

goes back 50 years to 1974. Starting out as a special deputy with the Marshall County Sheriff's Department, a Plymouth Police Officer, Investigator with the Marshall County Prosecutor's Office, and Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana. Dean was appointed to serve the citizens of Marshall County as judge in 1986. In that time, Judge Colvin has dedicated himself to advancing the principles of justice and ensuring Hoosiers get a fair shake before the law.

The Rule of Law tradition we have inherited helps secure individual liberty and promotes the conditions necessary for human flourishing. It is incumbent on us to do our part to make sure these principles of justice and Rule of Law precepts are passed seamlessly from one generation to the next. That mission is one Judge Colvin has embraced wholeheartedly and worked tirelessly to advance throughout his career.

As Judge Colvin's career comes to a close, I am reminded of the saying "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him." I believe this quote applies uniquely well to Judge Colvin. The Plymouth community and all of Marshall County are unquestionably better off thanks to this good man with a servant's heart. I am also very happy for him personally in that with his upcoming retirement, Dean will have more time to devote to his three great passions in life in addition to his family: baseball, cars, and cooking.

I join Hoosiers throughout Indiana's Second Congressional District in expressing our gratitude to Judge Dean Colvin for his service, and in wishing him a very happy retirement and all the best going forward. I thank Dean.

RECOGNIZING MR. EFRAIN CASILLAS

**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable contributions of Mr. Efrain Casillas, the Coordinator of Music Programs for the Tolleson Elementary School District in Tolleson, Arizona. For the past 24 years, Mr. Casillas has dedicated himself to the education and enrichment of his students, serving as a public-school music teacher and imparting his passion for music to countless young minds. Mr. Casillas' own journey exemplifies what it means to break through barriers to achieve success through dedication and commitment. Mr. Casillas has beaten the odds and was named the Arizona Teacher of the Year in 2024 by the Arizona Educational Foundation, representing the state of Arizona at the national level among many more recognitions.

Mr. Casillas has had a profound impact on countless students, pioneering innovative music programs, including the district's first Mariachi, Jazz, Marching, Concert, and Latin Jazz bands. As a native of Puerto Rico, Mariachi was not part of his musical heritage, but Casillas made it a priority to learn it because it is part of the culture of many of his students who are native to Mexico.

Under Mr. Casillas' guidance, the Mariachi band has secured multiple awards, including

the Tucson Mariachi International Conference Choice Awards for three consecutive years. Notably, his dedication led to the Mariachi band performing at the 2024 Annual White House Easter Egg Roll event and the marching band proudly participating in the Disneyland Parade. Additionally, Mr. Casillas directed the Tolleson Elementary School marching band in the Fiesta Bowl Parade for three consecutive years. Mr. Casillas' commitment and talent have garnered numerous accolades and awards, including being named the Tolleson Elementary School District Teacher of the Year in 2015 and nominated for the Life Changer of the Year Award in 2017. He has also received the Esperanza Award from Chicanos Por La Causa and Arizona's Esperanza Latino Teacher Awards in 2018, along with the 2019 Music Teacher of Excellence Foundation Award by the Country Music Association. Furthermore, he was honored with the Music Teachers of Excellence from the Country Music Foundation Award (CMF) in 2020 and featured on the Kelly Clarkson Show.

Mr. Casillas' dedication to music education and advocacy for public education were further recognized when he received the Phoenix Arts Hero Award in 2022. Mr. Casillas' commitment to music education extends beyond the classroom, as he is an active member of many notable and impactful organizations. He has also served as a presenter for the National Symposium of Multicultural Music at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in 2004 and as a clinician for the 2024 Tolleson High School Honors Mariachi Music Festival.

The highest honor Mr. Casillas has received is having many of his former students return to assist in the music program as teachers or instructors. His impact is now extending to more students.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Mr. Efrain Casillas for his unwavering dedication to music education, his outstanding achievements as a teacher, and his tireless advocacy for public education. His passion, talent, and leadership have enriched the lives of countless students and inspired us all. I join my colleagues in expressing our deepest appreciation for Mr. Casillas' contributions and in wishing him continued success in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING ROSS FREEMAN FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ross Freeman for his historic contributions to the Scientific and Technological communities.

One of the UP's very own, Mr. Freeman grew up on a farm near Engadine. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1969 and received his master's degree from the University of Illinois in 1971.

Mr. Freeman invented the Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA), a computer chip which revolutionized programming as we know it. The FPGA created what came to be known as "open gates," which allowed engineers brand new reprogramming capabilities to adapt to changing standards and specifica-

tions and make last second changes to designs.

Mr. Freeman further revolutionized the tech industry with his unique hypotheses and worked to make those customizable chips affordable for everyone.

His incredible life was unfortunately cut short at the age of 41, not long after his vision for the future began taking shape. However, his contributions to society are immense and will be remembered by proud Yoopers all across our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ross Freeman for his contributions to both the Scientific Community and our Nation as a whole.

RECOGNIZING BRYAN SANTILLAN

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2024*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bryan Santillan for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Bryan has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Bryan, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Bryan's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Bryan Santillan on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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, May 9, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Defense

To hold hearings to examine select Department of Defense acquisition programs.

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation.

SD-138

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for Indian Country.

SD-124

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine climate change and the costs to national security.

SD-608

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the National Park Service, including S. 2620, to establish the Chesapeake National Recreation Area as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2742, to establish the Fort Ontario National Monument in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2743, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to designate as a component of the National Heritage Area System the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area in the State of New York, S. 2784, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to adjust the boundary of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, S. 3195, to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, S. 3241, to establish the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Jefferson College as affiliated areas of the Natchez Historical Park, S. 3251, to modify the boundary of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in the State of Illinois, S. 3474, to redesignate the Hulls Cove Visitor Center at Acadia National Park as the "George J. Mitchell, Jr., Visitor Center", S. 3534, to authorize the Pines Foundation to establish the Fire Island AIDS Memorial, S. 3542, to amend the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act to modify the boundary of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, S. 3543, to establish the Historic Greenwood District-Black Wall Street National Monument in the State of Oklahoma, S. 3568/H.R. 3448, to amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, to enhance the protection and preservation of America's battlefields, S. 4129, to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota, S. 4209, to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, S. 4216, to establish the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, S. 4218, to designate the visitor center for the First State National Historical Park to be located at the Sheriff's House in New Castle, Delaware, as the "Thomas R. Carper Visitor Center", S. 4222, to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve in the State of California to include the land within the Castle Mountains National Monu-

ment, S. 4227, to amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park, S. 4228, to redesignate the Cottonwood Visitor Center at Joshua Tree National Park as the "Senator Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center", S. 4259, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area, H.R. 359, to establish Fort San Geronimo del Boqueron in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and H.R. 2717, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients, and H.R. 4984, to amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus to the Administrator of General Services and the leasing of the Campus to the District of Columbia for purposes which include commercial and residential development.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the future of arms control and deterrence.

SD-419

Committee on Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider S. 2770, to prohibit the distribution of materially deceptive AI-generated audio or visual media relating to candidates for Federal office, S. 3875, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide further transparency for the use of content that is substantially generated by artificial intelligence in political advertisements by requiring such advertisements to include a statement within the contents of the advertisements if generative AI was used to generate any image, audio, or video footage in the advertisements, and S. 3897, to require the Election Assistance Commission to develop voluntary guidelines for the administration of elections that address the use and risks of artificial intelligence technologies.

SR-301

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 4066, to improve Federal technology procurement, S. 3015, to amend title 5, United States Code, to address telework for Federal employees, S. 4043, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make executive agency telework policies transparent, to track executive agency use of telework, S. 3810, to prohibit conflict of interests among consulting firms that simultaneously contract with the Government of the People's Republic of China and the United States Government, S. 2492, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to improve coordination between the Do Not Pay working system and Federal and State agencies authorized to use the system, S. 4181, to require the development of a workforce plan for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, S. 4035, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to take certain actions with respect to the health insurance program carried out under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, H.R. 6249, to provide for a review

and report on the assistance and resources that the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides to individuals with disabilities and the families of such individuals that are impacted by major disasters, H.R. 5528, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget conduct a review to determine the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, an original bill entitled, "DHS Better Ballistic Body Armor Act", and an original bill entitled, "Cross Border Aerial Law Enforcement Operations Act".

SD-342

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine strengthening American competitiveness, focusing on the roles of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, Export-Import Bank, and Millennium Challenge Corporation.

SD-138

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 2025 for the Department of Commerce.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol.

SD-124

2:45 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight

To hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of GAO's 2024 Report on Opportunities to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication and Achieve Financial Benefits.

SD-342

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine frontier health care, focusing on ensuring veterans' access no matter where they live.

SR-418

4 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

MAY 16

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy 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.

SH-216

10 a.m.  
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
 To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Forest Service.

ment to address 21st century challenges.  
 SD-419

efforts and potential opportunities for Food is Medicine.  
 SD-430

MAY 21

JUNE 12

10:30 a.m.  
 Committee on Foreign Relations  
 To hold hearings to examine Department of State modernization and management, focusing on building a Depart-

2:30 p.m.  
 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

10 a.m.  
 Committee on Environment and Public Works  
 To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Fish and Wildlife Service.  
 SD-406