

1999, but has been involved in neighborhood and community issues her entire life. As she now steps back from elected office, I offer my deep gratitude for all she has done to make Lansing a better, stronger place.

Carol was just a toddler when her parents and two siblings moved across the country from Colorado to Michigan. They settled in Lansing and quickly instilled in their children the notion that there was nothing more important than being part of a community and helping the people in it. A proud product of Lansing Public Schools, Carol attended Michigan Avenue Elementary School, Genesee Street Elementary School, West Junior High School, and graduated from J. W. Sexton High School. After high school she made a big move to Anchorage, Alaska, where she worked for the state's public school library system, but returned to Michigan following the death of her sister in a plane crash. This would unfortunately not be the only time Carol and her family experienced profound tragedy.

Upon her return to Lansing, Carol picked up where she left off, working alongside her mother, Ruth Hallman, to build up the community. The two were so close Carol eventually moved right next door, living in the very same neighborhood where she grew up. In partnership with community groups, the two spearheaded the effort to change the city's housing code, turning rentals back into ownership opportunities for low to moderate-income residents. They also worked with local law enforcement to implement team policing, and in collaboration with Neighborhood Watch and the Genesee Neighborhood Association, brought the number of homes in the community with documented drug activity down from a high of 137 in 1988 to just 6 today.

But the neighborhood that made Carol who she is also brought her greatest pain, when her beloved mother was brutally attacked in her home in July of 2007, and died a few days later of her injuries. Devastated but unbroken, Carol refused to let this horrific incident drive her from her home, and instead redoubled her efforts to fight for her community, an angel no doubt fighting right alongside her.

Six times the voters returned Carol to the Lansing City Council, and during her nearly quarter-century tenure she has chaired every committee and held virtually every position, including Council President on five occasions. She continues to give back to the community by serving on various boards and commissions, and as executive director of Retired & Senior Volunteer Programs of Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties. She is the proud mother of two sons, and a grandmother to four.

Carol personifies the ideals of service, and has shown us all the power and true definition of living in community. I thank her for her extraordinary devotion to Lansing.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SALARY HOME RULE ACT

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I introduce the District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer

Act, which would give the District of Columbia the authority to increase the pay of its Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The D.C. CFO is a local D.C. official and is paid with local D.C. funds. D.C. should have the authority to set the pay of all its employees. Last Congress, the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability passed this bill.

Under the D.C. Home Rule Act, Congress established a maximum rate of pay of the CFO, and the D.C. Council has no authority to increase that rate. Congress does not cap, or otherwise establish, the pay of any other D.C. employee. Under this bill, the CFO would be paid at the greater of a rate equal to the current maximum rate of pay or a rate established in law by D.C.

D.C. requested that I introduce this bill to enable it to retain and recruit the best CFOs. The D.C. CFO was established by Congress in 1995. Congress vested the CFO with extraordinary powers and designed the CFO to be independent of the D.C. Mayor and Council. D.C. cannot obligate or expend funds without the CFO's approval. The CFO manages an approximately \$20 billion budget that consists of state, county and city functions, and the CFO has more than 1,700 employees. The CFO may be removed only for cause by the Mayor, subject to the approval of two-thirds of the Council and a 30-day congressional review and comment period. This bill would help maintain the independence of the CFO by establishing a permanent floor on the CFO's pay and by prohibiting the Council from reducing the CFO's pay during the CFO's term.

Although the D.C. CFO is the most powerful non-elected official in D.C., more than 20 D.C. employees are paid more than the CFO. D.C. must compete with both the private and public sectors for high-quality CFOs, and there are many private- and public-sector CFOs who are paid more than the D.C. CFO.

This bill is critical to the financial operations of D.C. and is an important step to increase home-rule authority for D.C. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE VENTRIS C. GIBSON UNITED STATES MINT DIRECTOR, GREATEST GENERATION COMMEMORATIVE COIN DESIGN DISPLAY

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2023

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following remarks by the Honorable Ventris C. Gibson.

Good Afternoon. It is a pleasure to be here to introduce the designs for the 2024 Greatest Generation Commemorative Coin Program. Every day, across the Nation, the Mint connects Americans through coins. Next year, it will be our great privilege to connect America to the service and sacrifice of American soldiers and civilians during the Second World War.

The National World War II Memorial stands as an important symbol of America's national unity, a timeless reminder of the moral strength and power that flows when free people are at once united and bonded together in a common and just cause for liberty. This is the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World

War II and acknowledges the commitment and achievement of the entire Nation. It honors the more than 16 million who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort from home. Their legacy is part of our American story.

Since the Mint's establishment in 1792, the women and men of our workforce have taken great pride in rendering the story of our nation through enduring examples of numismatic art.

As the largest mint in the world, the United States Mint produces the coinage required by our Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. In addition, Congress authorizes a maximum of two commemorative coin programs annually to celebrate and honor American people, places, events, and institutions. I would like to thank Senator Browne, Representative McHenry and Representative Waters for their work to get the Greatest Generation out of their respective committees and working with the sponsors, leadership and Mint to ensure the language was correct and passed in time for 2024.

Since the beginning of the modern commemorative coin program in 1982, the United States Mint has raised more than \$522 million in surcharges authorized to help build or enhance new museums, preserve historical sites, and support important national programs. In accordance with legislation, the Mint includes a surcharge as part of the price of each commemorative coin. These surcharges are authorized to be turned over to the sponsoring organizations for projects that benefit the community. In this case, surcharges are authorized to be awarded to the Friends of the National World War II Memorial to support the National Park Service in maintaining and repairing the memorial, and for educational and commemorative programs.

I'd like to tell you a little about the designs. The gold obverse, designed by Artistic Infusion Program Designer Heidi Wastweet and sculpted by United States Mint Medallist Artist Eric Custer, depicts the Wall of Stars at the World War II Memorial with an olive branch. The inscriptions are "LIBERTY," "IN GOD WE TRUST," "2024," and "WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL."

Designed by Artistic Infusion Program Designer Ben Sowards and sculpted by United States Mint Chief Engraver Joe Menna, the gold reverse depicts a folded flag with the inscriptions "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "E PLURIBUS UNUM," "WWII MEMORIAL," "TO UNITE THE GENERATIONS OF TOMORROW," and "FIVE DOLLARS."

The silver obverse, designed by Artistic Infusion Program Designer Beth Zaiken and sculpted by United States Mine Medallist Artist Phebe Hemphill, features an allegorical tableau of figures supporting a globe. Each figure represents a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces during WWII (Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy, Army, and Marine Corps) plus a figure representing the critical work of the Merchant Marine. The inscriptions are "1941-1945," "WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL," "DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM," "LIBERTY," "IN GOD WE TRUST," and "2024."

Designed by Artistic Infusion Program Designer Ben Sowards and sculpted by United States Mint Medallist Artist Renata Gordon, the silver reverse design depicts a view from beneath a baldacchino, a sculptural canopy, inside a victory pavilion in the World War II Memorial featuring four eagles holding a laurel wreath. Inside the wreath is a globe centered on the Pacific Ocean. The inscriptions are "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "E PLURIBUS UNUM," "VICTORY," "IN THE AIR," "AT SEA," "ON LAND," "WWII MEMORIAL," and "ONE DOLLAR."

The half dollar obverse, designed by Artistic Infusion Program Designer Elana Hagler and sculpted by United States Mint Medallist Artist Craig Campbell, features a reimagining of the figure of Liberation on the World War II Victory medal, awarded to all who served in the Armed Forces during the War. The inscriptions are "LIBERTY," "IN GOD WE TRUST," "WORLD WAR II" "2024," and "WE ANSWERED THE CALL."

The half dollar reverse, designed by Artistic Infusion Program Designer Matt Swaim and sculpted by United States Mint Medallist Artist John McGraw, depicts the World War II Memorial from the point of view of a person walking up a ramp leading to one of the towers. The inscriptions are "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "E PLURIBUS UNUM," and "HALF DOLLAR."

The Greatest Generation commemorative coin designs are emblematic of the National World War II Memorial and the service and sacrifice of American soldiers and civilians during World War II. We hope this program will honor their courage and their spirit. It is our pleasure to assist the Friends of the National World War II Memorial in their efforts to teach the lessons of yesterday to unite the generations of tomorrow.

Thank you all very much.

**SALUTING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL ROBERT R. GOSNEY, U.S. ARMY, RETIRED**

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 11, 2023*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary career of Colonel Robert R. Gosney, U.S. Army, Retired. Throughout his life, he has dedicated himself to his country, fellow warriors, and neighbors. I am proud to present him with the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

During his years of service in the U.S. Army, he went above and beyond to serve his country. COL Gosney was a master of many assignments and responsibilities during two tours in Vietnam (where he served alongside his brother), including various field artillery, army aviation assignments, and commanding the 25th Infantry Division Aviation Battalion. COL Gosney also served as Chief of the U.S. Military Mission in Monrovia, Liberia.

His commitment to service didn't end when he left the military as he remains active in numerous community organizations. COL Gosney was a member of the Temple Founder Lions Club for 38 years, serving his neighbors by identifying and responding to the needs of the community as their main goal. He also is a valued member of the Christ the King Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus in Belton, TX. He's made lasting and indelible contributions that make Central Texas a place we're all glad to call home.

COL Gosney's life tells the story of a man unafraid to contribute both his time and energy to the defense of our nation and the betterment of his community. His devotion to service before self reflects the best of the generous American spirit.

#### 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 12, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### DECEMBER 13

- 10 a.m.  
Committee on the Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine pending nominations. SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Subcommittee on Space and Science  
To hold hearings to examine government promotion of safety and innovation in the new space economy. SR-253
- Select Committee on Intelligence  
To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters. SH-219
- 3 p.m.  
Committee on the Judiciary  
Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights  
To hold hearings to examine the impact of algorithms on competition and consumer rights. SD-226

##### DECEMBER 14

- 9 a.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress, S. 461, to make certain irrigation districts eligible for Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program pumping power, S. 594, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to prioritize the completion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, S. 636, to establish the Dolores River National Conservation Area and the Dolores River Special Management Area in the State of Colorado, to protect private water rights in the State, S. 1118, to establish the Open Access Evapotranspiration (OpenET) Data Program, S. 1254, to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic

rivers, S. 1348, to redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming, S. 1521, to amend the Federal Power Act to modernize and improve the licensing of non-Federal hydropower projects, S. 1634, to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, S. 1662, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Midvale Irrigation District the Pilot Butte Power Plant in the State of Wyoming, S. 1776, to provide for the protection of and investment in certain Federal land in the State of California, S. 1889, to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 1890, to provide for the establishment of a grazing management program on Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, S. 1955, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to authorize expenditures for the conduct of certain water conservation measures in the Great Salt Lake basin, S. 2160, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern, S. 2169, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out watershed pilots, S. 2247, to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, S. 2581, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 2615, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, S. 3033, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry, S. 3036, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, S. 3044, to redesignate the Mount Evans Wilderness as the "Mount Blue Sky Wilderness", S. 3045, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, and S. 3046, to make permanent the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity National Forest marina fees. SD-366

- 9:30 a.m.  
Special Committee on Aging  
To hold hearings to examine substance use trends among older adults. SD-106
- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine the diabetes epidemic. SD-430
- Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the Cyber Safety Review Board, focusing on expectations, outcomes, and enduring questions. SD-562