

Their advocacy is inspiring and will have a lasting impact in Franklin County and beyond. I thank the Bilby family for supporting and advocating for Kentucky families.

HONORING SENATOR WENDELL H. FORD

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the great leaders in the history of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, former Governor and United States Senator Wendell H. Ford. September 8, 2024, would have been Senator Ford's 100th birthday, and the day brought back many special memories for me, my family, and countless others whose lives were improved by his lifetime of service.

Born September 8, 1924, he is the first and only Kentuckian to ever serve as a state senator, lieutenant governor, governor, and United States senator. His career started in 1965 as a state senator from his hometown of Owensboro, later saw him serve as the Commonwealth's 49th governor from 1971 to 1974, and concluded with his retirement in January 1999 after four consecutive terms in the United States Senate.

First elected to the Senate in December 1974, he served as Democratic whip from 1991 until his retirement. In the Senate, he played a key role in shaping many key pieces of legislation, including the National Voter Registration Act, the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1994, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the National Energy Security Act of 1992, the Aviation Safety and Capacity Act of 1990, the Airport and Airways Capacity Expansion Act of 1987, the Age Discrimination Act in Employment Act Amendments of 1986, the Tobacco Reform Act of 1985, and the Energy Security Act of 1977. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, he led the Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inaugurations of President George H.W. Bush in 1989 and President William Jefferson Clinton in 1993 and 1997.

In reflecting on Senator Ford's long and accomplished career—and what it might mean for us today—three thoughts stand out:

First, he believed with all his heart that the sole purpose of government was to serve people, and he lived that philosophy every day in every office he held.

Second, he thought that politics was an honorable calling and that government at any level could not succeed unless individuals from all walks of life took time to become involved and engaged.

Third, coming from the state that produced Henry Clay, he recognized democracy could not work without compromise involving give and take from all sides. He was fond of saying that there are no victories in Washington, only varying degrees of defeat.

Senator Ford continued his life of service after his Senate career ended, teaching at the University of Kentucky, working with young people at the Wendell H. Ford Education Cen-

ter in Owensboro, and serving as a mentor to countless young leaders across the Commonwealth. He passed away on January 22, 2015, at the age of 90. His wife Jean celebrated her 100th birthday on March 1 of this year and still lives in the family home in Owensboro. She and Senator Ford were married 71 years before his passing.

On a personal note, I would add that one of those young people receiving Senator Ford's wise counsel was me. He was a tremendous role model for me, a close friend of my family, and someone who demonstrated the true meaning of public service. Let his lifetime commitment of service be an example for us all as we remember him on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

ANGELS IN ADOPTION—JONI CARRICO

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Joni Carrico of Graves County on being chosen as the 2024 Angel to Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute. Ms. Carrico has worked tirelessly with Hope That Binds, a nonprofit organization based out of Western Kentucky that aims to provide financial assistance for foster and adoptive families. Through Hope That Binds, a network of loving families is growing and expanding. To date, over 100 families have been assisted through the organization's fundraisers and grant program.

Throughout her time at Hope That Binds, Ms. Carrico has been a voice of advocacy in her church and community. Her service has provided much encouragement to the 1st Congressional District of Kentucky and our constituents. She remains an important voice for hopeful parents seeking to grow their home.

Ms. Carrico is an outstanding leader in Western Kentucky and her work impacts our communities daily. I thank Ms. Carrico for supporting, connecting and advocating for Kentucky families.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT GARY THOMPSON

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gary Thompson of Cooper, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Gary has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

Growing up in Lake Creek, Texas, Gary studied at the Delmar Schools and graduated from Cooper High School in 1967. He then attended East Texas State University and earned a degree in History and P.E. in 1983. Gary joined the US Navy in 1971 and served our country for over 20 years before retiring in

1995 as an E6 Petty Officer Crew Chief on a DC-9. Throughout his time in the Navy, Gary was stationed at NAS Memphis, where he was trained for 3 months, stationed at NAS Miramar in Vietnam for three and a half years and stationed at NAS Dallas during Desert Storm for three months. He continued his public service in law enforcement, serving as a Delta County Constable and Sheriff's office Investigator, and Lamar County Investigator. Today, Gary spends most of his time running his ranch.

Gary's commitment to public service continued as Commander of the American Legion, Red Henderson Post 483, where he helped initiate a local scholarship program and placed flags in local cemeteries to honor our veterans. He stays involved with his community today, sitting on the Delta County Museum Board, the Camp Shed and Mt. Joy Cemetery Board, the Red River Valley Veterans Memorial Board and the Red River Valley Tractor Club. Gary is a proud member of New Hope Church in Cooper, where he sings in the Lighthouse Gospel Quartet, and serves as the treasurer. I commend Gary for his dedicated service to the people of our community and wish him continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Gary with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to the people of our Nation and the people of North Texas.

APPRECIATION FOR BEA HOLDING

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize former staff member Beatrice Holding for her service to the citizens of the Second District of South Carolina.

Beatrice was a valued team member, and both her contributions and presence will be missed. Upon graduating from the University of North Carolina, she took on staff assistant duties in the Washington Office and immediately became a welcomed, energetic face.

As the daughter of former Congressman George Holding from North Carolina, Beatrice was already familiar with the work of Congress and was able to jump directly into policy work, eventually earning her the title of Legislative Aide.

Beatrice brought a unique background to the office being a dual U.S.-U.K. citizen, always helping the staff and myself to use proper English. I offer her the best of luck as she continues her career in politics working on the campaign of North Carolina U.S. Congressional Candidate Brad Knott.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years as the Global War On Terrorism moves from the Afghanistan safe haven to America. We do not need new border laws. We need to enforce the existing border laws. HARRIS shamefully opens borders for dictators as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as repeatedly warned by the FBI.

RECOGNIZING MR. SCOTT ORR

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a loving husband, dedicated father, seasoned legislative affairs executive, and dear friend of longstanding, Mr. Scott Orr for his nearly 42 years working at Georgia Power. Scott will be retiring after 42 years of working with the company and a reception will be held in his honor on September 18, 2024, at the Southern Company DC Office.

Scott Orr began working with Georgia Power in 1982 as an Industrial Marketing Engineer. His work touched the areas of marketing, engineering, district sales, region sales, district operations, and customer service. For the past 22 years, Scott has worked as Manager of Federal Legislative Affairs. Throughout his work at Georgia Power, Scott has worked with over 40 members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation and their staffs over multiple Congresses, advising them on a myriad of issues relative to clean, safe, reliable, and affordable energy.

Scott has made a tremendous impact in the lives of millions of Georgians. His work on the Energy Policy Act of 2005, led to the expansion of Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4—America's first new nuclear unit in 30 years. He has truly been a friend and fierce advocate for Georgia Power's 2.7 million customers. Moreover, during storms and natural disasters, Scott has been a valued source of real time information for congressional offices and our constituents. He also has been a valued resource in dealing with and navigating countless constituent service issues in mine and other Congressional offices.

It has been said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Scott has paid his rent, and he has paid it well. His service to numerous social and civic organizations includes serving as Vice Chair of the Georgia Youth Challenge Academy Foundation's Board of Directors, the Athens Chamber of Commerce and the Classic City Kiwanis Club. Moreover, Scott has served on the boards of Southern Polytechnic State University Foundation; New Hope Enterprises; United Way of Northeast Georgia; the Athens YWCO, Athens Regional Medical Center Foundation, and the Foundation for Excellence in Public Education.

Scott has accomplished so much throughout his life and career, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of his wife, Benita; their three daughters, Whitney, Jessica, and Ansley and their families, including his five grandchildren.

Sir Winston Churchill often said: "You make your living by what you get; you make your life by what you give." Throughout his career, Mr. Scott Orr has made a concerted effort to serve as a mentor and give a helping hand to new employees at Georgia Power. His legacy of uplifting others will be felt by all those whose lives he touched in the state of Georgia, in Washington, DC, and across this great Nation.

On a personal note, I am blessed to call Scott my friend. It has been a pleasure working with Scott during my time in elective office.

He has become a close and trusted friend. Scott never told me only what I wanted to hear; he always told me what he felt I needed to hear. I will always cherish the fidelity of his friendship and the timbre of his character.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian; and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in recognizing Mr. Scott Orr's over four decades of service to Georgia Power, the citizens of Georgia, and our great Nation. May God continue to bless him and his family as he moves to the next chapter of his remarkable life.

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, September 19, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 24

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine women's health care.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy
To hold hearings to examine cyberspace under threat in the era of rising authoritarianism and global competition.

SD-419

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

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine conflicts of interest in Federal contracting to protect America's future, focusing on safeguarding the homeland.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Supreme Court's immunity decision.

SD-106

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Russia's shadow war on NATO.

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SEPTEMBER 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 4667, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish the Life Sciences Research Security Board, S. 4900, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize certain preparedness measures, S. 131, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to cover, for purposes of workers' compensation under such chapter, services by physician assistants and nurse practitioners provided to injured Federal workers, S. 2924, to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the management of improper payments, S. 5067, to improve individual assistance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, S. 4898, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include extreme heat in the definition of a major disaster, S. 3926, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to ensure that other transaction agreements are reported to USAspending.gov, S. 4679, to amend title XLI of the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, S. 3181, to designate the Air and Marine Operations Marine Unit of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection located at 101 Km 18.5 in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, as the "Michel O. Maceda Marine Unit", S. 4404, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 840 Front Street in Casselton, North Dakota, as the "Commander Delbert Austin Olson Post Office", S. 4803, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 31143 State Highway 65 in Pengilly, Minnesota, as the "First Lieutenant Richard Arne Koski Post Office", S. 4634, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 154 First Avenue East in Jerome, Idaho, as the "Representative Maxine Bell Post Office", H.R. 5799, to designate the checkpoint of the United States Border Patrol located on United States Highway 90 West in Uvalde County, Texas, as the "James R. Dominguez Border Patrol Checkpoint", H.R. 1823, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 207 East Fort Dade Avenue in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Specialist Justin Dean Coleman Memorial Post Office Building", H.R. 3354, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 North Hatcher Avenue in Purcellville, Virginia, as the "Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Post Office Building", H.R. 6810, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 518 North Ridgewood Drive in Sebring, Florida, as the "U.S. Army Air Corps Major Thomas B. McGuire Post Office Building", H.R. 6983, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 South Valdosta Road in Lakeland, Georgia, as the "Nell Patten Roquemore Post Office", H.R. 7180, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 1st Street in Kingsland, Arkansas, as the "Kingsland 'Johnny Cash' Post Office", H.R. 7385, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29 Franklin Street in Petersburg, Virginia, as the