

In West Tennessee, the children of Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington and Coast Guard Sector Lower Mississippi River in Memphis provide the essential foundation of support for those securing our Nation's maritime interests and vital inland waterways.

In Middle Tennessee, families at Arnold Air Force Base in Tullahoma and Coast Guard Station Buchanan on the Tennessee River contribute to the vanguard of our Nation's aerospace testing and riverine security.

Across the state, our Tennessee National Guard and Reserve families serve in nearly every county, proving that the strength of our military is rooted in the very neighborhoods we call home. Our commitment to these children goes beyond words; it is etched into our state's laws. Tennessee is a proud member of the Military Interstate Children's Compact, ensuring that the children of our service members face a seamless transition as they move between school districts and states. By removing barriers to enrollment, placement, and graduation, we ensure that their education is never a casualty of their parents' service.

According to recent data, Tennessee is proud to support over 34,000 military-connected children. Roughly 15,800 of these children belong to active-duty families, while more than 18,500 are the sons and daughters of our dedicated National Guard and Reserve members. Whether in a classroom in Clarksville or an armory in rural Tennessee, these children are the backbone of our military families, ready to adapt and thrive wherever life takes them.

To honor their sacrifice, I strongly encourage all government offices, local businesses, and private citizens across Tennessee and this Nation to proudly display and wear purple throughout this month. We Purple Up because that color represents the blending of all service branches. It is a visible and powerful symbol of our unified gratitude for the resilience of our military families.

We see the sacrifice made by the military children of Tennessee's 7th District and across this Nation, we thank them for their bravery, and we remain committed to ensuring they have the support and resources they deserve.

HONORING THE CAREERS AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF RON JOLLY
AND COLLEEN WARES
McCLELLAND

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two remarkable voices of Northern Michigan, Ron Jolly and Colleen Wares McClelland, whose decades of service in the broadcasting industry informed, entertained, and connected communities across the state of Michigan. As they signed-off for the final time on April 10, 2026, we honor their lasting contributions to local journalism and public discourse.

For more than 30 years, Ron Jolly was a trusted voice for communities in Northern Michigan. Joining WTCM (AM) in Traverse City in 1994, he became a constant presence in the lives of countless listeners. Alongside

him, Colleen Wares McClelland built an equally impressive career, spanning over 45 years with Midwestern Broadcasting. Her steady presence and thoughtful engagement helped shape the Ron Jolly Show into one of the region's most beloved morning broadcasts.

Together the pair created more than just a morning radio program: they built a community of listeners who tuned in every weekday morning from 7 to 10 a.m., bringing high-level discussion of local, state, national, and global issues into cars, homes, and businesses across Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. Their conversations invited diverse perspectives and reminded listeners that even without seeing each other, as Michiganders, we are all connected. Their open phone lines fostered meaningful dialogue and thoughtful conversations, strengthening civil engagement throughout the region. When announcing their retirement, they spoke candidly about how difficult it will be to step away, yet, easy or hard, they would "hold hands and jump at the same time," a final testament to their partnership that was built on trust, respect, and a commitment to serving others.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing Ron Jolly and Colleen Wares McClelland for their dedicated service to informing the public, preserving local history, and entertaining communities throughout our great state. On behalf of Michigan's 1st Congressional District, I extend my deepest gratitude to Ron and Colleen and wish them all the best in a well-earned retirement.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF THE
SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE
NAMUR IN CALIFORNIA

HON. SAM T. LICCARDO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my colleagues, Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN and Congressman KEVIN MULLIN, to honor the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, an International Apostolic Congregation of Catholic Sisters, on the historic occasion of their 175th anniversary. The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur believed that educating young women could transform the world. Modern development economics has confirmed their guiding intuition: the very nations that most rapidly accelerate living standards have focused on widening access of women to education and careers. Their vision and network of schools now stretch across continents, generations, and countless lives—continuing to empower women and girls.

Born out of revolution-torn France in 1804, two women, Julie Billiart and Françoise Blin de Bourdon, founded the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur to provide schools for girls in what we now know as Belgium. Julie's guiding spirit reflected a simple and bold vision: "Hearts as wide as the world." She believed in a God whose goodness knew no limits. Their congregation of sisters grew, as did the reach of their schools.

In 1843, Jesuit Father De Smet invited the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur to the Pacific Frontier to open schools and orphanages for the Clatsop Native Americans. While Julie and Françoise never saw America, six of the Notre

Dame Sisters boarded the Indefatigable ship in Belgium, endured a months-long voyage to Astoria, Oregon, and carried out their vision of serving children in need.

In 1848, many families uprooted themselves to seek fortune in the California Gold Rush. Then, in 1850, typhoid swept the region, and the Sisters assumed nursing duties, caring especially for the orphans left in its wake. The following year, two Sisters traveled from Oregon to San Francisco to welcome four new members of their congregation from Belgium. Archbishop Joseph Alemany, O.P., saw that these women could provide what California needed and asked them to open schools in San José.

With faith as their guide, they purchased property in San José and built a school from salvaged structures: a frame house for living, an adobe classroom, and a barn transformed into a kitchen. On August 4, 1851, Notre Dame College opened on Santa Clara Street, offering day, boarding and college programs to girls of every background—Mexican, Irish, French Canadian and Native American. The Sisters lived simply, raised vegetables, kept a cow, stretched every dollar, learned Spanish, and expanded opportunity when education for girls remained far from guaranteed.

True to Julie's spirit, no child was turned away. The school grew, the curriculum evolved, and in 1868 it was chartered as the College of Notre Dame—the first college for women in California, which many celebrated as "the best school for young women in the West." In 1923, the college moved to the Ralston Mansion in Belmont. Originally founded as a women's institution, the college became coeducational in 1969 and now operates as Notre Dame de Namur University.

In 1928, Notre Dame High School, San José, moved from the Santa Clara Street campus to its present location at Second and Reed Streets. Over the following decades, Notre Dame opened schools across California—in Marysville, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Alameda, Redwood City, Petaluma, Carmel and Watsonville—and eventually expanded into Oregon, Washington and Hawaii.

Saint Julie prayed that her Sisters would spread their vision throughout the world. Today, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, U.S. East-West Province, sponsor or co-sponsor 19 ministries across the United States. The Congregation has a global presence, serving on five continents, in 16 countries, and across 23 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

One hundred seventy-five years after those first fragile beginnings in San José, California, Saint Julie's prayer has come to fruition, and her vision continues to guide their work. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this monumental anniversary and commemorating the legacy of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in California.

RECOGNIZING DR. KARRI BRYANT
IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

HON. SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Karri Bryant in

honor of Women’s History Month. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Women’s History Month is a time to honor women who have demonstrated excellence, leadership, faith, and service in their communities and beyond; and

Whereas, Dr. Karri Bryant is an ordained clergywoman, author, entrepreneur, mentor, and public speaker, dedicated to empowering individuals—especially women—to grow in faith, purpose, and leadership; and

Whereas, she has achieved significant academic success, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Morris Brown College, a Master of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and a Doctorate in Ministry focused on leadership and Christian renewal; and

Whereas, through initiatives such as Life Behind the Collar and The NUDGE Mentorship Initiative, Dr. Bryant provides mentorship, spiritual guidance, and leadership development to emerging leaders and women navigating faith and purpose; and

Whereas, she serves faithfully alongside her husband, Dr. Jamal H. Bryant, as First Lady of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia—one of the Nation’s most influential congregations advancing ministry initiatives that uplift families, strengthen communities, and inspire faith-based leadership; and

Whereas, Dr. Bryant exemplifies grace, resilience, and authenticity, inspiring others through her faith, scholarship, entrepreneurship, and national recognition, including the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award; and

Therefore, be it *resolved* that we, Florida’s 20th Congressional District, proudly recognize and honor Dr. Karri Bryant during Women’s History Month for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and service, inspiring others through her example of integrity, faith, and achievement.

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, April 16, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 20

3:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy’s atomic energy defense activities and Department of De-

fense nuclear weapons programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2027 and the Future Years Defense Program.
SR-222

APRIL 21

8 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold closed hearings to examine the posture of United States Indo-Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2027 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by an open session at 9:30 a.m. in SD-G50.
SVC-217

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for the fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Energy.
SD-366

10 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kevin Warsh, of Florida, to be a Member and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
SD-538

10:15 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on the Constitution
To hold hearings to examine Arctic Frost, focusing on conspiracy and coordination.
SH-216

10:30 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2027 for the National Guard and Reserves Forces.
SD-192

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Health and Human Services.
SD-124

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Seapower
To hold hearings to examine maritime unmanned surface vessels.
SR-222

Committee on Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy
To hold hearings to examine the U.S. approach to counterterrorism in Africa.
SD-419

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine Iran’s support for Russia and lessons learned from Ukraine.
RHOB-2247

10 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for

APRIL 22

fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Commerce.
SD-192

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of the Interior.
SD-124

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of the Treasury.
SD-138

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine federal boxing laws.
SR-253

Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Health and Human Services.
SD-215

10:15 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine China’s ongoing theft of U.S. innovation.
SH-216

2 p.m.
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Health and Human Services.
SD-430

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Agriculture.
SD-106

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Energy.
SD-124

3 p.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2027 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and United States Capitol Police.
SD-138

APRIL 23

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the posture of the United States Central Command and United States Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2027 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.
SD-G50