

behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I wish him well in his retirement as he enters this new chapter in life.

CONGRATULATING ARKANSAS' NATIVE SON—CRAIG BLAIR—ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FOREST SECTOR

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the successful career and retirement of Arkansas' native son and ordained Minister, Craig Blair. Throughout his almost 40-year career, Mr. Blair has set himself apart as an example to his community and his peers in the forestry sector.

Born in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and the son of an Arkansas school principal and a school librarian, Craig pursued a career in forestry, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management from the University of Arkansas at Monticello and a Masters in Forestry Degree in Forest Business from Mississippi State University, where he was also the College of Forest Resources 2018 Alumni Fellow. Over his 39-year career, Craig held a variety of positions in the forestry sector, culminating in his appointment as President and CEO at Resource Management Service (RMS)—a firm that manages timber assets in my district—and in the forest products sector. During his more than 10-year tenure as the firm's leader, Craig oversaw a skilled and experienced team of forestry and investment professionals who built and managed portfolios of forest assets that were collectively valued at more than \$4 billion and that included investments in the United States, Australia, Brazil, China, and New Zealand. Craig became Chairman of the RMS Board of Managers on October 1, 2021.

Among his many accomplishments as President and CEO of RMS, Craig led the firm's efforts to promote diversity and inclusion within the forestry profession, developed the first open ended forest investment fund, and championed collaborative approaches to landscape and species conservation, helping to establish Conservation without Conflict. Craig has also been actively engaged in numerous forestry organizations, serving as Chair on the boards of the National Alliance of Forest Owners, the World Forestry Center, and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc., where he received the 2017 SFI President's Award.

The husband of Rita Blair for more than 34 years and father of two sons—Braden and Paul—I take this time today to celebrate Craig Blair. I am proud to call him my forestry colleague and my friend. May we always look at his work ethic and his dedication to his family, the forestry sector, and his church as an example to emulate.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALEXANDER JEFFERSON

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson, one of the most decorated pilots in Michigan, whose heroic service as a Tuskegee Airman in World War II is being recognized in a rededication ceremony for Jefferson Field, named in his honor in Detroit, Michigan.

Born in Detroit, Michigan on the 15th of November 1921, Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson grew up flying model airplanes in the same field that is now named for him. He graduated from Detroit's Chadsey High School in Detroit and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia. He did graduate work in Chemistry at Howard University and earned a Master of Science in Education from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Following three months of combat training in Selfridge Field, Michigan, Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson graduated from a pilot training course at the Tuskegee Army Airfield. He served as a P-51 fighter pilot with the Red Tail, 332nd Fighter Group 301st Fighter Squadron in Ramitelli, Italy. Over the course of 18 long range escort missions deep into enemy territory, he bravely provided protection from vicious enemy aircraft. His unit escorted bombers headfirst into the action. They never lost a single plane.

On August 12, 1944, three days before the invasion of Southern France, Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson was shot down while firing at German radar stations on the coast. He was captured by the Germans and kept as a prisoner of war for nine months, ninety miles from Berlin. There, he witnessed firsthand the atrocities committed by the Nazis. He was liberated by the American forces on the 29th of April 1945 and was discharged from active duty in 1947. He retired from the reserves in 1969 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After the end of the war, Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson became an elementary school science teacher in Detroit, where he would retire as an assistant principal in 1979. A member of various church, educational, and alumni organizations, as well as one of the founders of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen. He is a member of the Tuskegee Airman Speaker Bureau, a life member of the Silver Falcon Association, and has served as an Admissions Counselor for the U.S. Air Force Academy.

He has received numerous awards and accolades for his bravery and his selfless service for our country, including a Purple Heart Medal, an Air Medal, a POW medal, an Air Force Achievement Medal, and many, many more. On October 14, 1995, Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson was inducted into the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame.

Please join me in recognition of Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson on this celebration of his lifelong service to our country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BRIDGES HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Bridges Home Rule Act. This bill would repeal a redundant 1997 federal law that makes it a crime for a person in the District of Columbia to obstruct any bridge connecting D.C. and Virginia. The District already had, and continues to have, its own local law prohibiting obstructing a bridge in the District. There is no federal law that prohibits a person in Virginia from obstructing such a bridge or a person in any state from obstructing a bridge connecting two states, and, fortunately, D.C. does not need a federal law to keep our bridges clear either.

This law is as offensive as it is redundant. It harks back to a time when a private group in D.C. attempted to block the 14th Street Bridge into Virginia, although there is no evidence that D.C. authorities failed to act. The District's local criminal law prohibiting obstructing a bridge takes care of any obstruction occurring here.

Under the 1997 federal law, "whoever in the District of Columbia knowingly and willfully obstructs any bridge connecting the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia . . . shall be fined not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$5,000, and in addition may be imprisoned not more than 30 days. . . ." Under D.C. law, a person may be subject to imprisonment and/or fines for "crowd[ing], obstruct[ing], or incommod[ing] . . . [t]he use of any street, avenue, alley, road, highway, or sidewalk."

The courts have long held that D.C. may repeal federal laws that predate the Home Rule Act of 1973 (HRA) and apply exclusively in or to the District, but have not ruled on whether D.C. may repeal post-HRA federal laws that apply exclusively in or to the District. My bill would avoid any court challenge the District could face if it tries to repeal this 1997 federal law.

This bill is an important step in increasing home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

HOMETOWN HERO—JAMES VITTON

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Vitton of Dallas, TX who served in the U.S. Navy and completed over 4,600 military flight hours.

Over the weekend, I had the honor of awarding James the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation. Captain Vitton was commissioned in 1984, and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1986.

James courageously flew 341 combat hours during the Iran/Iraq War and served as the Flight Engineer Division Officer, Aircraft Division and Assistant Operations Officer.

Among many of his positions during his Operational Level of Warfare tenure, Vitton

planned and trained in over 30 major joint/combined operational exercises, including career highlight, Operation TOMODACHI: Maritime Operations Center Director of Japan's relief efforts following the devastating 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

It is an honor to recognize the distinguished veterans of TX 24 and to preserve their stories for future generations of Americans through the Congressional Veteran Commendation. I thank James for his service and the sacrifices he made to protect our great nation.

HONORING THE OTIS EDWARD
MOORE HIGHWAY IN WILLARD, MO

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Otis Edward Moore, a lifelong resident of Everton, MO.

Mr. Moore served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was a maintenance worker for Mid-America Dairymen in Springfield after his service had ended. Beyond his work, Moore was actively involved with his community, joining Masonic Lodge No. 87 AF&AM in Greenfield. His family knew him as a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Moore's life was tragically cut short when he was killed in a car accident on Highway 160 in Willard. He was 61 at the time he passed away in 1983. Now, nearly 40 years later, a stretch of Highway 160, from West Bypass to County Road 115, has been named in honor of Moore. The new Otis E Moore Memorial Highway will be dedicated on Monday, November 22nd of this year.

Madam Speaker, Otis Moore exhibited a life of service. Service to his nation and service to his community. It is only fitting that a portion of Highway 160 be named in his memory.

HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF MIRIAM FLORES

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Miriam Flores, a dedicated public servant from Missouri's Fourth Congressional District.

After 14 years of service with the Missouri Veterans Commission, Miriam will officially retire on November 30, 2021. During her time with the Missouri Veterans Commission, Miriam has been the first person with whom veterans and their family members see whenever they come to the Commission offices. While her role has officially been the Senior Office Support Assistant located in the St. Robert office, everyone knew Miriam went well beyond her role to impact people's lives in meaningful ways. She was the friendly smile and compassionate voice to veterans seeking assistance and the support for many Veteran Service Officers, always looking for ways to make their jobs easier and more efficient to serve those who served. During her tenure, she was the

main administrative contact person for the southwestern and the new central region of Missouri.

After her retirement, Miriam is looking forward to spending more time with her children and grandchildren. Please join me in congratulating Miriam Flores for her dedicated service to Missouri's veterans and their families.

CONGRATULATING MUNSEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON 150 YEARS OF SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church in Johnson City in the First Congressional District of Tennessee as they celebrate 150 years of sharing the love of Christ in their community and throughout the world. Built of handmade bricks at a cost of four thousand dollars in 1871, Munsey, known then as East Market Street Methodist Church, was part of the heritage of the early Methodist circuit riders that brought the gospel to the pioneer settlements of the American Frontier. Just three decades later, the church had outgrown that initial structure and relocated to their present address on the corner of Roan and Market Streets and, in 1908, renamed the church in memory of their brilliant, self-taught pulpit preacher, Reverend William E. Munsey.

Their new, modern facility attracted many new congregants, so many, in fact, that the church doubled in size in just three years. Growth and expansion continued with the addition of an indoor swimming pool in 1949 and the establishment of a preschool program in 1950. While the pool closed due to structural issues in 2001, the preschool continues to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for two-, three- and four-year-old children and is the oldest state accredited preschool program in Tennessee.

As the sharing of the good news of Christ continued so did the growth of the church, necessitating the building of a new sanctuary in 1955. Munsey continued to be a beacon of God's love over the next several years. This display of love was never more evident than on Christmas Eve 1989 when a terrible fire at the John Sevier Center, a low-income residential high-rise across the street from the church, claimed the lives of sixteen residents. Services were cancelled as the church became a triage center for those escaping the horror and a location for families to be reunited. Members spent the evening bringing food, blankets, and comfort to victims and first responders. Following that fire, a new ministry, The Melting Pot, was born which grew from providing a Saturday morning breakfast for those residents to working cooperatively with Good Samaritan Ministries to provide breakfast every morning and lunch five days a week. Now, that same Melting Pot offers the Open Door worship service as an outreach to downtown.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church as they celebrate 150 years of ministering to the needs of their community, region, and world. They represent

the strong faith of the First Congressional District of Tennessee, and I am proud to represent them and wish them great success in the next 150 years.

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, November 16, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 17

Time to be announced

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Alanna McCargo, of Virginia, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, and James Arthur Jemison II, of Michigan, and Elizabeth de Leon Bhargava, of New York, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

S-207

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Maria L. Pagan, of Puerto Rico, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador, Brent Neiman, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Samuel R. Bagenstos, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, and Christi A. Grimm, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Christopher S. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

SD-215

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 594, to double the existing penalties for the provision of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, S.