

possession and requires constant care and vigilance for its preservation. Living as a free people does not come instinctively; principles of freedom must be studied and applied. Home and families with mothers who nurture and teach these principles produce leaders who honor and hold sacred the intrinsic dignity of the individual and inalienable rights endowed to all people.

To safeguard the liberty and enhance the future of our grandchildren, we affirm our commitment to “stand fast in that liberty wherewith God has made us free” that “government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.”

HONORING THE SERVICE OF BILL
WHITNEY

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2025

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bill Whitney as he retires from the Contra Costa Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL–CIO.

Throughout his life, Bill has demonstrated his dedication to his family and community. He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania and worked on his family’s farm alongside his three brothers. The family moved around Pennsylvania before eventually settling in Walnut Creek, California when Bill was twelve years old. Bill attended Ygnacio Valley High School and went on to earn his degree in Zoology from the University of California, Davis. While attending U.C. Davis, he was deeply involved in sports and other extracurricular activities, including football, baseball, basketball, tennis, and swimming. His commitment to service was evident though his participation in Boy Scouts, Key Club, and his fraternity, Theta Xi.

Bill moved to Benicia in 1977, where he was a devoted advocate for his community. Bill was a proud member of the Lions Club, Rotary Benicia historical Society, and the Chamber of Commerce. His dedication to public service was exemplified by his election to the Benicia City Council, where he served from 1999 to 2007.

Bill has been a powerful advocate for working people throughout his career, having been a member of three unions: the Retail Clerks Union, Inland Boatman Union, and United Association of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry. In each of these organizations, he played a pivotal role in advancing workers’ rights, improving workplace conditions, and ensuring fair wages for workers. His work has been critical in expanding economic opportunities for working families and in preparing our workforce for the jobs of the 21st century. Additionally, as an ERISA trust fund trustee, Bill worked diligently to protect workers’ pensions and retirement security. Bill has been a key figure in the labor movement in California and beyond and his leadership has benefitted countless workers.

As Bill steps into retirement, we recognize a lifetime of service, advocacy, and leadership. Please join me in thanking Bill for his remarkable service and wishing him the very best in his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH
KENNERLEY’S TIRELESS RARE
DISEASE ADVOCACY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary constituent from my district, Elizabeth Kennerley. As a rare disease patient, advocate, and unwavering supporter of inclusive healthcare, Liz has devoted her life to making a meaningful impact on her community and those affected by rare diseases. She continues to inspire those around her, with her astounding selflessness and resilience.

Liz’s journey is one that few can imagine. As someone who lives with the burden of a rare disease, Liz has not only used her personal journey to advocate for others but has also dedicated herself to advocating on Capitol Hill for those living with rare diseases. She is also a dedicated member of the Rare Disease Diversity Coalition (RDDC), where she works to ensure that the needs of rare disease patients are heard. Liz’s work with the RDDC has been instrumental in promoting inclusivity in healthcare policy.

The RDDC proudly awarded Liz this year’s RISE Award, as she consistently embodies the very essence of what RISE stands for: Resilience, Inspiration, Strength, and Empowerment.

As Liz would say, “being a patient with a rare disease is the hardest job in the world,” a sentiment that highlights the incredible challenges and resilience required to live with a rare disease. Through her unwavering dedication, Liz ensures that the voices of rare disease patients are heard. We thank her for her dedicated service to our community.

RECOGNIZING MARY MILLER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2025

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Mary Miller, who is retiring after more than four decades of distinguished service as a well-respected and remarkable advocate for the general aviation industry.

Mary’s forty-four-year career in general aviation has been spent mostly on the ground supporting those who do fly. Those contributions to her industry have been recognized by the high honors of the industry’s “Distinguished Service” award and its “Distinguished Stateswoman in Aviation” award.

Mary’s contributions are aptly described as “the wise, trusted relational bridge to many and varied aspects of the aviation community.” The bridges Mary has built have been used for decades by industry leaders, government officials, and organizations to refine policy aims, regulatory enforcement, and market conditions in which the general aviation industry and her specific company operate. On any given day, her functional activities could be as diverse as FAA Temporary Flight Restrictions, novel electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft (eVTOL) certifications, promoting new

sustainable fuels, right down to real-time advice to a pilot at a distant Signature Aviation base on how to unsnag a challenge clearing customs.

For so many years, we have seen Mary on the bustling ramps at Super Bowls, Oshkosh, Tarkio, presidential inaugurations, and other major general aviation events. However, from my conversations with Mary, her effort to restore activity to the barren general aviation ramp at Reagan Washington National after the terrorist attacks of 9/11 gave her the most satisfaction. Politely but stubbornly, she refused to accept the notion that 9/11 would permanently close the Nation’s capital airport to general aviation landings. Eventually, that seven-year effort of Mary and her many colleagues led to the airport’s successful reopening through the DCA Access Standard Security Program (DASSP).

Mary has been an unfailingly genuine, wise, and shrewd contributor to the interests of the general aviation community and a friend to all.

As Mary prepares to retire from Signature Aviation, I wish her well in all her endeavors and thank her for her service to the aviation community and the Nation. I am confident she will continue to be an influential advocate for General Aviation (GA).

HONORING TRACEE SUTTON

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2025

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my Chief of Staff, Tracee Sutton, as she retires after 28 years of service to our Nation. Tracee is a once-in-a-generation legislative talent who served her home state of North Dakota for more than twenty years before agreeing to lead my legislative team upon my election to Congress in 2018.

Tracee Sutton was born in Stutsman County, North Dakota, to Gary and Linda Gross. Leaving North Dakota to attend university, Tracee received her Bachelor of Science degree in Philosophy and Prelaw from Utah State University in 1995. She began her decades-long career as a public servant while still in college, interning for Congresswoman Karen Shepherd in Utah.

After graduation, she moved to Washington, D.C., to intern for Congressman Earl Pomeroy of North Dakota. Working her way up from intern to Legislative Assistant under Congressman Pomeroy, Tracee managed a diverse legislative portfolio, encompassing water resources, economic development, housing and transportation. Tracee secured billions for infrastructure, water resource and flood control projects in North Dakota and passed legislation to streamline essential flood control projects with FEMA and the Army Corps.

In 2002, Tracee joined the office of Senator Kent Conrad of North Dakota as a Legislative Assistant. Her many accomplishments in this role—from securing millions for North Dakota in annual appropriations requests to contributing to constituent facing communications—were rightly recognized as she was promoted to the Senator’s Deputy Legislative Director in just two years. Notably, Tracee negotiated with Committee leadership and secured \$70 million to address a serious road safety issue,

and she helped extend the Conrad State 30 program, which directly addresses national physician shortages.

When Senator Heidi Heitkamp was elected to represent North Dakota in 2012, Tracee was recognized for her impressive legislative record and named Legislative Director. Managing a legislative team of more than 15 staffers and interns, Tracee successfully set up a new Senate office—from creating a legislative roadmap to managing routine operations. As Legislative Director, she crafted more than 50 bills, four of which passed as stand-alone bills and fourteen of which were incorporated into law in larger legislative packages. She also secured \$2.1 billion for a flood control project in North Dakota's largest metro area.

Tracee's compassionate leadership and her ability to create innovative policy solutions to topics far beyond the average staffer's grasp has set her apart. She supported numerous interns and junior staff as they launched their own careers, taking the time to mentor anyone who asked for her help and guidance. Her hard work was recognized, gratefully, by the community she served. While in the Senate, Tracee received the Commodore Award for her work to protect, develop and manage North Dakota's water resources, the Kevin E. Quinlan Award for Excellence in Traffic Safety for her leadership in creating safer roadways, John M. Agrey Award for her many contributions to the state of North Dakota, and was a finalist for the prestigious Congressional Management Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Hiring Tracee to lead my legislative efforts when I was elected to Congress in 2018 remains one of the smartest decisions I've ever made. Her dedication and drive set my legislative team up for success from the start, and her expertise in water, transportation and infrastructure has proved invaluable. Tracee spearheaded the creation of my Arizona Environmental Infrastructure Authority—the first Army Corps project of its kind in Arizona that now disperses funds to critical water infrastructure projects all around our state. She shaped legislation for the FAA Reauthorization that ensure all Americans can fly safely, particularly Americans with disabilities. When my former Chief of Staff left my office in the summer of 2024, I never doubted for a moment that I already had the perfect candidate to step up as Chief. Tracee has given as much of her time and talent to the people of Arizona as she gave to her North Dakota community, and we owe her a deep debt of gratitude.

On the rare occasions Tracee isn't in her office giving Congress her all, she enjoys traveling with her husband, Kevin Sutton, and playing with her dog, Riley. It's my hope that her retirement will hold many more cherished moments with family and friends. I wish her all the best, and Godspeed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SALARY TRANSPARENCY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Salary Transparency Act, which would require employers to provide the salary

range for jobs in advertisements and interviews and to existing employees.

Several states have enacted laws relating to salary range disclosure, and the Federal Government should follow their lead and make salary range disclosure a national requirement. Salary transparency is an important tool to combat the gender and race pay gap. Salary secrecy facilitates both intentional and unintentional pay discrimination and perpetuates the pay gap.

Studies have consistently shown that when women negotiate for their salaries, they negotiate for less than similarly situated men. Frequently, this is because the salary they request is a certain percentage higher than their current salary. Because women on average make less than men, this practice perpetuates the pay gap. The same is true for people of color, who earn less on average than their white counterparts. Requiring employers to disclose the salary range for a job will help address this harmful aspect of salary negotiations and lead to a reduction in the gender and race pay gap.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF GERALD (JERRY) YAHIRO

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2025

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and extraordinary life of long-time community leader and commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Gerald "Jerry" Yahiro. Jerry was a remarkable human being who dedicated his life to his country, his community, and his fellow veterans. Born in Wailuku, Hawaii in 1943 to Yoshisuki and Miyuki Yahiro, Jerry throughout his life exemplified the values of service, leadership, and compassion.

Jerry graduated from St. Anthony High School in Maui and went on to Seattle University where he earned his degree in Political Science. He answered the call of duty and served our Nation with honor as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from June 1967 to June 1968. He displayed extraordinary courage and commitment on behalf of his fellow soldiers and his country.

Following his military service, Jerry moved to California and began a career in marketing and sales. Upon retirement, Jerry began his "second career" and was a tireless advocate for veterans and military families. As president of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNV DV) from 2010 through 2011 and later as event director from 2013 through 2024, Jerry provided critical services to veterans in need. He co-founded the East Bay Stand Down (EBS D) which has supported countless initiatives for the veteran community. Additionally, Jerry served on the board of trustees for the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, in Danville.

Jerry is survived by his life partner of 35 years, Patti Kintz, and his brother, Michael Yahiro. His legacy of kindness and service will be remembered by all those who knew him. Please join me in recognizing Jerry Yahiro for his incredible impact on our community.

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

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 12

Time to be announced

Committee on the Budget

Business meeting to consider the nomination of James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

S-216

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider Major Medical Lease Committee Resolution FY25, Major Medical Lease Committee Resolution PACT Act, and the nomination of Paul Lawrence, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

TBA

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine the current readiness of the Joint Force.

SD-G50

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to continue consideration of an authorization to subpoena the production of memoranda, documents, records, or other materials from the Massachusetts Port Authority.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine housing roadblocks, focusing on paving a new way to address affordability.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 28, to require the disclosure of a camera or recording capability in certain internet-connected devices, S. 97, to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production, S. 244, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, to conduct a study of the national security risks posed by consumer routers, modems, and devices