

the country from ruins, to make sure that Russia does not return to an authoritarian or totalitarian regime after the collapse of this one?" Ms. Kara-Murza said. "Vladimir kept on despite two poisoning attacks. Vladimir kept on despite the assassination of his friend," Boris Nemtsov, the reformist former deputy prime minister, "and that did not scare him. He went back to continue his fight time and again, and I believe that he has shown he would not give up the fight for a free Russia. The free democratic community has a responsibility to stand with people like this."

Ms. Kara-Murza said the sentence was "absolutely pure and cynical revenge" for her husband's effort to win approval of the Magnitsky Act, a U.S. law, similarly adopted by other nations, that sanctions individuals who commit grave human rights violations. Bill Browder, the investor who is the architect of the Magnitsky sanctions, said Canada has added nine Russians to the sanctions list and the United States six over the Kara-Murza case, but there should be many more. "It absolutely helps," said Ms. Kara-Murza, noting the asset freezes are a particular threat to Russian officials. "They prefer to steal in Russia, but hide that money in the West."

Mr. Putin's draconian laws against free speech since the invasion of Ukraine—punishing supposed infractions as minor as a child's drawing—have cast a pall of fear. There are no large protests. "That society does not have freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of association, free and fair elections," Ms. Kara-Murza said. "There is nothing. No rights are respected in Russia." But, she added, the strong demand for virtual private networking software indicates a continued demand for independent information from outside. She suggested that in addition to sanctions, the United States and its allies should do everything possible to defend the remaining free channels of information, including support for independent journalists, both inside Russia and outside, and to help Ukraine push out the Russian invasion.

Ms. Kara-Murza recalled that her husband worked as a journalist but in 2012 discovered he had been barred from the Russian Embassy in Washington, a retaliatory move because of his public support of the Magnitsky Act. "He decided, well, I've got things to say and I will continue," and plunged deeper into politics.

Hopefully, he will continue to have things to say—the unvarnished truth—and say it in freedom. There is much to do to rescue Russia's freedom, too.

RECOGNIZING DE PERE'S BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the De Pere Boys Basketball Team for winning the WIAA Division 1 State Boys Basketball Championship.

After an impressive undefeated season, the De Pere Boys Basketball Team traveled to the Kohl Center in Madison to compete in the 2022 WIAA Boys State Basketball Tournament. After quickly securing a 55–44 win in the semifinals over Kettle Moraine, the team advanced to the finals where they faced No. 2 ranked Arrowhead in the State Championship. The boys' strong defense led them to an im-

pressive 69–49 win over Arrowhead in the State Finals, bringing a state championship back to De Pere.

Congratulations to Coach Winchester on a perfect season and the coveted state title. A special congratulations to the senior boys on the team, Johnny Kinzinger, Hogan Demovsky, Gabe Herman, Caleb Dietsche, Trey Plos, Ethan Ramos and Zack Kane. I wish them all the best in the next steps of their careers.

A state title is an outstanding achievement and the pinnacle of high school sports. Achieving this goal is a testament to the tireless efforts and commitment displayed by every member of the team throughout the season. By finishing with an undefeated season, the Redbirds also set a record with the first-ever 30–0 season in WIAA history. This is a season that will be remembered by the De Pere community for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to Head Coach Brian Winchester and the entire De Pere Boys Basketball team for this remarkable accomplishment. It is my honor to recognize the De Pere Boys Basketball Team and I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding their outstanding season.

HONORING MR. RICHARD BUFORD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Chief Richard Buford of Jefferson County, Mississippi, for his love, compassion, and service.

Richard Buford was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1966. He is the first-born son of Horace Mac "Shorty" Buford and Ella Mae Henderson Buford. His grandparents moved him to Stampley, MS, 12 minutes from Fayette, MS, at the age of 2.

Richard is a 1984 graduate of the Jefferson County School District and the former football team captain and student government president. He is a retired Career Recruiter of the United States Marine Corps; a Desert Storm Combat Sargeant; with an Associated Degree in Supervisory Leadership from Hawaii Pacific University (Honolulu, HI) with further Leadership Development from Chicago State University (Chicago, IL).

In 2001, Richard returned to Jefferson County, MS, and became a small farm lobbyist while still desiring to serve. He became a: 1) Volunteer Firefighter and now Chief; 2) Minister in church and serve the elderly and shut-in the county; 3) Fire Coordinator and Fire Consultant (Jefferson & Claiborne)—established new Fire Grading Districts; Earned Class 8 and 9 Ratings and enlisted over 100 volunteers in each county.

Richard is married to Carla Robinson Buford, who is a special education teacher in the Jefferson County Elementary School District. They are the proud parents of three adult children—Marilyn, Richard Jr. and Ella.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Richard Buford, the 2022 Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year, for his outstanding service and commitment.

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, April 20, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 25

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate and the United States Capitol Police.

SD-124

APRIL 26

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine building consensus to address housing challenges.

SD-538

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the health costs of climate change.

SD-608/VTC

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine opportunities to improve project reviews for a cleaner and stronger economy.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Julie A. Su, of California, to be Secretary of Labor, and other pending calendar business.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight

To hold hearings to examine 10 years since the Boston Marathon bombings, focusing on lessons learned.

SD-562

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine a post-*Dobbs* America.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for

fiscal year 2024 and advance appropriations requests for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SD-124

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism
To hold hearings to examine U.S. policy on Tunisia.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Commerce.

SD-192

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland
To hold hearings to examine Air Force modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management

To hold hearings to examine the effects of increased migration on communities along the southern border.

SD-562

3 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine public integrity and anti-corruption laws at the Department of Defense.

SR-222

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending calendar business.

SR-418

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the SBA's implementation of final rules to expand access to capital.

SR-428A

APRIL 27

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold hearings to examine impacts of plastic production and disposal on environmental justice communities.

SD-406

MAY 3

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the 2024 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers budget and implementation of Water Resources Development Act of 2022.

SD-406