

The need for hard work will always be there and I encourage you to never shy away from a tough challenge. You have shown what you can accomplish when you put your heart and mind to doing something worthwhile. So, each of you should be extremely proud of your accomplishments.

You have worked hard to receive a wonderful education, so be confident of your abilities and be optimistic as you meet the future head on.

Our society faces many challenges right now, and politics can seem more divided than ever, but I can tell you from my own experience that there is no greater honor than service to your community.

I want to thank President Jackson and the faculty again for the honor of being with you today. I want to thank the families and friends for letting me share in the celebration of these graduates. And, of course, I want to thank you, the Class of 2024 for the opportunity to be with you today. I wish you all the best in the years to come. May God Bless.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, on July 22 and July 23, 2024, I missed votes on the House Floor. Had I been present, I would have voted:

YEA: Roll Call No. 356;  
 NAY: Roll Call No. 357;  
 YEA: Roll Call No. 358;  
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 NAY: Roll Call No. 383;  
 NAY: Roll Call No. 384;  
 NAY: Roll Call No. 385; and  
 NAY: Roll Call No. 386.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 364.

#### TRUMP RELIEF FOR FAMILIES

##### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, during the last three years, Americans have endured the highest inflation in 40 years, costing the average family \$13,000 more a year to buy the basics.

Under President Donald Trump, inflation was 1.4 percent. Since then, costs have risen over 20 percent. Families saw prices for Fourth of July celebration staples skyrocket:

Ground beef was up 23 percent  
 Sodas up 22 percent  
 Hot dogs up 16 percent  
 Ice cream also up 16 percent . . . just to name a few.

House Republicans and Donald Trump are committed to stopping reckless spending and restoring fiscal responsibility.

Corrupt Judge Merchan has unintentionally re-elected Donald Trump and removed Biden, clearly earning my invitation to the Trump Inauguration. Unethical conduct backfires.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops as the Global War on Terrorism continues. We do not need new border laws; we need to enforce existing laws. Biden shamefully opens borders for dictators, as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as repeatedly warned by the FBI.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, on July 22, 2024, I was not recorded on Roll Call vote No. 356 and No. 358. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on Roll Call vote No. 318 and No. 320.

#### COMMEMORATING THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON

##### HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the bicentennial of the Town of Ellington, New York. Founded in 1824, Ellington has proudly stood the test of time, exemplifying the quintessential qualities of small-town America.

Ellington, nestled in Chautauqua County, was named after Ellington, Connecticut, reflecting the origins of many of its early settlers who brought with them a pioneering spirit and a commitment to building a new life in the burgeoning frontiers of New York State. From its inception, Ellington has been characterized by its picturesque landscapes, rolling hills, lush forests, and fertile farmland. These natural features have shaped the town's identity and continue to be a source of pride and beauty for its residents.

Agriculture has always been the cornerstone of Ellington's economy. The town's long tradition of dairy farming, crop production, and livestock rearing has sustained its residents and fostered a deep connection to the land. Family-owned farms, some of which have been passed down through generations, are a testament to the town's enduring agricultural heritage.

The people of Ellington are the heart and soul of this town. It is a close-knit community where tradition, hard work, and neighborly support are valued and celebrated. Annual events such as the Ellington Town Picnic bring residents together, reinforcing the bonds of friendship and community spirit that have always been a hallmark of this town.

Ellington is home to several historical sites that reflect its rich heritage. These include well-preserved homes and buildings from the 19th century and the Ellington Town Hall, which serves as a hub for local government and community events. The preservation of these sites is a testament to the town's dedication to honoring its past while looking towards the future.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the bicentennial of Ellington, New York, we honor a town that embodies the enduring values of hard work, tradition, and community spirit.

#### CELEBRATING DAVID KRUG'S EXCEPTIONAL CAREER

##### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate David Krug and his illustrious career at the City of Buffalo's Department of Permits and Inspection Services. After a career spanning almost four decades, Mr. Krug retires from his position as Coordinator of Plans.

Mr. Krug began his journey four decades ago when he achieved the top score on the 1986 Building Inspector Examination. This outstanding achievement foreshadowed the next four decades of an exceptional career of service and dedication.

Throughout his time at the Department, Mr. Krug has provided excellent service to the citizens of the City of Buffalo, ensuring each project is diligently worked on and completed.

While Mr. Krug was officially the Coordinator of Plans, his benevolence and helpful nature extended far beyond the department. He would consistently lend a hand to his coworkers and help them find solutions for a myriad of code-related matters. He became the go-to person within the office due to his positive approach and willingness to help.

It is difficult to sum up a career of nearly 40 years, but during his tenure, Mr. Krug served under nine different commissioners, issued tens of thousands of permits, witnessed the construction of countless large-scale projects, including the HSBC building, and played a pivotal role in enhancing the city's landscape through his involvement in initiatives such as the Green Code and the implementation of the Hansen System.

Continuing the trend of kindness and cooperation, Mr. Krug has also been an active and respected member of the AFSCME Local 650 Union and a cherished participant in the

Badge Brothers, fostering camaraderie and unity among his colleagues.

Today, Mr. Krug is a proud South Buffalo native. His unwavering commitment and dedication extends beyond his work, which is evident in his role as a devoted husband to the late Teresa Dougherty, proud father to Liz and Abbie, and loving grandfather to Addison. His children have followed in his footsteps by serving their community as firefighters with the Buffalo Fire Department.

Please join me in congratulating David Krug on a career well spent, and wishing him well as he enters this new chapter of his life.

#### GREG SHOREY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize the 100th birthday of Greg Shorey, a patriot who has been so important for families in South Carolina developing the modern two-party system.

As South Carolina Republican Party Chairman from 1958 to 1961, he was a courageous pioneer to launch the modern Republican Party. Beginning with the first elected Republican of the Twentieth Century, Charlie Boineau was elected to the State House in August 1961, representing Richland County.

Now, Republicans have super majorities in the State House and Senate, all statewide officials are Republicans, and eight of nine federal officials in the U.S. House of Representatives are Republican.

Chairman Greg Shorey is a champion for promoting limited government, expanded freedom, and peace through strength as hallmarks for Republican 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 infor-

mation, 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, July 25, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### JULY 30

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Commission on the National Defense Strategy.  
SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Tourism, Trade, and Export Promotion

To hold hearings to examine rural export opportunities, focusing on enabling rural businesses to grow at home while competing abroad.  
SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine tax tools for local economic development.  
SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine strategic competition with the PRC, focusing on assessing U.S. competitiveness beyond the Indo-Pacific.  
SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Committee on the Judiciary, Committee on the Judiciary

To hold a joint hearing to examine the security failures leading to the assassination attempt on former President Trump.  
SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine banning noncompete agreements, focusing on benefits for workers, businesses, and the economy.  
SD-538

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation

To hold hearings to examine the future of Europe.  
SD-419

2:45 p.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine Senate procedures to confirm nominees.  
SR-301

##### JULY 31

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine long-term economic benefits and impacts from Federal infrastructure and public transportation investment.  
SD-538

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the future of electric vehicles.  
SD-608

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 4753, to reform leasing, permitting, and judicial review for certain energy and minerals projects.  
SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 4755, to reauthorize traumatic brain injury programs, an original bill entitled, "Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act", an original bill entitled, "Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support Act", and other pending calendar business.  
SD-562

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.  
SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law

To hold hearings to examine birth behind bars.  
SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold hearings to examine understanding the potential environmental impacts of the chemical 6PPD.  
SD-406

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.  
SVC-217

##### SEPTEMBER 24

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine Novo Nordisk's high prices for Ozempic and Wegovy for patients with diabetes and obesity.  
SD-562