

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate these four outstanding young women on their selection, and I thank them for their leadership. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING RITA PRICE-SIMPSON'S 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

HON. MARLIN A. STUTZMAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 10, 2025

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise as a proud Hoosier representing the 3rd district of Indiana. We have beautiful landscapes and many storied histories, but above all we have terrific people who make up our fantastic district.

Today, I'm proud to recognize one such Hoosier. Rita Price-Simpson has been on WRSW radio for 65 years. On that historic station, she has broadcast boys and girls basketball games and football games for 50 years. That is quite a milestone, and Rita is truly a remarkable woman.

She has been inducted into the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame, the Indiana Broadcasters Hall of Fame, and the Kosciusko County Basketball Hall of Fame. She has also received the Indiana Torchbearers Award from the Indiana Commission For Women and The Sportscaster of The Year Award from the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association, along with that, she was named the Kosciusko County Woman of The Year.

For her tremendous accomplishments, in fact, WRSW named her studio at the station "The Rita Price Studio." Going along with all those honors, if you look closely at the basketball court at Tippecanoe Valley High School, you will see it has been aptly named the "Rita Price-Simpson Court." To this day, she continues working in sales and broadcasts 65 basketball games and 10 football games every year.

She is happily married with 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren. She has been president of the Mentone Chamber Of Commerce, and she is an active member of the Mentone United Methodist Church.

But today she is recognized for the work she loves desperately, and obviously, Mr. Speaker, she loves and honors high school sports right here in her home state of Indiana.

I'm proud to make her name known throughout our Nation's capitol . . . and the fruited plain.

RECOGNIZING SAVANNAH FEED THE HUNGRY

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 10, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Savannah Feed the Hungry, an organization that has served as a pillar of hope and nourishment for Georgia's First District since 2009.

Savannah Feed the Hungry has provided over 1.5 million meals, fighting hunger and food insecurity across the Lowcountry.

What started as a mission to help low-income families has expanded to serve over 14 cities offering: fresh produce distribution, gas giveaways, disaster relief efforts and seminars and workshops for financial and job readiness.

In 2019, Savannah Feed the Hungry, in partnership with St. Joseph/Candler, established the Empowerment Center, which equips individuals with: financial literacy training, job readiness programs, and nutritional education.

Beyond food assistance, the organization promotes urban gardening and healthy cooking classes, fostering self-sufficiency and community engagement.

For 16 years, its annual "Hope for a Plate" holiday dinner has ensured that thousands of people receive a warm meal and companionship during the holidays.

Savannah Feed the Hungry is not just feeding people—it is empowering lives. Its commitment to these values deserves our recognition and support.

RECOGNIZING SHIRLEY ANN ELLIS

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 10, 2025

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary service of Shirley Ann Ellis. Shirley has worked as part of my staff for over 30 years, spending 12 of those years as my Chief of Staff in the Wisconsin State Senate. She has also served as my District Director and Senior Advisor for over 20 years throughout my time in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is with sadness, but also great pride, that I announce her retirement today, and it is an honor to recognize her incredible commitment to public service, our Nation, and the people of the Fourth Congressional District of Wisconsin.

Shirley's remarkable journey began in Waukegan, Illinois, when she was born to parents Ruby Snowden Ellis and Lepolis Ellis. She grew up in my district alongside her sister, Betty Ross, and attended Milwaukee Public Schools starting at the age of four. She graduated from Rufus King High School at just sixteen. Shirley continued her education at Gustavus Adolphus College, earning a bachelor's degree in zoology with a minor in chemistry. At 22 years old, she went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in library science. After completing her education, Shirley worked for the State of Wisconsin for 25 years, 11 of those years she served as the State Long Term Care Ombudsman, where she oversaw investigations into complaints of mistreatment of elderly and disabled individuals in nursing homes and community-based residential facilities. As an unwavering advocate for the most vulnerable members of society, she worked tirelessly to ensure their voices were heard and their injustices were addressed. Her work in this field, combined with her education, laid the foundation for a career defined by exceptional leadership and advocacy in healthcare, justice, labor, and women's issues. Throughout her career, Shirley has been driven by a commitment to reform and progress, ensuring a more

prosperous, equitable, and inclusive Nation for all.

In 1993, Shirley's journey in public service took a pivotal turn when she became my Chief of Staff during my tenure in the Wisconsin State Senate. Over the next 12 years, she played an essential role in advancing civil and women's rights, expanding welfare, investing in education, and reforming the criminal justice system. Her leadership during this time was invaluable, and she became an indispensable part of my team.

With my election to this chamber in 2004, Shirley continued her work as my Senior Advisor and District Director. Simply put, without her extraordinary management and leadership, I would not be standing where I am today. The legislation and policies that have transformed the lives of my constituents and this country would not have come to fruition without Shirley's dedication and service. As District Director for the Fourth Congressional District of Wisconsin, she ensured that every community, group, and individual had their concerns heard, uplifted, and addressed. She continues to serve as a bright example of how governance can transform lives and inspire progress.

At the heart of Shirley's service was her deep love for community and family. She was married to Gabriel Lee Shaw, Jr., for 42 years. Known to me as my brother-in-law, Gabe was Shirley's steadfast foundation and source of strength. Even beyond his passing in December of 2023, he remains a guiding light and inspiration for her advocacy. Those of us who know Shirley recognize that her compassion, trust, integrity, intelligence, and loyalty have been shaped by a love that transcends time.

Shirley's dedication to public service is unparalleled. She has spent her career advocating for the most vulnerable people in our country, giving a voice to those who would otherwise remain unheard in this chamber. There was never a moment when she wasn't deeply in tune with the needs of the people she served. The progress we have witnessed across my district, the City of Milwaukee, and our Nation is a testament to her tireless efforts. While the impact of her work cannot be measured in numbers, it is felt in the countless lives she has touched and transformed. We will continue to see her legacy in the future leaders of this country, many of whom regard her as a mentor, role model, and a shining example of what it means to lead with integrity, empathy, and empowerment. Shirley has received many praises for her vast knowledge of political and community networks. In 2020, she was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the DPMC and was selected as a Senior Advisor for the 2020 DNC Host Committee and by the Biden for President campaign as Strategic Advisor for the State of Wisconsin. This was a result of Shirley's unmatched management skills and experience in the political field.

Having worked alongside Shirley for 33 years, I will deeply miss her leadership and the way she brought my staff and constituents together. However, as her close friend, I am ecstatic to see what blessings this new chapter of life holds for her. Though she may no longer serve as my District Director, I know her spirit of service will remain unyielding. Shirley will continue to put others first, championing causes close to her heart and advocating for those around her. She has led her life with service first, and I am confident when

I say that her graciousness, bravery, and compassion will never leave her spirit.

Mr. Speaker, for all these reasons, it is with tremendous pride that I recognize the remarkable service of Shirley Ann Ellis today. She has changed the lives of so many, including my own constituents. On behalf of the people of the Fourth Congressional District, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States, I thank Shirley Ann Ellis for her 45 years of stunning service, powerful leadership, and loyal dedication to the public good.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DANIEL L. RITCHIE

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 10, 2025

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Daniel L. Ritchie, a true friend and towering figure in Colorado's civic and educational landscape.

A man of humility, integrity, and vision, Dan Ritchie left an indelible mark on the University of Denver, the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, and countless other institutions that he supported with his generosity and leadership.

Born in China Grove, North Carolina, Dan Ritchie was a man of extraordinary drive and intellect. He earned degrees from Harvard University, beginning a career that spanned finance, broadcasting, and philanthropy. From his work as CEO of Westinghouse Broadcasting to his tenure as DU chancellor, he brought a steady hand and a keen strategic mind to every challenge he faced.

When Dan became chancellor of DU in 1989, the institution was in financial peril. Through bold action and personal sacrifice—selling his own ranch to bolster fundraising efforts—he transformed DU into a world-class university, expanding its academic programs, growing its endowment, and elevating its national reputation. His leadership made DU a hub of excellence, where students and faculty could thrive in a reinvigorated learning environment.

Beyond the university, Dan Ritchie extended his vision to the broader Denver community. As chairman of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, he guided the organization through turbulent financial times, ensuring that future generations could experience the transformative power of live theater. His commitment to early childhood education through the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation and his work with the Daniels Fund further reflected his deep belief in the power of education to change lives.

Despite his many accomplishments and accolades, Dan Ritchie never sought the spotlight. He lived by a simple yet profound code—his 'cowboy ethics'—which emphasized courage, fairness, and an unwavering commitment to one's community. He led not for recognition, but for the betterment of those around him. He was a friend and mentor to generations of civic leaders—always with an open door and wisdom to share.

As we remember Daniel L. Ritchie, let us not only celebrate his remarkable achievements but also carry forward his example. Let us be inspired by his generosity, his unwaver-

ing dedication to education and the arts, and his belief that each of us has a role to play in improving our communities. Colorado has lost a great leader, but his legacy will endure through the institutions he strengthened and the countless lives he touched.

I extend my deepest condolences to Dan's family and friends. May he rest in peace.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF MRS. VERGIA JONES

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 10, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Vergia Jones. Mother Vergia Jones was born on January 6, 1925, as the eldest of eight children. She dedicated her life to service, both in her professional career and in her community. She retired as a nurse assistant from Cook County Hospital, where she provided compassionate care to countless patients.

Known for her commitment to health and wellness, Mother Jones earned the affectionate title of a "health nut" due to her love for growing her own food and preparing nutritious meals, including poke salad and greens, every day. Her passion for well-being extended beyond herself, as she devoted much of her time to missionary work.

A licensed missionary, Mother Jones remained faithful to her calling by ensuring those in need had access to food. She personally delivered food boxes to individuals who were homebound and played an active role in the Monday Night Meal Program and the Thursday food giveaway at Evening Star Missionary Baptist Church until the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to that, she was a dedicated member of Free Will Missionary Baptist Church, where she taught Women's Sunday School for several years.

In addition to her church and community work, Mother Jones was an entrepreneur, selling Stanley Home Products for many years. Her dedication to faith, family, and service has made a lasting impact on everyone who has had the privilege of knowing her.

Mother Jones is the proud matriarch of a large and loving family, which includes seven children, 17 grandchildren, over 20 great-grandchildren, and more than 27 great-great-grandchildren. Now, at 100 years old, she enjoys the well-earned luxury of being cared for by those she once nurtured, surrounded by the love and appreciation of her family and community. Her life stands as a testament to unwavering faith, generosity, and dedication to helping others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating this remarkable milestone.

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, February 11, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider S. 298, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to relocate 30 percent of the employees assigned to headquarters to duty stations outside the Washington metropolitan area, S. 300, to improve accountability in the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, S. 371, to require certain reports on small business disaster assistance to be published on the website of the Small Business Administration, and committee rules for the 119th Congress.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

Business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2025.

SH-216

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the Arctic and Greenland's geostrategic importance to U.S. interests.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine advancing carbon capture, utilization and sequestration technologies and ensuring effective implementation of the USE IT Act.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer, of Oregon, to be Secretary of Labor.

SD-G50

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Native communities' priorities for the 119th Congress.

SD-628

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3:30 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine optimizing longevity from research to action.

SD-106