

his Nation exemplifies our Nation's altruistic spirit.

MG Hamilton served honorably in Armor and Cavalry units in the Texas Army National Guard for 35 years. He served full time in operational assignments including Director of the Joint Staff, Chief of Staff to the Adjutant General of Texas, and the Texas Army National Guard Director of Operations.

In 2000, MG Hamilton served with the 49th Armored Division in Bosnia-Herzegovina as the Current Operations Officer. He later deployed to Afghanistan where he served as the Red Team Leader for the Commanding General. Additionally in 2017, he served as the Joint Task Force Commanding General for Hurricane Harvey military response, commanding 18,000 troops supporting evacuation and aid operations.

From 2018 to 2021, MG Hamilton served as the Commanding General of the 36th Infantry Division, where he commanded soldiers in nine countries across the Middle East as part of Task Force Spartan, under Operation Spartan Shield.

MG Hamilton's retirement did not end his service. He continues to train National Guard Division Commanders and staffs. In addition, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Central Texas YMCA and the Board of Governors of the Central Texas Community Foundation. For his extraordinary efforts during and after service he was awarded the 2023 Lieutenant General Raymond S. McLain Medal.

I am honored to join MG Hamilton's friends and family in celebrating his outstanding achievements. His commitment to selfless service makes him a deeply respected and honorable recipient of the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

HONORING THETA PI ZETA CHAPTER OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly exceptional organization, the Theta Pi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., based in Itta Bena, Mississippi. Since its inception, the chapter has been a steadfast beacon of service, community involvement, and the embodiment of the principles upheld by Zeta Phi Beta.

Founded on November 10, 1976, with the leadership of then State Director Bertha Blackburn and co-founders Henri E. Lowe and Maxine P. Stewart, Theta Pi Zeta began its journey in a small yet significant way at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House in Greenwood, Mississippi. The chapter's roots are deeply intertwined with the spirit of dedication, as evidenced by the work of Henri E. Lowe and M'Elena Matthews, who signed the chapter's charter application, helping to ensure its establishment.

Throughout the years, 14 remarkable women have served as president, with the late Henri E. Lowe leading the charge during the formative years. Currently, under the leadership of Denise Pitchford, the chapter continues its dedication to service and community outreach, earning recognition at the state and re-

gional levels. The chapter boasts 32 financial members and has been involved in countless community initiatives, such as hosting a State Round-Up for Zetas in Greenwood, Mississippi, and supporting local events like the March for Babies campaign.

The Itta Bena Amicae Auxiliary, established in 1986 and sponsored by Sister Shirley Burks, remains a vital part of the chapter's outreach efforts, and the chapter's youth auxiliaries—including the Archonette, Amicette, and Pearlette Clubs—engage in community service projects like adopting families for Thanksgiving and Christmas, ringing Salvation Army bells, and delivering care bags to local nursing homes.

The chapter's charter members, such as Riller Bennett, Thelma Collins, Laura Davis, Doroty Edwards, Amanda Elzy, Anna Hicks, Irene Howard, Zelma Howard, Jean Jennings, Henri E. Lowe, M'Elena Mathews, Betty Morris, Geneva Pickens, Henrine Stewart, Bobbie Wicks, Ann Wilson, and Malinda Winters laid the foundation for what has become a powerful and enduring force in the Mississippi Delta. Many of them have left lasting legacies, including the late Henri E. Lowe, and Florence Weathersby, who served for an impressive 70 years and remained an inspiration to many.

The chapter's commitment to service continues with a full slate of community activities for 2025, including events like hosting a Sisterhood Tea for Women's History Month, visiting nursing homes, organizing water hydration drives, and supporting the March of Dimes Campaign.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in taking a moment to acknowledge the Theta Pi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., for their unwavering dedication to service, leadership, and the betterment of their community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PATSY PETTUS

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Patsy Pettus, a cherished member of our community. Patsy is an extraordinary individual whose life has exemplified nothing short of the beauty in living life curiously.

Patsy is a passionate member of the Richmond community. Through her love of art and architecture, she has bettered the lives of everyone around her. Described by many as the "role model for aging gracefully," her lively character has made her a beloved figure to all who have the joy of knowing her. Patsy's commitment to the local community leaves an indelible mark on our district and beyond.

Patsy's efforts as an advocate for art programs across the state will leave a legacy to inspire generations to come. The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, where she volunteered as a docent decades ago, has benefited greatly from her and her beloved husband Hunter's generosity and support. Her family's contributions to Virginia Commonwealth University's (VCU) Institute for Contemporary Arts helped transform the creative arts programs at VCU. Ask anyone in Richmond's art scene and Pat-

sy's name will bring a sparkle to their eyes—She has always been known as the life of the party.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Patsy. Our community is eternally grateful for everything she and her husband Hunter have done.

RECOGNIZING BOB DAVIDSON'S LEGACY

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and legacy of Bob Davidson. Bob is retiring after 23 years of committed service as the CEO and President of the Seattle Aquarium. I am so grateful for his tireless efforts to make the Seattle Aquarium a leader in conservation, education, and visitor experience.

Thanks to Bob's leadership, the Seattle Aquarium is now the largest marine conservation institution in the northwestern United States. His work has transformed the Seattle Aquarium from a local aquarium into a globally recognized conservation organization. Bob waited to step down from his post until the completion of the \$180 million Ocean Pavilion, which highlights sea life in the biodiverse Indo-Pacific Coral Triangle and educates guests on how we must work together to protect the world's oceans. His wide array of professional experiences helped him forge the partnerships necessary to complete the Ocean Pavilion project. Bob also led Woodland Park Zoo's \$40 million renovation project that transformed the zoo into a modern leader for design and habitats.

Thanks to Bob Davidson's many accomplishments, Seattle has seen significant expansion and continued improvement of the Aquarium's buildings, the ongoing transformation of the Seattle waterfront, and the growing reputation of the Seattle Aquarium as a global leader in ocean conservation. I am very grateful for his incredible service and confident that he will continue to be a staunch advocate for protecting our oceans and sea life. His leadership will serve as a model for years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen scheduling complications, I was unable to attend the first vote in the series. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 77.

SALUTING THE SERVICE OF
COMMANDER JON LUX

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr Speaker, I am proud to honor Commander Jon Lux, U.S. Navy, Retired, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Commander Lux's commitment, strength, and leadership reflects the very best of Texas.

Commander Lux's distinguished naval career spanned over 2 decades. After being commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy, he served as a Surface Warfare Officer on multiple sea tours, primarily in the Middle East. His assignments also include serving as Commander, Mine Warfare Command and Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron Three, as well as Executive Officer of Naval Station Ingleside, Texas.

Following his military service, Commander Lux continued to demonstrate his dedication to his community. He has served on the Cedar Park City Council, the Cedar Park Tourism and Advisory Board, and the Planning and Zoning Committee. Additionally, he is a member of the Board of Directors for the Williamson County Appraisal Board, where he also chaired the Bond Oversight Committee. Driven by a passion for service, Commander Lux was a founding member of American Legion Post 911 in Cedar Park, raising funds for the Gold Star Monument and supporting Boys and Girls State programs. Commander Lux is a devoted husband to his wife, Michelle, and a proud father to their two children.

I commend Commander Lux's dedication to his community and our Nation. I join his colleagues, family, and friends, in honoring his career, saluting his commitment to public service, and celebrating his outstanding achievements.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRENDA
FAYE GRAHAM JOHNSON

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Brenda Faye Graham Johnson, who passed away on March 26th at the age of 77.

On March 31, 1947, Ms. Johnson was born in Christiansburg, Virginia, but was raised in nearby Salem, Virginia. After graduating from Andrew Lewis High School, she attended Marion College in Marion, Virginia. Ms. Johnson graduated as part of the last class from Marion College.

Following her studies at Radford University, where she earned a teaching degree, Ms. Johnson taught in the classroom. She stayed close to Southwest Virginia during her life and raised a family with her loving husband, Don, by her side.

In addition to her service as an educator, Ms. Johnson helped contribute to the Republican Party of Virginia in various capacities.

Primarily, Ms. Johnson held officer roles in the Republican Party of Bristol and the Republican Party of Salem, two units who helped

shape local conservative candidates for elected office.

Virginia's Ninth District Republican Committee benefitted from Ms. Johnson's loyalty and service, particularly in her role as the Committee's official secretary. This sometimes required her throughout the year to drive away from home to assist the Committee with its meetings and business.

A woman of strong faith and appreciation for the Lord, Ms. Johnson was an active member of Salem's First United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, family remaining to cherish her memory includes her children, Jessica J. Funk (Kevin), and Lauren J. Paige, both of Richmond, Va.; grandson, Declan Funk; siblings, Connie Melton (Carter), Jennifer Brown (Bill), and Bradley Graham; and many nieces and nephews.

I always appreciated her dedication to the Republican Party and helping the various Republican committees where she was living.

Further, Brenda and her husband helped to start the Salem G.O.P.'s annual Olde Salem Days Breakfast which has grown into a major event for candidates seeking a Republican nomination in Virginia.

Ms. Johnson's love for Southwest Virginia and her community was strongly evident. Whether it was helping a student with reading or passing out campaign literature to voters, Ms. Johnson made a profound impression on those around her. She will be missed.

HONORING MRS. ROSA MAE
WILLIAMS ON HER 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a devoted mother, a woman of faith, and an extraordinary Georgian, Mrs. Rosa Mae Williams. Mrs. Williams celebrated her 95th birthday with her family and friends on March 22, 2025, in Leary, Georgia.

Mrs. Williams was born in Chula, Georgia on March 22, 1930. Throughout her 95 years on this earth, she has exemplified hard work, resilience, and dedication to her community. As a single mother who raised 13 children, she faced great challenges but never wavered in her commitment to her children's education and success. Mrs. Williams takes great pride in her children, and while she did not have the opportunity to receive a formal education herself, she was successful in steering most of her kids towards earning a degree of higher education. They attended institutions such as Morehouse College, Spelman College, Georgia Tech, Clark Atlanta University, and Albany State University.

A woman of strong faith, Mrs. Williams has been a member of Bethel C.M.E. Church in Leary for over 70 years where she currently holds the position of Mother of the Church. Her deep faith has been the guiding light of her life, and her legacy is rooted in her devotion to both her family and her Heavenly Father.

Mrs. Williams instilled within her children the importance of hard work, education, and faith. Over the course of her life, she has been proud to see her offspring continue to make meaningful contributions to the community.

Thanks to her devoted parenting, her children have gone on to take on professions as attorneys, educators, elected officials, corporate managers, and more.

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said that "service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy here on this earth." As we celebrate Mrs. Williams' 95 years of life, we can say without a doubt that Mrs. Rosa Mae Williams has paid her rent and paid it well. Her dedicated life of service to her family and community is truly commendable. I know that her children and grandchildren are very proud of her and look up to their matriarch as a role model of faith and unconditional love.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join my wife Vivian, and me—along with the family and loved ones of Mrs. Rosa Mae Williams—in extending our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to her on this remarkable occasion. May God continue to bless her with health, peace, and joy, and may her example continue to inspire us all.

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, April 1, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 2

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine restoring Boeing's status as a great American manufacturer, focusing on safety first.

SD-G50

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Katharine MacGregor, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, and James Danly, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine constructing the Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill, focusing on United States Secretary of Transportation's perspective.

SD-406