

incredible work ethic to our office. I am inspired by their dedication to service and helping the people of Central and Southern Illinois.

I thank Madison, Rochelle, Thomas, Jameel, Colin, and Cameron for their service. I wish them all the best as they continue their professional and academic journeys.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MIKE DAVIN AND HIS SERVICE TO THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF OHIO

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of my staff, Mike Davin, who will be leaving our office this week.

Hailing originally from Philadelphia, Mike has dedicated his career to public service. Mike has worked on behalf of the people of Ohio's Fifth District for the past ten years, where he moved up through the ranks from Intern to Legislative Director. He has worked tirelessly to advance common-sense energy policies, recognize deserving veterans, and streamline government regulations.

Recently, Mike was a critical part in ensuring members of the U.S. Army's 720th Military Police Battalion who served our nation in the Vietnam War received a Bronze Star for their service. As Legislative Director, Mike has instilled a sense of comradery in the office, showcasing the positive impact of working together.

Mike is a loving father and husband, and I know that as he enters this next chapter in his career, he will have the love of his family supporting him along the way.

I am eternally grateful for Mike's work on behalf of the District and our Nation, and I wish him and his family the best.

RECOGNIZING THE TRAILBLAZING CONGRESSWOMAN DIANE WATSON IN CELEBRATION OF HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate former Ambassador and Congresswoman Diane Watson's 90th birthday. Congresswoman Watson paved the way for the many Black female legislators, myself included, who would come after her. She is a true trailblazer, becoming the first Black female member of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board and the first Black female California State Senator. Today we recognize her remarkable contributions to Los Angeles, the State of California, and the United States.

Born in Los Angeles, CA, Congresswoman Watson attended local Los Angeles public schools before earning her Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), her Master's degree in School Psychology from California State University at Los Angeles (Cal State LA), and

her PhD in Educational Administration from Claremont Graduate College.

Congresswoman Watson began her life of public service as an elementary school teacher and worked diligently up the ranks to become an assistant principal and a school psychologist, touching the lives of countless students. She also served as a Health Education Specialist for Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), at UCLA, and at Cal State LA. In 1975, distinguished members of the Los Angeles community encouraged her to seek election to the LAUSD School Board. She won her election, and in this role, she worked to expand school integration and to raise the rigor of academic standards for all students.

In 1978, Congresswoman Watson became the first Black woman elected to the California State Senate, where she served on the Senate Judiciary Committee and as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee from 1981 through 1998. At the state level, she championed legislation for nutrition assistance programs, breast cancer research, and access to health care.

In 1999, President Clinton appointed Congresswoman Watson as the Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, where she helped stop illegal toxic waste from being dumped into surrounding waters. After her election to the House of Representatives in 2001, she served California's 33rd District faithfully for a decade, representing areas of Los Angeles that are now part of the 37th District.

Congresswoman Watson became a vocal leader on issues related to racism and xenophobia, supporting reparations for descendants of enslaved Americans, educational system reform, and a comprehensive overhaul of the nation's criminal justice system. She also called out the rise of Islamophobia following the 9/11 attacks. Her tenure as a legislator demonstrated a dedication to creating legislation and initiatives for the betterment of all.

Throughout her career, Congresswoman Watson was a trailblazer, building a legacy of mentorship, leadership, and strength for others to emulate in their own public service careers.

I am honored to commemorate her impact on communities throughout California and the United States. I hope you will join me in wishing Congresswoman Diane Watson a very happy birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MICHAEL SCHOEN FOR CANCER RESEARCH

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Schoen, who recently became the first individual to raise over \$1 million for cancer research through the Pelotonia bike ride. Pelotonia is a two-day event where participants bike hundreds of miles through Central Ohio, raising money for cancer research at the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center—the James.

Michael has been a staunch supporter of cancer prevention and treatment initiatives throughout his entire life, having established the Herman Schoen Memorial Cancer Re-

search Endowment Fund in honor of his late grandfather and serving on the James Foundation Board at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center.

When his mother tragically passed away from small-cell lung cancer, Michael turned his grief into action. He rode in his first Pelotonia in 2010 and promised to ride every year until the battle against cancer is won or until he no longer can. Michael's commitment to finding a cure for cancer has become an inspiration to his community and to all those who know him. This year, Michael became the first individual rider in Pelotonia history to raise over \$1 million for cancer research, raising \$115,000 in 2023 alone, and was awarded the 2023 Pelotonia Legacy Award for his outstanding leadership.

On behalf of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Michael Schoen on this amazing accomplishment. His incredible determination brings us one step closer to a cancer-free world and we will continue to support him on his journey in the years to come.

OSCAR ORTIZ'S COMMENDATION

HON. DELIA C. RAMIREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend and constituent, Oscar Ortiz, a devoted organizer and champion for educational equity. Oscar was a visionary: he fought for a just, inclusive future where everyone thrives. He was a beloved husband, father, brother, son, and respected member of the Illinois Third Congressional District community.

Born in our great City of Chicago on April 21, 1962, to Benito and Mirta Ortiz, Oscar dedicated his life to empowering our community through education. He believed that education was a powerful tool to build a just future. He knew education could unlock our collective potential and enable us to realize our dreams. With that in mind, Ortiz became an elementary and high school teacher, helping our young people find their power and joy in learning. Whether it was at Jahn and Lowell Elementary Schools or Jefferson Alternative School, el maestro Ortiz was always present for all his students, their parents, and faculty.

His desire to serve our community and defend public education in Chicago led him to join the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) in May 2003, where he quickly became a committed and active member, never missing a meeting or event. There, Oscar served as a sergeant-at-arms, as the Lowell delegate, and as a member of the Legislative Committees, always with the intention of advancing social justice and equity through education.

Oscar generously committed his time on earth to countless social justice causes. He believed in the power of organized communities and worked tirelessly to build a better future for Chicago and our nation. I, personally, will miss his calls to action and the way he could stir our passions and stoke our courage on the bullhorn at direct actions. May his passion for change and love of community always guide us. I will miss him dearly, and I know that countless others will, too. He was a true, loyal friend.

His wife, Sabina; sons, Gabriel and Daniel; brother Ed; parents, Benito and Mirta; all his loved ones, and to the entire CTU family, are in my heart and in my prayers. Together, as we mourn his passing, let us celebrate the blessing he was in all of our lives, the impact he had on our community, and the mark he has left in our great City of Chicago. Oscar vive, la lucha sigue. Rest in power, Oscar.

RECOGNIZING JEANICE SWIFT'S SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN OF ANN ARBOR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mrs. Dingell. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeanice Swift, Superintendent of the Ann Arbor Public School system in Ann Arbor, MI for a decade of tremendous service. Her daily passion and drive to improve the educational opportunities for all our area's children is worthy of commendation.

Dr. Swift came to AAPS in 2013 with more experience than most gain in a lifetime. She earned a Bachelors and Masters in Education, as well as her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. Before she arrived in Michigan, Dr. Swift spent almost 30 years working her way up the educational ladder, beginning as a classroom teacher in Texas before moving to Colorado Springs, CO. There, she was Assistant Principal, Principal, and Executive Director of her school district before taking the role as Assistant Superintendent.

Since coming on as Superintendent of AAPS in August of 2013, Dr. Swift has been a great asset to our students. Her tenure has seen an increase in graduation rates, SAT scores, and a substantial reduction in suspension rates across the district. Under her leadership, AAPS made significant expansions to its preschool and early learning programs as well as the adoption of a comprehensive LGBTQ policy.

Dr. Swift's strong leadership on behalf of our children cannot be understated. In 2017, she was named as a Superintendent to Watch by the National School Public Relations Association and in 2018 she was named as the Michigan Superintendent of the Year. In 2019, she worked on and successfully passed a \$1 billion capitol bond for the district, the largest the state had seen in almost 30 years. Faced with an unprecedented pandemic, Dr. Swift successfully navigated the district through two school years of staffing challenges, safety protocols, and a transition to remote-virtual schooling.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating all that Dr. Swift was able

to accomplish for the children of Ann Arbor over her decade at the helm of AAPS. Her work has set AAPS with a stronger base and a promising future. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. I thank Dr. Swift.

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, December 5, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

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 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine sovereign asset confiscation for Ukrainian victory.

SD-608

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine fentanyl in Native communities, focusing on Federal perspectives on 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

DECEMBER 7

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider the nomination of J. Todd Inman, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Sara E. Hill, and John David Russell, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

SH-216

11 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kurt Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State, and other pending nominations.

SD-419

DECEMBER 12

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining
To hold hearings to examine S. 1281, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to provide for security of tenure for use of mining claims for ancillary activities, and S. 1742, to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land.

SD-366