Center play a vital role in this work. SafeSpot partners with law enforcement, child protective services, and other community organizations to support children and families navigating the trauma of abuse. Through trauma-informed forensic interviews, advocacy services, and therapy, organizations like SafeSpot help reduce the burden on children while ensuring they receive the care and support they need to begin the healing process.

Child Abuse Prevention Month also highlights the importance of prevention through education, awareness, and early intervention. By investing in families and strengthening support systems, we can reduce risk factors and create environments where children can thrive.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing National Child Abuse Prevention Month and in supporting the individuals and organizations working tirelessly to protect children and promote safe, healthy communities.

HONORING RICARDO PEPI AND ALEJANDRO ''ALEX'' ZENDEJAS

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Congressional Soccer Caucus, I rise today to honor Ricardo Pepi and Alejandro ''Alex'' Zendejas, two stars in professional and international soccer, for being selected as part of the U.S. Men's National Team for the 2026 World Cup.

Mr. Pepi, born in El Paso and raised in San Elizario, made a name for himself at FC Dallas where he won MLS Young Player of the Year in 2021 before moving abroad to Europe. He is now a cornerstone of PSV Eindhoven.

Mr. Zendejas, born in neighboring Ciudad Juarez and raised in El Paso, has had an incredible career playing for some of Liga MX's biggest clubs like Chivas and Club America, where he is a staple today.

So many young athletes and their families sacrifice immensely to perfect their craft with the dream of playing professionally one day. I hope each of them are proud of their accomplishments and this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to represent our country on the world's biggest stage.

El Paso is very proud of them.

I thank them both for making our community and our country proud. I wish each of them—and the entire Men's National Team—nothing but the best of luck.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF REPRESENTATIVE BETTY JO BROWN

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. GOODEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the historic life and accomplishments of Texas State Representative Betty Jo Brown. Representative Brown passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the age of 86. A native of my hometown of Terrell, Representative Brown was Terrell High School Class of 1957 Salutatorian, and a graduate of Southern Methodist University.

Representative Brown dedicated much of her life to serving our shared community and the State of Texas. During her six terms in the Texas State House of Representatives, she served on several committees, including Elections, Redistricting, and Agriculture and Livestock, and was a faithful servant of Hunt, Kaufman, and Henderson counties.

Outside her career in the state legislature, Representative Brown built a life centered on faith, family, and service to others with her husband of more than 63 years, Ronald George Brown, who preceded her in death in 2022. She was also an active member of Russell Memorial United Methodist Church and Wills Point International Outreach Church, where she participated in the choir, handbell choir, children's ministry, and where she also served as a worship leader.

She is survived by her children, Rhonda Cobern, Greg Brown, and Emily Pogue; her grandchildren, Tarryn Cobern Hatcher, Tory Cobern, Simpson, Tabor Cobern, Denton Brown, Sophia Brown, Samantha Pogue, Lincoln Pogue, and Meredith Pogue; and her great-grandchildren, Jewel, Denver, Luke, Grayson, Grace, and Mason. Representative Brown's legacy will not be forgotten. I extend my deepest sympathies to her family, and I appreciate the profound impact of her lifelong commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING JAMES KESTER

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional young man from Rochester, New York, whose dedication to leadership, service, and academic excellence has earned him admission to the United States Air Force Academy: James Kester.

Throughout his years at Fairport High School, James distinguished himself as a leader both in the classroom and in his community. As an Eagle Scout, he dedicated countless hours to serving others, demonstrating a commitment to teamwork, responsibility, and selfless service. He further developed those leadership skills as captain of his football team, where he learned the importance of setting an example, supporting his teammates, and fostering success through collective effort. Balancing these responsibilities with an outstanding academic record, James consistently embodied the values of hard work, integrity, and perseverance.

For James, a commitment to service is deeply rooted in family tradition. Coming from a five-generation military family, he was inspired from an early age by the example of those who answered the call to serve our Nation. Drawn to the Air Force Academy's mission of developing leaders of character, he recognized an opportunity to continue that legacy while preparing himself for a lifetime of service. His dedication to duty, leadership, and country makes him exceptionally well-suited for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that James Kester will continue to make the Rochester community proud as he embarks on his journey at the United States Air Force Academy. I congratulate him on this remarkable achievement and extend my very best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARDS

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2025 recipients of the Best of Braddock Awards, an annual tradition in Virginia's 11th Congressional District that celebrates the residents, volunteers, public servants, students, and organizations who strengthen the Braddock District of Fairfax County through extraordinary service and civic leadership. I include in the RECORD the following names of the Best of Braddock Award recipients:

Annandale Mission Center, 2025 Club or Organization Making a Difference in the Braddock District Award. The Mission Center serves as a lifeline for hundreds of families each week. Through its supplemental grocery distribution program, it supports more than 325 families weekly and distributes hundreds of thousands of pounds of food each year. In addition, it offers clothing and hygiene distributions, maintains Little Free Libraries, hosts community groups and partner organizations, and provides welcoming space for congregations and vital services.

Leo ''Chip'' Bouche, 2025 Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification Award. Chip has strengthened community connection through craftsmanship and initiative. He designed, built, and installed new Little Free Library and Little Puzzle Library structures while restoring an aging library that had served the neighborhood for years. His work has created inviting gathering points that promote literacy, creativity, and neighborly exchange.

Margaret Thaxton, 2025 Most ''Can Do'' Public Employee Award. As Director of Development for the Fairfax County Park Foundation, Margaret has played a transformative role in advancing the mission of the Fairfax County Park Foundation. Through her leadership in fundraising, donor relations, and grant management, annual contributions have grown dramatically, reaching record levels in the past fiscal year. Her efforts have supported park improvements, community programs, and historic preservation projects that directly benefit residents across the Braddock District and Fairfax County.

Anthony Nguyen, 2025 Young Person of the Year. Anthony exemplifies thoughtful and dependable student leadership at Annandale High School. He contributes through student government, school media, and athletics, while also applying his creative talents as a photographer and entrepreneur to document and celebrate school life. His commitment to service, collaboration, and amplifying student voices reflects maturity well beyond his years.

Bob Mizer, Special Recognition for a Lifetime of Service to the Braddock District by dedicating decades to strengthening public safety and civic life in Fairfax County. As founder of one of the county's longest-running neighborhood watch programs, he built a volunteer network that has protected and connected hundreds of households. His continued service through civic leadership,

faith-based volunteering, and support of the Burke Volunteer Fire Department reflects a lifetime commitment to community.

Marcy Stennes, 2025 Braddock District Citizen of the Year. Marcy has mobilized extraordinary volunteer efforts to care for neighbors in need. She led Burke Presbyterian Church's Hypothermia Shelter during one of its most active seasons, recruiting hundreds of volunteers to provide meals, safety, and dignity to guests. Her leadership also extends to affordable housing advocacy, food security initiatives, and youth support programs, demonstrating a deep and abiding commitment to justice and service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2025 Best of Braddock Award recipients for their exceptional contributions to the Braddock District and to Fairfax County. Their dedication, leadership, and compassion embody the very best of Virginia's 11th Congressional District and serve as an example to communities across our Nation.

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, June 11, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 16

10 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Hal Duncan, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SD–608

2 p.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Education and the American Family

To hold hearings to examine the future of K–12 education in the age of artificial intelligence.

SD–430

3 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

4:15 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Army force modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2027 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR–222

JUNE 17

9 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bradford Pentony Wilson, of New Jersey, to be Archivist of the United States, Hal Duncan, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Brian Cavanaugh, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, David Cummins, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration, Cameron Hamilton, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Don Richard Berthiaume, Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Justice, Charles Baldis, of Virginia, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, James Woodruff, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Jeffrey Brodsky, William Gallo, Anthony Lomangino, and Robert Steffens, of Florida, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and Charlton Allen, of North Carolina, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

SD–342

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 3984, to authorize a 2-year extension of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, S. 4570, to incentivize, streamline, and sustain United States foreign government partner procurement of United States-origin cyber and digital technologies, S. 4259, to promote the development, production, and deployment of secure and resilient Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) to enhance United States national security and support the defense and resilience of Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Region, S. 3018, to permit visiting dignitaries and service members from Taiwan to display the flag of the Republic of China, S. 2578, to support United States investment opportunities, to strengthen bilateral collaboration in addressing criminal elements operating in the Brazilian Amazon, S. 2252, to require United States foreign assistance commodities to be made available for their intended purposes before they expire, S. 3050, to amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, to modify requirements under that Act relating to exemptions, S. 4610, to promote the development and use of geothermal resources in the Pacific, S. 3172, to repeal certain Acts that impose sanctions upon Syria, S. 3676, to require a sports diplomacy strategy to strategically leverage the major sporting events being hosted in the United States during the next decade to enhance United States soft power, diplomatic relationships, and global leadership, S. 4708, to improve the security of the Arctic, S. 4009, to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to forced organ harvesting within the People's Republic of China, S. 1542, to support the human rights of Uyghurs and members of other minority groups residing primarily in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, to safeguard their distinct identity, S. 3900, to promote human rights, internet freedom and accountability in Iran, S. 4709, to amend the Arms Export Control Act to modify a limitation relating to exports and transfers of defense articles and services under the AUKUS partnership, S. 4392, to promote United States and allied energy and mineral security, S. 4600, to require a South China Sea diplomatic engagement strategy, S. 4577, to reassess the United States-Tanzania bilateral relationship, S. 4443, to increase cooperation with countries in the Eastern Mediterranean region in order to strengthen energy security and defense capabilities, S. 4723, to establish a program to provide assistance to strengthen the capacity of law enforcement agencies in Latin America and the Caribbean to prosecute Chinese organized criminal groups and Chinese government-linked organizations engaged in criminal activity, S. 4734, Reciprocal Passport Validity Act, S. 4680, to authorize the Secretary of State to extend limited consular appointments to eight years, with an additional two-year extension for needs of the Foreign Service, S. 4665, to require the Secretary of State to submit a strategy to Congress for countering Iranian and Hezbollah influence operations in Latin America, S. 3733, to amend the Passport Act of June 4, 1920, to authorize certain public libraries to collect and retain a fee for the execution of a passport application, and S. 4726, to promote efforts to bring about stability and security in Sudan.

S–116

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1782, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of mental or physical disability in cases of organ transplants, S. 3799, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Healthy Start Initiative, S. 4109, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, S. 2339, to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009, S. 4472, to amend the Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act to reauthorize the provisions of such Act through fiscal year 2031, S. 2658, to require sponsors of drug applications and holders of approved applications to provide certain submissions and communications to the Food and Drug Administration and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, S. 3014, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to citizen petitions, and S. 1954, to improve the requirements for making a determination of interchangeability of a biological product and its reference product.

SD–430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine 250 years of Main Street, focusing on retail to research.

SR–428A

3 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH–219