

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED  
MILITARY SERVICE OF 1ST LIEU-  
TENANT KAREN LOUISE NUNAN

**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2023*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Marine Corps Officer, 1st Lieutenant Karen Louise Nunan from Russellville, Tennessee for her distinguished military service during the Vietnam War Era. 1st Lieutenant Nunan began her career in the United States Marine Corps in 1972, where she specialized in data processing. During her assignment at Camp Lejeune (NC), she served on the committee that designed the first, inaugural base-wide computer network. After four years of valiant service to our country, 1st Lieutenant Nunan was honorably discharged in 1976.

The 1st Lieutenant remains an active member within her community. As a veteran's advocate, she currently serves as Commander of American Legion Post 52 in Morristown, as well as Chairperson of the Women Veterans Committee for the American Legion 1st District and East Division.

Please join me in thanking 1st Lieutenant Karen Louise Nunan for her leadership and honorable military service to our country.

HONORING THE REMARKABLE  
LIFE OF KENNETH LEE HART

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2023*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today, we come together to remember and honor Kenneth Lee Hart, a man whose life was marked by dedication, wisdom, and a passion for history and politics. Born in South San Francisco in 1939, Ken's journey left an indelible mark on this world before his passing on August 16, 2023, in Fresno, California. He was a son, a brother, an uncle, a friend, and a mentor, touching the lives of many with his wisdom and warmth. Ken's educational journey began in Fresno, where he attended Fresno High School, graduating in 1957. His thirst for knowledge led him to Fresno State College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science in 1961. His academic achievements were just the beginning of a life dedicated to learning and teaching.

A true patriot, Ken felt a profound sense of duty to his country. He volunteered to serve in the Army Signal Corps, stationed in Saigon, Vietnam, from 1962 to 1964. His service to his Nation was a testament to his commitment to a cause larger than himself. Upon returning to the United States, Ken embarked on a teaching career that would span several decades. He taught at Reedley High School from 1964 to 1968 and also coached the baseball team. His influence extended beyond the classroom, shaping the lives of his students both academically and personally. In 1967, he earned a Masters' Degree in United States history at Fresno State College. The following year, he assumed the role of an instructor at Merced College. In 1972, his dedication and passion

for teaching earned him the position of Chair of the Social Science Division. His contributions to education were further underscored when he received the prestigious honor of being named Merced College's Instructor of the Year in 1992, 1994, and 1998. Ken's commitment to enlightening young minds knew no bounds, and he continued to inspire and educate until his retirement in 2001.

Ken's passion for politics was the driving force behind his advocacy for positive change. His involvement in Robert Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign was a testament to his unwavering belief in the power of politics to shape a better future. He went on to serve as the chairman of the Fresno County Democratic Party and as an alternate delegate to the 1972 Democratic National Convention. Ken's dedication to public service was truly remarkable. In 1978, Ken's political journey took a new turn as he entered the world of political consulting. He, along with his esteemed business partner Dalton Moore, became known for their expertise in creating effective campaign materials and impactful radio and television advertisements. Ken's passion for politics and his commitment to positive change extended to his role as a Probate Referee, a position he held from 1977 to 1997. His service to the residents of Fresno County and California in this capacity showcased his dedication to fairness and justice.

In 1997, Ken began a loving relationship with Patricia "Pat" Wynne. Their companionship was marked by shared adventures and a love for exploring the world. For 2 decades, Ken and Pat journeyed across all 7 continents, from the vibrant markets of Pakistan to the serene landscapes of Antarctica. Their shared experiences and countless photographs are a testament to a life fully lived. Ken's memory lives on in the hearts of his family, his friends, and all those he advised, mentored, and inspired. His legacy will continue to encourage us all.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Kenneth Lee Hart, a man whose passion for education, politics, and life itself left a permanent mark on our world. May we remember his wisdom, his dedication to justice, and his unwavering belief in the power of positive change.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DIANA  
MARCUM

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today, we gather to commemorate the life and legacy of Diana Marcum, a beacon of compassion and storytelling brilliance whose words touched our hearts and unveiled the essence of the human experience. Diana's journey was one of resilience, empathy, and a profound dedication to capturing the narratives of the overlooked and the underrepresented.

Born in Sonoma County on February 2, 1963, Diana embarked on an unorthodox path to journalism, driven not by formal credentials but by her innate ability to craft stories that resonated deeply. Her journey began as an editorial assistant and blossomed into a re-

markable career that left an indelible imprint on the world of journalism.

At the core of Diana's work was her gift for revealing the extraordinary within the ordinary. Her narrative prowess was on full display in her Pulitzer Prize-winning series "Scenes from California's Dust Bowl," which chronicled the impact of drought on the people of the San Joaquin Valley. Through her elegant prose, Diana wove together the stories of farmers, fieldworkers, and others in California's Central Valley, painting a vivid picture of their struggles, hopes, and triumphs. Her storytelling capability wasn't just a skill; it was a vehicle for bridging divides and fostering understanding among diverse communities.

Diana's genuine curiosity and empathetic approach allowed her to establish connections that went beyond the surface. That was my experience with her, as we bonded over our love and connection to the Azores.

Diana's narrative talents flourished outside the realm of traditional journalism as well. Her books, "The Tenth Island: Finding Joy, Beauty, and Unexpected Love in the Azores" and "The Fallen Stones: Chasing Butterflies, Discovering Mayan Secrets, and Looking for Hope Along the Way," revealed her boundless curiosity and love for exploration. Through her literary works, Diana invited readers to embark on journeys of discovery, reflecting her insatiable desire to understand the intricacies of our world.

Beyond her writing, Diana's influence extended into her personal interactions and relationships. Diana's ability to forge deep connections was a testament to her character—a character rooted in humility, authenticity, and a profound belief in the power of words.

Tragically, Diana's life's journey reached its conclusion on August 9, 2023, in Fresno, California. Her legacy will remain etched in the stories she told, the lives she touched, and the hearts she uplifted. As we honor Diana Marcum today, we are reminded of the immense impact that one person's dedication to empathy and storytelling can have on our world.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Diana Marcum. Let us be inspired by her tireless pursuit of truth, her unwavering commitment to highlighting the beauty within human struggles, and her ability to spark compassion and connection through her words. In celebrating Diana's life, we also celebrate the timeless power of narrative to bridge divides and illuminate the shared human experience.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NICK  
GOMES

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2023*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today, we gather to pay tribute to the remarkable life of Steven Nicholas "Nick" Gomes, a beloved son of Merced, California, whose legacy resonates with kindness, resilience, and unwavering love. Nick left an indelible mark on the hearts of friends, family, and community.

Born in Merced, California, Nick's life was a testament to his boundless curiosity and passion for learning. Even at the tender age of 2,

he displayed a remarkable ability to read newspaper comics with comprehension, foreshadowing a life marked by intellectual curiosity and a thirst for knowledge. Nick's childhood was a tapestry woven with the threads of joy and adventure, from mastering Nintendo games to relishing Sunday morning cartoons and comics.

As Nick transitioned to adolescence, his spirit of competition and determination flourished. At Merced High School, he harnessed his strategic mind and physical strength to dominate the football field as an offensive guard. His dedication and prowess on the gridiron were a testament to his unwavering commitment to success. In academics, Nick shone just as brightly, excelling in FFA and emerging as a leader in parliamentary procedure and debate. His high school journey continued at Golden Valley High School, where he further demonstrated his dexterity as a scholar, athlete, and leader. Nick's accomplishments, including academic excellence, athletic success, and contributions to his community, culminated in his graduation *summa cum laude*. With a full-ride scholarship to Oregon State University awaiting him, Nick's path took an unexpected turn due to injuries. His resilience led him back to his roots, where he earned an associate degree at Merced College while playing football and contributing to his community. Nick's professional journey, which included a successful tenure at Best Buy and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Grand Canyon University, paved the way for a distinguished career in public service.

Nick's dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of others was evident through his role as one of my District Representatives in the Merced Area when I represented CA-16. Known for his patient demeanor, Nick's ability to engage with constituents exemplified his commitment to open dialogue and understanding. His efforts extended beyond office walls, as he advocated for community projects, such as securing grants for local water infrastructure improvements in communities like Dos Palos. Nick's compassion extended to his family, where he showed his love through selfless actions, genuine connections, and a willingness to go the extra mile. A devoted uncle, brother, and son, Nick's warmth and affection radiated through his interactions with family. His dedication to his niece and nephew, his unwavering support for his parents, and his loving presence at family gatherings underscored his deep-rooted connection to those he held dear. As a friend, Nick's impact was equally profound. For over two decades, he shared his love for strategy games and imaginative storytelling, enchanting those around him with his natural charisma.

In the spring of 2022, Nick met the love of his life, Lindsay Newman. Their connection showed the transformative power of love and the happiness it brings to those who find it. Nick's journey, marked by kindness, resilience, and a zest for life, teaches us that every mo-

ment is an opportunity to make a positive impact. We extend our deepest condolences to Nick's parents, Steven and Victoria Gomes, his sister Melissa, his nieces and nephews, and his friends who were fortunate to share in his journey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Steven Nicholas "Nick" Gomes, a talented young man who touched hearts and inspired all who had the privilege of knowing him.

#### 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, September 14, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### SEPTEMBER 19

- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Finance  
Subcommittee on Health Care  
To hold hearings to examine aging in place, focusing on the vital role of home health in access to care.  
SD-215
- Committee on the Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine corporate manipulation of Chapter 11 bankruptcy.  
SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Federal Communications Commission.  
SD-124
- Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight  
To hold hearings to examine advanced technology, focusing on threats to national security.  
SD-562

##### SEPTEMBER 20

- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine artificial intelligence in financial services.  
SD-538
- Committee on the Budget  
To hold hearings to examine public investment.  
SD-608
- Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, of Maryland, Melissa Holyoak, of Utah, and Andrew N. Ferguson, of Virginia, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Douglas Dziak, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.  
SR-253
- 2:15 p.m.  
Joint Economic Committee  
To hold hearings to examine growing the economy of the future, focusing on job training for the clean energy transition.  
SH-216
- 2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Water and Power  
To hold hearings to examine drought impacts on drinking water access and water availability.  
SD-366
- Committee on Environment and Public Works  
Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife  
To hold hearings to examine drinking water infrastructure and tribal communities.  
SD-406
- 3:30 p.m.  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine improving mental health and suicide prevention measures for our Nation's veterans.  
SR-418
- ##### SEPTEMBER 27
- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration, focusing on examining the Federal real estate portfolio.  
SD-406
- ##### SEPTEMBER 28
- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight  
To hold hearings to examine solutions to address beverage container waste.  
SD-406