

HONORING THE LIFE OF JIM
HOUCK

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2023

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jim Houck, a beloved journalist and Central Valley resident.

Jim Houck was a remarkable journalist whose spirit and dedication to the truth have left a deep mark on the field of journalism. Jim was not only a journalist; he was a storyteller, a mentor, and a friend to many. His career spanned an impressive 60 years, during which he fearlessly pursued the truth, never shying away from holding the powerful accountable.

Jim's journey in journalism began while he was still in high school in Bakersfield. From those early days, he developed a passion that never wavered throughout his career. He worked for esteemed publications such as the San Francisco Examiner, the Dallas Morning News, and the Baltimore Sun, where he honed his skills as a reporter and editor. Jim's tales of his time in San Francisco during the 1960s and '70s were legendary, capturing both the vividness and hilarity of his experiences.

In 1998, Jim joined the Visalia Times-Delta/Tulare Advance-Register, where he served as the city editor. He was a champion of public service journalism, earning 4 Gruner Awards for his outstanding coverage of critical issues—ranging from violations of open meeting laws to corruption scandals. Jim firmly believed in the public's right to knowledge and dedicated himself to ensuring that his readers were well-informed and empowered.

Jim's contributions extended beyond his professional accomplishments. He was a mentor and a friend to many and was admired and respected by those who had the privilege of working alongside him. His determination to uncover the truth inspired his colleagues and instilled in them the same dedication to their craft. Jim's storytelling skills were legendary, and it was not uncommon for fellow journalists to gather around his desk, captivated by his tales of covering high-profile cases or his adventures in journalism.

Beyond his devotion to journalism, Jim was also a passionate fan of baseball, particularly the San Francisco Giants. He found joy in sharing the victories and defeats of his beloved team with his fellow fans in the newsroom, engaging in good-natured banter with those who supported the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Jim's commitment to seeking the truth and holding those in power accountable serves as a beacon of inspiration for all journalists. His legacy will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of all who knew him. As we honor his memory, let us remember the lessons he taught us, the stories he shared, and the unwavering commitment he had to the pursuit of truth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jim Houck for his commitment to journalism and his community. May we never forget his legacy and continue to be inspired by his story.

RECOGNIZING THE RAPPAHANNOCK HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TENNIS TEAM STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Rappahannock High School Girls Tennis Team for capping off their undefeated season with the VHSL Class 1 State Championship.

On June 8th, the Raiders ended their season on a high note. At the Burrows-Burleson Tennis Center at Virginia Tech, each member of the Rappahannock High School Girls Tennis Team had high level performances, defeating George Wythe 5–3. Leading up to the title match, the team had a 5–1 win over Buffalo Gap in the state semifinals and a 5–0 win over Riverheads in the state quarterfinals.

I would like to recognize Head Coach Ms. Taylor Yeatman for her great leadership throughout the season. Next, I would like to recognize the student-athletes themselves for their hard work: Mackenzie Ferguson, Layla Gaines, Haley Haydon, Ciera Mundie, Sadie Packett, Virginia Tribble, Averil Vaughan, Addison Vaughn, Laney Williams, and Maggie Wonderling.

And finally, I would like to recognize the assistant coaches: Mr. Jamie Pritchard and Mr. Jackie Morris.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments and hard work of the student-athletes, coaches, and volunteers of the Rappahannock High School Girls Tennis Team. I look forward to seeing their continued excellence on the court.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2023

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the Native American Basketball Invitational on 20 years of commitment to youth empowerment and fostering athletic talent within Native American communities. Since 2003, NABI has been the largest and most prestigious all Native American Basketball tournament in the nation, cultivating the spirit of competition and camaraderie among our youth.

NABI brings together thousands of students each year to compete, but its legacy goes far beyond the basketball court. NABI inspires our youth through education and empowerment programs that instill the values of being a good teammate, friend, and citizen. This minority and women-led organization has created opportunities for Native American athletes to shine at the collegiate and professional levels. NABI's advocacy on and off the courts has resulted in nearly half a million dollars in scholarships for youth through its College Scholarship Fund—breaking down barriers to allow students to pursue their highest ambitions.

I thank the NABI founders GinaMarie Scarpa and Mark West, its community part-

ners and those involved in this commendable endeavor. Our community is stronger because of them. I am confident that their passion and service will continue to empower and inspire generations to come.

CELEBRATING WILLIE ANN HUFF

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Willie Ann Huff, who on July 15, 2023, will celebrate her 90th birthday. Mrs. Huff is the daughter of the late Sarah and Willie Vinson, and the eldest of 11 children.

Willie Ann Huff has 5 children of her own, Gloria, the late James Vinson, Edward, Timothy, and Debra. She is also the grandmother of 12, the great-grandmother of 30, and has 4 great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Huff is known for many things and one of them is her pineapple-coconut cakes, her gift giving spirit that she shows to all, and hosting the best Christmas parties and cook-outs for her entire family. She is also known for her sharp sense of style, with the hats, furs, and suits to match her signature Obama purses and Cadillac.

Above all else, Willie Ann Huff is a brave fighter, surviving multiple bouts with cancer. I hereby take official note of the joyous occasion of Mrs. Willie Ann Huff's 90th Birthday and invite all citizens to join me in wishing her the happiest of birthdays.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN KLINKENBERG FOR OVER TWO YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE NEW DEMOCRAT COALITION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2023

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the service of one of the New Democrat Coalition's most exceptional staffers, Kevin Klinkenberg. Kevin recently left the Coalition to begin his tenure as a Senior Advisor and Congressional Liaison at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). I can truly say that HHS and all Americans are lucky to have him in this role.

In his 2 years with the Coalition, including my tenure as Chair of the New Democrat Coalition, Kevin proved himself to be an invaluable asset who shaped our policy work and outreach efforts. From health care and trade to immigration, Kevin's work was exemplary. We would not have been able to accomplish all that we have without Kevin's presence on our team.

Kevin also led the New Dems' outreach work, forming critical relationships with important stakeholder groups, from labor to the business community. His commitment to expanding the reach of the New Dems has positively impacted each of our nearly 100 members, including me, and his work will continue to benefit the Coalition long after his departure.

Kevin has not only contributed to the Coalition through his superb work but also through

his kind and collaborative spirit which is known to all those who had the privilege of working with him. Although we are sad to see him go, we know that Kevin will excel in his new role, and I wish him the very best in all his future endeavors.

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, July 11, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 12

Time to be announced
 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Business meeting to consider the nominations of Gwynne A. Wilcox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, Loren E. Sweatt, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, and other pending calendar business. S-216

9:30 a.m.
 Committee on Armed Services
 To hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Randy A. George, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff of the Army. SD-G50

10 a.m.
 Committee on the Budget
 To hold hearings to examine protecting Social Security for all, focusing on making the wealthy pay their fair share. SD-608

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Business meeting to consider the nominations of Anna M. Gomez, of Virginia, Geoffrey Adam Starks, of Kansas, and Brendan Carr, of Virginia, each to be a Member, and Fara Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, all of the Federal Communications Commission, Alvin Brown, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and routine lists in the Coast Guard. SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine certain pending nominations. SD-226

2 p.m.
 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 Business meeting to consider the nominations of Phillip Nathan Jefferson, of North Carolina, to be Vice Chairman, and Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, and Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, both to be a Member, each of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. S-216

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
 To hold hearings to examine supporting a democratic and secure Moldova. CHOB-210

2:30 p.m.
 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 Subcommittee on Economic Policy
 To hold hearings to examine bank mergers and the economic impacts of consolidation. SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
 Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining
 To hold hearings to examine 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. 912, to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, S. 1015, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona, S. 1088, to authorize the relinquishment and in lieu selection of land and minerals in the State of North Dakota, to restore land and minerals to Indian Tribes within the State of North Dakota, 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. 1405, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land in the State of Utah, S. 1622, to discourage speculative oil and gas leasing and to promote enhanced multiple use management of public land and National Forest System land, S. 1634, to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, S. 1657, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, S. 1760, to amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the city of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, S. 1776, to provide for the protection of and investment in certain Federal land in the State of California, S. 1890, to provide for the establishment of a grazing management program on Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, S. 2020, to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group, S. 2042, to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, S. 2136, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to certain State of Utah for inclusion in certain

State parks, S. 2149, to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation, and an original bill to release from wilderness study area designation certain land in the State of Montana, to improve the management of that land. SD-366

Committee on Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine S. 616, to amend the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act to provide for the transfer of additional Federal land to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, S. 1898, to amend the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, and S. 1987, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community. SD-628

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
 Business meeting to consider S. 38, to amend the Small Business Act to codify the Boots to Business Program, S. 77, to reauthorize the State Trade Expansion Program of the Small Business Administration, S. 609, to establish a pilot program awarding competitive grants to organizations administering entrepreneurial development programming to formerly incarcerated individuals, and other purposes, S. 673, to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in certain loan programs of the Small Business Administration, S. 936, to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to graduates of career and technical education programs or programs of study for small business development centers and women's business centers, S. 943, to increase the minimum disaster loan amount for which the Small Business Administration may require collateral, S. 1156, to establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, S. 1345, to amend the Small Business Act to enhance the Office of Credit Risk Management, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to issue rules relating to environmental obligations of certified development companies, S. 1352, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve the loan guaranty program, enhance the ability of small manufacturers to access affordable capital, S. 1370, to reauthorize and limit the pre-disaster mitigation program of the Small Business Administration, S. 1396, to improve commercialization activities in the SBIR and STTR programs, S. 1402, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Under Secretary of Commerce for Minority Business Development, to establish a grant program to create or expand programs at minority-serving institutions and historically Black colleges and universities that promote minority business ownership and entrepreneurship, S. 1458, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to assist small business concerns with purchasing cybersecurity products and services, S. 1739, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish an Innovation Voucher Grant Program, S. 1763, to include smoke in