

Mary was dedicated to her family and dearly loved by all who knew her. She is survived by her three children and six grandchildren. My prayers are with her loved ones during this difficult time.

REANNA MENDEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Reanna Mendez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Reanna Mendez is a student at Arvada West H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Reanna Mendez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Reanna Mendez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING BENNETT J. THOMAS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bennett J. Thomas. Bennett is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bennett has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bennett has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Bennett J. Thomas for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DREW BREES'S RETIREMENT FROM THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**HON. STEVE SCALISE**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Drew Brees, his legacy as a New Orleans Saint in the National Football League, and his dedication to the people of the City of

New Orleans. Drew's retirement comes after completing twenty seasons in the NFL, fifteen of which were played as the starting quarterback of my hometown team, the New Orleans Saints. In fact, he chose to retire on March 14, 2021, the fifteen-year anniversary of his signing with the Saints.

Since 2005, Drew has taken the field dressed in black and gold and sparked the greatest era yet for the Saints franchise. For the last fifteen years, Brees has led one of the most explosive offensive teams in NFL history, marching the Saints to seven NFC South titles and winning the franchise's first-ever Super Bowl in 2010. You can take a guess who the MVP was for Super Bowl XLIV.

I could go on and on about how Drew Brees is one of the best football players of all time. How he is the NFL all-time leader in career passing yards, passes completed, passes completed per game, and total offensive yards. Or that he has the most seasons with 5,000+ passing yards, has been selected for 13 Pro Bowls, or that he has showcased his accuracy by holding the all-time single season record for his passing completion percentage at 74.4 percent. These achievements are unparalleled. In addition to Drew's accomplishments on the field, I also want to recognize and honor the positive impact Drew Brees has made on New Orleans and the entire State of Louisiana.

Drew came to New Orleans during one of our darkest times. Hurricane Katrina had taken over 1,800 lives and flooded the vibrant, historic crown jewel of the South. The iconic Louisiana Superdome, home to the Saints and regularly filled with cheering fans on Sundays, was filled with many of those same people who were now evacuees, some of whom had lost everything they owned.

The Saints are more than just a football team in New Orleans. After Katrina, the Saints gave us hope. The Saints are as much a part of the soul of New Orleans as our world-famous cuisine and the jazz music and brass bands that fill the French Quarter. Drew Brees changed our New Orleans Saints forever, bringing historic success to the franchise and giving the city hope, with something to finally celebrate through the grueling struggles of rebuilding. As the Saints organization put it, Drew came to us at our lowest point, and brought us to its highest.

A known leader in the locker room, Drew is also a leader off the field. Winner of the NFL's Walter Payton Man of the Year award, Drew and his wife Brittany founded the Brees Dream Foundation, which has contributed more than \$45 million globally to cancer patients and families in need. In the last year, the Brees family personally committed \$5 million to Louisiana to assist with COVID-19 relief efforts.

To close, I'd like to read Brees' own inspirational words from his retirement letter, addressed openly to the city and to the famed Who Oat Nation. "From the moment I stepped foot into the city of New Orleans, I could feel your spirit. You told me that if I loved New Orleans, you would love me back. No truer words have ever been spoken. "Drew, I wholeheartedly agree, and your place in the history of the city will live forever. Jennifer and I wish you, Brittany, and your beautiful young kids all the best as you now begin the next chapter of your Hall of Fame life.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR OF NIAGARA, GEORGE BOUSLEY'S, DISTINGUISHED CAREER

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the career and service of retiring City of Niagara Mayor, George Bousley.

Mayor Bousley has had a long and esteemed career in public service. He was first elected as the Mayor of Niagara in 1989 and held the position for 32 consecutive years. He also served 12 years on the Marinette County Board, with 8 years as the County Board Chair.

Throughout his service to Niagara and Marinette County, Mayor Bousley lead and contributed to countless projects and initiatives that will surely benefit Northeast Wisconsin for years to come. Colleagues of Mayor Bousley have praised him for his humility, dedication, open mindedness, and hard work, all of which will be missed as his tenure as Mayor of Niagara comes to an end.

Mayor Bousley has accomplished much during his time in public service, and truly personifies the generous spirit that Northeast Wisconsin is known for. From his work on the U.S. 141 project, to Niagara's Centennial Celebration, Mayor Bousley worked tirelessly for his community.

Mayor George Bousley will certainly be missed by the people of Niagara, and I commend him for his dedication to his community. Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding Mayor Bousley for his service.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF CLAIRE CULLEN EARLEY

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Claire Cullen Earley, a San Carlos, California resident, who died on March 28, 2021, Palm Sunday, at the age of 85.

Claire Cullen was born on May 29, 1935, in Larchmont, New York, to Colonel William Joseph Cullen and Alice Cunningham Cullen. She was raised in Larchmont and Manhattan and earned a degree in Mathematics from Rosemont College. She worked as a computer programmer at Union Carbide in New York City where she met and later married Martin Vincent Earley. In 1971 they moved to San Carlos, where she began her lifelong commitment to her community.

Claire Earley was the former President of the San Mateo County Association of Realtors, Director of the California Association of Realtors, a member of St. Charles Church in San Carlos and the San Carlos Rotary Club.

She was predeceased by her husband Martin and her parents. She leaves her four beloved sons and their wives, and 11 adored grandchildren. She will be sorely missed by each of them as well as the many people who were blessed by her loyalty and generosity. I was blessed with her friendship for almost five decades.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our condolences to the family and friends of Claire Earley. She was a woman of great faith, a force of nature and always a force for good. We are a better community because of her and a stronger country.

HONORING MAYOR JAMES 'JIM'  
DARLING

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor James 'Jim' Darling on the occasion of his retirement. Mayor Darling faithfully served the City of McAllen, Texas for 43 years and will close out his tenure as mayor this May.

Mayor Darling was born in Rochester, New York, and then selflessly joined the U.S. Air Force. He completed two tours in Vietnam with the U.S. Air Force as a staff sergeant and eventually earned the rank of 2nd Class Petty Officer for the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Mayor Darling initially came to Texas to attend Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he obtained his bachelor's and law degree. After Baylor, he moved to McAllen, Texas, where his love for the community kept him for over 40 years. Mayor Darling spent 28 years as city attorney for the City of McAllen and other government entities. He also served as the District 6 City Commissioner for two terms before being elected as Mayor of McAllen in 2013.

During Darling's two terms as Mayor, he was devoted to expanding educational opportunities and investing in public safety and infrastructure in McAllen and the entire Rio Grande Valley. He was deeply involved in the establishment of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) Medical School, UTRGV Research Center and a Texas A&M University campus, attracting future professionals to the area. He also oversaw the merger of the Valley's three Metropolitan Planning Organizations and spearheaded key road and traffic improvements, an expansion of the city police department, an expansion of McAllen International Airport, and the construction of a new fire department.

Under Mayor Darling's leadership, the city also saw stadium improvements, park developments, and the construction of the McAllen Performing Arts Center. Mayor Darling also fought to bring broadband for underserved neighborhoods and worked with Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley to open the Humanitarian Respite Center.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Mayor Darling for his leadership and more than four decades of service to the City of McAllen. While he credits many for his accomplishments, it takes a true leader to make a difference of this magnitude. He serves as both a light in our community and a role model. It is an honor to represent a dedicated public servant like Jim Darling. I wish Mayor Darling, my good friend, the best in his future endeavors.

SHOHZODAKHON (SHAHZODA)  
BURHONOVA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Shohzodakhon (Shahzoda) Burhonova for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Shohzodakhon (Shahzoda) Burhonova is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Shohzodakhon (Shahzoda) Burhonova is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Shohzodakhon (Shahzoda) Burhonova for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING KYLE J. SILER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle J. Siler. Kyle is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle J. Siler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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 infor-

mation, 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, April 15, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 19

6 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on the negotiation process and understanding the security situation in Afghanistan.

SVC-217

APRIL 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Defense

To hold hearings to examine Defense Health Program.

SD-192

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Space Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine investing in rural communities.

WEBEX

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine strengthening the Federal Trade Commission's authority to protect consumers.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine combatting inequality, focusing on the tax code and racial, ethnic, and gender disparities.

WEBEX

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine COVID-19 recovery, focusing on supporting workers and modernizing the workforce through quality education, training, and employment opportunities.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine voting rights.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

To hold hearings to examine the American Jobs Plan, focusing on infrastructure, climate change, and investing in our nation's future.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary  
Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine improving access and inclusivity in the patent system, focusing on unleashing America's economic engine.

SD-226