

the gift of a large wooden horse. The citizens took this into the city, and during the night the hidden soldiers climbed out of the horse, opened the city gates, and let in the Greek army. Troy was defeated.

Give credit to China for using our strength to defeat us. Our strength is capitalism in a free market, which is using the principle of producing something for less and making a profit. The producer with the most products will take over the market. When the market is controlled by one entity, there is no competition. When there is no competition, you win. China makes products for less, and they are not worried about the profit. The profit will come later. It is noteworthy that they have used the principles of one of America's greatest entrepreneurs to overcome us. Sam Walton founded Walmart in 1962 and created a retailing empire. The company slogan is "we sell for less". This is true. China's model is "we produce for less". This is a perfect match. Walmart is one of the largest retailers in the world. Check their shelves and see how many products are made in China. For that matter check the hardware store, the department store, and the general marketplace for products. Made in China dominates. Then there is the largest corporation in the USA, Apple. How important is China to the manufacture of their products? It's important. So, what if next Monday China says, "we are not shipping anything to the USA until further notice!". How would that affect Walmart, Apple, and the rest of us? Unless we have a remedy for that, we are on the road to serfdom.

In 1990, the gross domestic product of the USA was \$5.9T and for China it was \$361B. In 2021, the GDP for USA was \$23T and for China it was \$17.7T. In just 31 years China has gone from 6% to 77% of the GDP of the USA. If there is no change in this model, then in a very short time China will be the dominant economic power in the world. And the principles of manufacturing greatly favor China. They don't have to worry about minimum wage, labor unions, and environmental standards. There is no way that the USA can compete in the marketplace with these different standards.

The ancient General Sun-tsu would be proud of his descendants who took an opponent's strength (manufactured goods) and turned that strength into a weakness. When China's dominance in manufacturing grows to a critical level, then total submission of our country can be affected without the need of a single military action. This is every general's dream.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 500.

HONORING THE SHRINER INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Shriners International. Their continued commitment to their

fraternity members and for those they provide services for is immeasurable, and Ahmed Shriners has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Shriners International fraternity was founded 150 years ago with the goal of providing the tools and sense of fellowship to men of good character across the country. With the establishment of the Shriners Children's health care system in 1922, Shriners International has continually supported our most vulnerable communities. Extending across our Nation's borders and into both Canada and Mexico, Shriners International has become a staunch supporter of healthcare facilities across North America by offering specialty services and care to children, regardless of their family's ability to pay. Shriners International has had the privilege to help countless individuals while expecting nothing in return. This fraternity has had a direct impact on the communities they serve, making it appropriate to acknowledge their continued effort to the communities in the Upper Peninsula. The work and passion of Ahmed Shriners, Potentate Sir. Travis Freeman, as well as all who contribute to make Shriners International the communal asset it is today deserve our praise.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Shriners International in their effort to continually provide service to children and their families. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I wish all fraternity members and staff of Ahmed Shriners and Shriners International the best in their future endeavors. Michigan's First District commends their continued support of the Upper Peninsula and thanks them for their work in ensuring a healthy community both socially and medically.

KIRKMAN FINLAY III APPRECIATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Representative Kirkman Finlay III, has been successful promoting governmental reforms during his time in the South Carolina House of Representatives.

Among these were numerous ethics and election law reform proposals. Representative Finlay was the author of an Act relating to the contents of the statement of economic interest so as to require disclosure of specified income (Act 283 of 2015–2016).

In addition, he began the process regarding several property tax reforms as related to families and the disabled. He was a watchdog on local government abuses, expanding pharmaceutical vaccine availability, animal control and care, coastal tidelands protections, and restrictions regarding lobbyists and former public officials. He was also the author of the "Bad Faith Assertion of Patent Infringement Act."

Also on his agenda was electric utility reform—Representative Finlay sponsored a bill relating to baseload review orders and project development orders issued for certain utility facility construction projects in the aftermath of the SCANA nuclear plant debacle.

Representative Kirkman Finlay III, will always be appreciated for his dedicated service to the citizens of South Carolina.

RECOGNIZING THE USC VERDUGO HILLS HOSPITAL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th anniversary of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital in Glendale, California.

Originally founded in 1947 as the Behrens Memorial Hospital, the hospital moved in 1972 to a new hilltop location and was renamed Verdugo Hills Hospital. Initially established as a 158-bed acute care hospital serving Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, and the surrounding foothills area, it has grown over the last five decades and significantly expanded its healthcare options and services.

In 2013, the Verdugo Hills Hospital began a partnership with the University of Southern California (USC) and officially became the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, in concert with Keck Medicine of USC. Since this acquisition, increased investment from the community and university have transformed the community-based hospital into a cutting-edge, academic medical institution. Some of the hospital's most essential services include a 24-hour emergency room, bariatric and minimally invasive surgery, a primary stroke center, and orthopedic surgery services. Recently, multi-million-dollar expansions have also funded the opening of a new Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and an Interventional Radiology/Cardiac Catheterization Lab, as well as the expansion of clinical services in Labor and Delivery and Urology. In partnership with USC, the hospital also hosts community events such as Caregiver's Night Off and "Doc Talks" to assist both patients and their families.

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's innovative services and expansive network has earned the hospital numerous awards, including the Board of Certification in Emergency Nursing's Honorary Certification Recognition, and its emergency department nurses received their second Lantern Award for their outstanding and innovative emergency room performance. The hospital has long been known for the friendliness, warmth and kindness of its staff and small-town hospital feel, beginning with a cheerful greeting at the hospital's front door by a caring volunteer. USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's volunteer program includes many long-time volunteers, including prospective medical students, and offers the opportunity to learn more about the medical field and provides a chance to give back to the community.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's staff, physicians, and nurses worked tirelessly to care for their patients, serving as a leader in the community in the fight against the virus. The hospital's inpatient beds and Intensive Care Unit beds were crucial in providing high quality care to those most adversely affected by the virus.

I am proud to represent USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and commend their ongoing commitment to providing outstanding service to their patients and community. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring USC Verdugo Hills Hospital upon the celebration of its 50th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF
THE HONORABLE JOE GOETHALS
FROM THE SAN MATEO CITY
COUNCIL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my good friend and colleague, Councilman Joe Goethals, upon his departure from the San Mateo City Council after nine years. He began his public service on the San Mateo Public Works Commission and as a Director on the Peninsula Health Care District Board. During his time on the council, he served on the Emergency Services Council, the Grand Boulevard Task Force, Peninsula Clean Energy, the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department board, and the San Mateo County pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services Group. He served as Mayor in 2019.

When he first ran for city council in 2013, he noted that he was a prosecutor for the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, and that by that time he had already handled over 50 cases and appeared in court in 25 jury trials involving such violent crimes as murder, rape and kidnapping. Since then, he's worked in the offices of both the Alameda and San Mateo County District Attorneys.

Today, Joe is in private practice as a trial attorney handling criminal defense, murder, sexual assault, wrongful death and personal injury cases. As a city councilman, prosecutor and defense counsel, Joe sees all sides of the criminal justice system.

We live in special times when people question whether our nation will splinter and whether we can continue to live under one body of law. I want to take a moment to speak about Joe Goethals the attorney because from this discipline, combined with public office, he created an unusually authoritative perspective on public policy.

In a 2020 Facebook post, he reposted an image of a man with a ball and chain and the word "addiction" on the ball, with the man reaching for a key that had "hope" as its name. In 2021, as protests broke out throughout the country Joe, his colleagues, and the Board of Supervisors established a pilot program teaming mental health professionals with police officers to help people in crisis. Joe noted at the time, "More than half of the county jail are individuals suffering from some form of mental health issues. Interventions like this I support very much because (mental) health professionals are a proven solution to reducing incarceration in favor of treatment and diversion." His validation, coming from both a seasoned prosecutor and defense attorney, meant that residents of San Mateo could have an extra measure of assurance that public safety was enhanced by mental health interventions. To borrow a concept from our shared faith, Joe was teaching from the catechism of justice.

As a councilmember, Joe Goethals was on the dais as San Mateo tackled some of its most difficult problems. The city has since initiated major public works projects to fix a flooding problem in the North Shoreview neighborhood, a major intersection problem at El Camino and Highway 92, and a significant deficiency in the city's sewage treatment system.

During Joe's years on the council, thousands of new housing units were created, and the city cooperated with the county to establish at least two hotels as new shelters for the homeless. Joe and his colleagues spurred businesses towards financial health despite the pandemic by approving outdoor dining downtown.

Born and raised in San Mateo, Joe grew up along Aragon Boulevard as part of a family of five children. He was outstanding in Little League and coached right through law school. For first through eighth grade, he attended St. Matthew's Catholic School, later moving to St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School in San Francisco, and ultimately attending Santa Clara University for both undergraduate and law school. Upon graduation with an undergraduate degree in Combined Sciences with an emphasis in microbiology, he was honored with the Santa Clara University Richard J. Riordan Award for Public Service. He actually has two graduate degrees, having attained a Master's in Public Health from San Jose State University before his J.D. degree. He served for five years in public health after his undergraduate studies. As a law student, he won the Honors Moot Court competition and a scholarship to Oxford University for the summer.

Joe and his wife, Sharon, have three girls Samantha, Ellie, and Charlotte. Although they have lived in different locations in recent years, they have always called San Mateo home.

It is time to bid adieu to a passionate advocate for sound government. America lost a champion Little Leaguer when Joe was forced to retire from coaching. It's losing a champion public policymaker as he steps away from elective office, hopefully for only a short time. Now, his family will regain the full-time attention of a loving father and husband. Life is both complete and expanding its joys for Joe Goethals, the boy from Aragon Boulevard who swung for the bleachers and hit a grand slam.

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, December 6, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 7

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, Christopher Koos, of Illinois, Samuel E. Lathem, of Delaware, and Robin Lee Wiessmann, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Sue Ellen Moore, of Washington, and Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, Rubydee Calvert, of Wyoming, and Diane Susan Kaplan, of Alaska, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

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Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 3386, to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally, S. 4824, to provide for proper oversight of North Korea policy, S. 4064, to facilitate the development of a whole-of-government strategy for nuclear cooperation and nuclear exports, S. 4509, to provide for security in the Black Sea region, S. 4996, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to modify the establishment of a coordinator for detained ISIS members and relevant displaced populations in Syria, S. 4955, to amend certain authorities relating to human rights violations and abuses in Ukraine, S. Con. Res. 47, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime's human rights abuses, S. Con. Res. 16, commemorating the 30th anniversary of Operation Provide Comfort, S. Res. 713, recognizing Russian actions in Ukraine as a genocide, S. Res. 472, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Dominican Republic and advancing opportunities to deepen diplomatic, economic, and security cooperation between the two nations, S. Res. 730, remembering the 30th anniversary of the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992, the 28th anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994, and recommitting to efforts to uphold justice for the victims of the attacks, S. Res. 322, reaffirming the alliance between the United States and Bulgaria, congratulating Bulgaria on its July 11, 2021 parliamentary elections, and calling for continued progress in Bulgaria towards combating corruption, respecting the freedom of the press, and protecting minority rights, S. Res. 650, recognizing May 28 as "World Hunger Day", that the 90th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933, known as the Holodomor, should serve as a reminder of repressive Soviet policies against the people of Ukraine, and that Vladimir Putin's illegal war against Ukraine has diminished Ukraine's agricultural output and threatens to exacerbate the problems of global hunger