

as Brigade Commander of the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade and Chief of Staff for the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York. Additionally, he assumed responsibilities as Deputy Commanding General of U.S. Army Cadet Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky, and later as Commanding General at U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His tenure included service as Director of Army Aviation at the Pentagon and Commanding General of Division West of First U.S. Army at Fort Hood, Texas, which oversaw five brigades and two mobilization sites nationwide. Furthermore, he served as Director of Force Development in G-8.

His military awards and decorations include: 4 Distinguished Service Medals, 4 Legions of Merit, 6 Bronze Star Medals, 5 Meritorious Service Medals, 5 Air Medals Valor Device, the NATO Meritorious Service Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Master Aviator Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

His foreign military awards include: the Kuwait Liberation Medal from the Governments of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Korea Order of National Security Merit Cheonsu Medal, the Australian Parachutist Badge, the Honorary Republic of Korea Master Aviator Badge, and the Honorary Swedish Parachutist Badge.

In addition, he is the U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield's first recipient of the Award for Meritorious Military Service in Protection of Cultural Property and was inducted into the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Hall of Fame in 2016.

Upon his retirement as Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, after 38 years of service, Lieutenant General Erik Peterson leaves behind a legacy of honor and dedication, whereas he will retire with the distinction of being the highest-ranking U.S. Army Officer in the history of the state of Idaho.

It is our greatest honor to recognize Lieutenant General Erik Peterson for the outstanding contributions he's made to the people of Idaho and the Nation through his distinguished military service and commitment to the defense of our Nation. We thank him for his service and wish him well in retirement.

HONORING MIKE DUNCAN

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my trusted advisors and friends, Mike Duncan, who paved a path with business and political expertise from rural Martin County, Kentucky, all the way to the White House.

Over the last five decades, Mike has served as a remarkable political strategist, dressed sharply in the armor of wisdom, confidence, and patriotism, commanding the respect of our peers at the highest ranks of the Republican Party. He has served on six Presidential campaigns, served as Chairman and General Counsel of the RNC, and was elected as a Kentucky delegate to eleven Republican National Conventions. There is no place for timidity or fear when preserving the foundation of

our conservative values, and I applaud Mike's staunch advocacy of the GOP year after year.

In fact, his stalwart leadership has been commissioned by a multitude of organizations and the Nation's foremost leaders, including President George H.W. Bush, President George W. Bush, and President Donald J. Trump. He served as Chairman of the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors and was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Tennessee Valley Authority. There is no higher honor in the United States than serving our Commander-in-Chief, yet he also dedicated time to mentor rising leaders at Alice Lloyd College, and serve on the boards of nonprofit organizations, like the Christian Appalachian Project and The Center for Rural Development.

When I embarked on a mission to establish The Center for Rural Development (The Center) for Southern and Eastern Kentucky in 1996, I invited Mike to serve on the Board of Directors, harnessing his financial expertise, his visionary mind, and his passion to raise up the next generation of leaders. He conceptualized the youth programs at The Center, including my namesake Rogers Scholars Program to provide opportunities for our rising students in the mountains to earn college scholarship awards, learn leadership skills, expand their horizons, and interact with local and regional business owners, leaders, and educators. Since inception, more than 1,300 students have graduated from the Rogers Scholars program, earning more than \$11 million in scholarships from 19 participating colleges and universities.

Mike's legacy is the epitome of what we need to replicate among our future generations: sons and daughters of Eastern Kentucky who choose to use their talents and energy to make our region, our state, and our great Nation a better place to live.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT REVEREND JOHN JENKINS

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. of Notre Dame, Indiana and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Fr. Jenkins serves as the 17th President of the University of Notre Dame, and he has dedicated himself to faithfully serving and leading our community. He will step down as president in June 2024.

Since 1990, Fr. Jenkins has been a member of Notre Dame's Department of Philosophy, specializing in theology. He is a distinguished graduate of Notre Dame and holds a Doctor of Philosophy from Oxford University. Additionally, Fr. Jenkins graduated from the Jesuit School of Theology with a Master of Divinity and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology.

In 2005, Notre Dame's Board of Trustees elected Fr. Jenkins to serve as President. Under his leadership, the university has made monumental advances in academia and strengthened its important connection to faith. Additionally, Notre Dame has committed to ensuring its students can receive the financial

aid they need to stay in school and be successful. Through Fr. Jenkins' hard work and effort, Notre Dame has transformed into one of the fastest growing research universities nationwide. It was invited to join the prestigious Association of American Universities in 2023, becoming the only religiously affiliated university in the United States to receive this honor.

Fr. Jenkins is a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the Commission on Presidential Debates, which has commended his leadership on the topic of civil discourse. He has advocated for common ground and understanding with individuals across the aisle, particularly when it comes to our faith and views. I am proud to recognize Fr. Jenkins today for his excellence and the impact he has made on countless lives.

It is an honor to bestow Fr. Jenkins with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation. I am certain this will not be the end of his accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING CHARLES HURSEY FOR BEING NAMED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR-B-Q HALL OF FAME

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate my friend Charles Hursey of Hursey's Bar-B-Q on being inducted into the inaugural class of the North Carolina Bar-B-Q Hall of Fame.

With all the divisiveness and partisanship impacting our nation today, it is refreshing to see the new North Carolina Bar-B-Q Hall of Fame bringing together all sides of the great divide—Eastern and Lexington style barbecue.

Very few things exemplify North Carolina more than barbecue, and last month the North Carolina Bar-B-Q Hall of Fame inducted its first class. I was thrilled that Charles Hursey, owner of the legendary Hursey's Bar-B-Q, is part of this esteemed class. As a frequent patron of Hursey's Bar-B-Q, I can personally attest to the quality of the food and friendliness of the employees of this great North Carolina institution.

Hursey's Bar-B-Q was founded by Sylvester and Daisy Hursey, Charles' parents. In fact, Hursey's Bar-B-Q was one of the first barbecue wholesalers to ever be licensed by the state of North Carolina back in 1949. As he grew, Charles began learning the business and, in 1966, took over the family's Burlington location. Eventually, Charles would go on to run the whole operation. Charles maintains this role today and, following the Hursey family tradition, continues to operate four restaurant locations and a catering facility alongside his wife, children, and grandchildren.

In North Carolina, barbecue is one of our most cherished and almost sacred traditions. It is a labor-intensive art that requires great skill and hard work on the part of the pitmaster. At the same time, it is an art that stresses the importance of family and passing down practices and recipes from one generation to the next. I cannot think of anybody who embodies these attributes better than Charles.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in recognizing Charles Hursey on being named to the

North Carolina Bar-B-Q Hall of Fame. Let's Eat.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF KATHLEEN HEAPHY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kathleen Heaphy on her retirement from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Ms. Heaphy is an exemplary public servant who has demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism serving our Nation's veterans. She worked in the VA's Office of General Counsel for more than 30 years.

Ms. Heaphy provided guidance to the VA Secretary and senior officials in the Veterans Health Administration, including on health care eligibility reform, the establishment of the medical benefits package, mental health care, care for military sexual trauma, care for women veterans and issues involving informed consent and medical ethics. As Ms. Heaphy embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that she will recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions she made to the VA and to our Nation's veterans. May her retirement be filled with health and happiness.

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, April 16, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration atomic energy defense activities in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Colleen Duffy Kiko, of North

Dakota, and Anne Marie Wagner, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and David Huitema, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the FAA Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) Expert Panel Report.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christopher T. Hanson, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the President's 2024 trade policy agenda.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine modernizing United States alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

11:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine Boeing's broken safety culture, focusing on firsthand accounts.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security

To hold hearings to examine feeding a healthier America, focusing on current efforts and potential opportunities for Food is Medicine.

SD-430

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine an update on foreign threats to the 2024 elections.

SH-216

3 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense's efforts to ensure servicemembers' access to safe, high-quality pharmaceuticals.

SD-G50

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1299, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to periodically review the automatic maximum coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, S. 1590, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend increased dependency and indemnity compensation paid to surviving spouses of veterans who die from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, regardless of how long

the veterans had such disease prior to death, S. 1910, to expand the VetSuccess on Campus program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2014, to ensure that certain members of the Armed Forces who served in female cultural support teams receive proper credit for such service, S. 2181, to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the sunset on entitlement to memorial headstones and markers for commemoration of veterans and certain individuals and to repeal the sunset on authority to bury remains of certain spouses and children in national cemeteries, S. 2276, to provide for opt-out sharing of information on members retiring or separating from the Armed Forces with community-based organizations and related entities, S. 2718, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve matters relating to medical examinations for veterans disability compensation, S. 2778, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on competition among suppliers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2863, to establish the Commission on Equity and Reconciliation in the Uniformed Services, S. 2873, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the Women-Owned Small Business program in the Department of Veterans Affairs procurement hierarchy of small business preferences, S. 2888, to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize representatives of veterans service organizations to participate in presentations to promote certain benefits available to veterans during prepreparation counseling under the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, S. 3126, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish or replace a headstone, marker, or medallion for the grave of an eligible Medal of Honor recipient regardless of the recipient's dates of service in the Armed Forces, S. 3256, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Veterans Experience Office, S. 3295, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a portal for maintaining digital records of former members of the Armed Forces and to establish an advisory committee regarding the maintenance of those records, S. 3452, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to determine the eligibility or entitlement of a member or former member of the Armed Forces described in subsection (a) to a benefit under a law administered by the Secretary solely based on alternative sources of evidence when the military service records or medical treatment records of the member or former member are incomplete because of damage or loss of records after being in the possession of the Federal Government, S. 3567, to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Affairs History Office, S. 3636, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to establish a pilot program to identify and refer veterans for potential employment with Federal land management agencies, S. 3728, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the administration of housing loans of the Department of Veterans Affairs to prevent or resolve default under such loans, S. 3746, to amend title 38, United States Code, to