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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL
INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Infertility Awareness Week. Started in 1989, we salute the parents, doctors, researchers, and others for working to destigmatize infertility and bring awareness to the many barriers people face when trying to start and build their families.

Most Americans are not aware that approximately one in five Americans are impacted by infertility. The disease affects both men and women of all races, religious backgrounds, and economic status.

Through the revolutionary contributions of research scientists and considerable medical advancements, fertility treatments have vastly improved since the first successful in vitro fertilization pregnancy and live birth occurred in 1978. Such advancements include early infertility detection through detailed and data-driven testing, advanced egg-freezing technology, and progressive procedures that allow young cancer patients to preserve their fertility prior to undergoing lifesaving chemotherapy treatments. Organizations like RESOLVE: the National Infertility Association advocate for millions of individuals and couples in this country who need medical assistance to have a family. Other groups, such as the Military Family Building Coalition (MFBC), have focused on raising awareness for active duty servicemembers and their spouses facing unique challenges with family building. They are actively working to bring awareness to these unique challenges and advance laws and policies that will help our servicemembers sacrificing for our country achieve their dream of building or expanding their own family. The Alliance for Fertility Preservation stresses the importance of affordable fertility preservation options for individuals undergoing cancer treatment. In fact, in the absence of comprehensive and reliable fertility preservation and family building healthcare coverage, the option of having children may not otherwise be available for millions of Americans without the financial assistance of organizations like RESOLVE, AFP, and MFBC, and countless other worthwhile organizations.

While advancements have been a substantial step forward for family building, significant medical, financial, and health equity barriers still exist for others who require medical assistance to combat infertility.

During this National Infertility Awareness Week, I call on my colleagues in Congress to do more to remove many of the barriers that currently exist for those experiencing infertility challenges in their pursuit of having a child. The ability to have children and the timing of building a family is a basic human right, and thus we must work together to pass legislation to create a path for these American families.

PROCLAMATION ON
“ENDJEWHATREDDAY”

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation on “EndJewHatredDay.”

Whereas, hate crimes targeting the Jewish community continue to rise in the United States, we must strongly condemn any and all acts of antisemitism; and

Whereas, April 29, 2023, marks the recognition of the second annual “EndJewHatredDay,” where individuals throughout the United States unite to end all forms of antisemitism and bigotry towards the Jewish community; and

Whereas, we must all commit to protect the Jewish community and respect Jewish culture as a crucial element of America’s religious freedoms; and

Whereas, “EndJewHatredDay” shall serve as a day where we mourn the trauma and history of hatred against the Jewish people and vow for these actions to “never again” be repeated.

Proclaimed, that I, Congressman DOUG LAMBORN and the 5th Congressional District of Colorado shall wholeheartedly condemn antisemitism in all forms and declare every April 29 to be “EndJewHatredDay.”

HONORING THE 48 YEARS OF
SERVICE OF SHERIFF PATRICK
A. RUSSO

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary service of Sheriff Patrick A. Russo. Sheriff Russo has spent the past 48 years protecting his local community with both the Rensselaer County Sheriff’s Office and the Troy Police Department.

Sheriff Russo spent the first 10 years of his career working as a police officer in the Troy Police Department before being promoted to a Uniformed Sergeant. Ten years later, he was promoted once more to the role of Detective Sergeant, where he served as the head of the Special Operations Section’s Narcotics unit. In this role, Sheriff Russo supervised all narcotic investigations and oversaw a multi-jurisdictional task force, which coordinated operations with local, state, and federal agencies.

Following his time with the Troy Police Department, Sheriff Russo joined the Rensselaer County Sheriff’s Office and served as county Undersecretary for 19 years before being elected to County Sheriff in 2015. During his tenure, Sheriff Russo made major strides in increasing inter-agency cooperation aimed at attacking the drug problem within Rensselaer County. He also focused on developing new programs for both youths and senior citizens meant to facilitate community engagement and communication.

Sheriff Russo’s dedication to the protection and support of his community extended far beyond his work in law enforcement. He was a

member of several community organizations, including the City of Troy Labor Management Committee, the Charter Revision Committee, and the Rensselaer County Alternatives to Incarceration Board. Sheriff Russo also served as the Chairman of the Troy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, the Housing Authority Public Safety Committee, and the Housing Authority Tenant Relations Committee. Whether in his private or professional life, Sheriff Russo continually demonstrated his commitment to improving the lives of his fellow Rensselaer County residents.

Over the course of Sheriff Russo’s 48 years of service, he received numerous honors recognizing his extraordinary impact. While with the Troy Police Department, he was named the recipient of the 1985 John J. Givney Police Award, recognizing him as Troy’s police officer of the year. He also received various other honors during his career for his dedication to combatting illegal drugs within Rensselaer County.

Sheriff Patrick Russo’s unwavering dedication to the members of his community has left a legacy that will continue to remain long after his retirement. On behalf of New York’s 21st District, I am honored to celebrate and remember his distinguished career.

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 27, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 2

9 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Subcommittee on Commodities, Risk Management, and Trade

To hold hearings to examine commodity programs, credit, and crop insurance, focusing on producer perspectives on the farm safety net.

SD-106

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of the Interior. SD-366

10 a.m.
 Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Defense
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Army. SD-192

Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs
 To hold hearings to examine advancing security and prosperity through international conservation. SD-124

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on improving community resilience. SD-538

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Business meeting to consider S. 1067, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to citizen petitions, S. 1114, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the 180-day exclusivity period, S. 1214, to set forth limitations on exclusive approval or licensure of drugs designated for rare diseases or conditions, an original bill entitled, "Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform Act", and other pending calendar business. SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine improving access to Federal grants for underserved communities. SD-562

Committee on the Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine Supreme Court ethics reform. SH-216

2:30 p.m.
 Committee on Armed Services
 Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support
 To hold hearings to examine the current readiness of the Joint Force. SR-232A

Select Committee on Intelligence
 To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters. SH-219

2:45 p.m.
 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development
 To hold hearings to examine rural housing legislation. SD-538

3 p.m.
 Committee on Foreign Relations
 Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy
 To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for East Asia and the Pacific. SD-419

4:45 p.m.
 Committee on Armed Services
 Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
 To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense space activities in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-222

MAY 3

10 a.m.
 Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Energy, including the National Nuclear Security Administration. SD-192

Committee on the Budget
 To hold hearings to examine the real cost of fossil fuels. SD-608

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

Committee on Finance
 To hold hearings to examine barriers to mental health care, focusing on improving provider directory accuracy to reduce the prevalence of ghost networks. SD-215

2:30 p.m.
 Committee on Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine S. 195, to provide compensation to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the taking without just compensation of land by the United States inside the exterior boundaries of the L'Anse Indian Reservation that were guaranteed to the Community under a treaty signed in 1854, S. 382, to take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation, and an original bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify the authorized purposes and term period of tribal leases. SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary
 Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights
 To hold hearings to examine competition in the digital advertising ecosystem. SD-226

Select Committee on Intelligence
 To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters. SH-219

3 p.m.
 Committee on Veterans' Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of the Office of Integrated Veteran Care. SR-418

MAY 4

10 a.m.
 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
 Subcommittee on Commodities, Risk Management, and Trade
 To hold hearings to examine commodity programs, credit, and crop insurance, focusing on industry perspectives on risk management and access to credit. SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. SD-366

MAY 10

10 a.m.
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
 Subcommittee on National Parks
 To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for the National Park Service. SD-366

1 p.m.
 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine the need to make insulin affordable for all Americans. SH-216

MAY 11

10 a.m.
 Committee on Environment and Public Works
 Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife
 To hold hearings to examine water affordability and small system assistance. SD-406

MAY 16

2:30 p.m.
 Committee on Environment and Public Works
 Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure
 To hold hearings to examine perspectives on new and existing US Army Corps of Engineers authorities to respond to water management issues including drought and water conservation. SD-406