work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr/Sr High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Heyzel Perez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO COOPER LUTKENHAUS

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Cooper Lutkenhaus. At just 16 years old, Cooper made history by breaking the U18 world record in the 800-meter with a time of 1:42.27 at the USA Track and Field Outdoor Championships in Eugene, Oregon.

His final 100-meter split and silver medal finish stunned even the most seasoned athletes and commentators, as he split an incredible 12.48 seconds in the final 100 meters to close the gap.

I thank Cooper for inspiring the next generation and showing the world what the Lone Star State is made of. He continues to represent North Texas well, and we cannot wait to keep watching his journey.

CONGRATULATING FIRE CHIEF RAYMOND HILL ON HIS RETIREMENT FOLLOWING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. CRAIG A. GOLDMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Fort Worth Fire Chief Raymond Hill on his retirement following more than 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Fort Worth and its residents. Chief Hill began his career with the Fort Worth Fire Department in December 1994 as a firefighter and steadily advanced through each rank. Over the past three decades, he has led critical operations, including firefighter training, emergency management, health and wellness, fire apparatus services, and the Fire Alarm Office.

In October 2025, the Fort Worth City Council unanimously appointed Chief Hill as interim fire chief. During his tenure, he guided the department through its transition to full responsibility for emergency medical services and helped reduce average Emergency Medical Services response times by approximately 32 percent over the past year.

Chief Hill's career is a testament to the value of public service, steady leadership, and a deep commitment to the community. For more than three decades, he has dedicated himself to protecting the people of Fort Worth and supporting the firefighters who serve alongside him.

As Chief Hill begins this next chapter, I extend my sincere gratitude for his years of service and sacrifice Fort Worth is stronger because of his leadership, and his contributions to the community will be remembered for years to come.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District of Texas, I am proud to congratulate Chief Raymond Hill and wish him and his family happiness and all the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING SELENE NEHLS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Selene Nehls for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Selene has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Selene, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Selene's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Junior/Senior High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Selene Nehls on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO ERIC WEINBERG

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Eric Weinberg, an AP and Honors student at Highland Park High School, who excels in the classroom and on the court as a varsity tennis player. His dedication to service has earned him the Presidential Gold Award and Congressional Bronze Award.

Eric has continued to serve North Texas as a graduate of our 2024 to 2025 Congressional Youth Advisory Council, as well as the University Park Youth Advisory Commission, and other community organizations. This summer, he was one of only two students from Texas selected for the FBI National Academy Associates Youth Leadership Program in Quantico.

Eric is already leading by example, balancing academics, athletics, and service. His leadership and commitment to serving others make him a true standout in North Texas.

RECOGNIZING EDEN RAYNE NEHLS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eden Rayne Nehls for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Eden Rayne has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Eden Rayne, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Eden Rayne's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Junior/Senior High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Eden Rayne Nehls on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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, September 17, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 23

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on an update on the United States Central Command area of operations.

SVC–217

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine updating America's nuclear waste management policy.

SD–406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine to take sworn witness testimony.

SD–342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To receive a closed briefing on cyber operations and readiness for the second and third quarters of Fiscal Year 2026 as well as an update on election security.

SVC–217

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1750, to reaffirm the applicability of the Indian Reorganization Act to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, S. 3859, to amend the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993 with respect to future membership in the Catawba Indian Nation, S. 4053, to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pechanga Band of Indians, and H.R. 226, to take certain Federal lands in

Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
SD–628

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism
To hold hearings to examine flock's nationwide AI surveillance network.
SD–562

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine small business, big impact, focusing on entrepreneurs at the heart of thriving communities for 250 years.
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 leveling the playing field, focusing on restoring America's edge in generic drug manufacturing.
SH–216

4 p.m.
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.
SR–418

SEPTEMBER 29

4 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
To hold hearings to examine an update on Golden Dome.
SR–222