

young people in her community. She is the Earth Ambassadors Program Manager for New Leaf Collaborative, a local non-profit that provides learning and leadership opportunities for students, educators, and community partners in areas of science, nature, and ecological literacy.

Ms. Wong is well-known in her community for her passion for learning, communication skills, planning expertise, and commitment to collaboration. She has been married to Robert DiBetta for over 20 years, and they have two children, Sam and Kate.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Tina Wong has dedicated her life to educating and supporting the students in our district. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARTIE
WALKER

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Artie Walker.

Artie Walker was born in Stallo, Mississippi, on April 3, 1930 and moved to Stockton in 1948 after graduating from high school. In 1957, Artie was the first African-American woman to be hired by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office. During her 25-year career in law enforcement she worked in several capacities including in the patrol section, in court services and the youth services section of the detective division, and at the men's and women's jails. She was instrumental in implementing rehabilitation programs at the women's jail and began a project in the Sheriff's Department to make Christmas gifts available for residents of Children's Home of Stockton.

Artie was an advocate for women's rights and was honored by the local chapter of the National Organization for Women with the "Diana Award" for her contributions to helping women gain equality. Artie also showed devotion to her community through her service at Christ Temple Church of Stockton. She served as Secretary of the Crist Temple Church of Stockton's Board of Directors and as an Associate Minister. Her dedication, enthusiasm, spirit, and commitment to others is inspiring.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Artie Walker and her lifetime of service.

MILITARY VEHICLE FLEET
ELECTRIFICATION ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Military Vehicle Fleet Electrification Act." Among other things, this transformative legislation would require the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) to replace its fleet of nontactical vehicles with at least 75 percent electric or zero-emission vehicles.

The DOD remains the single largest institutional consumer of petroleum in the world. As chairman of the Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I am deeply committed to getting the American military to do its part to combat the climate crisis by reducing fossil fuel use and transitioning our nation to a clean energy economy. As the Pentagon turns over its fleet of nontactical vehicles, it only makes sense that those replacements be electric or zero-emission vehicles to the greatest extent practicable.

According to the General Services Administration (GSA), the DOD currently has more than 174,000 nontactical vehicles across the service branches, including the Coast Guard, and the various defense agencies. That is the second largest share of the overall federal vehicle fleet, after the U.S. Postal Service at more than 225,000 vehicles. In December 2021, the Biden Administration published its Federal Sustainability Plan, indicating that the DOD is responsible for 56 percent of the federal government's overall greenhouse gas emissions.

My legislation would apply to all future nontactical vehicles, such as passenger cars, vans, or light-duty trucks, purchased or leased for the military. It would not apply to vehicles used in combat or warzones like Humvees. My legislation includes the strongest possible "Buy American" requirements, ensuring that electric vehicle components like batteries are not sourced from hostile foreign countries like the People's Republic of China or Russian Federation. Importantly, my legislation would apply to both direct procurement by the DOD itself and any non-tactical vehicles for which the GSA acts as the procurement or leasing agent on behalf of the service branches or defense agencies.

As a nation and within our military, we have a responsibility to make thoughtful purchases with taxpayer funds to combat the climate crisis. Transitioning the military's enormous fleet of passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and vans with internal combustion engines to American-made electric and zero-emission vehicles is a commonsense way to further reduce our nation's greenhouse gas emissions. I plan to make this critical legislation a top priority in the Readiness mark of the forthcoming National Defense Authorization Act.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members of the House to join me in cosponsoring the "Military Vehicle Fleet Electrification Act."

HONORING JENNIFER STRONG AS
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Strong, whom I have named the 2022 Woman of the Year in Lake County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Jennifer Strong was born in Davis, California, and is a sixth-generation Lake County

resident. She graduated from California State University, Chico in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural business. Ms. Strong started her career as a branch manager for Tri Counties Bank. She quickly developed a passion for helping her customers feel comfortable with their finances. In 1998, she expanded this passion and founded Strong Financial Network as a Certified Financial Planner. Her firm is built upon the principle of holistic financial planning with a focus on helping her clients maneuver through all aspects of life. Ms. Strong provides hours of free financial planning to all ages, including young people, regardless of the size of their assets. She is often found at a career day event at a local school and meeting individually with young people about the importance of a healthy relationship with money. Additionally, she has hosted countless student interns in her office over the years.

Ms. Strong is also a member and supporter of many non-profit organization in Lake County. She donates countless hours of service to local non-profits in financial planning, as well as providing MC services for annual charity fundraisers. Ms. Strong is a long-time member of the Lakeport Rotary Club. She is known for her 15-year service as Ride Director for the annual cycling event, Konocti Challenge, bringing in millions of dollars in economic benefit to Lake County. She also founded the Rotary Fire Relief Fund, which was established during the Valley Fire in 2015, and raised over \$1 million that year. All of the fund was used to support fire survivors.

Ms. Strong's passion for her community is described by loved ones as "infectious and always at the forefront of her decisions." She is known for her dedicated passion in helping others believe in their own ability to effect change in the world. Outside of her career and community work, Ms. Strong is passionate about outdoor activities, such as scuba diving, gardening, travelling, and is also a licensed private pilot.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Jennifer Strong has dedicated her life to the people of Lake County through her career in financial services and her community work. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF COLONEL SCOTT A. WILLIS
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonel Scott A. Willis, of Westfield, Indiana, on his retirement from the United States Marine Corps.

Colonel Willis has spent the last 30 years in the Marine Corps defending our country. His selfless service to the nation and to our community will be his lasting legacy.

I thank Colonel Willis for his dedicated service to the Nation. Our community is grateful for his leadership and his service.

PAT WITT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I recently had the pleasure of attending Pat Witt's 95th birthday celebration in Vineland, South Jersey. As a lifelong native of Millville, Pat has played an integral role in encouraging the appreciation and participation of the fine arts throughout the South Jersey community. Pat's artistic talents have been honored through private and public collections across the globe. The Barn Studio of Art, founded by Pat in 1962, is one of her largest accomplishments. Throughout the years, The Barn has been a hub for the New Jersey Art community. Through Pat's work at the Barn Studio, she has taught and inspired thousands of students with her enthusiasm for the arts. Pat should be proud of her hard work and dedication, which has truly touched the lives of many, and it was an honor to be able to attend her birthday celebration. God bless Pat, and God Bless our America.

**HONORING BETTY RHODES AS
WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Betty Rhodes, whom I have named the 2022 Woman of the Year in Napa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Mrs. Rhodes was born in Taft, California, in 1927. She graduated from Fairfax High School in Los Angeles and then attended Los Angeles City College and Ventura Junior College. She married her husband, Tom, in 1950, and they moved to Ventura County. The couple relocated to Napa in the 1980s to be closer to one of their daughters Judy.

After Tom Rhodes passed away in 1990, Mrs. Rhodes became greatly involved in the Napa County community, joining the Napa County Commission on Aging, where she has served for 15 years. She used her experience with the agency to spearhead the Napa County Caregiver Ordinance, which requires independent caregivers and home care aides to complete a background check and register through the state. The Ordinance, which was adopted by the Napa County Board of Supervisors, is nicknamed "Betty's Law" in honor of her tireless, seven-year advocacy for the Ordinance.

Additionally, Mrs. Rhodes has been a voice for seniors by serving on the Napa County Paratransit Coordinating Council, Napa and Solano Area Agency on Aging, and Molly's Angels Board of Directors. She also writes a weekly column for the Napa Valley Register about issues that are important to seniors.

As a member of the California Senior Leadership Alliance, Mrs. Rhodes has advocated

for seniors at the state level by meeting with State Senators and Assembly Members to discuss matters that affect seniors. In 2008, the Napa Valley Chamber of Commerce named Mrs. Rhodes the Community Booster of the Year, honoring her distinguished record of leadership.

Mrs. Rhodes has four children, Greg, Susan, Steven, and Judy, seven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Betty Rhodes has dedicated her life to advocating for the senior citizens of Napa County. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

**SUPPORTING JUSTICE CLARENCE
THOMAS**

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to address the efforts to unfairly attack one of the best Supreme Court Justices in our history—Justice Clarence Thomas.

Democrats in Congress have engaged in a smear campaign against this most distinguished jurist. And why? Because they are upset that his wife texted the President's Chief of Staff. The attack on this great Justice is not based on any decision he made. It is not based on anything he said or did. Rather, he is being held to account for his wife's expression of free speech.

Let me be clear, Ginni Thomas, the Justice's wife, has every right to share her political views and express her views. Merely because her husband is a judicial officer does not mean she loses all of her constitutional rights.

The real reason radical Democrats want Justice Thomas to be impeached, or to "re-sign" or to recuse himself from cases unnecessarily, is because they don't like his close adherence to the Constitution. Justice Thomas' legal decisions read like poetry. He clearly and easily eviscerates strange constitutional interpretations by the Leftists on the Court. He forcefully and unabashedly explains true Constitutional law and sticks to the document as it was intended. This makes him a threat to the Left.

The Democrats in Congress belittle and besmirch the impeachment process. It is now invoked against their political enemies with as much thought as what they want for lunch. They cry "impeachment" in unison against all of their political enemies, like a socialist collective. The hive mind of the Left seeks destruction of the Constitution and it hates, with prejudice aforesaid, those who believe in the Constitution as a fixed star in the constellation guiding our nation instead of the loopy "it's a living document so it means whatever I say it means."

I stand with Justice Thomas and his wife. Stay strong for the sake of America. America needs his voice on the Court, and he should not let the vitriolic, shrill, and hysterical Left wing mob in Congress deter him from his right to free speech for Ginni and his duty to our Constitution.

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, April 5, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 6

- 10 a.m.
 - Committee on Appropriations
 - Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
 - To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimate and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation. SD-192
 - Committee on Armed Services
 - Subcommittee on Personnel
 - To hold hearings to examine suicide prevention and related behavioral health interventions in the Department of Defense. SR-222
 - Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 - To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ventris C. Gibson, of Virginia, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years, and Paul M. Rosen, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Investment Security, both of the Department of the Treasury. SD-538
 - Committee on Environment and Public Works
 - To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Environmental Protection Agency. SD-406
 - Select Committee on Intelligence
 - To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kate Elizabeth Heinzelman, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency. SH-216
- 11:15 a.m.
 - Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 - Business meeting to consider the nominations of Derek Kan, of California, and Daniel Mark Tangherlini, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service. SD-342