

and father to his five children. And above all, Buddy was a man of sincere faith. He held on to hope and his love for the Lord, even during his battle with cancer. While he is missed, I find comfort in knowing he is rejoicing in the presence of God, finally pain free.

Buddy was so much more than a reporter, businessman, and community leader—he was a dear friend to many, including myself. My stops in Giddings certainly won't be the same without him. Rest in peace, Buddy.

HONORING THE LATE DR. JIMMY
BELL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Dr. Jimmy Bell.

Dr. Jimmy Bell was born on January 4, 1944, in Indianola, MS, and graduated from Gentry High School in 1963. He later began his professional career at Mississippi Valley State University and later transitioned to Jackson State University.

He created the National Coalition of Community Researchers, Inc. at Jackson State University and started the Jackson State University Center for the Study of Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Intervention (CSJDPI). In addition, he was a founding member of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ).

Dr. Bell was known as a professor, researcher, and music connoisseur. His love for music allowed him to educate and mentor many up-and-coming jazz and blues musicians and established his own local jazz venue, THE JAZZ GALLERY, which was housed in the basement of the now historic site of the Summers Hotel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Dr. Jimmy Bell for his dedication to education and love for music.

HONORING PFC JAMES FRANCIS
PLOG

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Marine Corps veteran James Francis Plog.

James Plog was born in Poughkeepsie, New York on October 10, 1926. He was raised in Schenectady where he attended school before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps on June 6, 1944. James served in the Pacific Theater, participating in the occupation of Japan from September 22, 1945 to June 15, 1946. He remained at Camp Lejeune until his honorable discharge on August 19, 1946, at the rank of Private First Class. For his service, PFC Plog was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Honorable Discharge Button, and achieved the Rifle Marksman qualification.

Returning to civilian life, James pursued an education, a career, and a family. He married his wife, Dorothy "Dot" Plog on October 25,

1947. Together, the couple had three children, James, Keith, and Paula. After his discharge from the Marine Corps, James began work as a herdsman and farm manager for the Vanderbilts' farm in Williamstown, Massachusetts, before returning to Cobleskill, New York to study agriculture for his own pursuits. He chartered two dairy farms of his own, a Jersey farm in East Greenwich and a Holstein farm in Easton. James eventually sold his herds and began working for General Electric Silicones in Waterford until his retirement in September 1990.

When he was not working, James remained an avid hobbyist and a dedicated member of the veteran community. He enjoyed golfing, metal detecting, fishing, and learning new skills such as playing the piano and using computers. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Marine Corps League Detachment in Troy. He participated in local events and parades, including the Uncle Sam's Flag Day Parade. He loved spending time with his children, five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and his German Shepherd Helga.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize PFC James Plog.

HONORING THE AUTHORS OF
SOUTH VALLEY: THE POETRY
AND ART OF THE SOUTH VALLEY
ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS
TO NEW MEXICO

HON. GABE VASQUEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cheyenne Anderson, Isabel James, Pheladi MacDonald and their collaborators on the successful publication of their book, *South Valley: The Poetry and Art of the South Valley*. Their book is an inspirational reminder of young people's power to make positive change in their communities. I am grateful for the work they have done for the South Valley.

Cheyenne and Isabel are young activists with a history of contributions to the South Valley community. They have been involved with amazing local organizations such as La Plazita Institute and Crossroads for Women that work to break cycles of incarceration and celebrate indigenous culture in New Mexico. Their record of service at a young age is admirable.

Through their activism, Cheyenne and Isabel saw a need to change the unfortunate stereotypes about the South Valley and to create a positive depiction of their community for other young people. They collaborated with young poet Pheladi MacDonald, South Valley artist Bill Mohr, youth in the community, and poets Jimmy Santiago Baca, Luis Rodriguez and Mary Oliver to create a beautiful collection of art and poetry celebrating the South Valley. Their book depicts the unique heritage and thriving culture of the South Valley and will be an inspiration for future young community activists.

Since their book's publication, Cheyenne, Isabel and Pheladi have worked tirelessly to increase access to it throughout the state and their work has been featured on various news programs in New Mexico.

On behalf of the great people of New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, I applaud Cheyenne Anderson, Isabel James and Pheladi MacDonald on their commitment to serving their community and supporting their goal of increasing access to their book. Their work has improved the South Valley and inspired other youth to contribute positively to our region. I thank them for their service.

HONORING MS. SHERRI SAGER ON
HER YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Sherri Sager for her critical accomplishments as Senior Vice President and Chief Government Relations Officer at Stanford Medicine Children's Health and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Throughout Ms. Sager's 29 years of service, she demonstrated a sincere commitment to advocating for children and families and worked tirelessly to improve America's healthcare system for all.

Ms. Sager first joined Stanford Medicine Children's Health and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in 1994, as the Director of Government Relations. Throughout her tenure, Ms. Sager's vast knowledge of public policy and her indispensable leadership made her a critical advocate for Stanford Medicine Children's Health patients. She was pivotal in facilitating community partnerships and was committed to monitoring the impact that proposed laws and public policies could have on American patients.

Ms. Sager exemplifies the spirit of leadership and altruism in all areas of her life. She has served on numerous nonprofit and regional business association boards, including as Board Chair of the San Mateo County Economic Development Association, board member of the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group Working Council.

Ms. Sager's advocacy for patients and their families and her commitment to community service clearly demonstrate that her work to improve the lives of others expands beyond her position with Stanford Medicine. Ms. Sager's devotion to service has undeniably improved the healthcare landscape in Northern California and beyond.

While her presence in the Stanford Medicine community will surely be missed, Ms. Sager's 29 years of service have left a lasting legacy and significantly enhanced the lives of countless patients, families, and healthcare professionals. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Ms. Sager for her service and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SUPERINTENDENT
JAMES JOHNSON

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate a resident of my

district—James Johnson of Gravity, Iowa—who was recently appointed by Governor Kim Reynolds to serve as the new Superintendent of Banking in the Iowa Department of Insurance and Financial Services.

Having spent his career in the banking industry, Superintendent Johnson brings a trove of experience to the role. Prior to becoming Superintendent, Johnson served as the President and CEO of PCSB Bank, a community bank in Clarinda, Iowa. He also served on the Board of the Iowa Bankers Association. As a member of the House Committee on Financial Services, I look forward to working with James on our shared mission to create new and prosperous opportunities for businesses across Iowa with the support of Iowa banks.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Superintendent Johnson for his appointment and his commitment to serving the people of Iowa. I wish him nothing but the best as he begins this new chapter.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK ALFORD

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I missed yesterday's vote due to a snow storm in Kansas City, MO. Had I been present, I would have voted PRES on Roll Call No. 1.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARVID H. 'GUS' GUSTAVSON

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Arvid H. 'Gus' Gustavson, an Army Veteran and resident of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, who passed away in December. Gus was a beloved husband, father, son, and brother, who proudly dedicated his life to public service both in the United States Army and at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Born in Somerville, MA, Gus married Shirley Ambrose and joined the United States Army. After two years of service, Gus and Shirley moved to New Hampshire and Gus began his decades long career at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. During this time, Gus received many accolades, reflecting his hardworking nature and dedication to the community. His fellow coworkers have all been impacted by the legacy that he left behind after retiring in 1985.

Gus's family and friends also remember him for his giving nature and ever-present love and support. He has touched many lives through his unforgettable sense of humor and positive mindset, both of which his family carries on today.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I share my condolences with the Gustavson family, including Gus's children, Stephen, Karen, and Paul, and his many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends. I would once again like to extend my condolences to the Gustavson family and wish them all the very best in this time of grieving.

CONGRATULATING MR. BERNARD "TONY" THIEMAN ON THE WENTZVILLE, MO CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Tony Thieman on the Wentzville, MO Citizen of the Year Award.

Mr. Thieman has long been a staple of the Wentzville community. In addition to his involvement in multiple community organizations, Mr. Thieman has reinvested in downtown Wentzville by buying several old buildings, renovating them, and then leasing them out to local businesses. Tony also volunteers his time to neighbors by plowing their driveways and mowing their fields when in need.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Tony Thieman as the Wentzville, MO Citizen of the Year.

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN T. REIM, JR. (USA) PROMOTION TO MAJOR GENERAL

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the promotion of Brigadier General John T. Reim to the rank of Major General. Major General Reim has served as the Joint Program Executive Officer Armaments & Ammunition and the Commanding General, Picatinny Arsenal since June 2022. It is my privilege to honor a New Jersey native that has served and supported New Jersey's 11th Congressional District, the State of New Jersey, and our country. I look forward to his continued success and contributions to our nation.

Throughout his time as the Joint Program Executive Officer Armaments & Ammunition, now-Major General Reim has been a fearless leader in the Army's innovation enterprise. The projects he has overseen have provided our warfighters with the systems, munitions, and capabilities necessary to defeat our enemies and maintain overmatch of our adversaries. General Reim's hard work has also revitalized our production of munitions, leading the charge to overhaul our outdated production systems and ensuring that our national stockpile is backfilled in the wake of conflict throughout the world. Major General Reim's support to the Department of Defense's munitions enterprise has been vital to our national defense priorities.

General Reim has led with tenacity as the Commanding General of Picatinny Arsenal. The installation employs more than 6,000 employees; all of whom he cares for as his own family. His leadership has prioritized the morale, health, and welfare of the Soldiers, Civilians, and Families of Picatinny Arsenal. Major General Reim has shaped Picatinny Arsenal into a pillar of national defense and a mainstay of the New Jersey Economy.

In this time at Picatinny, General Reim has also been a valued partner to me and to my

team. His expertise, openness, and willingness to think outside the box have strengthened my work in Congress and made me a better, more effective advocate for our military's future.

General Reim graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY and commissioned into the Quartermaster Corps in 1990. He held a variety of leadership and staff positions as a Logistics Officer prior to entering the Acquisition Corps in December of 1998. I extend my most heartfelt thanks to Major General Reim, his wife Patty, and four children for their 33 years of service and sacrifice. I congratulate Major General Reim on his well-earned promotion and look forward to his continued success.

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, January 11, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman, and Henry J. Kerner, of Virginia, to be a Member, both of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, and Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine closing corporate loopholes that reward offshoring jobs and profits.

SD-608

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Cyber Safety Review Board, focusing on expectations, outcomes, and enduring questions.

SD-562