

athlete, successful entrepreneur, and proud daughter of Indianapolis who continues to inspire Hoosiers across our state.

Katie's journey began on the Southside of Indianapolis at Perry Meridian High School. Her standout high school career led her to Purdue University, where she helped lead the Boilermakers to the 1999 NCAA National Championship. A two-time Big Ten Player of the Year and Academic All-American, Katie is known for her leadership, talent, and relentless work ethic both on and off the court.

In 2001, Katie was selected 10th overall in the WNBA Draft, launching a 14-year professional career that included multiple All-Star selections, All-WNBA honors, and most notably, a 2012 WNBA Championship with Indiana Fever. Her number 23 jersey was retired by the Connecticut Sun, a lasting tribute to her legacy in women's basketball.

Katie's success did not end when she left the court. She brought her competitive spirit and passion for service into business and community leadership. As the owner of several Orangetheory Fitness studios across Indiana, she has promoted health and wellness while creating jobs and opportunities. Through mentorship, media, and civic engagement, Katie continues to uplift the next generation of athletes and leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Katie Douglas-Poe for her extraordinary accomplishments, her commitment to Indiana, and her lasting impact on both sport and community. She embodies the heart, hustle, and spirit that make our state proud.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL'S
GIRLS 4X400 METER RELAY
TEAM FOR WINNING THE DIVISION III STATE TRACK AND FIELD TITLE

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school track and field relay team in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The young women of the Coldwater High School's Girls 4x400 Meter Relay team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division III State Track and Field Title. The team overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in their effort to surpass all other relay teams in their event.

In pursuing the State Championship, Audrey Alig, Lana Kaiser, Kiersten Keller, and Isabella Zahn defeated their outstanding competitors to win with an impressive time of 3:53.94. The members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result. Their hard work and dedication, both on and off the track, in achieving this accomplishment should be commended.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Coldwater High School Girls 4x400 Meter Relay team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

HONORING HEATHER MILLETT

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Heather Millett, who has served with distinction as Legislative Director in both my state senate and congressional offices. Heather embodies the very best of public service. You will see from her educational background that for years she has been preparing for a career dedicated to serving the citizens of our great Nation. By earning her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at Campbell University, her Master of Public Administration and Policy at American University, and continuing her education in law studies at Syracuse University College of Law, it becomes evident that Heather's long-term goal has been a passion to help improve the lives of others.

Heather's intelligence, integrity, and tireless work ethic have guided our legislative efforts with purpose and precision. Whether navigating the complexities of committee work, building coalitions across the aisle, or championing the priorities of our constituents, Heather has brought both strategic insight and deep compassion to every task.

Perhaps Heather's most important contribution to the people of North Carolina's Eleventh Congressional District was after September 27, 2024, when Hurricane Helene made landfall in the peaceful and serene mountains of Western North Carolina. Without ever being asked, Heather took the initiative and went into overdrive, working tirelessly for several consecutive weeks, night and day, with no days off, to bring hope, resources, and life-saving assistance to tens of thousands of victims affected by this once-in-a-millennium weather event. Each day for several weeks, Heather authored and distributed vital emails to a devastated population to help them find food, water, shelter, locate missing loved ones, and understand which roads were open for escape, along with countless other pieces of helpful information for those seeking rescue. During this time, when I encouraged Heather to take a few days away with her family for some planned time months earlier, her response was, "District Eleven needs me now," and she continued for many weeks to absorb more and more of the recovery workload. She persisted for weeks, coordinating the efforts of FEMA, telecommunications companies, utility companies, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, local governments, our district team, individual constituents, and an endless list of others. Heather worked quietly behind the scenes out of the public's eye, but was chiefly responsible for the praise and accolades that my office received for our response to this natural disaster.

Mr. Speaker, Heather Millett should always be recognized as a Hurricane Helene Hero, and I am honored to share these words to honor her unforgettable, lasting contribution and to express my deepest appreciation for her service to the people of Western North Carolina. As Legislative Director, Heather played a key role in shaping my office's policy agenda and making sure that the voices of the

people we serve were heard in Congress. Her expertise has made a meaningful and lasting impact on many Americans, especially in areas she cares most about, such as infrastructure projects, veterans' benefits and healthcare, voter integrity, economic development, and reducing regulations. Heather provided the genius behind many essential pieces of legislation, like the Equal Representation Act, the Promoting Resilient Buildings Act, the Justice for America's Veterans and Survivors Act, and many others. In just two and a half years working beside me, a new member of Congress, Heather has authored five pieces of legislation that have now become law—five phenomenal accomplishments, and I expect many other pieces of her work will soon become law. Another remarkable achievement of Heather's that leaves a lasting mark on history is her skillful and masterful navigation of the Congressional appropriations and grants processes to secure tens of millions of dollars for essential infrastructure and needs for NC-11. While the numerous buildings, dams, equipment, and other projects that will improve and save the lives of the people I represent may never bear her name, many of us will see them throughout our lives and know Heather played a key role in securing them.

On behalf of all of us, I thank Heather for her leadership, her loyalty, the example she has set, her steadfast service, and dedication to my district, as well as her lasting impact on the Congress of the United States. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors and hope she takes with her pride in a job extraordinarily well done.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL
HERITAGE ACADEMIES

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate National Heritage Academies, or NHA as they are known, as they celebrate their 30th anniversary.

It is critical that every child, regardless of income, background, or zip code, has access to a quality education. National Heritage Academies delivers on this goal!

NHA prepares students from all walks of life for academic success while opening doors to trade schools, community colleges, and four-year universities.

Since 1995, National Heritage Academies has offered quality education opportunities to more than 60,000 K-12 students. NHA runs over 100 charter schools primarily in my home state of Michigan, but has also expanded into 8 additional states.

One of those schools in Michigan is Vanderbilt Charter Academy in Holland, Michigan, where I served on the board for 5 years. Charter schools provide families with a tuition-free alternative that offers greater choice in the education their children receive.

National Heritage Academies strives to put kids on a trajectory to reach their full potential and achieve success both in and out of the classroom.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating National Heritage Academies as they celebrate their 30th anniversary.

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, July 15, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 16

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Lanny Erdos, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and David Eisner, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, Audrey Robertson, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), and Timothy John Walsh, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary (Environmental Management), all of the Department of Energy.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Derek Barrs, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Jonathan Morrison, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Paul Roberti, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine constructing the surface transportation reauthorization bill, focusing on stakeholders' perspectives.

SD-562

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar nominations; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine reforming the State Department to compete in the 21st century.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Crystal Carey, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for term of four years, Brian Christine, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Brittany Panuccio, of Florida, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

SD-430

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on persecution to protection, focusing on strategies to defend freedom of religion.

1324-LHOB

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of William Kirkland, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism

To hold hearings to examine the AI industry's mass ingestion of copyrighted works for AI training.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider S. 1555, to increase loan limits for loans made to small manufacturers, S. 1199, to extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain pandemic programs, and S. 2232, to expand the surety bond program under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

SR-428A

4 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine certain pending nominations.

SR-418

JULY 17

9:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1038, to direct the Attorney General to include a data field in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System to indicate whether the last known location of a missing person was confirmed or was suspected to have been on Federal land, S. 1098, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Grant Program, S. 1528, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to ensure that businesses and organizations that work with vulnerable populations are able to request background checks for their contractors who work with those populations, as well as for individuals that

the businesses or organizations license or certify to provide care for those populations, the nominations of Emil J. Bove III, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Edward L. Artau, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Kyle Christopher Dudek, Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe, and Jordan Emery Pratt, each to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Kurt Alme, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana, for the term of four years, Nicholas Chase, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years, Lesley Murphy, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska for the term of four years, Jeanine Pirro, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years, Daniel Rosen, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years, Erik Siebert, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years, and Kurt Wall, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years, all of the Department of Justice.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Business meeting to markup H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine freedom to work, focusing on unlocking benefits for independent workers.

SD-430

CANCELLATIONS

JULY 16

3:30 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine aging with purpose, focusing on the positive impact of seniors in today's economy.

SD-106

POSTPONEMENTS

JULY 17

8:45 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold hearings to examine the beneficial use and regulation of chemicals.

SD-562