

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING FORMER REP. JANE
HARMAN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to pay tribute to a dear friend and a wonderful former colleague of ours. Former Rep. Jane Harman, who retired from this House in 2011 after nine terms representing the Thirty-Ninth District of California, is stepping down in February after ten very successful years as CEO of the Wilson Center. I hope all of us in this House will join me in congratulating her and wishing her well in her next endeavors. I have no doubt that she will find new ways to continue serving her country, as she has done with such dedication and ability since her days as a staffer for Sen. John Tunney in the early 1970's and during her time in Congress, where she served as Ranking Member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Jane's entire career has been spent in service to the people of California and to the American people.

The Wilson Center was created by Congress in 1968 to serve as a nonpartisan policy forum and support research into addressing global issues. It continues to fulfill its role as a public think tank, a place where scholars and leaders come together to seek creative solutions to some of the country's and the world's most intractable challenges. As the first woman to serve as its CEO, Jane oversaw an expansion of its programs, helped grow its federal appropriation by a third, and launched its Global Women's Leadership Initiative. She drew on her close contacts abroad to bring world-class scholars and global leaders to the Center for informative discussions and debates, and I was honored to be her guest at the Center's fiftieth anniversary dinner in 2018 and to welcome Jane back to Capitol Hill for the Center's very informative 'Fiscal Ship' budgetary exercise in 2016. Under her guidance, the Wilson Center has truly lived up to its mission and will surely continue to do so for a long time to come as a result of her sound management and oversight.

I hope all of us will take a moment to thank former Rep. Jane Harman for her many years of outstanding service to our country and her commitment to the hard work of ensuring that our democracy can deliver the best policy-making for the American people. She will long remain a friend to so many of us in this House, and I will continue to cherish her friendship and her wise counsel in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DORIS
SCHUMACHER TERRETT

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Doris Terrett. She was a beloved member of the New Jersey community who passed away on February 4, 2021 at the age of eighty-eight. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Kim and David Keosian and her dear grandson Christopher Michael Keosian.

Doris lived a full life and leaves behind a legacy of service that has touched many. I know I speak for the entire 3rd Congressional District when I say we are grateful for Doris' contributions to our community.

My heart goes out to Doris' entire family. They will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time when too many New Jersey families are grieving.

PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION
OF S. CON. RES. 5, CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 5, 2021

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, one year later and we are still in the biggest economic and health crisis the country has ever faced. It warrants the biggest governmental response the country has ever seen. To rescue our people, our economy and our health care system, we need a comprehensive, lasting rescue plan immediately. The American people cannot afford any more delays.

After a disastrous mishandling by the former administration the United States remains the epicenter of a global pandemic. Cases of the coronavirus are still high. Schools remain closed, businesses shuttered, unemployment is rising. It is harrowing.

The hour is dark. But today, Congress is ready to help get families, workers, and the country to the dawn of the recovery. This crisis is not over so our work is not done. Let us secure a pathway for the American Rescue Plan and start to build back better.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE
CONGRESS COMMISSION ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2021

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise to reintroduce the Congress Commission Act of

2021. This bill establishes the bipartisan Congressional Commission to Strengthen Representative Democracy to study and make recommendations on membership of the House of Representatives, the methods by which representatives are elected, and how to ensure opportunities for greater constituent and representative engagement.

The United States is the least representative democracy out of all of our international peers. It has been over one hundred years since the representative chamber has increased in size. During those intervening years the United States has added four additional states, the population has expanded exponentially, and the extension of voting suffrage means our national electorate looks vastly different than it did in the early twentieth century. And yet, over the course of more than a century, there has been insufficient effort to consider or enact changes to House membership that could improve how such population growth in number and diversity are reflected by federal representatives. Too many years have passed us by without any serious consideration of how our nation's growth and progress is reflected in the People's House.

We have in front of us an overwhelming amount of evidence illustrating the need for reform of the House of Representatives. Just last year, our fellow Americans took to the streets and ballot boxes demanding change and we came close to admitting a new state to our union. The completion of the 2020 Census provides us essential data on the population of the nation and the growing, disparate ratio of almost 750,000 Americans to each Member of the House. This is just the average. One Member may represent anywhere from almost 530,000 constituents, up to over 1,050,000 constituents. This Commission will determine if such a disparity in districts' populations ensures the just and equitable representation our chamber is intended to provide each citizen and district.

While I speak to the challenges of our current membership structure, ultimately the Commission to Strengthen Representative Democracy is not required to change the size of the House, voting methods for Representatives, or any other House process or assembly. I expect my colleagues that will participate on the Commission will execute their duties justly, judiciously, and with the intent of what is best for our constituents and our nation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRUCE
BEACH'S RETIREMENT

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2021

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bruce Beach, the recently retired Director of Bands at Franklin High School in El Paso, Texas.

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For 25 years, Mr. Beach taught music education to thousands of students. It is no easy feat to teach 20 students, let alone 200. However, Mr. Beach is much more than an educator. Many of his students have pursued their musical and non-musical aspirations because of his support and guidance. His students learned important life skills like teamwork, responsibility, and dedication.

In 2015, Mr. Beach served as President of the Texas Bandmasters Association. He represented El Paso and oversaw the annual convention that showcased new music and teaching methods for fellow bandmasters. In addition to teaching, he also found time to participate in the El Paso Wind Symphony where he played principal trombone.

Congratulations to Mr. Beach on all his achievements. I thank him for his commitment to education and the arts.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY CHIEF
TOM DEMINT

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2021

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, so often the safety of our communities falls to the responsibility of just a few. Today, I rise to honor one of those few: Chief Tom DeMint of the northern Colorado's Poudre Fire Authority.

In addition to his nearly 33 years with the Fire Authority, Chief DeMint served for 11 years as E.M.S. personnel, culminating in 44 years of dedicated service to our community. Now, he is heading into a very well-earned retirement.

A leader with a steadfast work ethic, caring demeanor, and a great sense of humor, Chief DeMint's service is concluding after assisting the Fire Authority in adapting to the pandemic while also battling one of the most long-lasting and devastating wildfire seasons in our state's history. The chief partnered with Poudre's 220 Fire Authority personnel to combat these fires and ensure the safety of our civilians. His leadership and expertise were irreplaceable during these trying times and will be sorely missed by all those who served alongside him.

Let us remember today and all days that our communities are able, not only to survive, but also thrive, because of those who run into the fire for us.

I share my endearing gratitude to Chief DeMint for his tireless service and wish him a happy and relaxing retirement.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL COURT
REPORTING AND CAPTIONING
WEEK

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2021

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today, we recognize Court Reporting and Captioning Week. Court reporters and captioners are highly trained professionals who share a unique ability to convert the spoken word to text that can be read, streamed, broadcast, searched, and archived. This specialization includes broadcast captioning and realtime translation services for people who are deaf and hard of hearing, as well as providing near-instant translation in legal and other settings. Approximately 48 million Americans are considered deaf or hard-of-hearing, and the captioning services of realtime writers and stenographic captioners ensure that all Americans have equal access to news and other vital information.

In the 116th Congress, I reintroduced the Training for Realtime Writers Act, which would reauthorize the Training for Realtime Writers Grant Program and encourage careers in realtime writing and court reporting, provide scholarships for students, and modernizes curriculum to adapt to our changing world. I was proud to have my bill included in the 2008 Higher Education Act Reauthorization and in the College Affordability Act of the 116th Congress.

The Training for Realtime Writers Grant Program has been successful in training the current generation of captioners and court reporters and has aided in the rapid growth of these professions. By reauthorizing the Training for Realtime Writers grants, students will have the opportunity to enter a technical, well-paid, and highly skilled career that will allow them to become court reporters and captioners immediately upon graduation.

I want to acknowledge the court reporters and captioners in the House of Representatives, especially those who were on the House floor on January 6, 2021, when insurrectionists breached the Capitol. Their work is crucial to the sustained function of our government, and I thank them for their service and dedication to our country.

From maintaining the integrity of our democracy to ensuring every citizen stays up to date on today's 24-hour news cycle, realtime writers are vital to Americans in all communities. Over the past decade, this program has encouraged a new generation of realtime writers

to enter this vital field. I am proud to work with the National Court Reporters Association and with my friend Rep. RODNEY DAVIS to reauthorize this program so we can continue to increase awareness and interest in this profession.

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 9, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 10

10 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Neera Tanden, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SD-608

FEBRUARY 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Organizational business meeting for the 117th Congress.

SD-G50

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Miguel A. Cardona, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education, and Martin Joseph Walsh, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Labor.

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