

HONORING THE MEMORY OF RUDY
CORDOVA**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Rudy Cordova, a beloved figure in Santa Ana whose spirit, vision, and generosity left a profound mark on our city and the 46th Congressional District. Rudy was a community builder. He believed in the power of culture, art, and connection to bring people together. He created space for artists, for creativity, and for community to flourish. His work gave life to possibilities for those who may have otherwise gone unseen or unheard. His voice became the voice of those around him.

Rudy lived as a proud "Santanero," someone rooted in the place and people he loved deeply. He drew people in by opening doors, literally and figuratively, to opportunities, gatherings, dialogue, and artistic expression.

The canvas of his life was colored by commitment to cultural heritage, to mutual respect, and to inclusion of everyone in our community.

His legacy will be measured in the moments of human connections he fostered. The young artist who found a gallery wall because of him. The neighbor who found a place at the table because he made it available. The community that felt supported and heard.

As we commemorate Rudy's legacy, let us also commit ourselves to carry forward his vision of open-hearted community and to serve with the same kindness and courage that Rudy embodied. In the days ahead, may we honor his memory by continuing the work he started—by making room, by creating connection, and by telling our stories together.

Rudy Cordova may no longer be with us in person, but his presence lives on in the lives he touched, the art he nurtured, the community he strengthened, and the promise he gave to every person who dared to imagine a better tomorrow.

Let us remember him, celebrate him, and act in his spirit.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD L. CARLSON

HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AMODEI of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Donald L. Carlson, who passed away peacefully at his home in Carson City, Nevada. Mr. Carlson was a native of rural Davis County, Iowa, but I believe he would have considered Nevada his true home. His son, Clifford D. Carlson, shared that his father described Nevada as "the land of opportunity, not only for others who migrated to the Silver State, but particularly for himself."

He moved out west in 1974 to pursue a career in education, specifically a professor of sociology at Western Nevada Community College. During his tenure, he served on WNCC's Faculty Senate, was recognized as an Outstanding Faculty Member in 1991, and received the Nevada Board of Regents' Academic Advisor Award in 2003.

Mr. Carlson also owned Survey Research Systems, a political opinion research company, to study and analyze what motivates voters. While he agreed to represent clients all over the Nation, his particular interest was polling the needs of Nevadans and ensuring their policy goals for elected officials were heard.

I owe immense gratitude to Mr. Carlson, who played a pivotal role in both my personal and professional life. He was deliberate in choosing whom to support, and I am deeply thankful for his support of me over the years. While we did not always see eye to eye, I always valued his insight, honesty, and the lessons he shared. He was an exceptional teacher, not only in the classroom, but also to countless individuals he inspired and guided with principle in their pursuit of public service throughout our great state.

On behalf of the 2nd Congressional District of Nevada, I want to recognize and honor the extraordinary life of my friend Don Carlson, and the lasting impact he made on our community. He was a remarkable man, and while he will be deeply missed, his legacy will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER PEDRO
BALDERAS, JR. OF THE ALAMO
POLICE DEPARTMENT**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Pedro Balderas, Jr. of the Alamo Police Department in Alamo, Texas, for his exceptional service to his community.

Since joining the department, Officer Balderas has gone above and beyond the call of duty, earning the respect of his colleagues and the gratitude of the community he serves. From his early days as a patrol officer, he demonstrated initiative, integrity, and a tireless work ethic. Through his proactive policing and sharp investigative instincts, he quickly became known for his ability to identify criminal patterns, develop intelligence, and pursue offenders with determination.

As a Major Crimes Investigator, Officer Balderas has played a pivotal role in solving complex cases that require persistence, analytical skill, and sound judgment. His leadership has contributed to numerous successful prosecutions and the dismantling of criminal operations that have threatened the safety of our communities.

In addition to his service with the Alamo Police Department, Officer Balderas has distinguished himself as a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force Officer. Through close collaboration with state and federal partners, he has led major narcotics investigations that resulted in significant drug seizures, arrests of key figures in organized crime, and the recovery of substantial assets through federal and state forfeiture processes.

Beyond his investigative accomplishments, Officer Balderas is known for being a mentor to his colleagues and upholding the highest professional standards. His integrity and commitment to justice embody the very best of South Texas.

Mr. Speaker, Officer Pedro Balderas, Jr. is a shining example of the courage and dedication that define South Texas law enforcement. I am proud to represent Officer Balderas and recognize his outstanding contributions and thank him for his continued service to our region.

HONORING MARY DAVIS AS SHE
RETIRES**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a leader who has been a tremendous advocate for the disability community: Mary Davis. After more than four decades of working for the Special Olympics, including ten years as its Chief Executive Officer, she will start her much-deserved retirement at the end of this year. In that time, she has accomplished a great deal for people with disabilities in America and around the world.

A proud daughter of Ireland, Mary first became involved in the Special Olympics as a volunteer when she was studying physical education as a university student. In 1985, she helped organize the Special Olympics European Games in Dublin—the first regional games the organization ever hosted. She continued to rise through the ranks, eventually receiving an appointment to serve as National Director of Special Olympics Ireland in 1989. She further distinguished herself during her tenure as CEO of the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games and later as President and Managing Director of Special Olympics Europe-Eurasia, which led to her appointment as CEO of Special Olympics International in 2016. I remember seeing Mary not long after, in 2018, at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Special Olympics. I was greatly impressed with her leadership, vision, and passionate commitment to creating opportunities for these Special Olympians to demonstrate their talent.

The first Special Olympics World Summer Games, held in Chicago in 1968, featured roughly 1,000 athletes from the U.S. and Canada competing in three sports. The most recent World Summer Games, held in Berlin in 2023, saw nearly 7,000 athletes from 176 nations compete across 24 different events. Crucially, local, national, and regional Special Olympics events are organized every single day around the globe, with more than 100,000 held each year. We owe the growth of this remarkable tradition in no small part to Mary Davis. She has helped show the world all that these Special Olympians are capable of, and she has shown them and the rest of the disability community how much we value their contributions to society.

For that, she has my thanks and the gratitude of this Congress. Eunice Kennedy Shriver—the founder of the Special Olympics and my dear friend—once said: 'do it well, finish it properly, and move on.' Mr. Speaker, Mary has done well, finished properly, and now is moving on to what I hope will be a relaxing and meaningful retirement. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing her all the best as she starts this next chapter.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF ST.
THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Theresa Catholic School, a pillar of faith, education, and community in the heart of Coral Gables, Florida.

In 1925, the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine opened a single building with seventy students. From that humble beginning, they planted the seeds of Catholic education that grew into one of South Florida's most distinguished Catholic schools.

On July 16, 1991, the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles arrived in Coral Gables to begin administering and teaching at St. Theresa—a mission they continue faithfully to this day.

For a century, St. Theresa has remained true to its mission: faith formation, academic excellence, and service in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment. Over the years, the school has expanded its facilities, embraced innovation in technology, and prepared its students to face the future while staying rooted in faith.

Now serving more than 900 students, St. Theresa continues to shine as a beacon of excellence in Catholic education. Its enduring legacy is carried forward by devoted teachers, parents, and generations of alumni who embody the values instilled within its halls.

I congratulate St. Theresa Catholic School on a century of service.

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, November 18, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 19

Time to be announced

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Scott Mayer, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, Mary Anne

Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts, and pending calendar business.

TBA

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine how the BLM land use planning process under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) affects permitting for energy, mining, grazing, and infrastructure projects on public lands.

SD-366

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Arjun Mody, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Commissioner Social Security, Jeffrey Goettman, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Africa, Western Hemisphere, Europe, the Middle East, Environment, Labor, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the Rank of Ambassador, Julie Callahan, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Thomas Bell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-215

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the future of PFAS cleanup and disposal policy.

SD-562

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the rising cost of health care, focusing on considering meaningful solutions for all Americans.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tammy Bruce, of California, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador; the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations; and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and Darryl Nirenberg, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Romania, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charlton Allen, of North Carolina, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, John Walk, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, and Thomas Bell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending calendar nominations.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Joseph Gormley, of Maryland, to be President, Government Na-

tional Mortgage Association, Francis Cassidy, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Paul Hollis, of Louisiana, to be Director of the Mint, and Travis Hill, of Maryland, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Stephen Carmel, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, John DeLeeuw, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Laura DiBella, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Ethan Klein, of New Jersey, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Ryan McCormack, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Trent Morse, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Timothy Petty, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board.

SR-253

11 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral Kevin Lunday, to be Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

SR-253

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration

To hold hearings to examine Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Aviation, Space, and Innovation

To hold hearings to examine how shutdowns threaten air safety, travel, and the economy.

SR-253

Committee on Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider S. Res. 493, reducing the annual rate of pay of Senators if a Government shutdown occurs during a year.

SR-301

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine Trump's regulatory rollback, focusing on saving Americans \$907 billion and counting.

SR-428A

3 p.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Selig, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SD-G50

Select Committee on Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

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