

victory in Missouri's Class 3 Volleyball State Championship.

The team claimed the Class 3 title for the third straight year by beating the Ursuline Bears in a tightly contested match. After falling behind early, Seniors Gabby Horn and Autumn Bax led the Lady Falcons to an improbable comeback in the final three sets. The team should be commended for all their hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home another state championship to their school and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Blair Oaks volleyball team for a job well done.

HONORING RIVER ROCK OUTFITTER

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate April and Keith Peterson and the River Rock Outfitter team on their hard-earned nomination for the United States Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Top Small Business award.

Located in Downtown Fredericksburg, River Rock Outfitter provides apparel, gear, and guided outdoor experiences to customers while bringing awareness to local recreational opportunities in the region. River Rock Outfitters is committed to supporting access to recreation and conservation efforts in the community and is widely known for its friendly and knowledgeable staff. Notably, over 70 percent of its staff are women—actively challenging gender biases in the outdoor sector and creating an inviting environment for women to explore the outdoors through their programming, like their GirlsGO! initiative.

In response to supply chain backlogs and an increased interest in the outdoors during the pandemic, April and her team implemented the "Re-Boot with River Rock consignment program." This initiative expanded River Rock Outfitter's reach to a national level, encouraged people across the country to explore the outdoors, and promoted sustainability.

April's contributions as an owner extend past River Rock Outfitter's storefront—she has become a prominent fixture in the community as an active member of the Fredericksburg Virginia Main Street, serving as its president from 2020 to 2021. She has also earned multiple accolades from organizations such as the Rotary Foundation, Chesapeake Conservancy, and Blue Ridge Outdoors, for her contributions to the community and philanthropy.

River Rock Outfitter has embraced community, inclusivity and representation, and sustainability throughout their journey. These attributes distinguish them as an outstanding small business, and Fredericksburg is lucky to have them in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating River Rock Outfitter, a finalist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Top Small Business award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 611, I mistakenly voted Aye when I intended to vote Nay.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF DON- ALD JAMES KEEHAN UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE OHIO VET- ERANS HALL OF FAME

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember the life of a dedicated veteran upon his induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Donald James Keehan, who sadly passed away last year, has been inducted posthumously after his years of service and contributions to his community and Ohio.

Donald's leadership both in and out of uniform was exemplary, whether it was through his service to our nation in the Korean War or as founder and CEO of globally recognized Advanced Polymer Coatings. His work as an entrepreneur in the polymers and resins industry included numerous patents and the development of multiple companies that employed many Ohioans.

It was Donald's philanthropic work with youth and military families that established him as a community leader when it came to support for military families, military transition issues, and the broader Northeast Ohio veterans' community. He was instrumental in providing housing for wounded warriors with his rental properties in northeast Ohio. He was also a tremendous mentor to both the professional business community and to the youth of the area.

Passionate about philanthropy, Donald supported education by providing more than one million dollars to St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, where he served as a trustee, for students to study innovative engineering and entrepreneurship. He also supported and helped grow Young Men's Chance for Change whose mission is to help inner-city young men achieve better lives and opportunities.

Donald's life also revolved around his family. He was married to his wife, Arlene, for 63 years. During that time, they raised six children and became grandparents and then great-grandparents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the life and service of Donald James Keehan. On behalf of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, I recognize the devotion and compassion that Donald had for his family, community, and Nation. I applaud the special acknowledgment that accompanies his induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE FLOOD

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 610, I mistakenly voted no when I intended to vote aye.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN AMBU- LANCE ASSOCIATION STAR OF LIFE NOMINEE TOM FENNEL

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a first responder in my district, Tom Fennell. Tom has been nominated for the American Ambulance Association's Star of Life Award; a prestigious recognition given to those who have made exceptional contributions to the emergency medical services (EMS) community.

Tom's journey into emergency medical services began in his childhood, growing up with ambulances in his garage. His father owned a local ambulance service, instilling in Tom a deep appreciation for the lifesaving work of EMS providers.

After leaving home, Tom continued to his involvement in EMS, working with a Basic Life Support ambulance service which he helped evolve into an Advanced Life Support service.

Tom's dedication and expertise were evident and he quickly became recognized as a leader in the field. He went on to serve as a regulator for the State of Minnesota's EMS Section, gaining valuable insights into the challenges faced by ambulance service providers across the state.

Tom has made a profound impact on the emergency medical services community in St. Cloud and across Minnesota. He is an inspiration to all those who have had the opportunity to work alongside him.

Throughout the years, we have been grateful to see many exceptional Minnesotans honored as American Ambulance Association Star of Life recipients. America's first female Emergency Medical Technician and Star of Life Recipient, Rose Pelzel, and her fellow Star of Life recipient, Marcia Anderson, were both panelists in our office's Young Women's Leadership Program. Both women are pioneers in the emergency medical services field, and we were lucky to have them participate.

Congratulations to Tom on joining these impressive ranks, and I thank him for all his work on behalf of EMTs and first responders in Minnesota.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEG- ACY OF PASTOR RALPH E. KELLY, SR.

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Pastor Ralph

E. Kelly, Sr. who was welcomed home with the Lord on December 21, 2022.

Pastor Kelly accepted the call of ministry in 1985 as the assistant pastor at Good News Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A. in Pasadena, CA. Six years later, God moved Pastor Kelly and his family to Colorado Springs where he served at Focus on the Family for 23 years.

On September 6, 1992, Pastor Kelly and his family joined two other families to establish Good News Church, initialing meeting in a small room at New Hope Baptist Church. Good News Church mission statement was founded on Matthew 28; 18–20, “Reaching families and our community with the transforming power of Jesus Christ through Evangelism, Education, and Exhortation.”

In addition to shepherding local congregations such as Good News Church, Pastor Kelly served the Pikes Peak Region for over 23 years. As the Regional Manager of Pastoral Ministries in California and Colorado under the leadership of H.B. London Jr. Pastor Kelly graced and served other pastors of every denomination and faith. He provided encouragement and counsel to countless pastors and their families.

Pastor Kelly and his wife, Daisy together raised four children: Darnell, Nicole, Crystal, and Ralph, Jr. Their family heritage continues with nine grandchildren: Amari, Jocelyn, Savannah, Kai’Lon, McKenzie, Justice, Kennedy, Kai’Lynn and Brooklyn. Pastor Kelly and Daisy blessed the Colorado Springs community by living out the example of how to bring your family up in the Lord. Further, as evidence of their true ministry partnership, Pastor Kelly and Daisy together received their Bachelor of Religious Education from the United Theological Bible College & Seminary in 1998, in Colorado Springs.

Pastor Kelly’s life of ministry to pastors epitomizes the pastoral epistles, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing,” (2 Tim. 4:7–8). Rest in peace Christian Soldier; his duty has ended. He has fought the good fight.

RECOGNIZING MR. WILLIAM THOMAS CHARTRAND

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. William Thomas Chartrand, who tragically passed away on October 3, 2023, at the age of 82.

Mr. Chartrand was born in Troy, New York to Ernest and Eva Chartrand. He was the middle of five children. From an early age, he learned the values of hard work and perseverance, spending his youth working on a farm in upstate New York. Mr. Chartrand joined the U.S. Navy shortly after high school, where he served as a jet engine mechanic. Mr. Chartrand retired having achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Some of his fondest memories were from his time spent as a navigator on an A-3 Skywarrior Aircraft. During his more than twenty years of service, he devel-

oped lifelong friendships with his fellow officers, and kept in close contact with them throughout his life.

After retiring from the Navy, Mr. Chartrand moved to Hanford, where he attended College of the Sequoias and earned his associate of arts degree. He was later hired by Sears, Roebuck and Co., and received training in appliance repair in Los Angeles and Chicago. After a long career with the company, Mr. Chartrand started his own appliance repair business in Hanford. Mr. Chartrand was passionate about helping his friends and family with their appliances and continued to lend a helping hand in his retirement. This past May, Mr. Chartrand and his wife, Velma, celebrated 36 years of marriage. Together, they devoted themselves to their Christian faith. Mr. Chartrand served on the Diaconate for First Baptist Hanford in his later years. He is remembered by his loved ones and members of the Hanford community for his kind spirit and compassion for everyone he crossed paths with.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible life of Mr. William Thomas Chartrand. His service to our country, commitment to his family, and dedication to the Central Valley community will be felt for generations to come. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, on November 7, 2023, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 547; Yea on Roll Call No. 548; Yea on Roll Call No. 549; Yea on Roll Call No. 550; Yea on Roll Call No. 551; Yea on Roll Call No. 552; Yea on Roll Call No. 553; Yea on Roll Call No. 554; Yea on Roll Call No. 555; Yea on Roll Call No. 556; Nay on Roll Call No. 557 and Nay on Roll Call No. 558.

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 Thursday, November 9, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 14

- 10 a.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine innovation in American agriculture, focusing on leveraging technology and artificial intelligence.
SR-328A
- Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine oversight of financial regulators, focusing on protecting Main Street not Wall Street.
SD-538
- Committee on Foreign Relations
To receive a closed briefing on the current security situation in the Middle East.
TBA
- Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine standing up against corporate greed, focusing on how unions are improving the lives of working families.
SD-430
- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife
To hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities to facilitate wildlife movement and improve migration corridors.
SD-406
- Committee on Finance
Subcommittee on Health Care
To hold hearings to examine ensuring Medicare beneficiary access, focusing on a path to telehealth permanency.
SD-215
- 2:45 p.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight
To hold hearings to examine Federal COVID-era spending and preventing future fraud.
SD-562
- 3 p.m.
Committee on Rules and Administration
Business meeting to consider S. Res. 444, providing for the en bloc consideration of military nominations.
SR-301
- NOVEMBER 15
- 10 a.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine opportunities in industrial decarbonization, focusing on delivering benefits for the economy and the climate.
SD-406
- Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine United States leadership on artificial intelligence in an era of strategic competition.
SD-419
- Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.
SD-226
- 11 a.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Harry Coker, Jr., of Kansas, to be National Cyber Director, Jeff