

Eagle Scout project, he made enhancements to Veterans Memorial Park in Egg Harbor Township. The project involved the installation of additional pavers to expand the standing room for ceremonies conducted at the park. He is a junior at Atlantic County Institute of Technology specializing in the Computer-Aided Design and Drafting program and is a member of the school's rowing team. Connor should be proud of his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts, and it was a pleasure to attend his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. God Bless Connor, and God Bless our United States of America.

SYDNEY MASSEY

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor Sydney Massey, a recent graduate of eStem High Public Charter School, and a 2023 Presidential Scholar.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars program recognizes our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors.

Sydney is one of only 161 students receiving the award this year, making it one of the highest honors for recent graduates.

This award serves as a well-deserved recognition of Sydney's many years of academic excellence. Her dedication and commitment should serve as an example for our nation's youth.

In addition to receiving this award, she has also been recognized for scoring a perfect 36 on the ACT.

I congratulate Sydney on being named a Presidential Scholar and her many academic achievements, and I wish her the best in what is sure to be a bright future.

RECOGNIZING REV. FREDDIE BANKS' SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Reverend Freddie Banks, the Pastor of New Testament Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on the occasion of his retirement. For the last 40 years, the leadership he has displayed for his congregation and his greater community is worthy of commendation.

Reverend Banks was born in 1937 in Merigold, Mississippi. His family would later move to Ypsilanti, Michigan where he graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1957. Shortly thereafter in 1959, Reverend Banks married his wonderful wife, Evelyn. Their legacy now includes 4 children, 6 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Reverend Banks began his journey with the St. John Missionary Church of Ypsilanti in 1965. There he served as Sunday School superintendent, President of the Usher Board, and Chairman of the Deacon Board. He would preach his first sermon in September 1977

and was ordained as Assistant Pastor in 1978. Reverend Banks attended classes at the Detroit Bible College, later the William Tyndale Bible College, where he graduated in 1984.

Reverend Banks went on to serve at St. Mary Baptist Church in 1983 as their Assistant Pastor. Later, he was called to preach at Fellowship of Believers, which was later named New Testament Missionary Baptist Church. His service to the community includes execution of marriage ceremonies, providing marriage counseling, and providing funeral services.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing and celebrating the lifetime of work that Reverend Freddie Banks has been kind enough to share with us. He has spent his entire life in the service of others, and though he may be stepping down from the pulpit, we will be sure to feel his influence for years to come.

DANIEL COHEN

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, this past August, it was my honor to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for Daniel Cohen. The trail to Eagle Scout is marked by milestones and achievements, each one a testament to Daniel's unwavering determination. From those early days as a Cub Scout to rising through the ranks, to earning merit badges and honing skills, he has demonstrated a thirst for knowledge and a willingness to embrace challenges. Daniel makes giving back to his community a priority and that is evident through his Eagle Scout Project. In an effort to help retire flags in a respectful way, Daniel built a flag retirement box for his local VFW. I know Daniel has a bright future ahead of him and I wish him all the best. God Bless Daniel Cohen and God Bless the United States of America.

AMELIA LISOWE

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor rising 7th grade student Amelia Lisowe, a resident of Benton and congratulate her for being crowned the winner of the Royal International Miss Preteen.

In addition to her crown, she also won several well-deserved awards, prizes, and cash scholarships.

Since 2018, Amelia has overseen her own nonprofit organization, Lisowe's Lights, and has raised enough money to donate 20,000 nightlights to foster children in the United States and around the world.

She is a talented school athlete, participating in both the school dance and volleyball teams.

Amelia also dances with Dance Dynamics Company and serves as an iCan Dance buddy for special needs dancers.

She should serve as a role model for our Nation's youth.

I congratulate her on her crown, her tireless volunteer work, and her many accomplishments.

CELEBRATING ASAAD KELADA'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN TELEVISION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Asaad Kelada, a director and producer of many of America's favorite sitcoms over the last 40+ years. His contribution to American cinema is worthy of commendation.

Born in Egypt, Asaad began his studies at the American University in Cairo. In 1961, he earned a student visa and he came to the United States where he studied directing at the Yale School of Drama. After years of teaching drama and directing stage plays, Asaad got his first big break in 1976 when, after spending five years working on the set of the sitcom Rhonda, he was given an opportunity to direct an episode.

Since then, Asaad has been entertaining generations of American families with shows like WKRP in Cincinnati, The Facts of Life, Family Ties, Who's the Boss, Everybody Loves Raymond, Dharma and Greg, Two and a Half Men, and The Office. Immigrants have always enriched and strengthened the fabric of our nation, and Asaad has said "I never tried to minimize who I am. For me, being an Egyptian was one of the strongest aspects of what I had."

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Asaad Kelada for his almost five decades of incredible work. As a young man, he quickly dazzled us with his humor and has been making families laugh together for decades, all while never forgetting his family and where he came from. He is exemplary of everything we highlight when we speak about the American Dream, and I am sure he will continue to make us laugh for years to come. I thank Asaad for his contributions.

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, October 19, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 24

- 10 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband
To hold hearings to examine protecting Americans from robocalls.
SR-253
- Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine instability in the Sahel and West Africa, focusing on implications for U.S. policy.
SD-419
- Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Harry Coker, Jr., of Kansas, to be National Cyber Director, Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, and Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.
SD-562
- 3 p.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights
To hold hearings to examine competition and consumer rights in housing markets.
SD-226
- United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control
To hold hearings to examine the precursor pipeline, focusing on techniques that drug cartels use to procure and finance precursor chemicals that are used to manufacture illicit synthetic drugs, and actions the Federal government can take to address this issue.
SD-608

OCTOBER 25

- 10 a.m.
Committee on the Budget
To hold hearings to examine how climate change threatens supply chains.
SD-608
- Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine paid leave, focusing on policy, practice, and impact on the workforce.
SD-215
- Committee on Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, Department of State, and other pending nominations.
S-116
- Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Monica M. Bertagnolli, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal

Employment Opportunity Commission, Erika L. McEntarfer, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, Amanda Wood Laihow, of Maine, to be a Member of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and other pending calendar business.
SD-430

- Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine ensuring the safety and well-being of unaccompanied children.
SD-G50

- 10:30 a.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider S. 2685, to make data and internal guidance on excess personal property publicly available, S. 2866, to improve the customer experience of the Federal Government, ensure that Federal services are simple, seamless, and secure, S. 2150, to establish an Interagency Council on Service to promote and strengthen opportunities for military service, national service, and public service for all people of the United States, S. 2087, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, S. 2414, to require agencies with working dog programs to implement the recommendations of the Government Accountability Office relating to the health and welfare of working dogs, S. 1258, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress an annual report on projects that are over budget and behind schedule, an original bill entitled, "Honoring Civil Servants Killed in the Line of Duty Act", an original bill entitled, "Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act", and an original bill entitled, "Facilitating Hazard Mitigation Projects Act".
SD-562

- 2 p.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation
To hold hearings to examine the Department of State's strategy for security in the Black Sea region.
SD-419

- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining
To hold hearings to examine S. 175, to codify certain public land orders relating to the revocation of certain withdrawals of public land in the State of Alaska, S. 1348, to redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming, S. 1719, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to establish emergency fire management areas, S. 1764, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, S. 1889, to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 2132, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program for the establishment and use of a pre-fire-suppression stand

density index, S. 2151, to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act, S. 2581, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 2615, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, S. 2855, to modernize and streamline the permitting process for broadband infrastructure on Federal land, S. 2867, to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, S. 2991, to improve revegetation and carbon sequestration activities in the United States, S. 3033, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry, S. 3036, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, an original bill to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, an original bill to establish a policy regarding appraisal and valuation services for real property for a transaction over which the Secretary of the Interior has jurisdiction, an original bill to redesignate the Mount Evans Wilderness as the "Mount Blue Sky Wilderness", and H.R. 3324, to extend the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity Marina fees through fiscal year 2029.

SD-366

- Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law
To hold hearings to examine the human rights of foster children.
SD-226

- 3:30 p.m.
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine VA accountability and transparency, focusing on quality care and benefits for veterans.
SR-418

OCTOBER 26

- 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 evaluating alternative materials for single-use plastics.
SD-406

NOVEMBER 7

- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure
To hold hearings to examine causes of roadway safety challenges and possible interventions.
SD-406