

students, celebrating Mass in your backyard with family and friends, or leading a faculty and staff retreat, Fr. Azzarto always taught us the importance of human interactions—and seeing the good, seeing God in each one. He always reminded us to walk the road together, and he has walked with thousands and thousands of folks—on our dark and lonely roads and on the roads to our greatest heights. Those lessons live on in the fabric of Saint Peter's Prep."

James Horan, Preparatory's vice president, who has known Fr. Azzarto as a friend and colleague for 49 years, referred to him as "a towering Jesuit," adding, "He was the absolute embodiment of Prep's core identity as a Jesuit institution. His impact on this school has been nothing short of profound and transformational—in the truest sense of those often overused adjectives—affecting generations of graduates, their families, and his professional colleagues. His passing leaves an almost unthinkable void, but his legacy will remain an indelible part of this campus for future generations. He will be the ultimate touchstone whenever someone references the Jesuit ideal of being a 'man for others.'"

In 1963, seven years after entering the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) at Bellarmine College (Plattsburgh, NY), Fr. Azzarto arrived at Preparatory's downtown Jersey City campus and quickly distinguished himself as a faculty member who was highly relatable to his teenage students, and whose daily activities were defined by a genuine care for each member of the school community. This included creating and moderating cocurricular activities that provided new opportunities for all students to become involved in school life.

He left Prep in 1966 to continue his religious studies and was ordained a priest on June 12, 1969. He had earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Loyola Seminary (Fordham University), and he went on to earn his M.Div. degree from Woodstock College, MD. He returned to campus in 1972, and over the next five decades he served as counselor, chaplain, alumni chaplain and teacher, including classes as varied as British literature, prayer and the saints. Also, in his role as chaplain he led the Emmaus retreat program for nearly 20 years.

From 1980 to 1985, Fr. Azzarto was assigned to Saint Joseph's Church in Benin City, Nigeria, where he served as pastor. In addition to his parish duties, he ministered at the local leper hospital and prison, and he was part of a team of New York Jesuits instrumental in building the Society of Jesus in Africa. He was a tireless promoter of Jesuit vocations in Nigeria and remained very proud of the wonderful Jesuits serving the church in Nigeria and throughout Africa. In addition to serving several summers in Nigeria when he was teaching at Saint Peter's, he returned to Africa from 2005 to 2006, serving in Lagos, and then he returned to Prep. In 2018, he was assigned to the Jesuit community at Murray-Weigel Hall in the Bronx, praying for the Church and the Society of Jesus and continuing his ministry at Prep, especially in conjunction with the school's Alumni Spirituality Committee.

Over his career at Saint Peter's, Fr. Azzarto's impact began in the classroom and stayed with the graduates as they proceeded into adulthood. He officiated at countless weddings, baptisms and funerals of Prep alumni and their families. Somehow he was virtually always available, and he served in that capacity while also finding time to attend many of Prep's athletic events, especially contests at the freshman and JV levels. A proud Brooklyn native, a 1956 graduate of that borough's Jesuit high school, Brooklyn Prep, and an avid sports fan, Fr. Azzarto

was known for his ongoing loyalty to the Dodgers, and he knew his support of Prep's underclassmen would be most impactful to the young athletes.

His presence also extended off campus, including organizing and officiating at liturgies, called "Prep on the Road," held at the homes of Prep families in various geographic areas.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IMPROVING REENTRY FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESIDENTS IN THE BUREAU OF PRISONS ACT OF 2023

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Improving Reentry for District of Columbia Residents in the Bureau of Prisons Act of 2023. This bill would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to place D.C. residents serving sentences for D.C. Code felonies in BOP facilities within 250 miles of D.C. Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, individuals serving sentences for D.C. Code felonies are in BOP custody.

Currently, more than 2,000 D.C. residents are serving sentences for D.C. Code felonies, and they are in BOP facilities across the United States. While Congress will not provide funding to BOP to build a new facility for these D.C. residents, there are more than enough existing BOP facilities within 250 miles of D.C. to house all these D.C. residents. Under this bill, BOP could place a D.C. resident outside 250 miles upon the request or consent of a resident, and BOP could place a D.C. resident outside 250 miles without consent in extraordinary circumstances.

This bill would help D.C. residents in BOP maintain relationships with family and support networks and help them reenter society.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING RIVERVIEW HIGHLANDS GOLF CLUB SERVICE TO THE CITY OF RIVERVIEW AND THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Riverview Highlands Golf Club in the city of Riverview, Michigan on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. The contribution that they have made to the quality of life of the residents of Southeastern Michigan is worthy of commendation.

The course's first 9-hole "Gold Course" opened on May 15, 1973. It was one of the first projects of the now famed golf architect, Bill Newcomb, who would go on to design classics like The Medalist in Marshall, Michigan and Calderone Farms in Grass Lake. Just a few years later in 1976 the club would build its "Red Course", borrowing heavy equipment and labor from the City's neighboring landfill,

a testament to the unique blend of Downrivers' industrial heritage and its reverence for connecting residents to the outdoors. In 1981, Riverview Highlands was again graced with a renowned architect, Arthur Hill, who designed its "Blue Course," thus bringing the course to its current state of 27 holes.

Each year, Riverview Highlands hosts 50,000 rounds of golf. The club is one of only 6 Michigan courses selected for the National USGA Junior Drive, Chip and Putt site. Through concerted stewardship, River Highlands has transformed from its original 9 course to a full-fledged facility for every aspect of your golf game. They boast an outdoor driving range, chipping green, as well as a new indoor "Learning Center" that allows golfers to escape the rain and snow . . . a reality Michigan golfers know all too well.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Riverview Highlands Golf Club. Their dedication to providing a quality afternoon on the course or a memorable evening in the clubhouse has not wavered for 50 years and we thank them for it. Keep up the good work.

HONORING LANGSTON WHITE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2023

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Langston White, my intern who is transitioning from my office to further his education at Hampton University.

Langston White is a graduating senior at Cleveland Heights High School completing his senior project with my office. He will attend Hampton University next year as a Business Administration major with a focus in Finance.

The son of Daiedra and Garrett White, Langston is from Cleveland, Ohio. He is a member of the Minority Student Action Network and Students Advocating for Youth where he volunteers his time to advocate for rights and equity across communities. In his time as a high school student, Langston has advocated for the equity and fair treatment of Black Americans, stood by and protested for sexual assault survivors, and interned for the NAACP.

During his time in this office, he spoke to constituents daily, researched legislative topics, and attended briefings on various subjects. He has displayed a great work ethic and professionalism.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Langston White for his exemplary character, dedication to teamwork, and willingness to learn.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE RESPECT FOR GRIEVING MILITARY FAMILIES ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I reintroduce the "Respect for Grieving Military

Families Act," with U.S. Senator JOHN CORNYN (R-TX). I thank U.S. Representatives MIKE TURNER (R-OH), MARK AMODEI (R-NV), MARILYN STRICKLAND (D-WA), and DON BACON (R-NE) and U.S. Senator ELIZABETH WARREN (D-MA) for their support as the original co-sponsors in the House and Senate.

My friend, the late Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr. (R-NC), sponsored this legislation by another title, the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act," every Congress since 2002 until his death in February 2019. I am honored to reintroduce this bicameral, bipartisan legislation to protect military families from completely avoidable bank overdrafts following a veteran's death.

The "Respect for Grieving Military Families Act" would allow the spouse or other designated beneficiary to retain the full retirement benefit paid out in the final month coinciding with the veteran's death. Under current Department of Defense policy, that final month's retirement benefit may be clawed back on a prorated basis if the family fails to immediately notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) of their veteran's death.

Military families with joint bank accounts, into which retirement payments are deposited electronically, are often unaware that DFAS can withdraw payments without the accountholder's consent. This results in joint bank accounts being drained of funds, often subjecting veterans' families to overdraft fees and avoidable financial hardship during an already emotionally challenging time following a veteran's death.

The "Respect for Grieving Military Families Act" would finally end this needless and callous DFAS practice for any retirement benefit received in the month a veteran was alive for at least 24 hours. Military families grieving the loss of their loved one should not be penalized for an accounting oversight by the Department of Defense.

As Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I continue to make the "Respect for Grieving Military Families Act" a priority for the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). I look forward to working with Senator CORNYN, who assumed sponsorship of the bill this Congress from former U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-OH).

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members of the House to join Representatives MIKE TURNER (R-OH), MARK AMODEI (R-NV), MARILYN STRICKLAND (D-WA), DON BACON (R-NE) and me in cosponsoring this commonsense bill to provide military families the respect and dignity they deserve while following the loss of a loved one. Our Nation owes them that.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SAUL GARCIA

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Saul Garcia.

Saul Garcia graduated from Santa Ana High School in 1999. After graduating, he completed a regional occupational program. In 2002, he attended Santa Ana College and became credentialed in transportation by the San Diego County Office of Education in 2016.

In 2001, he became a technician and completed mechanical and electrical diagnosis and repairs on automobiles at Caliber Motors of Mercedes Benz.

For many years he continued as a technician in Mercedes Benz and did a variety of maintenance activities and automotive repairs at Foothill Ranch. He educated clients and colleagues on repair needs and built long-term relationships based on the foundations of trust and integrity in his community.

In 2012, he became an automobile instructor in North Orange County ROP. He developed and implemented curriculum, lectures, lab activities in accordance with the non-profit organizations of NATE/ASE certifications. The NATE and ASE certifications were created by non-profit organizations to help students distinguish themselves as professionals in HV ACR and automobiles respectively.

As an automobile instructor in North Orange County ROP, he also performed outreach and collaborated with fellow educators. He provided instruction to secondary school students and adults to help prepare them for a career and university.

In 2014, he returned to his community and began his journey as an automotive instructor in the Santa Ana Unified School District. He developed curriculum and lesson plans in alignment with approved on line courses. He also developed internship sites and facilitated internship opportunities for the youth.

Saul is a certified instructor with more than 20 years of experience in public education and the fields of automobiles.

Today, he continues his journey as an instructor in the Santa Ana Unified School District. He continues to help the youth in his community and participates in annual committees, staff meetings, and professional development.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the accomplishments and commitment of Saul Garcia to his community of Orange County, California.

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, May 16, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine the role of Special Operations Forces in supporting the National Defense Strategy, including activities that contribute to long-term strategic competition with China and Russia.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine how tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations drive the national debt.

SD-608

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 92, to designate the outdoor amphitheater at the Blue Ridge Music Center in Galax, Virginia, as the "Rick Boucher Amphitheater", S. 162, to amend the Smith River National Recreation Area Act to include certain additions to the Smith River National Recreation Area, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain wild rivers in the State of Oregon, S. 199, to codify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain landscape-scale forest restoration projects, S. 440, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, S. 452, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a Nuclear Fuel Security Program, expand the American Assured Fuel Supply Program, and submit a report on a civil nuclear credit program, S. 461, to make certain irrigation districts eligible for Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program pumping power, S. 534, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 535, to streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units, S. 593, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument and to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, S. 612, to reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act, S. 623, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs, S. 683, to modify the boundary of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include certain Federal land in Lake County, California, S. 706, to withdraw the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains subdistrict of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the National Wildlife Refuge System land in Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge,