

RECOGNIZING COMMISSIONER BILL
HOLEN

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2025

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen on his retirement after more than 50 years of public service.

Commissioner Holen is an Army veteran who served in the Vietnam War, and a former member of the Colorado Air National Guard. He dedicated much of his career to government public service, including working for Senator Gary Hart and Congressman Ed Perlmutter.

Commissioner Holen was elected to the Arapahoe Board of County Commissioners for District 5 in 2012. Over the past 12 years, he has served as the Finance Officer and Chair Pro Tempore. In addition to his service to the County, Commissioner Holen served as the Chair of the Colorado Bipartisan Military Post-Traumatic Stress Task Force, on the Denver Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors, Colorado's Board of Veterans Affairs, NASA's Space Station Industrial Use Taskforce, and the Denver Regional Council of Governments Transportation Advisory Board.

Commissioner Holen has also dedicated much of his time to community service. He was the Goodwill Ambassador to U.S. Air Force 460th Space Wing Space Command Commander's Group, served on the Board of Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Network Developmental Pathways, and Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners. He has also participated as a member in the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Defense Council, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, and the United Veterans Committee of Colorado.

Commissioner Holen is finishing his final term as a Board Member of the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners, where he has provided sound advice on the use of county resources, strong partnership across the County and State, and stalwart dedication to the Arapahoe County community.

I thank Commissioner Bill Holen for his service to Arapahoe County, the state of Colorado, and our country.

RECOGNIZING NANCY CAZA'S
DECADES OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2025

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the outstanding work done by Nancy Lynn Caza during her tenure with the Department of Treasury—Internal Revenue Service. After 46 years of tireless service, she retired at the end of 2024. Nancy's unwavering commitment to serving the people of Michigan deserves recognition as she concludes her distinguished career.

Throughout her career, Nancy always fought for the people of Michigan, helping many with the tedious and complex issues regarding their taxes. She has been an ardent advocate for

the greater Detroit metro area and has been compassionate and empathetic in her work with the IRS. A tremendous example of a true public servant, she has always been committed to fairness and protecting the rights of the taxpayer in all circumstances.

Nancy worked within the Taxpayer Advocate Service within the IRS since its inception 20 years ago. Her work within the agency led to more timely case resolutions and relief for American taxpayers. Throughout her career, Nancy has been at the forefront of creating relationships with congressional offices across the state of Michigan, including members in both the House of Representatives and Senate. Her direct advocacy toward elected officials on behalf of the IRS has led to the improvement of the tax administration process for all Americans.

Now as she moves on to the next part of her journey, she hopes to spend more time in beautiful Northern Michigan, where she can continue to be a great mother and grandmother to her lovely family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending the incredible service done by Nancy Lynn Caza over the past 46 years for the American people. Her compassionate and dedication for advocating for the right of taxpayers has truly been remarkable and should be celebrated.

HONORING BARBARA HOLMES

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2025

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to celebrate the life and work of a Bronx icon, Barbara Holmes. As her daughter put it, "She fought for the rights of her children, her neighbors and their children, her neighborhood and colleagues. No matter the fight she continued to fight a good one." This sentiment captures the light and good she brought into the world.

Barbara always fought for what was right. In the 60's, the Board of Education teachers went on strike. Barbara organized school parents to make sure that not a single child was stopped from getting their education. Later in the 70's, as she attended Bronx Community College, her rights were violated. This led Barbara and her colleagues to stage a weeklong sit-in on campus to ensure their right to attend college was respected.

Barbara touched the lives of countless individuals in her community as the President of the Community Council of Police Service Area 7. In her role, she was dedicated to assisting residents of NYCHA Developments with a wide range of challenges, particularly those related to public safety. As Tenant Association President, Barbara consistently went above and beyond. She organized programs to provide food for families in need, as well as toys and school supplies for children. Barbara accomplished all of this while tirelessly working to support the families and communities she served.

Barbara was all about community and family. She worked for the benefit of others until the day she passed, and the entire community will be forever grateful. Her spirit will live on through the Barbara Holmes Impact Foundation and her entire Bronx family.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO JACK BLOCKER

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Jack Blocker, a North Texas native who was inspired to pursue music at 17 years old.

After attending Trinity Christian Academy in Addison, Jack went on to the University of Arkansas and joined the band Rightfield. A self-taught musician, he continued his journey after graduation by moving to Nashville to pursue his talent while also working as a freelance graphic designer.

Jack decided to take a chance and audition for American Idol, performing one of his original songs. As one of the last contestants from the Nashville area, he originally received two "no" votes before he was brought back into the audition room to learn he'd be heading to Hollywood. After making it through nine rounds of eliminations, Jack made it to the final episode, taking home third place for American Idol Season 22.

I'd like to thank Jack for serving as a role model for aspiring musicians in our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA PROSECUTOR
HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Prosecutor Home Rule Act, which would give D.C. the authority to prosecute all crimes committed under its laws. Congress already allows D.C. to write D.C. criminal laws and allows D.C. to enforce them against some violators. Congress should allow D.C. to enforce D.C. laws against all violators. This bill would effectuate a 2002 advisory referendum, approved by 82 percent of D.C. voters, to create a local prosecutor's office.

Currently, the U.S. Attorney for D.C. has the authority to prosecute most D.C. crimes committed by adults and some by juveniles, while the D.C. Attorney General has the authority to prosecute most D.C. crimes committed by juveniles and some by adults. Giving D.C. the authority to prosecute all D.C. crimes would not only give D.C. residents a say in the enforcement of all their laws, it also would save the federal government tens of millions of dollars a year by reducing the number of assistant U.S. attorneys in the U.S. Attorney's Office for D.C.

In the 117th Congress, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill as part of my District of Columbia Home Rule Expansion Act of 2022.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING JENNA DE LA ROSA-GALEY'S GOLD AWARD

HON. MELANIE A. STANSBURY

OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2025

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jenna de la Rosa-Galey. Jenna is a member of Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails, Troop 91, and has exemplified extraordinary leadership, creativity, and demonstrated a commitment to making a lasting impact, by earning the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Gold Award Girl Scouts are recognized as trailblazers who are willing to tackle the most pressing challenges facing their communities and the world with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, high school-age Girl Scouts must identify and investigate an issue they care about, devise a plan, and then lead a team of experts and community members to implement a project that produces lasting change. Over the course of 1–2 years, Gold Award Girl Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

Jenna's project, "Rubber Band Bracelets: You CAN Make Them", in partnership with organizations dedicated to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) awareness was an excellent endeavor to promote well-being in our community. Jenna took action by developing a creative and therapeutic coping mechanism, teaching children who also live with PWS how to make rubber band bracelets, and filming an instructional video, which will have a positive impact on our community for years to come.

On behalf of the 1st Congressional District of New Mexico, congratulations to Jenna de la Rosa-Galey for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. I thank Jenna for all the hard work she has done for our community.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO OFFICER JOE BOYD

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Officer Joe Boyd, who dedicated 38 years of service to our community, including 15 years with the Coppell Police Department. Throughout his diligent career, Officer Boyd served as patrol officer, detective, and, most recently, devoted himself to protecting our youth as a School Resource Officer.

Officer Boyd has also shown his commitment to North Texas outside of traditional police work, teaching firearm safety and women's self defense classes. He has always been a friendly face to the residents of his community, neighborhood, and city.

I'd like to thank Officer Boyd for his commitment to protecting our community and congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

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, January 14, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 15

9 a.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Kristi Noem, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD-342

9:30 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Pamela Jo Bondi, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SH-216

10 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Sean Duffy, of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of Transportation.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Chris Wright, to be Secretary of Energy.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Marco A. Rubio, of Florida, to be Secretary of State.

SD-419

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of John L. Ratcliffe, to be the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SH-219.

SD-G50

1 p.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Russell Vought, to be Director, Office of Management and Budget.

SD-342

3:30 p.m.
Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine improving wellness among seniors, focusing on

setting a standard for the American Dream.

SD-106

JANUARY 16

9 a.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Remain in Mexico; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider an original resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President of the United States possesses the authority under current law to take immediate and necessary action to secure the southwest border of the United States, a motion to authorize the Chairman to issue subpoenas for records, and committee rules of procedure.

SD-342

10 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Eric Scott Turner, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Doug Burgum, to be Secretary of the Interior.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Lee M. Zeldin, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

10:15 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary

To continue hearings to examine the expected nomination of Pamela Jo Bondi, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.
Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Scott Bessent, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

SD-215

JANUARY 20

Time to be announced
Select Committee on Intelligence
Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters.

TBA

JANUARY 21

Time to be announced
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Douglas A. Collins, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SR-418

POSTPONEMENTS

JANUARY 16

10:30 a.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Elise M. Stefanik, of New York, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations and the