

central hub where Boston's Black community gather for organizing and education. Generations of congregants have joined together over the decades for worship and fellowship, deepening their personal Christian commitment and call to civic action.

Despite the uncertainty during and since the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020, the unwavering faith of its congregants and leadership carried the church through four years of temporary locations. In Abington, Massachusetts, the Ebenezer Baptist Church has found its way home.

It has been Reverend Thompson's steadfast leadership, vision and heart that have led the church community through these sometimes difficult and emotional transitions. As noted in his biography, Reverend Thompson "is truly an added blessing to the life and ministry of the Ebenezer Baptist Church."

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the impact and legacy of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, as an African American congregation, as the church expands its roots into the Town of Abington and surrounding communities. I ask that my colleagues in Congress and friends throughout Massachusetts join me in wishing the church much success in all its new endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING MR. JOHN MODDIE
ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY AND
FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE
590TH FIELD ARTILLERY**

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Mr. John Moddie on his 100th birthday and to commend him for his valiant service with the United States Army as a member of the 590th Field Artillery Battalion, 106th Infantry Division during World War II.

At just 18 years old, while working as a stock clerk at Peterson Boat Works in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Mr. Moddie answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the U.S. Army. Following basic training at Camp Roberts, California, he was assigned to B Battery of the 590th Field Artillery Battalion, 106th Infantry Division at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Excelling in his training on the 105 mm Howitzer, Mr. Moddie set sail for England to prepare for deployment to the Western Front.

On the morning of November 30, 1944, Mr. Moddie and his battalion crossed the English Channel to Le Havre, France, where they awaited orders to move up the Seine River into Germany to take part in what would become the Battle of the Bulge—the second-most deadly battle of the war for American troops. On December 19, 1944, he was captured by German forces and held at Stalag 9B in Bad Orb, Germany, as a prisoner of war. Despite enduring extreme conditions and losing nearly half his body weight, he survived until liberation by Allied forces on April 2, 1945.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Moddie's life is a testament to courage, sacrifice, and patriotism. Let us honor him for his extraordinary service to our Nation, his devotion to his fellow servicemembers, and his steadfast commitment to family and community. On behalf of Michigan's 1st Congressional District, I wish

him a joyous 100th birthday and extend the gratitude of a Nation, he so bravely served.

**RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF
ROBERT PHILLIPS**

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional member of our community, Mr. Robert Phillips, the recipient of D Magazine's Volunteer of the Year Award.

For more than two decades, Mr. Phillips has dedicated thousands of hours to serving low-income families through the Ferguson Road Initiative's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. His unwavering commitment to accurate, free tax preparation has made him a cornerstone of this vital effort—and a source of immense pride for our district.

As both a tax preparer and site coordinator at two VITA locations, Mr. Phillips has helped thousands of individuals and families navigate the tax system—even during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when many other sites were forced to close. Thanks to his dedication, and that of fellow volunteers, the program has completed over 17,900 tax returns, returned more than \$3.3 million to the community, and saved taxpayers an estimated \$300,000 in fees.

Mr. Phillips' selfless service and steadfast leadership have helped ensure financial stability for countless Dallas residents. He has also mentored and supported fellow volunteers, strengthening the very fabric of our community.

I am deeply grateful for Robert's contributions and proud to represent him in Congress. I congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition and wish him continued success in all his endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING COLORADO STATE
CHAMPIONS, THE GRAND MESA
LITTLE LEAGUE SENIOR ALL-
STARS**

HON. JEFF HURD

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable group of young men and their coaches from Western Colorado, the Grand Mesa Senior All Stars baseball team.

This summer, these players, ages 14 to 16, won the Colorado Senior Little League State Championship in Grand Junction. They went on to compete in California for the regional title against some of the best teams in the West, proudly representing Colorado with grit and determination.

The team brings together players from across our district, including Grand Junction, Clifton, Palisade, Parachute, and Rifle. They first captured the district championship and then fought their way through the state finals, defeating two tough Denver-area teams to claim back-to-back state titles—their third in just four years.

Their success is built not only on talent but also on the dedication of their coaches, the support of their families, and the spirit of their communities. I am proud of these young men and honored to celebrate the Grand Mesa Senior All Stars for the way they represented the Western Slope and the State of Colorado.

**CONGRATULATING THE TOMLINS,
THE 2025 OKALOOSA COUNTY
FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR**

HON. JIMMY PATRONIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Tomlin family of Crestview, Florida, who have been named the 2025 Okaloosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year. This recognition is part of the Okaloosa County Farm Bureau's 75th Annual Membership Meeting, a gathering that celebrates the strength of our agricultural community.

Cory and Jennifer Tomlin, together with their children Harper, Hadley, and Haylyn, represent the very best of Florida agriculture. Their family has carried forward a proud legacy of fanning that began in 1982 when Jennifer's grandfather, Mr. Joe Bundrick, established their beekeeping operation. Today, with the guidance of Mr. Bundrick and the leadership of Jennifer's father, Ken, the Tomlins manage about 400 hives annually. Their farm produces honey, provides pollinator services, and serves the community through both wholesale and retail operations, including a storefront offering honey and beekeeping supplies.

The Tomlin family's dedication goes well beyond their farm. Jennifer serves as the Children's Ministry Leader at Dorcas Baptist Church, Harper is an active 4-H member, and every member of the family contributes to the success of their agricultural operation. Together, they exemplify the values of faith, family, and stewardship that sustain rural communities across America.

Four generations have worked this farm, and the Tomlins are committed to ensuring it continues for generations to come. Their story reflects not only the resilience of farm families in Northwest Florida but also the essential role of agriculture in our Nation's future.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I commend the Tomlin family for their outstanding contributions to agriculture and community life. They are most deserving of this year's recognition as the Okaloosa County Farm Family of the Year.

**CONGRATULATING SOUTH DAKOTA'S
AIR NATIONAL GUARD'S
114TH FIGHTER WING**

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the South Dakota Air National Guard's 114th Fighter Wing, which recently received three top national honors at the National Guard Association of the

United States Conference. They were awarded the Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque, the Winston P. Wilson Trophy, and the Major General John J. Pesch Flight Safety Trophy.

These awards reflect the Wing's nearly 80 years of excellence. Over the past year, the 114th deployed twice, once to the Pacific and once to the Middle East, while maintaining outstanding readiness at home. Their record has once again placed them among the very best in the Nation.

This recognition highlights the leadership of Colonel Brandon Eskam and the commitment of every Airman in the unit. As Major General Mark Morrell noted, these honors are not pursued, but earned through professionalism, discipline, and daily dedication. The 114th represents the best of South Dakota and a standard of excellence for the entire Air National Guard.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the 114th Fighter Wing on these well-deserved honors and in thanking them for their service to South Dakota and the United States.

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

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 16

- 9 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
SH-216
- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism
To hold hearings to examine AI chatbots.
SD-226
- 3 p.m.
Select Committee on Intelligence
To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.
SH-219

SEPTEMBER 17

- 9:50 a.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeffrey Hall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; to be immediately followed by oversight hearings to examine the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
SD-562
- 10 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Graham, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Ethan Klein, of New Jersey, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Joyce Meyer, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.
SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reviewing recent events at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and implications for children's health.

SD-430

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain pending nominations.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration

To hold hearings to examine missing unaccompanied alien children and criminal sponsors.

SD-226

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine conspiracy theories, antisemitism, and democratic decline.

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2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act successes and opportunities at the Department of the Interior and the Indian Health Service.

SD-628

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine using the 504 program to build America's manufacturing future.

SR-428A

3 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3:30 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine drug safety, supply chains, and the risk to aging Americans.

SH-216

4 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine strengthening services for veterans with spinal cord injury and disorder.

SD-106