

preclude any Member of the Committee from discussing appropriate non-agenda topics.

Rule 5. After the Chair and the Ranking Minority Member, speaking order shall be based on order of arrival, alternating between Majority and Minority Members, unless otherwise directed by the Chair.

Rule 6. Any witness who is to appear before the Committee in any hearing shall file with the clerk of the Committee at least 3 business days before the date of his or her appearance, a written statement of his or her proposed testimony and an executive summary thereof, in such form as the Chair may direct, unless the Chair and the Ranking Minority Member waive such requirement for good cause.

Rule 7. In general, testimony will be restricted to 5 minutes for each witness. The time may be extended by the Chair, upon the Chair's own direction or at the request of a Member. Each round of questions by Members will also be limited to 5 minutes.

QUORUMS

Rule 8. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(1) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, a majority of the Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting of legislative measures.

Rule 9. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(1) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, one-third of the Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, including action on amendments to measures prior to voting to report the measure to the Senate.

Rule 10. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(2) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, 2 Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony under oath and 1 Member of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony not under oath; provided, however, that in either instance, once a quorum is established, any one Member can continue to take such testimony.

Rule 11. Under no circumstances may proxies be considered for the establishment of a quorum.

VOTING

Rule 12. Voting in the Committee on any issue will normally be by voice vote.

Rule 13. If a third of the Members present so demand a roll call vote instead of a voice vote, a record vote will be taken on any question by roll call.

Rule 14. The results of roll call votes taken in any meeting upon any measure, or any amendment thereto, shall be stated in the Committee report on that measure unless previously announced by the Committee, and such report or announcement shall include a tabulation of the votes cast in favor of and the votes cast in opposition to each such measure and amendment by each Member of the Committee. (Paragraph 7(b) and (c) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules.)

Rule 15. Proxy voting shall be allowed on all measures and matters before the Committee. However, the vote of the Committee to report a measure or matter shall require the concurrence of a majority of the Members of the Committee who are physically present at the time of the vote. Proxies will be allowed in such cases solely for the purpose of recording a Member's position on the question and then only in those instances when the absentee Committee Member has been informed of the question and has affirmatively requested that he or she be recorded. (Paragraph 7(a)(3) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules.)

AMENDMENTS

Rule 16. Provided at least five business days' notice of the agenda is given, and the text of the proposed bill or resolution has

been made available at least five business days in advance, it shall not be in order for the Committee to consider any amendment in the first degree proposed to any measure under consideration by the Committee unless such amendment has been delivered to the office of the Committee and by at least 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled start of the meeting and circulated to each of the offices by at least 6:00pm.

Rule 17. In the event the Chair introduces a substitute amendment or a Chair's mark, the requirements set forth in Rule 16 shall be considered waived unless such substitute amendment or Chair's mark has been made available at least five business days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Rule 18. It shall be in order, without prior notice, for a Member to offer a motion to strike a single section of any bill, resolution, or amendment under consideration.

Rule 19. This section of the rule may be waived by agreement of the Chair and the Ranking Minority Member.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO COMMITTEE CHAIR

Rule 20. The Chair is authorized to personally sign or sign by delegation all necessary vouchers and routine papers for which the Committee's approval is required and to decide on the Committee's behalf all routine business.

Rule 21. The Chair is authorized to engage commercial reporters for the preparation of transcripts of Committee meetings and hearings.

Rule 22. The Chair is authorized to issue, on behalf of the Committee, regulations normally promulgated by the Committee at the beginning of each session.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO COMMITTEE CHAIR AND RANKING MINORITY MEMBER

Rule 23. The Chair and Ranking Minority Member, acting jointly, are authorized to approve on behalf of the Committee any rule or regulation for which the Committee's approval is required, provided advance notice of their intention to do so is given to Members of the Committee.

Rule 24. The Chair, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee, is authorized to subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of correspondence, books, papers, documents, and other materials. Regardless of whether a subpoena has been concurred in by the Ranking Minority Member, such subpoena may be authorized by vote of the Members of the Committee. When a subpoena is authorized, either by a vote of the Committee or by the Chair with the concurrence of the Ranking Member, the subpoena may be issued upon the signature of the Chair or of any other Member of the Committee designated by the Chair.

PENNSYLVANIA BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONOREES

Mr. CASEY. Madam President, every year, it is my privilege, during Black History Month, to honor Black Pennsylvanians who have made particularly notable contributions to their communities and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I rise today to pay tribute to this year's honorees and to commend their deep commitment to service. This year's theme is "Inspiring a Bold and Bright Future." Several individuals we honor have been laboring in their communities for generations, while we are also honoring a younger generation of Pennsylvanians who have already

brought about positive change in their communities. We have chosen to honor both those in the dawn of their service and those who are well established in that service to highlight the generational and sustained nature of this work and to emphasize the enduring relationships between our older heroes and those who come behind them to take up the mantel of justice work and community empowerment.

HETTIE SIMMONS LOVE—SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

In 1947, a young African-American woman, Hettie Simmons, graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania with her MBA in accounting, becoming the first African-American to do so. While Hettie never had the opportunity to pursue a career in the same manner afforded to other graduates of Wharton, she continued to forge a path where she could apply her talents for the benefit of others. While she has recently been discovered late in life as a "hidden figure," to many in central Pennsylvania, she is an accomplished community leader clearing a path for those who came after her.

Hettie Simmons was born in Jacksonville, FL, and attended Fisk University, a historically Black college or university—HBCU—in Tennessee where she majored in math. After graduating from Fisk in 1943, her desire for better opportunities for her future led her to apply for admission to Penn's Wharton School.

Unable to pursue a career with her Wharton degree, Hettie Simmons Love, newly married and living in Philadelphia, applied her academic skills in community settings, serving as treasurer in several organizations and, after the family moved to Harrisburg in 1971, serving as the church treasurer at St. Paul's Episcopal Church for over 20 years.

Hettie also lent her business acumen to three different Black-owned businesses in the Harrisburg area, serving as a bookkeeper and offering suggestions for operational improvements. In her early eighties, Hettie Simmons Love was still volunteering to help seniors with their income tax forms. Hettie is also a long-time member of her sorority, volunteering for decades and becoming a diamond member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in 2016 for having been a member for 75 years.

In December 2016, Hettie was awarded a Trailblazer award from the National African-American MBA Association for being the first African-American graduate student to earn her MBA degree from the Wharton School. The current Dean of the Wharton School, Dean Ericka James, the first African-American dean of the school, had the honor of meeting Hettie and presenting her with a certificate acknowledging the historic significance of Hettie's achievement.

Now 100 years young, Hettie Simmons Love continues to thrive, serving

in her church and community whenever opportunities arise. With each passing birthday, she thinks that if God is keeping her here, then she must have more to do. Hettie continues to donate her time, talent, and treasures to others, earning the respect of her community and inspiring generations of leaders to come.

GARY HORTON—NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA

While Ms. Hettie Simmons Love was building community in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Gary Horton was learning the same lessons of community service from his parents in northwestern Pennsylvania and making those lessons his own. Born into a large family in Erie, Gary learned from his parents and grandparents the importance of public service early in his life. One of his first acts of civic engagement at the young age of 8 was to canvass for U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy's 1960 campaign for President. Gary recalled that he and others, "were able to picket places as a young person for job opportunities, for voting rights, for justice and we were able to register people to vote."

The transformative power of education was evident early in Gary's life and would become a theme of his own service over time as well. Gary was educated in Erie Public Schools and graduated from Strong Vincent High School. Gary went on to pursue higher education at Hampton Institute and then Cheney University, earning a bachelor's degree in political science. He applied the political education he learned as a young activist and then as a student by going to work in State government for several years and then returning home to work in the administration of Erie Mayor Joyce Savocchio, Erie's first woman mayor. Wanting to continue his work to improve his hometown of Erie, Gary then founded the Urban Erie Economic Development Corporation—UECDC—and became its chief executive officer when it merged with the Reverend Ernest Franklin Smith Quality of Life Learning Center in 2002. At UECDC, Gary leads an organization that carries on the educational mission that informed his life from an early age, offering job training programs, a summer youth work program, and self-help initiatives for young people and, more recently, a growing number of new Americans from South Sudan, Eritrea, Liberia, Ukraine, Iraq, the DRC, and other countries. With Gary's help and that of the UECDC, these new arrivals have found the promise of a new life.

Gary Horton has also served his city through voluntarism, serving two terms as an elected member of the board of directors of the school district of the City of Erie from 2004 to 2011, serving as the president of the Erie chapter of the NAACP, and leading Erie's "Walking in Black History," a program that takes Erie school children to historic sites of the civil rights movement throughout the South.

The city of Erie is blessed to have Gary and those like him who have dedi-

cated their lives to the city and its residents. Gary has truly been an inspiration in Erie and with Gary and others leading the charge, offers a bright future to its residents.

I have thus far talked about two leaders who have devoted their entire lives to community building, Ms. Hettie Simmons Love, who is still doing so at the age of 100, and Gary Horton, who though he cannot match Ms. Simmons Love in total years, has brought his own unmatched service to Erie. But today I also want to honor the next generation of leaders, those who have been inspired by the efforts of people like Ms. Hettie Simmons Love and Gary Horton and upon whose shoulders they stand.

SHAWN ALEONG—SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA

Shawn Aleong is a disability, civil, and human rights activist from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Although Shawn lives with cerebral palsy, he has always said, "For me, my disability is not a curse. It's not a handicap. It is a gift so that I can help implement change." His passion and dedication were recognized this past year on a national level. On March 11, 2022, President Biden appointed Shawn to serve on the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, which advises the President on disability policy. Shawn will now be able to effect change nationally just as he does locally.

Leading up to that well-deserved appointment, Shawn has been steadily building his platform through his education and community engagement efforts, particularly at Temple University. He is a pre-law student at Temple, and he serves as senior adviser for local and community affairs for Temple student government and is a director on the board of advisers for Temple's Institute on Disabilities. During an internship with the Temple University Police Department, Shawn developed an interest in the interactions between law enforcement and people with disabilities and started a process to train officers to better interact with people with disabilities.

Shawn is also an intern at Disability Rights Pennsylvania, where he supports staff working on potential discrimination cases related to the disabilities of clients. He has been a member of the NAACP and the board of directors for the Arc of Philadelphia, an organization that advocates for the rights of people with disabilities.

Shawn has been an outspoken advocate for disability policies affecting the well-being of all people with disabilities. He has advocated for passage of a bill providing an expansion of ABLE account eligibility to age 46. We achieved passage of this in Congress this past December with Shawn's assistance. He has also worked to preserve and expand access to Medicaid, home and community-based services, and accessible voting for people with disabilities. Shawn has also been an advocate for people with disabilities hav-

ing the opportunity to live in their own homes, in neighborhoods of their own choosing. When describing what inclusion means, he has said it is "living in the community and working in the community. We need affordable housing, good paying jobs, good support systems, and a good community. That's how I believe that we can all be as one."

Shawn has been able to continue his advocacy in a much more creative way. He is an accomplished actor and longtime cast member of "A Fierce Kind of Love," a theater piece highlighting the struggles of people with intellectual disabilities who were institutionalized in the early and mid-20th century and how leaving institutional living affected their lives.

DEAHMI MOBLEY AND JAIA HARRISON—

SOUTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA

This year, we also honor two high school freshmen from southwest Pennsylvania, Deahmi Mobley and Jaia Harrison. In 2022, Deahmi and Jaia were named Do the Write Thing Ambassadors for their impressive essays on the impact of gun violence.

Deahmi Mobley is a freshman at Central Catholic High School. In 2022, Deahmi was named one of Pittsburgh's two Do the Write Thing Ambassadors after his essay on the impact of gun violence for young people won a top honor. In his essay, Deahmi describes how youth and gun violence has affected his life since he lost his brother, SeQuorri Smith. In his essay, Deahmi reflects on a number of things, the impact of his brother's death at a young age, the misplaced priorities of some young people, the bullying that others face, and the critical importance of violence prevention and the need for parents and educators to play a role in it. Deahmi talks about his belief that education and youth violence are closely linked and he echoes our other honorees in stressing the important role that education has on community change. He writes, "We need to do better as a whole. Instead of putting others down, we should bring each other up. Instead of balling up a fist, hold someone's hand. Instead of picking up a gun, pick up some books. And watch how society, and us as a community, change."

Jaia Harrison, a student at Northgate Senior High School is, like Deahmi, a freshman. In her essay, Jaia talks about her own experience with youth violence as a witness to a deadly shooting in 2021, and she summons the courage to talk about its impact upon her. She speaks poignantly about the shock that spread through her body as a result of witnessing youth violence firsthand. She also shares her views on youth violence more broadly, particularly the need to take youth mental health more seriously in order to prevent violence. She likens youth mental health to a home that may appear to be in good shape on the outside, but which internally has many problems that may be invisible. "To address

what may seem like the bigger problems,' Jaia says, "you have to address the internal problems first." Jaia loves being a big sister. She has a sister, Jaylen, and a young brother named Junior, and she dreams of attending a historically Black college and university.

It is difficult to share your loss and your struggles in public, and Deahmi and Jaia have shown remarkable courage for stepping forward and telling their stories. They have not only reminded us of the terrible toll that violence takes upon our communities, especially our young people, but they have also provided us specific areas of focus to prevent violence and promote better health in our communities. I am grateful for their wisdom and leadership, and I encourage them to continue speaking up. I have no doubt that they will continue to speak the truth and bring about change in the years to come.

The community leaders working in our communities large and small across Pennsylvania improve our neighborhoods and strengthen our communities. Pennsylvanians like Hettie Simmons Love and Gary Horton, who apply their talents wherever they are called to do so, lead our communities through dark times and into a brighter future. Shawn Aleong's fight for disability rights and the right to self-determination inspires me and so many others to join him in the struggle for the civil rights of people with disabilities. It is young people like Deahmi Mobley and Jaia Harrison who muster the courage to challenge all of us, young and old alike, to declare that we must act boldly to end the epidemic of violence in our communities.

I am inspired by the example and the commitment of the leaders who we are honoring this year, and I am sustained in my own work by the knowledge that they stand with me in the fight to bring equity and justice to communities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING GUTHRIE COUNTY QUALITY MEATS

• Ms. ERNST. Madam President, in my new position of ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I will have the honor of recognizing an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. It is my privilege to recognize Guthrie County Quality Meats of Guthrie Center, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week for the week of February 13, 2023.

The hardship imposed on our Nation's small businesses by the COVID-19 pandemic will be remembered for centuries. Under such times of duress, many business owners were forced to adapt their business model in order to

survive. Guthrie County Quality Meats founders Brett Rowley and Grant Sheeder are examples of this adaptability, as they leaned upon their agricultural expertise and created GC Quality Meats on March 2, 2021, in the midst of the pandemic. By the time these partners put their heads together to open their business, Brett had extensive experience in the meat packing industry, as he grew up working in his father's packing plant in northwest Iowa. Grant, meanwhile, grew up in the Guthrie County dairy industry. Grant's family began milking cows in 1996, and a decade later, his parents built a milk-bottling facility where they bottled milk from 2006 to 2022. Both Grant and Brett watched their respective industries change during the pandemic, as consumers stayed away from grocery stores and other large-scale produce markets. Seeing this shift in the business landscape, the two men decided to pivot towards a home delivery service—and thus, Guthrie County Quality Meats was born.

Guthrie County Quality Meats provides locally sourced meat including beef, pork, chicken, and lamb for retail and custom orders in Guthrie County and the surrounding area. From the business' inception, GC Quality Meats has continued to grow. They recently finalized construction on their new butchering facility in Guthrie Center. Since completing their butchering center, the facility has seen great demand and has been booked several weeks in advance. Clearly, Brett and Grant had the right idea when they decided to open Guthrie County's very own meat processor, as both men will acknowledge that it is a service the county had been needing for quite some time.

In addition to their butchering facility, Guthrie County Quality Meats has added a retail site to their business. Inside their store, customers can find just about any meat and poultry sauce, spice, or seasoning they might need. Moreover, both Brett and Grant pay special mind to source all their meat locally and make sure that any product offered inside their retail space has strong Iowa ties. This includes locally baked pies, dried pasta, local honey, and salsa. In addition to the other Iowa products offered in store, ice cream from Grant's family's dairy, Sheeder Cloverleaf Dairy, is always readily available on their shelves. Even as they find new ways to grow and expand their meat processing venture, both Brett and Grant share the mission to ensure that Guthrie County Quality Meats operates as a family business.

Needless to say, agriculture is a monumental part of Iowa's economy and way of life. It gives me great pleasure to see two gentlemen from different sides of the agricultural industry come together to collaborate on a solution for the meat processing needs of Guthrie County. Therefore, I want to commend Brett and Grant for their innovative vision and drive to overcome the supply chain challenges they faced

when building their facilities, in order to bring their business dream to reality. Congratulations to Brett Rowley and Grant Sheeder and the entire team at Guthrie County Quality Meats. I look forward to seeing your continued growth and success in Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO LAUREN FINS

• Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I rise to honor Ms. Lauren Fins for her compassion and leadership in the Savannah community.

Ms. Lauren Fins has dedicated her time to assisting veterans and other members of her community who suffer from posttraumatic stress disorder and other trauma-related illnesses through her organization Fins Animal Training, fondly earning her the title of "hometown heroine" across coastal Georgia.

Over the last 10 years, Ms. Fins has committed more than 1,000 hours of her personal time to training service dogs that uplift people in need across Savannah, and she was recognized with the President's Volunteer Service Award in 2022 for her commitment to this feat.

In addition to her work with Fins Animal Training, she also trains dogs for SD Gunner Fund, a local nonprofit that provides service dogs to people who need them.

In many cases, Ms. Fins has helped dogs grow from young pups to loyal companions who can help support individuals' everyday quality of life, including by helping a person off the floor, pulling a wheelchair, or by picking up a prosthetic limb.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I recognize and commend Lauren Fins for her commitment and dedication to Georgia's veterans.●

TRIBUTE TO TONYA GAMBRELL

• Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I rise to honor an exemplary member of the Appling community, Ms. Tonya Gambrell.

Ms. Tonya Gambrell serves as the principal of North Columbia Elementary, where she works each day to engage, enrich, and inspire each of her students.

Last year, thanks to Ms. Gambrell's leadership, North Columbia Elementary School was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education for their overall academic excellence and work to reduce learning gaps among their students, a recognition given to less than 300 schools nationwide.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I recognize and commend Tonya Gambrell for her profound impact on Georgia's children and congratulate North Columbia Elementary on this excellent honor.●

TRIBUTE TO JOY HENDRIX

• Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I rise to honor Ms. Joy Hendrix, recreational specialist and supervisor of