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RECOGNIZING DARLETTA BERRY-JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE IVINS OUTREACH CENTER

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 30, 2023

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Darletta Berry-Johnson—the founding and only Executive Director of the Ivins Outreach Center, headquartered in Morrisville, Pennsylvania. In 2023, Ivins is celebrating its twentieth anniversary in operation. The mission of Ivins “strives to improve the quality of life for those within our neighboring communities, providing opportunities for them to be healthy, confident, connected, and secure, regardless of age, income, or background.” Their goal is “to create a community that is stronger, healthier, more involved, more generous, and more accepting of others.”

Darletta has been the driving force and inspiration of Ivins’ far-reaching success in making a significant difference in the lives of tens of thousands of individuals, young and old alike, in, around, and beyond Bucks County—an area I proudly serve and represent. In supervising and leading a small group of dedicated part-time staff members and scores of community volunteers, a sampling of Darletta’s efforts has resulted in:

Services to senior citizens such as Ivins’ Staying Put and Home Share programs that enable folks to remain in their homes despite illness, disabilities, food insecurities, safety concerns, lack of transportation, and a host of other physical and social issues.

Services to an annual enrollment of upwards of 3,000 youth through oversight and administration of 21st Community Learning Center Grants that provide after-school social and academic support, and summer employment and enrichment camps for students in the school districts of Morrisville Borough, Bristol Borough, Bensalem Township, Bucks County Technical High School, and the non-public Holy Trinity, St. Marks, and St. Ephrem elementary schools, and Conwell-Egan High School.

Covid Relief through Darletta’s collaboration with the United Way, Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce, area grocery stores, houses of worship, and local law enforcement agencies in providing meals for families and individuals in addressing grocery shopping, transportation needs, providing holiday experiences for the less fortunate of all ages, and shelter for the young, the homeless, the abused, and senior citizens.

Coordinating efforts to support law enforcement agencies by securing a COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant through the United States Department of Justice for the Borough of Morrisville; successful submission of COPS grant applications for Falls Township and Bensalem Township police departments; and a submitted application along with the Bristol Borough Police Department to fund a School Safety Officer.

Leadership roles have included, but not limited to: Pennsylvania Department of Education

Advisory Board, Bucks County Children & Youth Advisory Board, Established Morrisville Education Foundation, Morrisville Collaborative, Lower Bucks Family YMCA Board of Directors, G.A.G.E. Gang Awareness, Communities That Care Consortium, Academic Oversight Committee for Bristol Borough, Bensalem School District Diversity Committee, Conwell-Egan Catholic High School Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

Finally, given Darletta Berry-Johnson’s record of achievements, she is the recipient of the Women Business Leaders in Bucks County award presented by the Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce; and the Women for Women and Women Who Make a Difference awards presented by the Bucks County YWCA.

We are incredibly grateful for the impact Darletta Berry-Johnson has had through her long, distinguished career at the Ivins Outreach Center and wish for her continued success as she continues to serve our community.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF PUTNAM COUNTY VETERAN OF THE YEAR, JOHN MULLINS

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 30, 2023

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. John Mullins of Ottawa, Ohio, who has been named Putnam County Veteran of the Year. Every year, the Putnam County Veterans Service Commission recognizes a veteran from their county who has been honorably discharged, embodies the spirit of professional excellence, and has significant off-duty community service. After reviewing all the nominees, Mr. Mullins was selected for the honor.

Mr. Mullins first entered the U.S. Armed Forces in 1980 and served in the U.S. Air Force. After leaving the Air Force in 1992, Mr. Mullins continued serving his community by joining the Ottawa Police Department. He served the City of Ottawa for twenty-five years as part of the police department, while also spending time as a volunteer firefighter for the Ottawa Fire Department. After leaving the police department, Mr. Mullins went on to become a deputy sheriff for the Putnam County Sheriffs Office where he is currently serving.

Outside of his public service career, Mr. Mullins has been involved in the VFW, AmVets, and many other organizations that help raise awareness and fund veteran programs. He has helped with the POW/MIA programs for Putnam County while also organizing Ottawa Honor Guard for funerals and other events. Wherever it is possible to help a veteran in need, Mr. Mullins has dedicated his time to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Mr. John Mullins of Ottawa, Ohio, on his selection as the Putnam County Veteran of the Year. On behalf of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, I wish John all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for service to Putnam County and our Nation.

HONORING MILTON JONES

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 30, 2023

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Milton Jones, an East Tennessean who served our country in the U.S. Navy and worked on the Manhattan Project.

Milton grew up with an interest in technology and how it works, which would serve him well throughout his career. After he graduated from Farragut High School in 1941, Jones earned a first class radio license from Madison College in Nashville. He then went on to train the Army Signal Corps until he was called back to Tennessee to help on the Manhattan Project.

After the end of World War II, Milton started at WIVK radio as a chief engineer and proceeded to help set up new stations throughout the South. He retired in 1993, but continued to work as a consultant for different radio stations and helped tune their towers.

Milton raised four children with his wife Anna Ruth Atkins, and turned 101 years old in March of 2023. He has served his country and his family well, and the East Tennessee community is thankful for the impact he has had on those who have been fortunate enough to know him.

HONORING CRAIG MCNAMARA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 30, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Craig McNamara, of Winters, California, as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Farming, Agriculture, and Resource Management for Sustainability (FARMS) Program.

Craig McNamara was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan. After traveling by motorcycle across Central and South America to learn more about the all of agriculture. Mr. McNamara enrolled at the University of California, Davis where he earned a bachelor’s degree in plant and soil sciences. He then apprenticed under Tom Lum of Dixon for three years and would later rent his first 100 acres of farmland and establish Sierra Orchards.

In 1993, Craig and his wife, Julie, founded the FARMS Program giving high school students access to applied scientific research and careers in agriculture, conservation, and sustainability. The FARMS Program grew to become a model practice for youth education throughout the nation and led to the establishment of the Center for Land-Based Learning in 2001.

Since its founding, the Center for Land-Based Learning has educated more than 25,000 students from 30 different California counties. The Center for Land-Based Learning is the only organization of its kind in the state to offer a closed loop of agriculture-based education, internships, and careers. Because of the program high school students and adults have had the opportunity to discover impactful careers in fields ranging from biological sciences and technology-aided farming to land-use management and robotics.

As an American farmer and activist, Mr. McNamara was revolutionary in the field of sustainable, climate-smart agricultural practices. He endured years of skepticism from those steeped in antiquated beliefs, but that did not slow down his work. Today, modern environmental science and economics embrace Mr. McNamara's teaching which emphasizes that "people, profit, and planet" all deserve equal attention and dedication.

Throughout his professional career, Mr. McNamara has served as a board member for the American Farmland Trust; the Roots of Change Stewardship Council; University of California, Davis Dean's Advisory Council and Agricultural Sustainability Institute Advisory Board; and the Public Policy Institute of California Advisory Board. He is currently a board member on the Edible Schoolyard Project and Project REGEN. He is also on the leadership council of the Public Policy Institute of California.

Mr. Speaker, Craig McNamara is a dedicated public servant and leader in our community. He has inspired and educated future generations of farmers and agricultural leaders. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him and the work of the FARMS Program here today.

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, October 31, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 1

- 10 a.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the science of extreme event attribution, focusing on how climate change is fueling severe weather events.
SD-406
- Committee on Foreign Relations
To receive a closed briefing on Ukraine.
SH-216
- Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Seth Robert Aframe, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Edward Sunyol Kiel, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Sarah French Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Christopher Charles Fonzzone, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.
SD-226

- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine small businesses and America's outdoor recreation economy.
SR-428A

- Select Committee on Intelligence
To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.
SH-219

- 3 p.m.
Committee on Rules and Administration
To hold hearings to examine ongoing threats to election administration.
SR-301

- 3:30 p.m.
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine research at the Department of Veterans Affairs.
SH-418

NOVEMBER 2

- 9:30 a.m.
Committee on Finance
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Marjorie A. Rollinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury, and Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, and Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, and both

to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.
SD-215

- 10 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine ensuring financial protection for servicemembers, veterans, and their families.
SD-538

- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the opportunities and challenges in deploying carbon capture utilization and sequestration and direct air capture technologies on federal and non-Federal lands.
SD-366

- Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Martin O'Malley, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security.
SD-215

- Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Harry Coker, Jr., of Kansas, to be National Cyber Director, Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, and Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.
SD-562

- Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Eumi K. Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.
SH-216

NOVEMBER 7

- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure
To hold hearings to examine causes of roadway safety challenges and possible interventions.
SD-406

NOVEMBER 8

- 10 a.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine accessing clean water infrastructure assistance, focusing on small, rural, disadvantaged and underserved communities.
SD-406