

After Paul graduated from Beaver High School in 1949, he left Bluefield to further his education at Davidson College. He returned home in 1954 with his degree in-hand. That same year, he married the love of his life, Carol Ann McHugh. To provide for his wife and future children, Paul joined the United States Army. He served our country fearlessly in active duty for two years and continued his service in the Reserves until reaching the rank of Captain. He would later attend Harvard School of Business, earning a Master's in Business Administration.

Thereafter, he was hired by IBM to work at their Headquarters in New York City as a Systems Engineer. He pursued this role and lived in New York City until his father's unexpected death in 1965. He quickly took a one-year "leave of absence" from IBM—which he never came back from—and returned to Bluefield to take over the Cole family estate.

Paul took up his father's mantle as the Head of Operations over the Cole Motor Company. At that time, the Company was internationally known as a Harvester Dealership. Through his up-bringing and education, Paul was a natural Captain at the Helm. His leadership brought forth many opportunities for the Company. The two most prominent were the formation of Truck City Parts in 1975 and the purchase of Evans Chevrolet in 1982 (Later to become Cole Chevrolet).

As his father and grandfather did, Paul continuously sought ways to give back to the community. He was elected to Bluefield's Mayoral office in 1981. He was consecutively re-elected between the years of 1981 and 1993. He served one nonconsecutive term from 2000 to 2001. Paul is known as Bluefield's longest serving Mayor. Pulling from his business experiences, Paul brought integrity, honesty, and fiscal responsibility to the office. The city truly thrived under his leadership.

A list of Paul's other accomplishments includes—Chairman of the American Truck Dealers Association from 1978 to 1980, lifelong member of the West Virginia Auto Dealers Association and was elected for a period of time as their President, the first West Virginian to be inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame, lifelong member of the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce and was elected for a period of time as their President, lifelong member of the Bluefield Rotary Club and was elected for a period of times as their President, received an honorary Doctorate Degree from Northwood University for his leadership in helping to establish a Truck Marketing Curriculum, traveled with Bluefield State College's delegation to Taiwan to help establish a partnership between Bluefield State College and three higher education institutions within the People's Republic of China, lifelong member of Mesa, inducted into Bluefield High School's High of Fame in 2003, Bluefield State College named their School of Business after Paul's namesake in 2010, husband, father of three, grandfather to thirteen, and great-grandfather to fourteen.

Today, Paul's legacy can be seen all throughout Appalachia. The Cole Automotive Group, formally known as the Cole Motor Company, is now operated by generations of Coles—all striving to uphold the precedent of excellence achieved by Paul, his father, and grandfather. With many locations in Bluefield and in the surrounding areas, the Coles continue to provide an exceptional service to my

constituents in West Virginia's Third Congressional District.

May God bless William Cole, Jr. I wish I could thank him for all he did for the great State of West Virginia. He will always be remembered by his family, friends, and the countless people he impacted throughout his life. I send my sincerest condolences to the Cole family, especially his wife, Carol Ann, and children, Bill, Tom, and Charles.

REMEMBERING DOÑA GRACIELA CRUZ

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Doña Graciela Cruz. It is with a heavy heart that I reflect on our loss of a valued member of our community in my district. Ms. Cruz, who passed in early June, left us with a legacy of compassion and kindness, which lives on in both the memories of her loved ones and those in Williamsburg she inspired.

Ms. Cruz spent the majority of her life in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and sought to repay her community for the kindness it showed her. She did not spend her days idly, instead preferring to pour her energy into the neighborhood around her. In the 1970's, she served as the coach for a women's softball league at McCarren park, teaching others how to find the same joy she had for her favorite sport. Throughout her life, she was an active member of her local church, regularly putting all of her effort into events and activities for the local youth. Her work with the children was borne of a true love for seeing those around her flourish.

Ms. Cruz possessed the strong spirit of an activist, putting that energy towards the betterment of her community where we needed it most. She always believed in political empowerment and the importance of encouraging more people to vote. Some might say she loved two sports equally: softball and politics.

Ms. Cruz, along with other members of her community, fought to start a garden in her neighborhood, later known as the Keap Street Community Gardens. Despite opposition from some local elected officials, Doña Graciela persevered. She and neighbors broke down both physical and political barriers to take a previously unused space and transform it into a valuable community anchor.

Over many decades, she became a steadfast activist for tenants' rights, and attended countless rallies over the years to fight for fair, livable housing. Her devotion is truly inspiring to everyone she knew, myself and my staff included.

Doña Graciela is survived by her children, extended family, and friends, as well as a community that has felt her loss deeply. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. I hope they may take some comfort during these difficult times in knowing just how deeply she is missed by us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Friday 7/24 due to a previously scheduled minor medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 162, NAY on Roll Call No. 163, YEA on Roll Call No. 164, YEA on Roll Call No. 165, and NAY on Roll Call No. 166.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MIAMI CITY BALLET

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Miami City Ballet on the occasion of its 35th anniversary.

The Miami City Ballet was founded in 1985. A majority of the company's performances are made up of the work of George Balanchine, one of the most influential choreographers of the 20th Century. Today, the Miami City Ballet is widely considered the chief interpreter of Balanchine's choreography. The foundation of the company's repertoire—consisting of more than 100 ballets, including 12 world premieres—was built on Balanchine's style and technique but has now expanded to include notable classical works and new groundbreaking, contemporary artists. The Miami City Ballet has performed in more than 100 cities in the United States, and internationally throughout Canada, Europe, Israel, South and Central America.

This year, the Miami City Ballet is returning to its original home on Lincoln Road in Miami Beach to celebrate its 35th anniversary season with "A Love Letter to South Florida". I am proud this organization is representative of our Miami community with its diverse international ensemble of over 50 dancers. It is an honor to join the South Florida community in celebrating the Miami City Ballet's vibrant history.

Through engagement programs aimed at diminishing barriers to access to the arts, the Miami City Ballet continues to give back to our community, serving over 19,000 youth, seniors, and historically underserved populations at home. As the Miami City Ballet honors South Florida with their love letter to the community, I am grateful for all this organization has done to contribute to the rich culture of the Magic City.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN LATINO ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as an original cosponsor and senior member of Democratic congressional delegation from

Texas, the Committee on the Judiciary, I rise in strong and enthusiastic support of H.R. 2420, the "National Museum for the American Latino," which the newest museum of the Smithsonian Institution.

The United States is a symbol of democracy, freedom, and economic opportunity around the world, and the legacy of Latinos is deeply rooted in the very fabric of the history, democracy, freedom, and economic opportunity of the United States.

As hard as it is to imagine, currently there exists no national museum within the Smithsonian Institution that is devoted to the documentation and explication of Latino life, art, history, and culture.

This legislation rectifies this regrettable situation.

The major purpose of the Museum is to illuminate the story of Latinos in the history of the United States for the benefit of all by featuring Latino contributions.

Another important purpose of the museum is to provide for the collection, study, research, publication, and establishment of exhibitions and programs relating to Latino life, art, history, and culture.

That life, art, history, and culture encompasses Latino contributions in the early history of what now encompasses the United States of America and its territories.

Madam Speaker, Latino contributions in the armed services date from the earliest days of the American Revolution to current military activities in defense of our freedoms.

The National Museum of the American Latino will also document and preserve the history of Latino contributions to the freedom, well-being, and economic prosperity of all people in the United States through historical movements, entrepreneurial and charitable activities of Latinos; as well as contributions by Latinos to the social, natural, and physical sciences; and art, history, and culture, including food, music, dance, film, theater, sports, and other forms of popular culture in the United States.

Finally, the Museum will collaborate with research centers of the Smithsonian Institution, and other museums and educational institutions throughout the United States and abroad, to promote the study and appreciation of Latino life, art, history, culture, and its impact on society in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I am proud that Texas is generally regarded as the most Hispanic state in America, and Texas is rich with the history of Latinos in America.

The state of Texas is 39.2 percent Hispanic, which is 22.47 percent more Hispanic than it was in 2010, and there are six cities along the Texas/Mexico border where the population is effectively 100 percent Hispanic, including Hidalgo, Texas.

The Hispanic population in my home city of Houston is 44 percent; corresponding numbers are 42 percent in Dallas, 80 percent in El Paso.

According to the 2010 census, in Texas, Hispanics accounted for nearly half of all births.

Finally, Madam Speaker, the establishment of the National Museum of the American Latino will be consistent with the purposes of the Smithsonian Institution, created by Congress in 1846, "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge."

I urge all Members to vote for H.R. 2420, the National Museum for the American Latino Act.

REMEMBERING EVELYN CARSON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Evelyn S. (Edwards) Carson, better known to her friends and neighbors in New Bern as Evelyn Edwards, died peacefully at her home in Greenwich, CT, on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Carson, until her retirement from Civil Service, was a budget analyst at NARF, located at the Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, NC. Evelyn was the widow of her childhood sweetheart, Henry Walton Edwards who was the father of her only child, Linda Edwards McMahon. She subsequently married John Carson and was also his widow. Mrs. Carson moved to Connecticut to be closer to Linda and her husband Vince, their two children, Shane, his wife Marissa; Stephanie and her husband, Paul. She was either at the hospital or there within minutes when all six of her great-grandchildren were born. Mrs. Carson was 93 years of age and by all accounts of everyone who knew her, lived her life to the fullest and urged everyone to do the same.

In addition to her immediate family, Mrs. Carson is survived by her brother Lawrence Strickland of Virginia Beach, VA, and sister, Cindy McHone of Knoxville, TN, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made in Evelyn's Memory to The Connor's Cure Fund, c/o Children's Hospital Foundation, 4401 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15224 or at givetochildrens.org/donate.

Visitation was held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Cotten Funeral Home, followed by Her funeral service at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel. Burial followed Greenleaf Memorial Park.

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, July 30, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

AUGUST 4

9 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John E. Whitley, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Shon J. Manasco, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, and Michele A. Pearce, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, and Liam P. Hardy, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Venezuela, focusing on security and humanitarian situation.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission.

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution

To hold hearings to examine the right of the people peaceably to assemble, focusing on protecting speech by stopping violence.

SD-562

AUGUST 5

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Trade Commission.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine Federal and industry efforts to improve cybersecurity for the energy sector, focusing on how to improve collaboration on various cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection initiatives.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, "American Nuclear Infrastructure Act of 2020".

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Crossfire Hurricane investigation.

SD-G50

AUGUST 6

9 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jason Abend, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Bradley D. Hansell, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, Lucas N. Polakowski, of Virginia, and Louis W. Bremer, of Connecticut, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50