

recovery and support services countywide. Commissioner Janicki also oversaw the development of the STAR Center providing acute behavioral health care services to Skagit County, in addition to the county's first permanent supportive housing development, Martha's Place, and the Skagit First Steps Shelter.

Commissioner Janicki's heartfelt leadership, strategic foresight, and compassion are an inspiration to leaders and community members in Skagit County and across northwest Washington. She has been a transformational advocate for the people of Skagit County.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to commend Commissioner Janicki for her outstanding leadership and vision, dedication to serving her community, and the enduring legacy she has helped to cultivate. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude for her service.

REMEMBERING "ELDER STATES-  
MAN OF SOUL," DON BRYANT

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Don Bryant, Memphis' "elder statesman of soul," the acclaimed singer and songwriter who passed last month at the age of 83.

Probably best known for co-writing the top-40 hit "I Can't Stand the Rain," with his wife Ann Peebles and Bernard Miller in 1973, Bryant was a staff songwriter at Willie Mitchell's Hi Records label in the 1960s and 1970s with 154 songs to his credit. He later wrote and sang for Fat Possum Records.

Mr. Bryant and Ms. Peebles, a noted singer, married in 1974 and were both inducted into the Memphis Music Hall of Fame (she in 2014 and he in 2019, the same year Steve Cropper and Tina Turner were inducted). According to his obituary in *The New York Times*, the song's title came from an offhand remark made by Ms. Peebles as they prepared to go to a concert in a sudden cloudburst. The Beatles' John Lennon said "I Can't Stand the Rain" was "the best song ever" after hearing Peebles sing it at The Troubadour in Los Angeles. Tina Turner later covered the song in on her album "Private Dancer" in 1984. Donald Maurice Bryant was born in Memphis in April 1942, the son of a gospel choir leader and, by 10, was singing in church choirs. In the 1960s, he was Hi Records leading singer with The Four Kings, performing on the local WLOK radio station, and released his first solo album, "Precious Soul," in 1969. For decades, he sang mainly in church settings but returned to the studio in 2016 and produced "Don't Give Up on Love" with the Bo-Keys for Fat Possum, his first secular album in 48 years. In 2020, they produced "You Make Me Feel," which was nominated for a Grammy Award in the Best Traditional Blues category. Mr. Bryant and Ms. Peebles toured the world, with Bryant largely working behind the scenes to advance his wife's work on stage until his late career comeback. Ms. Peebles, who stopped singing after a stroke in 2012, survives him.

I extend my profound condolences to his family, friends, collaborators and his many fans and admirers. The elder statesman of

soul sent his unique Memphis sound around the world and will be long remembered.

HONORING DR. ROSE MARIE  
BRYANT JONES

**HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my constituent, Dr. Rose Marie Bryant Jones, a dedicated leader in her community and a long-time member of the Republican Party of Arkansas, who recently passed away on Friday, December 26, 2025, at the age of 83.

Dr. Jones was born on January 7, 1942, in East Pulaski County, and was a true trailblazer throughout her life, known for breaking down educational barriers. She graduated from Philander Smith College in 1963 and subsequently from the University of Arkansas. Dr. Jones was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and a founding member of the African American Coalition of Arkansas.

She was a schoolteacher in Lonoke County for over 30 years, before and after integration, and established tutoring programs across two counties in Arkansas. Dr. Jones took great pride in educating and influencing the next generation of students in her community.

Her public service did not stop in the classroom. She served on the Lonoke Public School Board and the Lonoke City Council as a pioneer of civil rights, with the heart of representing all Lonoke citizens through redistricting efforts. In 1998, she ran for the office of Arkansas Secretary of State. She was even the President of the Pea Ridge Cemetery Board. In 2024, Dr. Jones stepped up again for her community and was elected Justice of the Peace in Lonoke County, where she continued her storied career in public service.

She made a lasting impact on all of those who knew her and an incredible impression on the 1st Congressional District of Arkansas. May her legacy of perseverance and hard work continue to encourage us all. Dr. Rose Marie Bryant Jones led a life worth honoring and celebrating for her service to her community. I send my prayers and sincere condolences to the friends and family of Dr. Jones as they grieve her passing.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF  
RAYMOND SHORES' RETIREMENT

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a public servant who embodies the spirit of community partnership and gratitude.

In Richmond Hill, Georgia, Police Chief Raymond Shores took a moment this week to publicly thank the citizens of Richmond Hill and Bryan County for their overwhelming support during his tenure and as he prepares to retire.

Chief Shores' last day is scheduled for January 16, 2026, and in an open letter to his

community, he expressed deep appreciation for the trust and cooperation he received, especially in challenging times. His message reminds us that effective policing is not just about enforcement; it is about partnership, collaboration, and mutual respect between law enforcement and the citizens they serve. That partnership reinforces public safety, strengthens neighborhoods, and builds lasting relationships founded on trust.

Today, we thank Chief Shores for his service and acknowledge the citizens of Richmond Hill for standing with their law enforcement leaders. Their mutual support is a model for communities across our Nation.

RECOGNIZING LORENA PACHIARDI

**HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lorena Pachiardi, an extraordinary 11th-grade student from Cupeyville School in San Juan, Puerto Rico, who has been selected as the winner of the 2025 Congressional App Challenge for Puerto Rico's At-Large Congressional District.

Lorena developed GoldenCarePR, a thoughtful and innovative bilingual mobile application designed to support elderly individuals and their caregivers throughout Puerto Rico. Her app centralizes essential information on services, benefits, legal rights, digital safety, and health guidance, while also providing practical caregiving tools such as a task manager and a health tracker for vital signs and medications.

Her project addresses one of the most pressing demographic challenges of our time. According to the Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics, the population aged 65 and older is now double the population under 15 years old. This dramatic shift in our demographic structure reflects not only a global trend of population aging, but also a profound societal challenge in Puerto Rico—one marked by limited resources, insufficient services, and a lack of comprehensive programs to support our older adults.

It is within this context that GoldenCarePR becomes more than an app; it becomes a powerful tool of compassion and public purpose. By identifying real gaps in information, services, and support for seniors and their families, Lorena created a platform that has the potential to meaningfully improve the quality of life of thousands across Puerto Rico.

Mr. Speaker, Lorena's achievement embodies the very mission of the Congressional App Challenge: empowering young people to harness the power of technology to solve real problems and uplift their communities. Her innovation stands as an inspiring example of how the next generation is already stepping forward to address Puerto Rico's most urgent needs, with knowledge and love.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lorena Pachiardi, the 2025 Congressional App Challenge winner for my district. Her talent, leadership, and compassion give us great hope for the future of Puerto Rico.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OF C. STEWART MCCLEAF

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the public service and community leadership of C. Stewart McCleaf, who was sworn in on January 5th to begin his fourth term as a Washington Township Supervisor in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

Over the years, Stewart has served in leadership positions with the Township Board of Supervisors, Rouzerville Business Association, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, and Washington Township Municipal Authority.

Since his retirement from a career in law enforcement in 1984, Stewart has devoted his time and talents to support numerous civic and non-profit organizations.

Stewart's enduring commitment to various forms of service sets an inspiring example for all Americans who strive to make a positive impact on their community.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I express gratitude to Stewart for his distinguished legacy of service and offer best wishes for continued success.

HONORING JOHNNIE MAE AYLER  
ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th birthday of Johnnie Mae Ayler of Branchburg, New Jersey.

Born on January 8, 1926, in Maplesville, Alabama, Ms. Ayler is the eldest of fourteen siblings—and one of only two still living today. She and her late husband, R.E. Ayler, raised nine children: seven daughters and two sons. Her family legacy lives on through fourteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Johnnie has called Branchburg, New Jersey home for more than three decades. She de-

voted more than twenty years of her professional life to Gen Tech. Even after retiring, she continued her service to others as a certified nursing assistant—finally retiring at the remarkable age of 85. A two-time cancer survivor, Johnnie attributes her extraordinary longevity first and foremost to God, a daily routine that once included walking five miles a day, faithfully taking her vitamins, and never missing a doctor's appointments. As we celebrate 100 hundred years of strength, dedication, and grace, we are honored to recognize the truly remarkable Johnnie Mae Ayler.

Mr. Speaker, as Johnnie Mae Ayler celebrates her 100th birthday, I am pleased to commend her for being an integral part of the Branchburg community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring this determined woman truly dedicated to faith, passion, and the pursuit of a brighter future.

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, January 8, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 13

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on Operation Absolute Resolve.

SVC-217

3 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JANUARY 14

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine chemical abortion drugs.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine growing the small business agricultural economy.

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 made in China and paid by seniors, focusing on stopping the surge of international scams.

SH-216

JANUARY 28

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine improving the Federal environmental review and permitting process, part 2.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights

To hold hearings to examine scammers, focusing on fighting fraud in Minnesota and beyond.

SD-226

FEBRUARY 3

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine hidden facts regarding Nazis and Swiss banks.

SH-216