated dedication, encouragement, commitment and extended service to the Atlantic community.

Dr. Leonard describes himself as a "people person." "I'm not the only person that does a lot of volunteering," he said. If someone needs help, Dr. Leonard wants to extend a helping hand to give assistance. He is very active in his community, volunteering his time with the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce, a school-to-work committee, the State of Iowa Veterinary Examiners Board, and the local Knights of Columbus. Dr. Leonard said he was surprised when he received the award, but he is very appreciative of the honor, and will continue to help the best he can.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Dr. Leonard for receiving this outstanding award. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him for his commitment to the citizens of Atlantic and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO LANA AND DELBERT
WESTPHALEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lana and Delbert Westphalen of Atlantic, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated on January 27, 2018. Lana and Delbert were married at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Atlantic, Iowa in 1968.

Lana and Delbert's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO DORIS AND KEN
BARTLETT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Doris and Ken Bartlett of Creston, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on January 16, 2018.

Doris and Ken's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but the best.

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 infor-

mation, 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, April 17, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 18

Time to be announced

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Paul R. Lawrence, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and Joseph L. Falvey, Jr., of Michigan, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

TBA

9:30 a.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine exploitation of older Americans by guardians and others they trust.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine abusive robocalls and how to stop them.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the appropriate role of states and the Federal government in protecting groundwater.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Williams, of Illinois, Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, and Calvin R. Tucker, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Patent and Trademark Office.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, done at Marrakesh on June 27, 2013 (Marrakesh Treaty) (Treaty Doc. 114-06).

SD-419

2 p.m.

Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans

To hold hearings to examine the history and structure of the multiemployer pension system.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation within the Department of the Interior.

SD-430