

CONGRATULATING THE MANOR
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 1, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize the Penn Manor Future Farmers of America chapter (Manor FFA), affiliated with Penn Manor High School in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on their accomplishments at the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo.

Prior to the national convention, the Manor FFA was named as a national finalist for the 2025 Premier Chapter Award in the Building Communities category for their Mini-THON Line Dance activity. They were also recognized as a 3-star chapter, which is the highest ranking an FFA chapter can receive. Three of their students—Vita Failla, Molly Gehr, and Carly Railing—also received American FFA Degrees, the highest honor bestowed to FFA members.

The Manor FFA excelled during the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo, which was held from October 24, 2025 to November 1, 2025, in Indianapolis, Indiana. During the Poultry Evaluation event, Manor FFA students evaluated live poultry, graded carcasses and eggs, and completed a written exam. The Manor FFA team won a gold ranking, and the students—Anna Frey, Jozie Gilger, Leanna Kneisley, and Misty Railing—each earned silver.

The Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management event saw students assess pedigrees, herd records, and live dairy cattle, and presented oral justifications for their decisions. The Manor FFA team earned an overall silver ranking. Katie Charles received a gold ranking, Jayden Buck and Grace Shaielby received silver, and Lillian Walborn received bronze.

The Manor FFA entered the 98th National Convention FFA with accolades and left with even more. Through their commitment to agriculture and their stellar work ethic, these students exemplify the character of Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District. I congratulate the Manor FFA chapter on their accomplishments, and I wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING JIM BROWN

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 1, 2025

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary public servant, distinguished leader, and dear friend from Rochester, New York, Jim Brown, who is retiring after more than three decades of dedicated service to the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

Jim Brown began his tenure at the Convention Center on April 4, 1994, and over the course of 30 years, built a career defined by professionalism, integrity, and unwavering commitment to the success of Rochester's premier event facility. He held several key positions, including Event Manager, Director of

Operations, Building Manager, and Facility Manager, before being appointed Executive Director on October 8, 2014. In every role, Jim led with humility and purpose, ensuring that the Convention Center served as a welcoming, world-class venue for both residents and visitors.

Under his leadership, the Floreano Convention Center strengthened its reputation as a hub for regional and national gatherings, driving economic development and fostering community engagement. Jim's deep understanding of operations, combined with his steady guidance and collaborative spirit, helped modernize the facility and expand its impact across the Greater Rochester region. His ready smile and warm personality have been the hallmark of his tenure, and his decades of service reflect not only professional excellence but also a genuine commitment to the people and institutions that make Rochester thrive.

Across every stage of his career, Jim Brown has exemplified dedication, leadership, and service. His contributions have enriched Rochester's cultural and economic landscape, strengthened professional standards in the venue management field, and supported countless colleagues, businesses, and community partners.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and deep appreciation that I recognize Jim Brown for his remarkable career and his enduring contributions to the Rochester community. His legacy of service will continue to benefit our region for years to come, and his leadership will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO SHARON RANALS

HON. KEVIN MULLIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 1, 2025

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an exemplary public servant who has dedicated her career to serving the residents of my hometown of South San Francisco, California. After nearly five decades in public service our City Manager, Sharon Ranals, is retiring.

Sharon graduated from Reed College and later earned a Master's in Public Administration from San Francisco State University, embarking on a lifelong career in municipal government that commenced in Colorado Springs and continued with steady promotions in South San Francisco, culminating with her appointment as City Manager in 2023. Sharon began her career with the City of South San Francisco in 1980 as a part-time employee in the Parks and Recreation Department. She became a full-time staff member in 1984 and steadily advanced through roles of increasing responsibility. Her experience rising through the organization provided valuable insight into the challenges of local government and the importance of collaboration to achieve results. Over the years, she has hired and promoted dozens of talented City staff and is especially proud of leading high-functioning teams with low turnover, as well as fostering the professional growth and success of her colleagues. Her approach of "take the blame and give the credit" has been one of the keys to her success.

Throughout her tenure, Sharon championed the work of South San Francisco's dedicated

City teams and their many accomplishments. Under their leadership, the city has grown as a global hub for biotechnology, accelerated the construction of new housing, and maintained a high standard for public safety and emergency response. South San Francisco has continued to expand access to responsive, technology-driven police services, collaborative library and recreation programming, and reliable public works and infrastructure maintenance—the award-winning Water Quality Control Plant and strong internal operations reflect a commitment to service excellence. Central to these efforts has been a focus on sustainability and on creating a thriving environment for both residents and businesses.

Sharon played a key role in the planning, development, and improvement of many public buildings and spaces throughout the city. Her work helped bring to life the Municipal Services Building, Alice Peña Bulos Recreation Center and Preschool, Terrabay Gymnasium and Recreation Center, Roberta Teglia Senior Center, Community Learning Center, and after-school facilities on South San Francisco Unified School District campuses. At Orange Memorial Park, she supported projects including the picnic shelter, sculpture garden, Joseph Fernekes Recreation Center, new sports fields, and the award-winning water capture system. She was instrumental in securing funding and advancing the vision for the co-located Library with the Parks and Recreation Center and the new Aquatics Center.

Her commitment to public spaces also extends to parks and open space. She contributed to the renovation of Sellick and Westborough Parks, the creation of Avalon and Alta Loma Parks, the expansion of Sign Hill's open space, and improvements at Oyster Point, Civic Campus Park, and neighborhood playgrounds. She led successful grant efforts for projects like Centennial Way and oversaw the development of new amenities along the trail, a preschool in Westborough, and a new park on Linden Avenue.

Beyond infrastructure, Sharon supported the community through special events such as Day in the Park, the establishment of the City's public art program, and advocacy for expanded childcare and senior services.

She has built strong partnerships with outside agencies, the South San Francisco Unified School District, and local organizations. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she and a core team remained on-site at City Hall to ensure continuity of operations and support for both staff and the public. She also led the City's emergency coordination during major storms and flooding in 2022 to 2023.

Her contributions have been recognized by the California Association of Parks & Recreation Commissioners and Board Members with their Outstanding Professional Award, the California Parks and Recreation Society's Professional Merit Award, South San Francisco Historical Society's Victor John Feudale Award, and by the Institute for Local Government as a Local Government Champion—reflecting her professional excellence and community impact.

Throughout her tenure as City Manager, Sharon has exemplified a tireless work ethic, accessibility, innovation, community engagement, and sound stewardship of public resources—addressing pressing challenges including economic resilience, infrastructure renewal, affordable housing, climate adaptation,

public safety, equity, and more. Sharon was Leslie Knope of Parks and Recreation fame before there was a Leslie Knope. She exemplifies the true Leslie Knope philosophy: public service is working hard at work worth doing alongside people you love.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues please join me in congratulating Sharon Ralals for an exemplary record of service to the City of South San Francisco, commending her for tireless dedication of time and talent, and wishing her all the best in the years ahead.

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, December 2, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 3

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider 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, Darryl Nirenberg, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Romania, Melissa Argyros, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Christopher Yeaw, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Arms Control, Nonproliferation, and Stability), Yehuda Kaploun, of Florida, to be Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with the rank of Ambassador, and Bernardo Navarro, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, all of the Department of State.

S-116

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to continue consideration of the nominations of Scott Mayer, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years, and Mary Anne Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years, and other pending business.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jared Isaacman, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Steven Haines, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lee Beaman, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Douglas Weaver, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-562

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine making the health care system affordable.

SD-430

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine the abduction of Ukrainian children by the Russian Federation.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights

To hold hearings to examine impeachment, focusing on holding judges accountable.

SD-226

3 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine aging and the impact of community during the holidays.

SH-216

4 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine medication management in VA healthcare.

SR-418

DECEMBER 8

5:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar nominations.

S-216

DECEMBER 9

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine protecting children online against offenders.

SH-216

DECEMBER 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the future of the U.S. organ procurement and transplantation network.

SD-430