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CONGRATULATING JEFFREY BUTLER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 24, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate East Donegal Township Manager Jeffrey Butler on his retirement.

For over four decades, Mr. Butler has dedicated himself to our communities, both in the private sector and in the public sector. After graduating from Millersville University, Mr. Butler worked as Manheim Township's Director of Zoning and Planning, Director of Planning at Dave Miller/Associates, and Assistant Township Manager in East Donegal Township. In 2009, he was promoted to Township Manager, where he has served East Donegal since.

During his tenure as Township Manager, Mr. Butler helped with the Donegal Region's Comprehensive Plan, which coveted the three municipalities within Donegal School District. Mr. Butler has also done much to assist with parks and recreation as well as housing in the township.

As he transitions into a well-earned retirement, the community thanks and honors Jeffrey Butler for his dedication to public service.

HONORING INRESPONSE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 24, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the inRESPONSE Mental Health Support Team of the Santa Rosa Police Department. I have named the team as the California 4th District's Public Safety Hero of the Year for Sonoma County in recognition of their extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to our community.

Established in January 2022 in response to community calls for a mental health-first approach to crisis intervention, inRESPONSE offers a compassionate alternative to traditional emergency response. The team consists of a licensed mental health clinician, a paramedic, a homeless engagement specialist, and wrap-around service providers, all trained in de-escalation, social work interventions, and both physical and mental health evaluations.

The inRESPONSE team operates under a collaborative model, working alongside nonprofits, county-licensed mental health clinicians, and public safety officials to ensure that each call is handled with an individualized, needs-based approach. Recognizing that mental health challenges vary widely, the team provides bilingual and bi-cultural support, addressing issues such as food insecurity, substance abuse, housing instability, and long-term mental health treatment.

Though inRESPONSE works closely with the Santa Rosa Police Department, they re-

main unarmed in the field, allowing for a response centered on care rather than enforcement. This approach not only alleviates strain on law enforcement and emergency medical services but also reduces the potential for use-of-force incidents while increasing access to essential mental health care. In 2023 alone, inRESPONSE successfully diverted 4,976 calls from traditional police and emergency responders.

In 2024, inRESPONSE expanded to a 24/7 operational schedule, responding to 4,977 calls for service and nearly 1,000 additional calls for resources and support. The team diverted 4,301 calls from police response and 1,772 from fire and EMS, ensuring that those in crisis received the specialized care they needed while preserving vital emergency resources for other community needs.

Mr. Speaker, the inRESPONSE Mental Health Support Team has profoundly improved crisis intervention services in Santa Rosa, creating a safer, more supportive community. Their dedication to serving individuals in their most vulnerable moments exemplifies the spirit of public service. It is both fitting and proper that we recognize and honor them today.

RECOGNIZING EULESS POLICE DEPARTMENT SENIOR CORPORAL WILLIAM "BILL" NORWOOD

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 24, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Euless Police Department Senior Corporal William "Bill" Norwood in recognition of his more than three decades of service to our North Texas community and country.

Corporal Norwood's career in public service began in the United States Marine Corps, where he served honorably for six years and achieved the rank of Sergeant. He provided security at American embassies in Ankara, Turkey, and Mexico City, Mexico, and completed a special assignment in West Africa with the U.S. Department of State. Corporal Norwood's military background laid the foundation for a lifetime of leadership and service, and he has used those lessons to make a lasting impact on his colleagues and citizens across North Texas.

In June 1991, Norwood joined the Euless Police Department and quickly rose through the ranks, achieving Corporal in July 1995 and Senior Corporal in January 2015. Throughout his career, he took on roles in the bicycle patrol, criminal investigations, the narcotics task force, and as a field training officer. Corporal Norwood also served with distinction on the Northeast Tarrant County Area SWAT Team (NETCAST) as a sniper and an entry team operator. In his current role, he works as a first-line supervisor in the criminal investigation division, where his leadership and expertise continue to inspire those around him.

Corporal Norwood pursued extensive training, specializing in Identity Kit System of Facial Identification, Raid Planning & High-Risk Warrant Preparation, the Texas Narcotic Control Program, and Basic Instruction. He holds a Master Peace Officer certification and is a TCOLE-certified firearms instructor, showcasing his commitment to professional devel-

opment and public safety. Norwood has been recognized on multiple occasions, including a commendation by the U.S. Marshals Service Office in 1991 for assisting in the apprehension of a federal fugitive, recognition as Employee of the Month in July 1995 and April 2013, and achieving the Distinguished Service of the Year (Sworn) Award in 2012. As a proud member of the Euless Police Department Honor Guard, Bill has always represented his department with dignity and pride.

Beyond his professional achievements, Corporal Norwood is a devoted family man who enjoys spending time with loved ones and is an avid outdoorsman. As he begins his well-deserved retirement, I thank him for his decades of service to our community and country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUPERIOR COURT JURY DUTY FOR SENIORS OPT OUT ACT OF 2025

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 24, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Superior Court Jury Duty for Seniors Opt Out Act of 2025, which would allow individuals 70 years of age or older to opt out of jury service in D.C.'s local trial court, the Superior Court.

Most federal courts allow individuals 70 years of age or older to opt out of jury service, including the federal district court for D.C. A majority of states have similar provisions for their courts.

Under the D.C. Home Rule Act, the D.C. Council does not have authority to amend title 11 of the D.C. Code (relating to organization and jurisdiction of the local D.C. courts). This bill would amend title 11.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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 25, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 26

10 a.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act implementation and case studies. SD-406

Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion and multi VSOs: Minority Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A, National Association of County Veterans Services Officers, Military Officers Association of America, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, D'Aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Families, and Wounded Warrior Project. 390-CHOB

10:15 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine pending nominations. SD-226

10:30 a.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine perspectives from the field, focusing on farmer and rancher views on the agricultural economy. SH-216

11 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine interdicting illicit drug trafficking, focusing on a view from the front lines. SR-253

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Subcommittee on Digital Assets
To hold hearings to examine bipartisan legislative frameworks for digital assets. SD-538

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine managing risk for the long-term in the 7(a) loan program, focusing on hearing from lenders. SR-428A

Select Committee on Intelligence
Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters. SH-219

3:30 p.m.
Special Committee on Aging
To hold hearings to examine combating the opioid epidemic. SD-106

FEBRUARY 27

9 a.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Troy Edgar, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider S. 331, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and the nominations of Todd Blanche, of Florida, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Abigail Slater, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice. SH-216

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of John Phelan, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Navy. SD-G50

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer, of Oregon, to be Secretary of Labor, and other pending calendar business. SD-562

10 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen Miran, of New York, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security, William Pulte, of Florida, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and Jonathan McKernan, of Tennessee,

to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Steven Bradbury, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and routine lists in the Coast Guard. SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Keith Sonderling, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor. SD-562

10:30 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety
To hold hearings to examine cargo theft, focusing on the threat to consumers and the U.S. supply chain. SR-253

11:45 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
To receive a closed briefing on global nuclear and missile threats. SVC-217

MARCH 4

10 a.m.
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and multi VSOs: Paralyzed Veterans of America, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Student Veterans of America, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, The Elizabeth Dole Foundation, and National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. SD-G50

MARCH 5

10 a.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Fotouhi, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, and Aaron Szabo, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency. SD-406