

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

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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

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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 aforethought, 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

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense's posture for supporting and fostering innovation.

SR-222

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development

To hold hearings to examine advancing public transportation in small cities and rural places under the bipartisan infrastructure law.

SD-538/VTC

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Beth Pritchard Geer, Robert P. Klein, both of Tennessee, and L. Michelle Moore, of Georgia, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors, and Benny R. Wagner, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, all of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine amendments to the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America (Treaty Doc. 115-03), agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Croatia comprising the instrument as contemplated by Article 3(2) of the Agreement on Extradition between the United States of America and the European Union, signed June 25, 2003, as to the Application of the Treaty on Extradition signed on October 25, 1901 (the "U.S.-Croatia Extradition Agreement"), and the Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Croatia comprising the Instrument as contemplated by Article 3(3) of the Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance between the United States of America and the European Union signed at Washington on June 25, 2003 (the "U.S.-Croatia Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement"), both signed at Washington on December 10, 2019 (Treaty Doc. 116-02), and amendment to the

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the "Montreal Protocol"), adopted at Kigali on October 15, 2016, by the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (the "Kigali Amendment") (Treaty Doc. 117-01).

SD-106/VTC

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 3123, to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, S. 3126, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community, S. 3273, to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, H.R. 1975, to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, and H.R. 4881, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona certain land in Pima County, Arizona.

SD-628

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine ways to counter tactics oligarchs use to launder their money and reputations and stifle dissent.

SD-562

3:15 p.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Dara Lindenbaum, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

SR-301

APRIL 7

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold open and closed hearings to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the scope and scale of critical mineral demand and recycling of critical minerals.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 2372, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, S. 3742, to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility, S. 3743, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States, the nominations of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Carlton Waterhouse, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and 11 GSA resolutions.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the IRS, the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023, and the 2022 filing season.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Caroline Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, MaryKay Loss Carlson, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, and Marc B. Nathanson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine protecting Ukrainian refugees from human trafficking.

SD-562