

proclamation designating the third Saturday in June as Juneteenth National Freedom Day and to encourage all governmental entities, civic organizations, schools, and institutions of higher education in the state to observe the day in a manner that emphasizes the meaning and importance of the emancipation proclamation that ended slavery in the United States and to recognize and celebrate the importance of this day to every person who cherishes liberty and equality for all people.

## EXPLANATION

This bill authorizes and requests the governor to issue annually a proclamation designating the third Saturday in June as Juneteenth National Freedom Day. The proclamation is also intended to encourage all governmental entities, civic organizations, schools, and institutions of higher education in the state to observe the day in a manner that emphasizes the meaning and importance of the emancipation proclamation that ended slavery in the United States and to recognize and celebrate the importance of this day to every person who cherishes liberty and equality for all people.

MARY E. KRAMER,  
*President of the Senate.*

BRENT SIEGRIST,  
*Speaker of the House.*

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2273, Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL,  
*Secretary of the Senate.*

Approved 4/11, 2002.

THOMAS J. VILSACK,  
*Governor.*

### HONORING GEORGE TORRIE JACKSON, JR.

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Lieutenant Colonel George Torrie Jackson, Jr. who is a native of Jackson, MS.

LTC Jackson holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and master's degree in Education Administration, both from Jackson State University. LTC Jackson is a 30-year member of the U.S. Army Reserve/Mississippi Army National Guard and veteran of Operation Iraq Freedom. He began his military career as a Petroleum Laboratory Specialist (E-3) (894th Quartermaster Company, Jackson, MS—1988–1992), then as a Finance Specialist (E-4) (210th Finance Battalion, Jackson, MS—1992–1996). LTC Jackson was commissioned through the Mississippi Military Academy (Class 38), Camp Shelby, MS in 1996. As a commissioned officer, LTC Jackson has held many duty assignments to include positions as a Subsistence Officer, (114th Area Support Group, Hattiesburg, MS—1996–1997), Platoon Leader (3656th Maintenance Company, Camp Shelby, MS—1997–1998), Detachment Commander (3656th Maintenance Company, DET 1, Waynesboro, MS—1998–2000), Maintenance Control Officer/Executive Officer (3656th Maintenance Company, Camp Shelby, MS—2000–2001), Detachment Commander/Executive Officer (3656th Maintenance Company, DET 2, Gloster, MS—2001–2002), S-1 Personnel Officer (298th Maintenance Bat-

alion, Philadelphia, MS—2002–2003), Service and Support Officer (114th Area Support Group, Hattiesburg, MS—2003–2006). During Operation Iraqi Freedom (2004) LTC Jackson served as the C4 Sustainment Battle Captain and Coalition Acquisition Review Board (CARB and Super CARB) secretary. His next successive assignments included Company Commander (1/185th Aviation Battalion, E Company, Jackson, MS—2006–2008), S-3 Operations Officer (8/108th Transportation Battalion, Jackson, MS—2008–2012), Executive Officer (8/108th Transportation Battalion, Jackson, MS—2012–2014), and Materiel Readiness Branch Chief (377th Theater Sustainment Command, Belle Chasse, LA—2014–2016).

LTC Jackson currently serves as the Battalion Commander of the 5th Logistic Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) Support Battalion, located in Sheffield, AL.

LTC Jackson's awards and commendations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, NATO Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Overseas Service Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Mississippi Emergency Service Medal and the Mississippi Longevity Medal.

In his civilian capacity, LTC Jackson serves as a school administrator for the Holmes County School District Central High School, located in Lexington, MS, and holds the rank of Lieutenant with the Hinds County Sheriffs Office—Reserve Division in Jackson, MS. LTC Jackson, his wife, Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, and two sons, Cameron and Kendall, currently live in Terry, MS.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Lieutenant Colonel George Torrie Jackson, Jr.

### IN RECOGNITION OF THE TRADITION OF SUNDAY ON THE FARM IN CALUMET COUNTY

#### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tradition of Sundae on the Farm in Calumet County hosted this year by Jenlar Holsteins and Brown Swiss in Chilton.

Sundae on the Farm is an iconic Calumet County tradition that provides the community an opportunity to see first-hand how a dairy farm operates and learn about the significant role the dairy industry plays in Wisconsin's economy. Community members meet dairy farmers, explore the barns and equipment, and enjoy delicious cheese and ice cream.

I am grateful to Jenlar Holsteins and Brown Swiss for hosting the 2019 Calumet County Sundae on the Farm. Andy and Joan Meyer started their farm in 1970 with one calf. Today, three generations of the Meyer Family farms and milks over 120 cows. The Meyers continuously strive to improve their farm, utilizing innovative practices like sand bedding and a

robotic milking system to make the cows more comfortable. The operation of the farm has changed over time, but the Meyer Family's pride in their work remains strong.

The Calumet County Dairy Promotion Committee organizes Sundae on the Farm by recruiting host farms, sponsors, and volunteers to support this terrific event. To continue the promotion of agriculture throughout the year, the Committee provides educational opportunities to communities across Calumet County.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending the efforts of the Sundae on the Farm to educate the community through this time-honored tradition. Thank you to the Meyers, the Calumet County Dairy Promotion Committee, and the countless sponsors and volunteers for their continued support of Wisconsin's dairy industry.

### RECOGNIZING THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT 2019 PRINCE WILLIAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the Prince William County Police Department and its outstanding members who have demonstrated superior dedication to ensuring the safety of their colleagues and members of the community and their designation as 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients. The annual Valor Awards ceremony recognizes the remarkable heroism and bravery above and beyond the line of duty exemplified by our public safety and law enforcement professionals. For the past 33 years, the Prince William Chamber of Commerce has paid tribute to police officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel for their extraordinary service.

Our public safety and law enforcement workforces put their lives at risk on a daily basis to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. In recognition of acts of valor, we award the following honorees for their demonstrated extraordinary dedication and outstanding performance under unusually difficult or dangerous circumstances. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the Prince William County Police Department law enforcement professionals:

Investigative Merit Award: Officer Ronald Carpio, Detective Lourdes Cainas, Crime Scene Analyst Rebekah Kushner, Crime Scene Specialist Shreya Kamath, Rose Hellmann, Detective Katherine Zaimis, Detective Jonathan Kennedy, Detective Donald DeShazo.

Gold Medal for Valor: Officer John Yenchak, Officer Franco Martinez, Officer Rachel Mynier, Officer Matthew Takats, Officer Evan Jurgensen, Officer Taylor Calton, Officer Benjamin Infanti, Officer Wade Dickinson, Officer Travis Hardman, First Sergeant Daniel Crawford, Officer Kevin Vasquez, Sergeant David Bliss.

Silver Medal for Valor: Officer Joshua Myers, Officer Christopher Hume, Officer Jonathan Seals, Investigator Robert Drumm, Officer Brian Kimble.

Gold Medal for Valor and a Silver Medal for Valor: Officer Nicholas Kelly, Officer Jordanis Lozier.

Investigative Merit Award: Detective Nathan Thomas, Detective Robyn Hyatt, Detective Victor Cordero, Detective Josh Lane, Crime Analyst Jacquelin Graham, Crime Analyst Dawn Locke-Trillhaase.

Merit Award for Valor: Officer Sean A. Richards.

Hillary Robinette Award: Officer Darrick Dillon, Detective Joshua Lane, Detective Jeremy Booth, Detective Simon Chu, Detective Alicia Larkins, Detective Kevin Morin, Detective Matthew Newton, Detective Walter O'Neal, Detective Daniel Sekely, Detective Wayne Smith, Detective Nicholas Waymire, Detective Robert White, Sergeant Ryan Pavol, First Sergeant Kenneth Hulse, Special Victims Bureau—Detective Helga Thorsdottir.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients of the Prince William County Police Department. The selfless acts of heroism by this distinguished group of men and women merits our highest praise. I thank each honoree, as well as all Prince William County Police Department law enforcement professionals, for their dedication and commitment to the protection of our communities.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THURSDAY LUNCHEON GROUP

#### HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2019*

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Thursday Luncheon Group, an organization that serves as an effective platform to help African-Americans play an equitable role in the formulation, articulation, and implementation of U.S. foreign policy.

When I travel the world, I witness firsthand the importance of having an inclusive diplomatic corps reflecting the American people's rich cultural tapestry. As the U.S. Department of State's oldest Employee Affinity Group, TLG has been instrumental in leading the charge to promote diversity within the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

In 1973, two senior USIA Officers, William B. Davis and Robert A. Dumas, urged their friends at USIA, the State Department, and USAID to consider what could be done to encourage a significant role for African-Americans in foreign affairs. These founding members began meeting regularly on the first Thursday of every month to discuss issues affecting the careers of African American Foreign Service and Civil Service personnel and to create space for open exchanges with guest speakers. This group of trailblazers understood then, as we fully appreciate now, the struggle for representation is often long but begins with a dedicated few.

Nearly five decades later, the Thursday Luncheon Group has over 500 members, including retired and current Department of State and USAID employees, and dedicated members from five other federal agencies. Their members have taken prominent roles in

the development and execution of U.S. foreign policy, including Chiefs of Mission, Career Ambassadors, and Assistant Secretaries. TLG members monitor recruitment, assignments, employment practices, training and other matters of vital interest to minorities at the State Department and USAID.

In addition, TLG works to improve the career development and networking opportunities among their members. The organization is committed to mentoring entry-level and mid-level officers in an effort to prepare them to become the future leaders in international affairs.

What is most impressive is their commitment to giving back. The organization sponsors two paid summer internships at the Department of State. TLG also established the Terence A. Todman Book scholarship (named after the first African American to be named Career Ambassador, the highest rank among the diplomatic corps) for students at eight Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

With the Thursday Luncheon Group's strong commitment to diversity and excellence in international affairs, TLG has set the standard for all other affinity to follow. I congratulate the members of the Thursday Luncheon Group for forty-five years of service to our country. Our country is better because of your service.

#### 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, June 20, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### JUNE 25

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the state of the derivatives market and perspectives for Commodity Futures Trading Commission reauthorization.

SR-328A

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine whether Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac should be designated as systematically important financial institutions.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet

To hold hearings to examine the use of persuasive technology on internet platforms, focusing on optimizing for engagement.

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

SD-366

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 727, to combat international extremism by addressing global fragility and violence and stabilizing conflict-affected areas, S. 1102, to promote security and energy partnerships in the Eastern Mediterranean, S. 1309, to identify and combat corruption in countries, to establish a tiered system of countries with respect to levels of corruption by their governments and their efforts to combat such corruption, and to assess United States assistance to designated countries in order to advance anti-corruption efforts in those countries and better serve United States taxpayers, S. Res. 34, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military and to immediately release unjustly imprisoned journalists, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, S. Res. 198, condemning Brunei's dramatic human rights backsliding, S. Res. 206, marking the 70th anniversary of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, expressing concern about significant violations of international humanitarian law on contemporary battlefields, and encouraging United States leadership in ensuring greater respect for international humanitarian law in current conflicts, particularly with its security partners, S. Con. Res. 10, recognizing that Chinese telecommunications companies such as Huawei and ZTE pose serious threats to the national security of the United States and its allies, the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc.113-04), protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc.112-01), the Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the "proposed Protocol"), both signed