

Throughout opening weekend, May 20, 21 and 22, 2022, visitors can engage with artists and collaborators through a series of free demonstrations and workshops that celebrate the thriving, modern culture of today's Native communities from across the country. Visitors can learn about basket weaving, see bead making, hear hand drums, listen to poetry, and more.

I commend the Field Museum for undertaking what many are saying is a fresh, dynamic, and more representative depiction of the Native American experience both past and present.

Madam Speaker, I invite you and my esteemed House colleagues to come to Chicago and experience the Field Museum's newest exhibition first hand.

HONORING MR. ARNOLD FIELKOW
AS A 2022 AVODAH AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my constituent Mr. Arnold Fielkow on the occasion of his recognition as a 2022 Avodah Award recipient, one of the highest awards granted to a social justice leader in the Jewish Community of New Orleans.

Arnold Fielkow with his wife, Dr. Susan Fielkow, and their three boys, Justin, Michael and Steven, moved to New Orleans in 2000 from Wisconsin when Fielkow took the position of executive vice president with the New Orleans Saints organization. Fifteen years ago, after years of working their way through the international adoption process, and after Hurricane Katrina washed away their original documents, the family adopted half-sisters Yana Shira, 9, and Svetlana, 6, from the Ukraine. To this very day, Arnie and his family are watching the turmoil as it unfolds in Ukraine, hoping to find a safe passage for the sisters and their children of his adopted daughters.

A leader with a knack for business and an expert coalition-builder, Mr. Fielkow worked with the NFL's New Orleans Saints from 2000 to 2005. In this role, he served as the top senior management official presiding over all administrative and business departments for the organization, including community relations and youth programs. Fielkow was instrumental in enhancing the team's influence—internationally, nationally, and locally—throughout Louisiana. He was the key negotiator achieving a landmark 10-year agreement for Saints facilities here in the state, putting his entire career at risk on such a deal.

Fielkow also oversaw tremendous growth in the Saints' youth programming, highlighted by the organization's involvement in the NFL's Junior Player Development program, and the administration of summer youth clinics throughout greater New Orleans. Teaming with the NFL and the Orleans Parish School Board, the Saints were instrumental in returning tackle football to the city's public middle schools.

Arnie left the Saints Organization for public service, elected to the position of

Councilmember At Large for the City of New Orleans. As a City Councilman, he helped rebuild New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, introducing legislation to improve education, economic development, public safety and youth recreation across the storm-ravaged city. Fielkow played a major role in ensuring that recreation and athletics remained a significant focus for the youth of the city.

Upon stepping down from the City Council in a second term, he served as the President and CEO of the National Basketball Retired Players Association (NBRPA), the official association for all former NBA, ABA, WNBA and Harlem Globetrotter players. Under his tenure, the association achieved an all-time high in membership, built strong partnerships with other organizations, and developed a full menu of member programs and new youth-based national community service initiatives.

This new community mission directly led to the creation of the NBRPA's touring youth basketball program and life skills program, which served thousands of at-risk youth in partnership with the National Police Athletic/Activities League and the National Urban League.

I am convinced Arnie never sleeps as he develops new ways to assist those in need. His latest innovative program was jointly created by the Arnie D. Fielkow Family and the Edgar "Dooky" Jr. & Leah Chase Family Foundation. Both names are well-known among New Orleanians, and their collaboration combines the primary passions of each family as seen through their years of philanthropic service. This program is a definitive nod to Arnie Fielkow's nearly 30-year professional career of sports, Judaism, and relationship-building among the diverse subsets of our city's diverse communities. The Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative is designed to build impactful relationships between multicultural and multifait communities in Greater New Orleans. Through practical learning and career skills building, this program services high school students interested in pursuing professions within the sports industry, while at the same time allowing the participating teens to learn about one another's history, traditions, and culture. This exciting initiative launched in October 2021.

Rooted in community and public service, Mr. Fielkow's current work as CEO of the Jewish Federation of New Orleans is his latest step in a lifelong pattern of bringing people together and doing what is best for the people.

Throughout his stellar career, Mr. Fielkow has succeeded in combining his commitment to public service with his love of sports, and always sought to improve access, facilities and programming for our children and young people.

I could go on about the experience, honors, and exemplary leadership that this honoree has displayed, but I want to share something that Mr. Fielkow and I are working on together currently.

Through the congressional Appropriations Community Project Funding Projects, I was able to secure \$3 million dollars for the 9th Ward Stadium Project, whose sole mission is to build a high-quality, multi-use sports recreation stadium for students, schools, and families in New Orleans' 9th Ward. Of course, who other than Mr. Arnie Fielkow is Chair of this organization and is leading the on-the-ground effort to build this facility in a community that

has far too long had to travel to other neighborhoods and other schools to use their sports facilities. This stadium will change many lives for the better in New Orleans' 9th Ward.

The 9th Ward Stadium effort is just the latest example of Mr. Fielkow's love for New Orleans—and sports—in action, and I am so grateful to have secured this funding for this fantastic project.

Congratulations to Mr. Arnie Fielkow on this award. His wife, children, as well as the entire Greater New Orleans Community, are so proud and grateful to have him in our lives.

JAN LYONS

HON. TRACEY MANN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jan Lyons, a great Kansan and this year's winner of the 2022 Jay B. Dillingham Award for Agricultural Leadership and Excellence.

Jan is certainly a deserving recipient of such an honor. As a young person, she got started raising her own angus cattle with a few of her dad's cows. In the 1970s, Jan and her husband Frank Lyons started the Lyons Ranch Angus cowherd south of Manhattan, Kansas, with some of the females originating from her father's herd. Today, Lyons Ranch consists of Jan and Frank and with their daughter Amy and her husband Karl, along with their sons with their wives. Jan's daughter Debbie also manages a cattle operation with her husband. Jan is the matriarch of a true family operation, which is why I'm delighted to honor her here today.

Jan was the first woman president of the Kansas Angus Association. She was also the president of the Kansas Livestock Association and the president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. With all this on her plate, Jan has still found time to serve as a 4-H leader in Riley County where she teaches young people about the importance of agriculture.

Jan has received a great deal of praise for being a trailblazing woman in agriculture. In response to this praise, Jan once said, "Women have always been in agriculture—they just haven't always been the spokespeople. I would like to think that I am just a good rancher and good leader—not a good woman rancher." Well Jan, you are a great rancher and an outstanding leader.

I congratulate Jan on her well-deserved award, and thank her for all her hard work on behalf of Kansas agriculture.

COMMENDING QATAR AND THE
U.S. ON 50 YEARS OF DIPLO-
MATIC RELATIONS

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, it is with great personal satisfaction that I commend the United States and Qatar on fifty years of diplomatic relations.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, I had the honor to command an expeditionary squadron that was based in Qatar. This enabled me to work closely with our Qatari allies, who worked closely with the American military. I gained great respect for their dedication to our shared missions. I was also able to establish friendships with a number of Qatari military leaders; relations that have been renewed every time I have visited Qatar in subsequent years.

America's relationship with Qatar was not originally based upon military or strategic principles. In fact, when the United States first established diplomatic relations with Qatar 1971, the new Persian Gulf nation was hardly a military power.

In 1916, Qatar became a British protectorate, which meant that Britain agreed to defend Qatar from all aggression by sea and support in case of a land attack. When Qatar declared its independence in September 1971, no one could have predicted that this small Persian Gulf nation would develop into an economic and strategic powerhouse.

It is a tribute to leaders and its citizens that Qatar has accomplished so much in so many different areas. Much of the credit goes to the royal family and other political leaders who allocated spending on social programs, including housing, health, education, and pensions. Over time this enabled the relatively small population of Qatar to become better educated, healthier and committed to the welfare of the nation.

Qatar's leaders were well aware of the nation's precarious position as a major energy supplier, but without the means to defend itself and its resources. Thus, the nation began to build up its defense capabilities.

In 1991, Qatar played a significant role in the Gulf War, particularly during the Battle of Khafji in which Qatari tanks rolled through the streets of the town and engaged Iraqi troops. In addition, Qatar allowed coalition troops from Canada to use the country as an airbase to launch aircraft from Qatar. Qatar also permitted air forces from the United States and France to operate in its territories.

In the aftermath of this, both nations agreed upon the need for a Defense Cooperation Agreement. This pact, which has subsequently been expanded, has served as the basis for military collaboration. In 1996, Qatar built Al Udeid Air Base at the cost of more than \$1 billion.

Significantly, military cooperation between the United States and Qatar continued to expand. In 2003, Qatar served as the U.S. Central Command headquarters and one of the main launching sites of the invasion of Iraq. As mentioned, I was able to participate in this operation.

Al Udeid is now home to the largest U.S. military base in the Middle East. In a region sensitive about the presence of U.S. military forces, it is notable that Qatar is not only allowing expansion of Al Udeid, but also funding it and managing the construction. In fact, the Qatari government has provided over \$8 billion in funding for al-Udeid Air Base since 2003. After renovations and expansions, Al Udeid can accommodate up to 120 aircraft and 10,000 troops. The Al Udeid Air Base has the longest runway in the Gulf region, about 5000 meters or 15,000 feet.

President Joe Biden met in Washington with the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad

Al Thani, on January 31, 2022. This meeting was the first that President Biden had with a regional leader since he became president. It was a clear signal that Washington views Doha as an important asset in the region. This was underscored when the President told the Emir that the United States would nominate Qatar as a "Major Non-NATO Ally" (MNNA).

This MNNA status recognizes the bilateral security cooperation between the United States and Qatar has matured to the level beyond the already deep defense partnership that had developed and nourished over the course of decades. The MNNA status recognizes Qatar's growing responsibility as a strong and enduring U.S. partner in countering violent extremism, combating terrorism, and deterring external aggressors. It also reinforces U.S. military access to Qatari military facilities, allows prepositioning of U.S. armor and other military materiel, and supports U.S. training of Qatar's military forces.

American officials have come to realize the potential Qatar offered to American interests in the region, both politically as well as militarily. Soon after the Gulf War, the Emir announced his intention for Qatar to move more toward democracy and permitted more liberal press and municipal elections as a precursor to expected parliamentary elections. A new constitution was approved via public referendum in April 2003 and came into effect in June 2005. Economic, social, and democratic reforms occurred in the proceeding years.

In 2003, a woman was appointed to the cabinet as minister of education. In October 2021, Qataris voted in the Gulf Arab state's first legislative elections for two-thirds of the advisory Shura Council, and turnout was over 63 percent. There were women candidates and women have been appointed to seats in the Council.

Qatar has also been an invaluable asset on a number of diplomatic fronts. Qatar quietly assisted in ending the Israel-Hamas war in May 2021 and continues to be helpful in seeking to improve Israeli relations with Palestinians. Qatar is also working to reduce tensions between the United States and Iran.

Without a doubt, Qatar's most significant diplomatic and humanitarian efforts were in the evacuation of more than 100,000 people from Afghanistan after the American withdrawal. Qatar was uniquely positioned because of its ability to speak to various parties on the ground and its willingness to escort people through Taliban-controlled Kabul.

Qataris helped to vet individuals seeking to leave the country and organized aspects of their departure. Many of the flights that enabled people to flee were on Qatari airlines. In addition, a large percentage of the new refugees were brought to Qatar, which arranged housing and other shelter for them as well as food, medicine and other provisions. At one point, the Qatari military was proving over 50,000 meals per day to the newly arrived refugees. There are still thousands of Afghan refugees in Qatar, where they continue to receive much needed care and assistance.

On September 7, 2021, only weeks after the American withdrawal from Afghanistan, Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III and Secretary of State Antony Blinken flew to Doha to acknowledge the transit and care of the evacuees from Afghanistan and to thank Qatar for its vital assistance.

Secretary Blinken complimented Qatar's efforts in the evacuation: "... you've facilitated

the safe transit of more than 55,000 people. That's nearly half of those who were evacuated in the entire evacuation from Kabul. These are massive numbers. And as I've said a number of times, we spend a lot of time back in Washington talking about numbers: the total number of evacuees, American citizens, and so forth. But you know better than anyone that behind each of these numbers is a real person, is a mother, a father, a sister, a brother, a son, a daughter."

Qatar's role did not end with the evacuation. Since the United States does not recognize the Taliban dominated government in Afghanistan, all American interests in Afghanistan are now being handled by the Qatari Embassy and other offices in Kabul.

While the military and diplomatic cooperation that has developed over the years is impressive and vital to the security interests of both nations, there are so many other areas in which the relations between our two nations have flourished over the course of the past fifty years.

The United States and Qatar have extensive economic ties. As Qatar's largest foreign direct investor and its single largest source of imports, the United States has developed a robust trade relationship with Qatar, with over 120 U.S. companies operating in country. U.S. exports to Qatar increased by 47.7 percent from 2018 to 2019, totaling \$6.5 billion in 2019.

The United States is a leading equipment supplier and partner for Qatar's oil and gas industry, and U.S. companies have played a significant role in the development of the oil and gas sector. In addition to energy, U.S. companies also export to Qatar's defense, aviation, ICT, healthcare, food, and engineering/construction sectors.

U.S. imports from Qatar include liquefied natural gas, aluminum, fertilizers, and sulfur. The United States and Qatar signed a trade and investment framework agreement and participate in annual bilateral Strategic Dialogues.

Qatar announced plans to invest \$45 billion in the United States, which will result in an additional 50,000 American jobs.

But Qatar's financial dealings in the United States go well beyond investments and the import-export of goods and services. Qatar is extremely philanthropic. Qatar donated \$100 million in aid to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast in August 2005. After Hurricane Harvey hit the state of Texas from August to September 2017, Qatar's donated \$30 million in aid to help rebuild Texas. Qatar and Qatari foundations have also made significant donations to worthy causes as autism, both research and care for individuals.

Qatar provides education for all of its citizens, and a majority of its college graduates are now women.

Major education ties have been developed over the course of the fifty-year relationship. Annually, hundreds of Qatari students study in the United States. In addition, six U.S. universities have branch campuses in Qatar's Education City complex. There are Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar (VCUQ), Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q), Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMUQ), Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q), Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar (SFS-Qatar), and Northwestern University.

In sum, over the course of the fifty-year relationship, the United States and Qatar have developed military and strategic ties, cooperated on major diplomatic initiatives, enlarged financial and economic relations, supported worthy causes and educational advancement for students in both countries.

Significantly, although our two nations located in different regions of the world, with different histories and cultures, they have been able to forge an enduring friendship based on many shared values. This will set the stage for the next fifty years and beyond.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF
BILL HAGLER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Bill Hagler.

Bill Hagler passed away on April 29, 2022, at the age of 94 after living a full life in Anniston, Alabama. Bill is best known for his time on the former Anniston WHMA Channel 40 television station as a meteorologist, host of the show "By The Way" and host of "Dialing for Dollars." Prior to his time on air, he served as General Manager for WAVU/WZSB in Albertville from 1953 to 1969. He served in the United States Air Force in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Bill was a very active part of his community and church. He was a member of the Lions Club of Albertville, the Anniston Kiwanis Club and was elected as Governor for Kiwanis in Alabama. He was a long-time member of Anniston First United Methodist Church.

Bill was married to Ellie and blessed with three sons, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Bill's life of service and dedication to my hometown. He will be greatly missed.

HONORING FRISCO CITY MANAGER
GEORGE PUREFOY

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I rise today to recognize Mr. George Purefoy, the longtime City Manager for the City of Frisco, for his thirty-four years of dedicated public service in cultivating one of the fastest growing cities in our nation.

Mr. Purefoy earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Arlington and his Masters Degree in Public Administration from East Texas State University. Prior to beginning his storied career with the City of Frisco, he would work as a city police officer and serve in various municipalities including those of Boerne, Taylor Lake Village and Columbus.

Mr. Purefoy began his tenure as the first and only City Manager of Frisco on November 1, 1987. At that time, Frisco was a town of only 5,000 residents, but Purefoy maintained a unique vision of what the City could grow into with the right leadership. Upon his arrival he

went to work behind the scenes on remedying a multitude of municipal issues that had limited the City's ability to thrive while striving to create the foundation for its modern day successes. Due to his ability to serve as a conduit between multiple levels of government, educational, and private entities, the City has been credited with a variety of successful collaborative efforts leading to the development of multiple corporate, sports and civic attractions.

It is indisputable that Mr. Purefoy has served as a cornerstone in establishing Frisco as one of the most sought after cities in which to live, work, and raise a child. His proudest professional achievements include helping Frisco become a member city in the North Texas Municipal Water District and serving as a lead architect in a multitude of public-private partnerships, including Toyota Stadium, Comerica Center, The STAR, and PGA Frisco to name a few. Widely admired as a gentle-spoken man of faith and a humble servant leader, over the past several decades he has shepherded Frisco with steadfast commitment and intentionality to sustainable growth.

Now as George begins an exciting new chapter in his life filled with plans for travel with his wife, Debra, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in saluting him for his many efforts to build what is arguably one of the best cities in America and wish him well as he undertakes a richly deserved retirement.

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, May 17, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 18

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the National Nuclear Security Administration.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for

fiscal year 2023 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-124

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine addressing climate change with energy-efficient and resilient housing.

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 Fish and Wildlife Service.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Elizabeth Frawley Bagley, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Mari Carmen Aponte, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, and Francisco O. Mora, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations.

SD-419/VTC

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine cybersecurity in the health and education sectors.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. Res. 341, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Security Treaty among Australia, New Zealand, and the United States of America, S. Res. 529, supporting a democratic, pluralistic, and prosperous Bosnia and Herzegovina on the 30th Anniversary of its declaration of independence, S. Res. 499, celebrating 100 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Baltic States, S. Res. 615, expressing appreciation for the efforts of the Republic of Poland to assist Ukrainian refugees and support the sovereignty of Ukraine following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, S. Res. 538, expressing support for a second United States-Africa Leaders Summit as an important opportunity to strengthen ties between the United States and African partners and build on areas of mutual interest, S. Res. 390, expressing appreciation for the State of Qatar's efforts to assist the United States during Operation Allies Refuge, an original resolution calling for the immediate release of Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza, who was unjustly detained on April 11, 2022, the nomination of Bernadette M. Meehan, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Department of State, and other pending calendar business.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution

To hold hearings to examine stopping gun violence, focusing on the Jackson-Elias Domestic Violence Survivor Protection Act.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider S. 1687, to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center