

CONGRATULATING ROD SMITH ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rod Smith, longtime Sports Director at KRCG-TV Jefferson City, for his recent induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Growing up in Naperville, Illinois, Rod shared his father's love of sports, playing baseball, basketball, golf, tennis and even hockey as a child. In 1985, Rod graduated from Oral Roberts University and started his career at KRCG. Jefferson City was not on his radar when Rod graduated, but after attending college in Tulsa and his parents still living in Chicago it was a good central location. His career at KRCG started out with reporting the weather and sports on the weekend. He didn't expect to stay at KRCG forever, but when he met Lana at Capital City Christian Church everything changed. The two fell in love and built a life in Jefferson City.

Throughout his three decades of passionately delivering sports news to Jefferson City residents Rod has become an icon and celebrity in the local community. He has watched generations of student athletes excel in their respective sport and has cheered them on with pride. During this longstanding career he has also had the privilege to cover two Super Bowls: Rams and Tennessee Titans and Rams and New England Patriots; World Series games: St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Royals; NCAA tournaments; Missouri bowl games; and SEC football games. Perhaps his best claim to fame in the Midwest is "Rod's Big ol' Fish!" segment that is dedicated to showcasing the many catches from anglers across the region.

Along with sports broadcasting Rod is known throughout the community for his many emcee appearances which include fundraisers like the Mid-Missouri Heart Association Heart Ball, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, United Cerebral Palsy's "Wing Ding" and "Deal or No Deal", and the YMCA and Samaritan Center auctions. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Young Life, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and many other events also appreciate his energetic and positive energy. In 2018 alone, Rod emceed no less than 35 of the area's fund-raising events. As an accomplished golfer, Rod has been able to participate in 15 charity tournaments each year on behalf of KRCG and Naught-Naught Insurance Agency.

The biggest supporters throughout Rod's longstanding career are his wife of 31 years, Lana, and daughters, Brittany, Brooke, and Paige. While his love of sports is evident, Rod's family has unquestionably been his number one priority and, even with his hectic broadcasting schedule, he was able to coach all three girls in softball and basketball. I have no doubt they are as proud of their father today as he has been of them throughout their lives.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Rod Smith on his induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2019. This milestone is well deserved.

HONORING SESSIA WYCHE AT CONGRESSMAN VELA'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sessia Wyche, a dedicated educator in the Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. Wyche earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from Texas A&I University in Kingsville. He helped his peers as a mathematics tutor and a graduate teaching assistant. As a Second Line Manager and Programmer at Southwestern Bell in Texas, he wrote computer programs and helped the company with its inventories.

An avid tutor, Mr. Wyche returned to academics as a leader for students interested in mathematics and the sciences. He served as Assistant Chairman of the Mathematics and Physics Department at Texas State Technical College (TSTC), and as Assistant Professor of Mathematics at The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB) and Texas Southmost College (TSC).

As Director of Computer Directed Instruction in Math at UTB and TSC, he received the "Teacher of the Year" award, "Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching" Award, and "The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development" award. Currently, Mr. Wyche is teaching the future mathematicians of the Valley at TSTC. In his spare time, he volunteers as a chaplain in hospitals across the Valley.

I am pleased to recognize Mr. Wyche for his contributions to Texas' 34th Congressional district. He is a role model for our children, and we are thankful for his compassion to serve those in need. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing him, his family and friends on this special day.

IN RECOGNITION OF UC DAVIS' 14TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S HEART CARE FORUM

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the UC Davis Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program as they celebrate their 14th Annual Women's Heart Care Forum. As community organizations and supporters of this program gather today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring their commitment to the promotion of women's heart health in the Sacramento region and its surrounding areas.

For 25 years, the UC Davis Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program has received national recognition as the first women's heart program in the country. Under the leadership of Program Director Amparo Villablanca, doctors and nurses at the Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program have continued to provide comprehensive treatment, education, outreach and research, benefitting women throughout our region. The program's exceptional commitment to women's heart health

has empowered women by providing knowledge of how to decrease their risk factors for heart disease and pursue healthier lifestyles.

Madam Speaker, as community organizations, staff and supporters gather at the forum to raise awareness about heart disease, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the UC Davis Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program for their years of service dedicated to advancing women's heart health.

THE SITUATION IN VENEZUELA

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I oppose U.S. military intervention in Venezuela. I am a cosponsor of legislation that would make that crystal clear to this Administration. At the same time, I strongly and unequivocally condemn reported acts of violence that have been carried out by security forces against Venezuelans peacefully exercising their fundamental civil rights, including to protest.

We must find other ways to continue to express our nation's legitimate concerns, as well as that of the rest of the international community, about the attacks on human rights and democracy underway in that nation. I am aware of the demonstrations that Venezuelans, opposed to Nicolas Maduro and his cronies, have held amid a deep and ongoing political and economic crisis.

While continuing to condemn violence against protesters and attacks on basic democratic rights and institutions, the U.S. must also press for multilateral diplomatic actions to help create the conditions for a peaceful return to democratic order in Venezuela. Additionally, any sanctions (either bilaterally or multilaterally) imposed against Venezuela must be targeted at government officials and coordinated to avoid worsening the country's dire humanitarian emergency. And let's be clear, sanctions are not an end to themselves and do not substitute for smart and disciplined diplomacy.

The U.S. should support international efforts to achieve a negotiated resolution. Rather than trying to repeat all the mistakes of our failed foreign policy of the past in this region, I urge this Administration to engage with other partners in order to best facilitate a return to democracy.

Lastly, I share concerns about the individual, Elliott Abrams, appointed by this Administration to serve as a "special envoy" to Venezuela. His history, particularly with regards to his views on U.S. policy in this region, disqualify him to serve as an impartial implementer of a strong diplomatic effort to reach a peaceful resolution. Among other concerns, this individual was twice convicted of lying to Congress and has long held troubling views on how the U.S. should engage with governments in the region with which it disagrees.

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, February 5, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### FEBRUARY 6

Time to be announced

##### Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

TBA

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

9:45 a.m.

##### Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

SD-538

10 a.m.

##### Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for 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 for 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

##### Committee on Armed Services

##### Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To receive a closed briefing on global nuclear developments.

SVC-217

##### Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 256, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and re-authorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, S. 257, to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans, S. 294, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in

Indian reservation communities, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

SD-628

##### FEBRUARY 7

10 a.m.

##### Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the status and outlook of energy innovation in the United States.

SD-366

##### Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress, and 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. Truncal, 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

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District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Carl J. Nichols, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Howard C. Nelson, 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.

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2 p.m.

##### Committee on Foreign Relations

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

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##### Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

##### FEBRUARY 13

2:30 p.m.

##### Committee on Armed Services

##### Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold a joint hearing to examine the current condition of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative.

SD-G50

#### POSTPONEMENTS

##### FEBRUARY 6

10 a.m.

##### Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine worldwide threats.

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##### Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Scott A. Mugno, of Pennsylvania, and John P. Pallash, of Kentucky, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Cheryl Marie Stanton, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, all of the Department of Labor, Mary Anne Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts, Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, and other pending nominations.

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