

United Nations. She heads a team of lawyers handling cases in defense of life, defense of Christians, protection of U.S. national security interests, defense of Israel, and confronting Islamic extremism. She was the lead attorney responsible for the release of Pastor Brunson from Turkey and Pastor Nerren from India.

Heil is a recognized leader in advancing pro-family, pro-life, and pro-free enterprise policies, including being a former candidate for U.S. Congress. Her service and expertise as a constitutional law scholar earned her the support of Sarah Palin, who named her one of a handful of "Mama Grizzlies." In recognition of her leadership and faith, she is being honored as a 2025 She Leads America Christian Woman of Distinction.

Guided by her deep faith in Jesus Christ, Heil views her legal work as more than a profession—it is a calling. Prayer and biblical values shape her decisions and sustain her courage to stand for truth and justice on behalf of the vulnerable.

Heil has practiced law for 33 years and is licensed in California, Tennessee, Virginia, and Missouri, as well as being licensed to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding woman of distinction.

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING
SERVICE OF THE BROWNSVILLE
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the outstanding service of the Brownsville Police Department during the historic flooding that struck South Texas earlier this year.

In just two days, our community in South Texas was hit with nearly a year's worth of rainfall. The city of Harlingen was hit especially hard, receiving over twenty inches of rain, which left vehicles stranded, streets flooded, and many residents without power or access to food.

In response to this natural disaster, the Brownsville Police Department answered the call for help. Partnering with The Salvation Army, they served over 600 hot meals to families in need. Their swift action and compassion provided critical relief to families struggling in the aftermath of the storm. Mr. Speaker, this cross-city partnership is a powerful reminder of our region's resilience and commitment to service. When disaster struck, the Brownsville Police Department stepped up when our community needed them the most, exemplifying the highest standards of service and solidarity.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful South Texas, I am proud to honor the brave men and women of the Brownsville Police Department for their exemplary heroism during a devastating flood.

RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY
NURSES WEEK

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not only as a Member of Congress, but as a geriatric nurse practitioner and an advocate for our nurses across the Nation, to recognize the unyielding composure of our emergency nurses during Emergency Nurses Week.

In the United States, it is federal law that an emergency room never closes and that every person who comes to an ER receives care. Day or night, emergency nurses answer the call of duty—providing quality care to patients in critical condition while operating in demanding, high-stakes environments where every second counts. Emergency nurses work around the clock, caring for patients of all ages and across every specialty—from cardiology and oncology to pediatrics and geriatrics.

Emergency nurses are heroes, often the first point of contact for patients within the ER, and they provide comfort and attentive care during an uncertain or stressful time for patients and their families. Their critical thinking skills and their compassion for their patients make their role essential for preserving our Nation's healthcare system.

It is important that we give our emergency nurses the praise and attention they deserve during Emergency Nurses Week to show our appreciation for the dedication they have to our Nation's health and for the millions of lives they touch on a daily basis. We're forever grateful for their sacrifice.

CONGRATULATING DR. STEVEN
ASHBY ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Dr. Steven Ashby on his retirement as Director of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Washington.

Since 2015, Dr. Ashby's leadership at PNNL has driven scientific excellence and innovation, advancing the lab as a world leader in science, national security, and energy research and development.

Dr. Ashby believes our biggest challenges cannot be solved alone, and his tenure reflected that belief. Having spent over a decade working to expand the lab's reach with new partnerships and opportunities, he transformed PNNL from a research lab to a world-class institution held in the highest regards throughout the scientific community.

I also commemorate Dr. Ashby for his work on modernizing PNNL and equipping the lab for the future. Under his leadership, the campus became a hub for new and emerging technologies, including the Energy Sciences Center and the Grid Storage Launchpad, that will contribute to research and innovation for decades to come.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Ashby for his willingness to work with myself and members of

the Washington Congressional Delegation. We built a strong relationship over the years and worked diligently to ensure PNNL had the resources needed to not only be successful but excel in their mission.

I wish Dr. Ashby the very best in his retirement and thank him for his years of service.

HONORING BROOKE L. ROLLINS AS
A 2025 SHE LEADS AMERICA
CHRISTIAN WOMAN OF DISTINC-
TION

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brooke L. Rollins as a 2025 She Leads America Young Christian Woman of Distinction award recipient.

Brooke L. Rollins is the 33rd U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and only the second woman in history to serve in this role. A native of Glen Rose, Texas, she brings decades of leadership in law, policy, and public service. Most recently, she was the Founder, President, and CEO of the America First Policy Institute (AFPI). During President Trump's first administration, Rollins served as Director of the Domestic Policy Council, Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives, and Director of the Office of American Innovation—roles in which she helped develop and lead transformational domestic policy initiatives with lasting national impact.

Her career began in Texas, where after graduating with honors from Texas A&M University and becoming the school's first female student body president, she earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Texas School of Law. She went on to serve as Governor Rick Perry's policy director and later as CEO of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, transforming it into a nationally recognized think tank.

Guided by her deep Christian faith, Rollins views her work in public policy as a calling to serve people, strengthen families, and uphold biblical values. She is being honored as a 2025 She Leads America Christian Woman of Distinction.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding woman of distinction.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID
SCHAECTER

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the extraordinary life of David Schaecter. President of the Holocaust Survivors Foundation USA, who passed away on September 4, 2025, at the age of 96.

David was born in a small town in Slovakia in 1929. At age 11, after witnessing the murder of his father, he and his family were rounded up by the Nazis and sent to the Auschwitz death camp. He survived the hell of Auschwitz, and even a transfer to Buchenwald. But the entire rest of his family; his

mother, father, sisters, brother, aunts, uncles and cousins were all brutally killed in the Holocaust—105 family members in total. After the war, as a lone survivor, David fled to Prague and eventually came to America in 1950. He learned English in only nine weeks and graduated from UCLA with a degree in industrial engineering.

David was a shining spiritual light even though he experienced such horror and despair. He spent his life sharing his story with others with the hope that it would end the scourges of antisemitism, hate, and violence. He became a national spokesperson on behalf of survivors, visited schools in 18 states to educate our young people, and remained active and engaged until very recently, having testified before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging on the subject *Never Again: Addressing the Rise of Antisemitism and Supporting Older Americans*.

At home, David co-founded the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach that has served as a cornerstone for Holocaust education for South Floridians and visitors from around the world. This lion in our midst was a relentless and powerful advocate for the Holocaust survivor community and a true Zionist, a supporter of the state of Israel as the rightful homeland of the Jewish people. He was an icon who used his experiences to teach us all about the perils of antisemitism, so the words “Never Again” have meaning.

His work on behalf of survivors was inspiring, and I was proud to call him my friend. My heart is with David's wife Sydney, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. May his memory be for a blessing.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF BROWNSVILLE

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 60th anniversary of the Diocese of Brownsville, a community of faith that has for decades served as a spiritual home and source of strength for the people of the Rio Grande Valley.

Since its founding in 1965, the Diocese of Brownsville has grown into one of the most vibrant Catholic dioceses in the nation. Through its parishes, schools, and ministries, the Diocese has nurtured the faith of its members and provided essential services to countless families across South Texas.

The Diocese has long been a committed voice for justice and compassion in our region. Its leaders and parishioners have worked tirelessly to support immigrant communities, provide disaster relief, and advocate for the dignity of all people. This commitment reflects not only the teachings of faith, but also the values of service and solidarity that define the Rio Grande Valley.

As the Diocese marks its 60th anniversary, it does so with a proud legacy of compassion, inclusivity, and unwavering dedication to the people of South Texas. Its clergy, religious, and lay leaders have carried forward a mission rooted in faith and community, inspiring generations to service others and live lives of devotion.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful South Texas, I congratulate the Diocese of Brownsville and all those who have contributed to its mission over the past six decades. May the Diocese continue to serve, inspire, and strengthen our communities for many years to come.

HONORING KAYLEIGH BUSH AS A 2025 SHE LEADS AMERICA YOUNG CHRISTIAN WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kayleigh Bush as a 2025 She Leads America Young Christian Woman of Distinction award recipient.

In 2025, Kayleigh Bush competed and won the Miss America preliminary title of Miss North Florida. Just four weeks after being crowned, she faced a decision that tested her faith, her courage, and her convictions. Pagan directors presented a newly revised contract that redefined what it means to be female. Choosing truth over a title, Kayleigh courageously declined to sign.

Following the Matthew 18 model, she privately pleaded with the organization's leaders, urging them to return to truth and biological reality. Her appeal was met with indifference, but Kayleigh remained steadfast, accepting the loss of her title rather than compromising her faith.

Kayleigh represents a modern-day Esther: one who is willing to speak when the culture demands silence. Her story reminds us that courage is contagious, truth is not negotiable, and that no earthly crown compares to the one given by Christ.

Her boldness has been recognized nationally. In 2025, She Leads America is honoring Kayleigh with a Young Christian Woman of Distinction award, celebrating her as a rising leader who demonstrates unwavering faith, integrity, and moral clarity. This recognition places her among a network of accomplished Christian women leaders who are shaping culture with courage and conviction.

Today, we honor Kayleigh Bush—not just as the Canceled Crown, but as a living testimony of 1 Timothy 4:12: “Let no one look down on you because of your youth, but be an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.”

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding woman of distinction. This outstanding woman of distinction.

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, October 9, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 22

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 2960, to develop economic tools to deter aggression by the People's Republic of China against Taiwan, S. 2130, to make improvements to the AUKUS partnership, S. 2424, to require a report of, and a strategy to combat, arms sales of the Government of the People's Republic of China, S. 1744, to amend the Arms Export Control Act to include Taiwan among the list of recipient countries with respect to which shorter certification and reporting periods apply and to expedite licensing for allies transferring military equipment to Taiwan, S. 2626, to strengthen the leadership role of the United States at the Inter-American Development Bank, S. 2146, to require the United States Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to advocate for increased transparency with respect to exchange rate policies of the People's Republic of China, S. 2950, to require the Secretary of State and relevant executive branch agencies to address international scam compounds defrauding people in the United States, to hold significant transnational criminal organizations accountable, S. 2550, to provide for international cooperation to secure critical mineral supply chains, S. 1854, to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to political and economic elites in Haiti, S. 2657, to impose sanctions relating to the support of the People's Republic of China for the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, S. 2018, to modify certain limitations and exclusions regarding defense articles and requirements regarding security assistance and sales with respect to the Republic of Cyprus, S. 799, to establish and implement a multi-year Legal Gold and Mining Partnership Strategy to reduce the negative environmental and social impacts of illicit gold mining in the Western Hemisphere, S. 2684, to support countries in Latin America and the Caribbean that maintain official diplomatic relations with Taiwan, to counter efforts by the People's Republic of China to coerce or pressure governments into breaking such ties, to deepen coordination with Taiwan on diplomatic, development, and economic engagement in the Western Hemisphere, S. 2224, to amend the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019 to provide that the United States, in its role as a member of any