

that is as strong, as vibrant, and as inclusive as the remarkable leader we commemorate today. May his memory continue to inspire us all.

KARLIE CANDELARIA

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 29, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Karlie Candelaria for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Karlie has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Karlie, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Karlie's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Wheat Ridge High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Karlie Candelaria on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND  
LEGACY OF DR. JAMES WEST

**HON. WILEY NICKEL**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 29, 2023*

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of a true champion of the people, Dr. James West, a revered Wake County Commissioner and a beacon of hope for many in our community. It's with deep sorrow that we mark his passing, but with immense gratitude that we celebrate his legacy.

Dr. James West dedicated his life to public service, always striving to uplift those in need. From his early days as a college student in the 1960s, peacefully protesting segregation in Greensboro alongside Jesse Jackson, to his extensive service as a Raleigh City Councilman and Wake County Commissioner, his journey was marked by a relentless commitment to justice and equality.

His academic achievements, including a doctorate in education, and a three-decade-long career at the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service at NC State University laid the foundation for his deep understanding of the issues facing our community. Dr. West was proud to be the first black person in the U.S. to become Director of County Operations for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, with the responsibility of supervising over 1,000 faculty and staff members.

Dr. West's tenure on the Raleigh City Council, including his time as Mayor Pro Tem, was characterized by his visionary leadership and his ability to forge meaningful partnerships. His work with the Southeast Raleigh Alliance, which he co-founded, exemplified his commitment to economic empowerment and community development.

In his role as a County Commissioner, Dr. West was instrumental in the creation of the

Live Well Wake initiative, aimed at enhancing the health and wellbeing of the community. His efforts to expand affordable housing and his leadership in the Health and Human Services Committee highlight his holistic approach to public service and his belief that every individual deserves dignity and stability.

Dr. West's legacy is not just in the programs he initiated or the policies he championed, but in the countless lives he touched, the community leaders he inspired, and the unquantifiable impact of his compassion and leadership.

We remember Dr. West for his "Dr. Westisms," his wisdom, and his unwavering faith in the power of community. He taught us the importance of strengthening our "spiritual infrastructure," and he believed deeply in the potential of every individual.

As we mourn Dr. James West's passing, we also celebrate his extraordinary life—a life dedicated to service, equality, and the betterment of Wake County and its people. My thoughts are with his family, friends, and all those who were fortunate enough to know him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOYCE BEATTY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 29, 2023*

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I was late to the House floor on the day of November 15, 2023 due to time-sensitive commitments I had as the White House Liaison for the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 663.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. AUSTIN SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 29, 2023*

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 676, and YEA on Roll Call No. 677.

HONORING THE CAREER AND  
SERVICE OF LAUREN NOYES

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 29, 2023*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lauren Noyes for her distinguished career and service in our Nation's Capital.

Lauren has dedicated her life to advancing good public policy and the betterment of those who serve on Capitol Hill.

A native of New Brunswick, New Jersey, Lauren grew up in Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Iowa, and Florida. After graduating Magna Cum Laude from Wake Forest with a B.A. in English, Lauren moved to Washington, D.C. Like many congressional staffers, she

started as a Staff Assistant in the Office of Rep. John Shadegg (AZ-4), where she was quickly promoted to Legislative Assistant. Then, in 1997, she joined the Office of Rep. Joe Pitts (PA-16), becoming his Legislative Director in 1998. During her time with Rep. Pitts, Lauren helped establish the Values Action Team (VAT).

One of the most meaningful aspects of her time on Capitol Hill was participating in Faith and Law—an organization founded in 1983 that encourages and equips Christian policymakers to more fully understand the Biblical worldview and its implication for their calling to public service.

In 2001, Lauren left Capitol Hill and continued her distinguished career at The Heritage Foundation, where she served in multiple roles until 2008. For the next nine years Lauren dedicated herself to raising her four children with her husband, Brad.

Lauren returned to Capitol Hill as Faith and Law's new Executive Director in 2017. Through her six years at its helm, Lauren has made an indelible mark on the organization and countless staffers in both the House and the Senate—and both Democrat and Republican. Lauren led Faith and Law into a new era, ushering the organization into a season of rapid growth. The programs she has built now inform and mentor those who work on Capitol Hill from interns to senior staff members.

From Friday Forums, regularly attended by nearly a hundred staffers, to reading groups and mentorship programs, Faith and Law's reputation as a source of guidance and community for Hill staffers continues to grow—and that is due in large part to Lauren's leadership. In 2021, Lauren launched the Capitol Hill Moms Group to encourage and equip working mothers.

Providing the opportunity for a community of congressional staffers and members from both sides of the aisle to meet regularly has been invaluable in these challenging times. Lauren's leadership has taken the 40-year organization to new heights—and her selfless devotion to building this community and mentoring staffers has shaped a generation of thoughtful staffers.

As Lauren leaves her role at Faith and Law to focus on her family—as mother to her children, Hudson, John, Sarah Grace, and Lucy, and wife to Brad—she leaves behind an incredible legacy that will continue to be felt in the Halls of Congress through the hundreds of lives she has impacted. On behalf of the United States Congress—and our many colleagues who can attest to Lauren's impact firsthand—it is my honor to recognize Lauren for her distinguished career on and around Capitol Hill.

NOAH TRASK

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 29, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Noah Trask for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Noah has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Noah, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them

for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Noah's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Noah Trask on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM C. "BILL" WADE

#### HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William C. "Bill" Wade. Bill Wade passed away on September 29, 2023, in Gulfport, Mississippi, at 74 years old. He was a dedicated family man and friend.

Bill was a committed member of Bear Creek Baptist Church and served as a deacon for many years. His faith was important to him, and the members of Bear Creek were well served under his leadership.

Bill retired from education in 2013. He taught school at Louisville Municipal School District and made a difference in the lives of many students throughout his teaching career. Serving as a principal at the Kosciusko Public School, Bill led the school and eventually the school district as superintendent of education. He also worked in the Union Public School District and the Polk County School District in Tennessee as superintendent of education.

Bill's legacy in education continued after his retirement when he co-founded Performance Based Education Company, LLC, which helps students maintain achievement progress by adding capacity and working with school districts to improve their student achievement. Bill worked as the vice president, contract manager, marketing specialist, and program developer.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful for the opportunity to memorialize the life and legacy of William Wade. Bill has made an impact on the lives of students throughout Mississippi and Tennessee. His impact will be felt for generations to come. His loss will be felt by all those who have been under his leadership.

#### RECOGNIZE ALEX RAMOS

#### HON. JUAN CISCOMANI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alex Ramos, an 8th grade student at Legacy School in Arizona's 6th District.

Each year on Veterans Day, Alex places flags on headstones at the Holy Hope Cemetery, a tradition his brother started 7 years ago.

That year, his brother started with just 25 flags. This year, Alex placed 600 flags at graves across the cemetery.

My team had the pleasure of joining him in November, helping to place the flags and honoring those who served.

During the rest of the year, Alex goes door-to-door to collect donations for flags.

At only 13 years old, he and his brother have started a rich tradition in our community.

Our district is home to over 70,000 veterans. I am incredibly proud to know that because of kids like Alex, the next generation will keep their legacies alive.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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#### 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 30, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### DECEMBER 5

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine drug shortages, focusing on supply challenges, impacts, and policy solutions from a Federal health program perspective.

SD-215

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

##### DECEMBER 6

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Wall Street firms.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act investments in habitat and ecosystem restoration, pollinators, and wildlife crossings.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine transnational repression, focusing on authoritarians targeting dissenters abroad.

SD-419

11 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, and Henry J. Kerner, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine fentanyl in Native communities, focusing on the Federal response to the growing crisis.

SD-628

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine the status of Department of Defense recruiting efforts and plans for fiscal year 2024.

SR-222