

In 1976, the Patel Family acquired the original Peter Pan Motor Lodge, located right across the street from Disneyland, and began renovating and expanding it to its current size. Almost 50 years later, Mr. Patel's leadership has helped transform this small business into Castle Inn & Suites, a true Anaheim staple. This charming hotel has become a popular destination for vacationing families, and is known for its castle theme, friendly staff, and Mr. Patel's own personal customer service as its owner-operator.

Mr. Patel is much more than a business leader; he is an active philanthropist and sits on the boards of Whittier College, California Lodging Industry Association, Visit Anaheim, Anaheim Transportation Network, and Chapman University. Mr. Patel is much more than a local business leader; he is an active philanthropist and a homegrown product of our community. A fellow California State University, Fullerton, alumni, he shows his dedication to our community through his work with the Anaheim Family YMCA and Anaheim Police Association.

I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Patel for the positive change he has helped create in Anaheim and Orange County, and congratulating him on being honored by Cypress College's Americana Awards as Citizen of the Year.

Our community is grateful to Mr. Patel for his leadership and contributions. I thank him for his steadfast support for our hometown—these honors are well-deserved.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL AMUSEMENT PARK RIDE SAFETY ACT

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2025*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the National Amusement Park Ride Safety Act. This month, 22 patrons were suspended in the air for two hours on a pinwheel ride at Knott's Berry Farm in Orange County, California. Incidents like the Knott's Berry Farm accident happen far too often, and it is time for the federal government to start regulating permanently affixed amusement park rides to protect the American public. This should never have happened and was preventable. I believe that we need better oversight and enforcement of existing laws, and we also need to close the gap in coverage, particularly since there is currently no federal oversight of permanently affixed amusement park ride safety. That's why I'm introducing this legislation today.

Over 300 million people visit amusement parks every year in the United States. From school groups to family vacations, amusement parks are an integral part of our culture and have a significant impact on our economy. Ensuring that every rider has a safe experience on these rides is of paramount importance.

The National Amusement Park Ride Safety Act will investigate accidents, develop and enforce action plans to correct defects, help improve safety training for ride operators, and

act as a national clearinghouse for accidents and defect data. These enforcement efforts would be under the jurisdiction of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and would increase their budget to ensure that experts in the commission can effectively develop safety standards for permanently affixed and no affixed amusement park rides.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation and ensuring every American can enjoy a safe experience on permanently affixed amusement park rides.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION AND CONVERSION ACT OF 2025

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2025*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Conversion Act of 2025. This bill would require the United States, beginning on the date that the president certifies to Congress that all countries possessing nuclear weapons have begun the verifiable and irreversible elimination of such weapons under the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (Treaty), to redirect resources that are being used for nuclear weapons programs to be used for addressing the climate crisis and human and infrastructure needs, such as housing, health care and restoring the environment.

In 1993, District of Columbia peace activists were successful in getting a ballot initiative in D.C. passed that called for nuclear disarmament. Since then, I have introduced a bill each Congress based on that initiative, including this bill. In March 2019, the D.C. Council passed a "Sense of the Council" resolution urging the United States to approve the Treaty. These actions show that D.C. residents were early, prescient leaders on this important issue. It seems that the rest of the world is, thankfully, starting to catch up to D.C.

As the only Nation that has used nuclear weapons in war, and that still possesses one of the largest nuclear weapons arsenals, this bill would help the United States reestablish its moral leadership in the world.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### TRIBUTE TO ANGIE STONE

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2025*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a South Carolinian who left an indelible mark on hip-hop, R&B, and soul and was an icon of American music. Angie Stone tragically passed away on March 1, 2025, resulting from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Her career spanned nearly five decades, defined by innovation, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to her craft.

Born on December 18, 1961, in Columbia, South Carolina, Angela Laverne Brown grew

up in the Saxon Homes housing project. Immersed in the sounds of gospel music at an early age, Angie sang in the First Nazareth Baptist Church choir as a young woman. It was there that Angie gave her first public solo. That foundation in the Black Church helped her to develop the rich, soulful voice which would later captivate audiences worldwide. Angie attended CA Johnson High School, where she excelled academically and was an athlete and a cheerleader.

In 1979, at just 17 years old, Angie co-founded The Sequence, one of the first all-female hip-hop groups. Their 1979 single Funk You Up became a landmark in hip-hop history, showcasing Angie's ability to blend rap with R&B melodies. After The Sequence disbanded, she joined the R&B trio Vertical Hold in the early 1990s, achieving success with the hit Seems You're Much Too Busy.

Her breakthrough as a solo artist came in 1999 with the release of Black Diamond, an album which showcased her remarkable vocal dexterity and deeply personal songwriting. The lead single, No More Rain (In This Cloud), topped the Adult R&B charts and became an anthem of resilience and renewal. Her follow-up album, Mahogany Soul (2001), featured the timeless hit Wish I Didn't Miss You, a song that resonated with audiences across the world and solidified her place in contemporary soul music. Over her career, she released ten solo albums, collaborating with artists like Prince and Anthony Hamilton. Angie also earned three Grammy nominations and numerous awards, becoming one of the most influential voices of her generation.

Beyond music, Angie Stone made her mark on stage and screen. She starred as Mama Morton in Chicago on Broadway, appeared in films such as The Fighting Temptations and Ride Along, and was a familiar presence on television, including roles in Moesha and Girlfriends, where she also performed the theme song. Her natural charisma and talent transcended genres, making her a beloved figure in entertainment.

Angie's legacy extends beyond her artistry—she was a mentor, a mother, and a trailblazer. She is survived by her daughter, Diamond, her son, Michael, and two grandchildren. Though we lost Angie too soon, her music and influence will continue to inspire generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Angie Stone. She was not just a singer or songwriter. A proud daughter of the Sixth Congressional District of South Carolina, she was a cultural force who broke barriers and uplifted others through her music. As we remember her today, let us honor her spirit, her contributions, and the timeless artistry she shared with the world.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2025*

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 56.

## CELEBRATING MYRTLE EVANS

## HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Myrtle Evans of Columbia, South Carolina, on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Myrtle Irene Evans was born in Gainesville, Georgia, on March 27, 1925. She married Ralph Joseph Evans who was in the Navy for three years before joining the Army as a machinist. As a result of his service, the Evans family traveled all over the United States. Her family finally settled in Leesville, South Carolina. Myrtle attended Hulon Church in Batesburg, South Carolina for many years, along with her husband and five children: Diane, Judy, Doris, Carol, and Gary. Myrtle has seven beautiful grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

For the past ten years she has called The Pines at Columbia home, where she is an integral part of the community. Myrtle is quite active, despite being 100 years of age. In September 2024, she participated in The Pines Senior Games and loves to participate in all the activities the community offers.

Her smile is contagious, and she shares her love, laughter, and sense of humor with the people around her every day. Wishing a Happy Birthday to Myrtle, and many more years of health, joy, and blessings.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND SARAH  
YVONNE WILLIAMS CARR

## HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Reverend Sarah Yvonne Williams Carr, a truly remarkable woman who has dedicated her life to serving the Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Alexandria Community.

Reverend Sarah Carr, a trailblazer who has made history at Ebenezer Baptist Church (EBC) in Northern Virginia, was born on September 19, 1953, in South Carolina. Her family moved to Virginia, where Reverend Carr attended Charles Houston Elementary and Parker Gray High School and joined Ebenezer Baptist Church. It was at Ebenezer that Reverend Carr was first baptized as a child by Reverend A.A. Booker, and again as a teenager when she started her journey with God. As an adult, she shared her vision of becoming a Minister with her mother, Mrs. Sallie Mae Sanders Baker, and other Pastors at Ebenezer, Reverend Lloyd Roberts, Reverend Duane Kay, Reverend James Buck, and Reverend W. Pierce Smith.

For over 60 years, Reverend Carr has been a devoted member of Ebenezer Baptist Church, a church with a 144-year history within the Alexandria community. Her spiritual journey began at Ebenezer, and despite receiving her calling many times, she initially ignored it. However, with strong encouragement from Reverend Dr. Albert P. Jackson, her sister Jeanette, other family members, friends,

and her late brother, Rice, Reverend Carr became inspired and felt a strong urge to fulfill the calling she had long ignored, thus began her training and educational journey.

On November 24, 2024, she made history by becoming the first female Reverend to be ordained at Ebenezer Baptist Church. This achievement is not just a personal triumph, but a testament to Reverend Carr's unwavering dedication, hard work and strong faith.

Reverend Carr's journey has been one of a vision, purpose, and service. Before deciding to follow her divine calling, Sarah was a respected leader and worked in various capacities, including Alexandria City Public Schools, the Campagna Center, and the Alexandria Recreational Department. Her decision to pursue ordination is a milestone, not only for her, but for the entire church, and the broader community as we continue to embrace and celebrate women in leadership roles.

We thank Reverend Carr for her tireless work, leadership, commitment to help others, and for showing us all what it means to walk in purpose and faith. May God continue to bless her and her work.

## 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, March 6, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MARCH 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine stabilizing the Military Health System to prepare for large-scale combat operations.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

S-116

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending legislation.

SR-418

2 p.m.

Joint Committee on Printing

Business meeting to consider committee rules of procedure for the 119th Congress, and to designate the Chair and Vice Chair.

S-219

2:15 p.m.

Joint Committee on the Library

Business meeting to consider committee rules of procedure for the 119th Congress, and to designate the Chair and Vice Chair.

S-219

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine risk management, credit, and rural business views on the agricultural economy, focusing on views from the field.

SR-328A

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism

To hold hearings to examine the STOP CSAM Act.

SD-226

## MARCH 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 362, to allow certain Federal minerals to be mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, S. 544, to provide for the location of multiple hardrock mining mill sites, to establish the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund, S. 596, to establish a pilot program to support domestic critical material processing, S. 714, to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, S. 789, to require reports on critical mineral and rare earth element resources around the world and a strategy for the development of advanced mining, refining, separation, and processing technologies, and S. 859, to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land.

SD-366

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 269, to improve coordination between Federal and State agencies and the Do Not Pay working system, S. 81, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, S. 766, to require an annual report of taxpayer-funded projects that are over budget and behind schedule, S. 727, to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers, S. 594, to amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, S. 572, to enhance the effectiveness of the Shadow Wolves Program, an original bill entitled, "Risky Research Review Act", an original bill entitled, "Royalty Transparency Act", an original bill entitled, "Disaster Assistance Simplification Act", an original bill entitled, "Stop Secret Spending Act", an original bill entitled, "Expanding Whistleblower Protections for Contractors Act", an original bill entitled, "Lobbying Disclosure Reform Act", an original bill entitled, "Disclosing Foreign Influence in Lobbying Act", an original bill entitled, "Northern Border Security Enhancement and Review Act", and an original bill entitled, "Reporting Efficiently to Proper Officials in Response to Terrorism Act".

SD-342