

IN MEMORY OF MAJOR GENERAL
STANHOPE S. SPEARS, SR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the People of South Carolina paid tribute to Major General Stan Spears upon his death. General Spears was respected by his fellow Guard members and trusted by all, as he addressed natural catastrophes endangering families such as hurricanes, ice storms, and tornados. He courageously led the transition of the Guard from domestic service to include successful Guard deployment in the Global War on Terrorism worldwide.

It was humbling to serve as his State Staff Judge Advocate where I saw firsthand his devotion for the public. He inspired three of my sons to serve in the National Guard. I include in the RECORD the below obituary of accolades, which is well deserved.

THOUGHTFUL OBITUARY

COLUMBIA—Major General Stanhope S. Spears Sr. who served 16 years as the elected 26th Adjutant General of the State of South Carolina from 1995–2011 died peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. For his 83 years, he lived an extraordinary life one in which was highlighted by his love of family and humble service to others.

General Spears was born in his beloved Clover, SC to the late Joseph J. Spears and Emily Sifford Spears. His fondness for his hometown started early as he always believed his large family, the values of the community and kindness of its citizens collectively raised him to become a well-rounded individual. His drive for success and regimented work ethic started early as he became an Eagle Scout at 13. He attributed the foundation of the Boy Scouts in helping to define and shape his leadership skills. A naturally gifted athlete, he led South Carolina's Shine Bowl All-Star high school team to a 27-7 victory over North Carolina in 1954. He received multiple college scholarship opportunities ultimately deciding on a full scholarship to The University of South Carolina in 1955. As quarterback for the Fighting Gamecocks from 1955 through 1959, Gen. Spears assisted the 1958 squad to a 7-3 record and ranking 15th nationally in the final Associated Press college football poll. General Spears was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and earned a Bachelor of Science, Business Administration Degree a semester early in January 1959.

In 1959, after teaching for a short while in Camden, SC, Gen Spears joined the South Carolina Air National Guard and reported to U.S. Air Force Basic Training on Aug 4, 1959. After two years, General Spears switched to the SC Army National Guard and enrolled in Officer's Candidate School in 1961. He was promoted and worked hard on his SC Guard career.

Between 1961 and 1994, General Spears focused on his corporate insurance career and family. In 1963 he married Gastonia, NC native Dorothy Parlier. They lived in Charlotte, NC, Shelby, NC, Greensboro, NC and ultimately settled in Columbia, SC in 1966. They added two children to the family along the way with Stan Jr., and Alester. General Spears' polished demeanor and vibrant personality attributed to very successful Executive Vice-President Sales roles in the international companies of Marsh and McLennan and Willis Corroon. His insurance career spanned more than 30 years. It was this ca-

reer that allowed Gen. Spears, his wife and children to enjoy life and vacation frequently at Edisto Beach, SC.

On a business trip to London in 1994, Gen. Spears received a call from MGT. Eston Marchant, the then current SC Adjutant General, encouraging him to run for the Adjutant General position that he was vacating. After much deliberation with his wife and fellow guardsmen, Gen. Spears felt the calling to serve the great State of South Carolina and embarked on his first campaign. With his wife by his side, they campaigned together throughout the state and fully devoted their lives to maintaining the stellar reputation of one of the finest National Guards in the country. Gen. Spears forever thought himself as a Citizen-Soldier and ran his first election as a Democrat, ultimately switching to run as a Republican for his last three elections. His devotion to the State of SC was endless. He always voted for people over party, supported any activities promoting a positive light on SC nationally (he was delighted and supported any SC school in national championships), and worked tirelessly to help in national elections if the outcome would benefit the State of SC and the Guard. He and his son, Stan Jr., headed up the "Veterans for Bush" campaign during Bush's 2000 Presidential Campaign. Additionally, he spearheaded the "Veterans for McCain" campaign in SC for Sen. John McCain's 2008 Presidential run. During his second and third terms, Gen Spears' troops were heavily involved in the Sept. 11, 2001 response and Global War on Terror. He personally witnessed the attack on the Pentagon from an offside location less than a mile away. He felt a heavy obligation to support all South Carolina servicemen and their families during these stressful times. His "Mission First-People Always" approach is still remembered by guardsmen today.

As the SC Adjutant General, he served as Head of the Military Department of the state of South Carolina. He administered the affairs of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard, the Emergency Management Division, the State Guard, Youth Challenge, and Americorp.

General Spears received many major awards and decorations during his 51 year service to the National Guard including: Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Defense Meritorious Medal, State Longevity Ribbon, Safety Ribbon, Retired Medal, Secretary of Defense Medal and Secretary of the Army Medal. Additionally, he served on the Citadel Board of Visitors for 16 years and received a Citadel Honorary Degree for his dedication. General Spears was also awarded The Order of the Palmetto, the State of SC's highest civilian honor award, in 1988 by Gov. Carroll Campbell.

Upon retiring, General Spears was able to focus more on many activities near and dear to his heart. As a lover of the great outdoors, he turned his attention to gardening, hunting, and bird watching from his porch at Edisto. He always promoted and kept up on activities associated with the Guard. His love of college football, specifically the Gamecocks, never waned. However, his greatest passion was spending time with his family, spending time at Edisto or traveling the world with his wife and family. Gen. Spears' family appreciates all the kindness of friends along that way and the wonderful care he received at Wildewood Downs, from his doctors and through Abby Road Hospice.

Gen. Spears is survived by his wife of 57 years, Dorothy (Dot) Parlier Spears of Co-

lumbia; his son, Alester Spears and Phillip Pettis of Charleston, SC; his grandson, Stanhope S. (Ford) Spears III of Columbia, SC; his nephew, Derek Spears (Missy) of Charlotte, NC and niece, Suzanne Spears Wilson (Scott) of Traverse City, MI.

He is predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Emily Spears, his son, Stanhope S. Spears, Jr., and his brother and sister-in-law, Joseph J. Spears and Marie Spears.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on Roll Call No. 141. We were doing a townhall meeting. The amendment infringes upon existing constitutional structure and safeguards in law.

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, July 21, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 22

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine the United States and China, focusing on winning the economic competition.

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9:45 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 933, to improve data collection and monitoring of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts, S. 1730, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make grants to State and local governments and nongovernmental organizations for purposes of carrying out climate-resilient living shoreline projects that protect coastal communities by supporting ecosystem functions and habitats with the use of

natural materials and systems, S. 3152, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps, S. 3771, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Federal Advisory Committee on the Development and Implementation of Artificial Intelligence, S. 3891, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to advance the development of technical standards for artificial intelligence, to establish the National Program to Advance Artificial Intelligence Research, to promote research on artificial intelligence at the National Science Foundation, S. 3958, to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit the use of incentive payments to expedite certain federally financed airport development projects, S. 4144, to amend the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act with respect to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, S. 4162, to provide certainty for airport funding, and the nominations of Joel Szabat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Michael P. O'Rielly, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Michael J. Walsh, Jr., of Virginia, to be General Counsel, and Mary A. Toman, of California, to be Under Secretary Economic Affairs, both of the Department of Commerce, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the increased risk of zoonotic disease from illegal wildlife trafficking.

SD-106

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 4204, to establish an Interagency Task Force to analyze preparedness for national pandemics, S. 4210, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the transfer of certain equipment during a public health emergency, S. 4153, to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to evaluate the National Response Framework based on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, S. 4157, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to expand the authority of the National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center, S. 4158, to examine the extent of the reliance of the United States on foreign producers for personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic and produce recommendations to secure the supply chain of personal protective equipment, S. 4133, to modernize the REAL ID Act of 2005, S. 4165, to repeal section 692 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006, S. 3997, to strengthen the security and integrity of the United States scientific and research enterprise, S. 4200, to establish a program to facilitate the adoption of modern technology by executive agencies, S. 4077, to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to provide for regulatory impact analyses for certain rules, S. 92, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted

into law, S. 4138, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to conduct a telework travel expenses program, S. 3287, to modify the governmentwide financial management plan, S. 3455, to prohibit certain individuals from downloading or using TikTok on any device issued by the United States or a government corporation, S. 4024, to establish in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security a Cybersecurity Advisory Committee, S. 2967, to establish the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations of the United States to facilitate the fullest cooperation, coordination, and mutual accountability among all levels of government, S. 3658, to establish an Office of Equal Rights and Community Inclusion at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, S. 4169, to establish a National Commission on United States Counterterrorism Policy, S. 3038, to promote innovative acquisition techniques and procurement strategies, S. 3896, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to establish and maintain a public directory of the individuals occupying Government policy and supporting positions, S. 3461, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Wesley Street in Greenville, Texas, as the "Audie Murphy Post Office Building", S. 3462, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 909 West Holiday Drive in Fate, Texas, as the "Ralph Hall Post Office", S. 3839, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, as the "Opha May Johnson Post Office", S. 4126, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 104 East Main Street in Port Washington, Wisconsin, as the "Joseph G. Demler Post Office", H.R. 1313, to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9 11 Commission Act of 2007 to clarify certain allowable uses of funds for public transportation security assistance grants and establish periods of performance for such grants, H.R. 4727, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a mentor-protégé program, H.R. 542, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, an original bill entitled, "GAO Database Modernization Act", an original bill entitled, "Southwest Border Security Technology Improvement Act of 2020", and the nominations of Derek Kan, of California, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Mark A. Robbins, Carl Ezekiel Ross, and Elizabeth J. Shapiro, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-215

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher C. Miller, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, and Patrick Hovakimian, of California, to be General Counsel, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

SR-325

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine 2020 general election preparations.

SR-301

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine advancing effective United States competition with China, focusing on objectives, priorities, and next steps.

SR-325

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine S. 2718, to provide for the conduct of certain water security measures in the State of New Mexico, S. 3811, to provide financial assistance for projects to address certain subsidence impacts in the State of California, S. 4188, to provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability, S. 4189, to provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability, and an original bill entitled, "Water-Energy Technology Demonstration and Deployment Act".

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine protecting the integrity of college athletics.

SD-G50

JULY 23

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet

To hold hearings to examine the state of United States spectrum policy.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on users of public lands, forests, and national parks.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lisa S. Kenna, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, Leora Rosenberg Levy, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, and Aldona Z. Wos, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to Canada, all of the Department of State.

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 4212, to amend title 28, United States Code, to strip foreign sovereign immunity of certain foreign states to secure justice for victims of novel coronavirus in the United States, and the nominations of David W. Dugan, and Stephen P. McGlynn, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, John W. Holcomb, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Hala Y. Jarbou, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Iain D. Johnston, and Franklin Ulyses Valderrama, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Brett H. Ludwig, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, R. Shireen Matthews, and Todd

Wallace Robinson, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Christy Criswell Wiegand, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Roderick C. Young, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.	cusing on COVID-19 resources for an equitable and sustainable recovery.	JULY 29
SD-325	SD-430	10 a.m.
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship	11 a.m.	Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine capital access for minority small businesses, fo-	Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe	To hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's semi-annual report to Congress.
	To hold hearings to examine human rights at home, focusing on media, politics and safety of journalists.	WEBEX
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