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INTRODUCTION OF THE WORDS MATTER FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Words Matter for the District of Columbia Courts Act, which would remove the term “retarded” from Title 11 of the District of Columbia Code and replace it with more appropriate and respectful terms. Last Congress, the Senate passed this bill by unanimous consent. Senators JERRY MORAN and GARY PETERS are introducing the companion bill.

Removing the term from the law has bipartisan support. In 2010, Congress removed several instances of the term from federal law by passing Rosa’s Law (P.L. 111–256). Last Congress, I joined Republican and Democratic colleagues in introducing the Words Matter Act, which would remove several more instances of the term from federal law.

The term is used three times in Title 11 of the D.C. Code, and, under the D.C. Home Rule Act, only Congress can amend Title 11 of the D.C. Code.

There was a time when the term was a clinical term, but in more recent years, it has become a slur used against people with intellectual disabilities. Words indisputably matter, and I know our country is better than keeping such language in our law.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes as I was under the weather. Due to my absence, I was not present to vote on Roll Call No. 28 and Roll Call No. 29.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 28. I fully support the Alaska Native corporations to exercise self-governance over their lands.

Additionally, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 29. I support programs that provide states assistance to control and/or eradicate invasive species which wreak havoc on local ecosystems.

HONORING MR. GLENN R. BLANCHETTE

HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Glenn R. Blanchette. Originally from

Woonsocket, Rhode Island, Mr. Blanchette joined the U.S. Army after graduating from the University of Rhode Island. After more than 20 years of honorable service, he retired as a Major in 2007 and began his next career with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

As the Regional Administrator for the National Capital Region, Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, he has been at the forefront of emergency responses for multiple category four and five hurricanes and catastrophic earthquakes, both in the United States and internationally, for almost two decades.

Not only was Mr. Blanchett a leader during natural disasters, but he displayed untiring dedication to the U.S. Congress for five Presidential Inaugurations, fifteen Lying in State and Lying in Honor ceremonies, more than fifty Congressional Gold Medal ceremonies, eighteen State Of The Union Addresses, twenty-three Joint Meetings of Congress, concerts, protests, and countless impromptu requests directly supporting the Office of Attending Physician to the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

No matter whether it was early morning or late evening, a weekend or a holiday, rainy or bitterly cold, Mr. Blanchett orchestrated and supervised the delivery of tents, generators, equipment, and supplies for the treatment of heat injuries, traumatic injuries, Advance Cardiac Life Support responses, and patient evacuations, in direct support of the U.S. Congress.

Regardless of world events, Mr. Blanchette’s “What do you need?” and “We are here for you” attitude made the impossible, possible. He assembled teams of hundreds of elite medical professionals from all over the country to support tens of thousands of guests, dignitaries, security forces, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Associate Justices and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Vice President and President of the United States, the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives during National Special Security Events in the U.S. Capitol.

Today I would like to honor Mr. Blanchette and thank him for his decades of service to our country both in the U.S. Army and with the Department of Health and Human Services, and I wish him well in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER ANDREW HUMPHRIES

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Andrew Humphries of the Frankfort Police Department on being awarded the 2024 Medal of Valor for his bravery demonstrated while responding to a critical situation within Franklin County.

During a high-risk pursuit with an armed suspect who had barricaded himself in a vehicle following a multi-jurisdictional pursuit, Officer Humphries, responding to Lieutenant Smith’s direction, approached the barricaded vehicle and successfully deployed chemical munitions, forcing the suspect to exit.

Officer Humphries demonstrated excellent courage and tactical precision through his response. He played a vital role in ensuring this potentially lethal situation was resolved successfully.

Officer Humphries voluntarily performed extraordinary acts of bravery. His actions went above and beyond and have made him deserving of this fine honor. I am confident that Officer Humphries will continue to serve as an exemplary role model for law enforcement officers across the 1st Congressional District and the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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, February 6, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

FEBRUARY 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider S. 298, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to relocate 30 percent of the employees assigned to headquarters to duty stations outside the Washington metropolitan area, S. 300, to improve accountability in the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, S. 371, to require certain reports on small business disaster assistance to be published on the website of the Small Business Administration, and committee rules for the 119th Congress.

SR-428A

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the Arctic and Greenland's geostrategic importance to U.S. interests.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine advancing carbon capture, utilization and sequestration technologies and ensuring effective implementation of the USE IT Act.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer, of Oregon, to be Secretary of Labor.

SD-G50

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Native communities' priorities for the 119th Congress.

SD-628

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 optimizing longevity, focusing on from research to action.

SD-106

FEBRUARY 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine eliminating waste by the foreign aid bureaucracy.

SD-342