

VALERIE BRATHWAITE: JUSTICE,  
MOTHER, WIFE, ADVOCATE

**HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, The Honorable Valerie Brathwaite Nelson, a justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Second Department, which is the intermediate Appellate Court in New York State, was appointed in February 2016 by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, making history as the first African-American female from the County of Queens to be elevated to Associate Justice of the Appellate Division.

Justice Brathwaite Nelson was educated in the New York City Public School System, is a graduate of Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and received her Juris Doctor degree from the George Washington School of Law. Having married the greatest joy of her life Nicholas J. Nelson, adding to that union three children whom she considers her most important and greatest achievement.

Justice Brathwaite Nelson began her distinguished career as a Law Clerk with U.S. Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, as well as serving in a variety of public and private legal capacities prior to establishing her private practice of law. Her approach to leadership is exemplified by her firm belief in the concept of teamwork and empowerment. Her focus has been to lead by example, while re-energizing and transforming the culture of the judicial institutions she has led. Credited with making tangible changes in the lives of women of color and their families both domestically and abroad through meaningful partnership, her commitment to the Judicial System and her respect for the value of our law resulted in her receiving numerous honors and recognition; Therefore, be it

That I, Gregory W. Meeks, Member of the 116th Congress, representing the Fifth Congressional District of New York, congratulate Valerie Brathwaite Nelson for her dedicated service to quality legal practice. On behalf of the 723,000 residents of the Fifth Congressional District, I thank Valerie Brathwaite Nelson for her outstanding and ongoing commitment to making positive contributions to our society's wellbeing.

STAFF SERGEANT PHILIP DAILY RECEIVING FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR MEDAL

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and sacrifice of Staff Sergeant (SSG) Philip Daily, and to congratulate him for receiving the French Legion of Honor Medal from the French government. I believe that our nation's men and women in uniform are America's greatest assets. They have made incredible sacrifices for our country and deserve our utmost support and respect for their service.

SSG Daily honorably served the United States and her allies during World War II. During his 25th mission as a B-17 tail gunner with the 772 Bomb Squadron, 463rd Bomb Group, 15th Air Force, SSG Daily's plane was shot down. He spent the remainder of the war at Stalag Luft IV Prisoner-of-War camp near Gross Tychow, Germany. SSG Daily's strength enabled him to survive the camp and endure the winter march of prisoners. The French Legion of Honor Medal is France's highest distinction for military and civil service. SSG Daily is well deserving for his assistance in liberating France from Nazi control.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than the one we owe our veterans. They and their families should be commended. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes and deepest gratitude to SSG Daily.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize SSG Philip Daily for his commitment to family, community, and the United States of America.

HONORING GARY WEST AT CONGRESSMAN VELA'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gary West of Brownsville, Texas, for his distinguished career as an educator for more than 40 years in the Rio Grande Valley.

As a teenager, Mr. West attended George Washington Carver Segregated School in Edinburg, Texas until 1955. After graduating from Edinburg High School in 1962, Mr. West attended New Mexico Highlands University, where he was a member of the college's baseball team. He later enlisted in the United States Air Force. Upon his return from the service, Mr. West attended Pan American College of Edinburg, Texas, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees.

In 1970, he began his career as a history teacher in the Brownsville Independent School District (ISD) system, first at Cummings Jr. High School, and then at Rivera High School. An avid golfer, Mr. West was the golf coach for the high school teams, as well as part-time golf coach at Texas Southmost College, from 1970 through 2000.

He later joined the staff at Gutierrez Middle School in Harlingen where he taught history and coached the chess team. Mr. West dedicated himself to providing students with the best possible education until his retirement in 2014.

It is a tremendous honor to recognize Mr. West. Our district and country are very proud of his service, and his students and colleagues benefitted greatly from his commitment to educating and developing young leaders. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for his work, honor, and accomplishments.

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, January 31, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED  
FEBRUARY 5

10 a.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the outlook for energy and minerals markets in the 116th Congress.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine how primary care affects health care costs and outcomes.

SD-430

10:30 a.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies  
To hold hearings to examine an implementation update on the Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record modernization.

SD-124

FEBRUARY 6

9:30 a.m.  
Special Committee on Aging  
To hold hearings to examine financial security in retirement, focusing on innovations and best practices to promote savings.

SD-562

10 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine worldwide threats.

SD-216

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 116th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine winning the race to 5G and the next era of technology innovation in the United States.

SD-G50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 116th Congress.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services  
 Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support  
 To hold closed hearings to examine United States Army readiness.  
 SVC-217

FEBRUARY 7

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of William Pelham Barr, of Virginia, to be Attorney General, and Donald W. Washington, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, both of the Department of Justice, Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, and Eric D. Miller, of Washington, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Paul B. Matey, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Eric E. Murphy, of Ohio, and Chad A. Readler, of Ohio, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Allison Jones Rushing, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Rossie David Alston, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Roy Kalman Altman, Rodolfo Armando Ruiz II, and Rodney Smith, each to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Thomas P. Barber, and Wendy Williams Berger, both to be a United States District

Judge for the Middle District of Florida, J. Campbell Barker, and Michael J. Truncale, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Pamela A. Barker, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Kenneth D. Bell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Jean-Paul Boulee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Holly A. Brady, and Damon Ray Leichty, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, Andrew Lynn Brasher, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Brian C. Buescher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, James David Cain, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Stephen R. Clark, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Daniel Desmond Domenico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Karin J. Immergut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Corey Landon Maze, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, David Steven Morales, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Sarah

Daggett Morrison, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Carl J. Nichols, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Howard C. Niellson, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, J. Nicholas Ranjan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Wendy Vitter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, T. Kent Wetherell II, and Allen Cothrel Winsor, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Joshua Wolson, and John Milton Younge, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Patrick R. Wyrick, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, M. Miller Baker, of Louisiana, and Timothy M. Reif, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, and Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

SH-216

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Africa Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50