

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
ELZA PERRY, JR.

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel Elza Perry, Jr., a true American hero who served in the United States Air Force, who recently passed away at age 90.

Before his military service, Lt. Col. Elza Perry, Jr. was born in Gorman, Texas as the only child of Elza, Sr. and Myrtle Perry. Lt. Col. Elza Perry, Jr. demonstrated his aptitude for leadership while a student at De Leon High School, where he was the president of the Class of 1950, valedictorian, and captain of the football team. After graduating from De Leon High School, he went on to earn his Bachelor's degree from North Texas State College and an MBA from Michigan State University.

Lt. Col. Elza Perry, Jr. distinguished himself as a 22-year Airman, obtaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and serving in Germany, Okinawa, Vietnam, Taiwan, Florida, California, and five years at the Pentagon. During his military service in the Air Force, he served honorably in various positions, such as weapons director, commander, inspector, and instructor. In Vietnam, Lt. Col. Elza Perry, Jr. served as a battle commander at an aircraft control center near Danang and stayed in the country until January 27, 1973. His honorable leadership earned him the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

After retiring from the Air Force at Norton Air Force Base, Lt. Col. Elza Perry, Jr. decided to remain in Southern California and dedicated himself to his work as the Director of Vehicle Services and Assistant County Administrator. He later retired in 1991 and lived in Redlands, California for many years before settling in Calimesa, California in 1998. As a retired veteran, Elza spent the remainder of his life with his wife Bonnie in a retirement community in Calimesa where he continued showing his leadership through acts of service for his friends and neighbors. He enjoyed taking exercise classes and was an avid fan of the L.A. Dodgers and Angels.

Lt. Col. Perry, Jr. is survived by his wife of 34 years, Bonnie; two stepsons, Captain Robert Perry, USN (Ret.) and Ralph Perry; two daughters, Reverend Karin Kaye and Barbara Perry; two stepdaughters, Susan Reidel and Jackie Filbeck; and eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and commemorating the life, legacy, and service of Lieutenant Colonel Elza Perry, Jr.

HONORING COMMUNITY OPTIONS
ON THEIR 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my warmest congratulations to Community Options on their 35th anniversary.

Community Options is a non-profit organization based in New Jersey, and it is dedicated to promoting self-determination and community involvement for people with intellectual and development disabilities. By providing these individuals with accessible housing and equipping them with skills to pursue careers of their choice, Community Options has changed more than 5,000 lives. This exceptional organization has tackled barriers that historically impeded people with disabilities, and in doing so they have brought extraordinary vibrancy, creativity, and diversity to our communities. New Jersey is both proud and grateful to house the headquarters of this exceptional organization.

I wish Community Options the best of luck as they continue with their outstanding work. It has been a true pleasure to watch their organization grow and prosper over the past 35 years, and I have no doubt that they will touch many more lives in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE PROMOTION OF
BRIGADIER GENERAL LISA J.
HOU, D.O. (USA) TO MAJOR GEN-
ERAL

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the promotion of Brigadier General Lisa J. Hou to the rank of Major General. Major General Lisa J. Hou has served as the Adjutant General of the New Jersey National Guard and Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs since June 2021. As a daughter of immigrants raised in New Jersey, General Hou's journey is a prime example of the American Dream and of our nation's spirit. It is my privilege to honor a true patriot that has served and supported New Jersey and our country.

Major General Hou has commanded the more than 8,400 Soldiers and Airmen of the New Jersey National Guard with steadfast determination. The wide range of missions the New Jersey National Guard responds to presents a challenge Major General Hou has risen to accomplish. Whether through state-to-state partnership with the Republic of Albania, supporting the Global War on Terror, or providing assistance during natural disasters, the Soldiers and Airmen of the New Jersey National Guard have executed their missions with the utmost professionalism and success under Major General Hou's command.

In addition to her role as Adjutant General of the National Guard, Major General Hou also serves in the New Jersey Governor's cabinet as Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA), Major General Hou leads, directs, and manages all state veterans' programs, commissions, and facilities in the Garden State, providing services and benefits to over 300,000 veterans statewide. I extend my most heartfelt thanks to Major General Hou for her service and sacrifice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes due to a personal matter. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 11, H. Res. 969; YEA on Roll Call No. 12, H.R. 5862; NAY on Roll Call No. 13, H. Res. 957; YEA on Roll Call No. 14, S. 3250; YEA on Roll Call No. 15, H.R. 2872; YEA on Roll Call No. 16, H.R. 6918; NAY on Roll Call No. 17, H.R. 6918; YEA on Roll Call No. 18, H.R. 6914; and NAY on Roll Call No. 19, H.R. 6914.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRO-
TECTING HOMES FROM TRAINS
ACT OF 2024

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Protecting Homes from Trains Act of 2024, which would establish a grant program for the design and construction of barriers to mitigate rail activity that may harm homes and their occupants, including derailments, noise and vibrations.

The Noise Control Act of 1972 created the Office of Noise Abatement and Control within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), granting EPA authority and oversight over noise control regulations. However, years of defunding left this office without any resources to conduct enforcement, forcing EPA to phase out the office in 1982. District of Columbia residents frequently tell me about the negative impact of train noise and vibrations on their lives. The noise and vibrations can harm health and quality of life, and can even harm the structural integrity of homes. Congress and the executive branch must do more to reduce this harm.

As a senior member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and as the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, I have been working to reduce transportation noise and vibrations. I have convened community meetings with the Federal Railroad Administration, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to examine how to reduce train noise and vibrations.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I was quarantining after testing positive for COVID-19 and was unable to vote on March 27-29, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on the following bills:

Roll Call No. 165—H. RES. 260;

Roll Call No. 166—H. RES. 260;

Roll Call 167—Boebert of Colorado Part B Amendment No. 2;

Roll Call 168—Hern of Oklahoma Part B Amendment No. 5;

Roll Call No. 169—Jackson of Texas Part B Amendment No. 7;

Roll Call No. 170—Molinaro of New York Part B Amendment No. 9;

Roll Call No. 171—Palmer of Alabama Part B Amendment No. 10;

Roll Call No. 172—Perry of Pennsylvania Part B Amendment No. 11; and

Roll Call No. 173—Perry of Pennsylvania Part B Amendment No. 12.

I would have voted Yea on the following bills:

Roll Call No. 163—H.R. 1154; and

Roll Call No. 164—H.R. 1107.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 32 and YEA on Roll Call No. 33.

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, February 6, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 8

9 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council Annual Report to Congress.

SD-538

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the administration's pause on liquefied natural gas (LNG) export approvals and the Department of Energy's process for assessing LNG export applications.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Dafna Hochman Rand, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine Artificial Intelligence and Health Care, focusing on promise and pitfalls.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the cost of prescription drugs.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Ann Marie McIff Allen, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Susan M. Bazis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, Ernest Gonzalez, and Leon Schydlower, both to be a

United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Kelly Harrison Rankin, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, and Robin Michelle Meriweather, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 2385, to provide access to reliable, clean, and drinkable water on Tribal lands, S. 2868, to accept the request to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota at the request of that Community, S. 3022, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow Indian Health Service scholarship and loan recipients to fulfill service obligations through half-time clinical practice, S. 2796, to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and S. 3230, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

SD-628

FEBRUARY 28

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the Water Resources Development Act, focusing on USACE water infrastructure projects, programs and priorities.

SD-406

POSTPONEMENTS

FEBRUARY 8

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine global security challenges and U.S. strategy.

SH-216