

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DE'UNA WILSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. De'Una Wilson, the 2012 Valedictorian at Canton High School, in Canton, Mississippi. De'Una is the daughter of Mr. Derreco, Sr. and Ms. Regenia Wilson. She was born and raised in Canton and attends Canton United Methodist Church.

De'Una's accomplishments can be greatly attributed to her desire to fulfill her grandmother's dying wish for her to graduate at the top of her class. To achieve this, De'Una dedicated herself to her academics and completed her senior year with an "A" average, earning her the merit of Class Valedictorian. In addition to her academics, De'Una has remained active in her community by volunteering at the Open Door Community Outreach Center at Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Canton, and working a part-time job.

De'Una has been accepted into the Engineering Program at Jackson State University where she earned a full scholarship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. De'Una Wilson in being Valedictorian of Canton High School's 2012 graduating class.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
SENECA FALLS CONVENTION

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the anniversary of the first Women's Rights Convention in history, held in Seneca Falls, New York in 1848. This groundbreaking convention spanned two days and six sessions, and is considered by many to mark the beginning of the Women's Suffrage Movement in America.

The Seneca Falls Convention was attended by such important figures as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and Frederick Douglass. It was there that these luminaries mapped out the strategy to liberate and empower future generations to come. It was there that these women debated Elizabeth Cady Stanton's Declaration of Sentiments, regarded by Frederick Douglass as the "grand basis for attaining the civil, social, political, and religious rights of women."

Since the launch of the first wave of political activism at the Seneca Falls convention, women's rights activists have fought tirelessly for equality and independence and have vigilantly guarded and protected these hard won gains. From 1848–1895, states passed laws that extensively expanded the property rights of married women. And in 1920, women finally earned the right to vote.

In the 1960s, the second wave of political activism brought an expansion of the successes in the fight against gender inequality with the inclusion of workplace and reproductive rights. The Equal Pay Act was passed in 1963, followed a year later by the creation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The 1965 Supreme Court ruling in *Griswold v. Connecticut* struck down state law banning the use of contraception. And in 1973 *Roe v. Wade* granted women the right to privacy and to make their own decision to have an abortion. The passage of landmark Title IX in 1972 mandated equal opportunities for women in higher education. In 2009, President Obama signed into law the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to reset the 180-day statute of limitations on equal pay lawsuits every time a discriminatory paycheck is issued.

These victories over the last 164 years were possible because of the foundation laid out by the historic Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention.

But, unfortunately Mr. Speaker, despite all of these achievements, there is still a substantial amount of work to do. I have witnessed, over the last few years, efforts by my colleagues across the aisle begin to roll back many of these hard won rights. We have seen the attempt to strip women of their reproductive rights and of their right to choose. We have seen attempts to strip funding for family planning programs. We have seen attempts to redefine rape, in a way that turns the innocent into an "accuser" rather than a victim.

Let us not allow the 72-year struggle for women's suffrage, and the 164-year battle for women's rights to be in vain. We must resist and defeat those who would wage war on women. Let us not allow a War on Women to continue to permit violence against women, workplace discrimination, and disparate wages. Women, indeed, and all Americans must stand for what is right and honor our Nation's maxim of freedom and liberty for all. We must remember the Seneca Falls Convention and fight for the principle of equality that serves as the foundation of our great Nation.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
EDWARD RAMIREZ, SR.

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments and celebrate the life of Edward Ramirez, Sr.

Edward Ramirez, Sr. was born on March 1, 1930 to Bernardina and Pedro Ramirez and he recently passed away peacefully on July 13, 2012. He was surrounded by his family in his final moments.

As a young boy, Edward Ramirez, Sr. worked in the fields of San Jose. He enlisted

when he was only 15 and served our country during World War II in Germany. In 1967, he started his social activism as an original member, parishioner, and leader at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in San Jose, where he gave his time and resources in the fight to improve the community.

Edward graduated from San Jose State University in 1973 and advocated for the establishment of the Educational Opportunity Program, EOP, that improves student academic support of low-income and educationally disadvantaged students. He established the first alcohol rehabilitation center, Casa Adelante, in Santa Clara County. His expertise with the Hispanic Community in need of alcohol rehabilitation services has earned him the respect and gratitude of our community.

Edward is survived by his children, Edward, Jr., Arlene, Julian, Margaret, Catherine, and Julieana; 16 grandchildren; 6 great-grandsons; and numerous loving siblings, nieces, and nephews he loved. He was a much beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and pillar of the community.

We honor and mourn the passing of Edward Ramirez, Sr. We thank Edward for his invaluable service to our community and applaud his numerous contributions to the economically disadvantaged. We are very fortunate to have benefited from his passion, advocacy, and tenacity. He has left his mark in San Jose and the larger community.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE MCGOVERN
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George McGovern who is celebrating his 90th birthday and to thank him for his many years of service and dedication to social justice.

McGovern was a steadfast student at Dakota Wesleyan University, where he was elected school president twice. Following his service during WWII, McGovern enrolled at Northwestern University where he earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in government and American history.

In 1956, McGovern was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives where he spent two terms as an advocate to the American farmer. Continuing on his mission of social justice McGovern was named Director of the Food for Peace Program by President John F. Kennedy, leading efforts to donate food to developing countries. As a U.S. Senator from South Dakota, McGovern made an immediate impact by challenging the U.S. military involvement in Vietnam, and by being named Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs. He held office for three terms during which time he continued challenging the Vietnam War.

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After leaving the Senate and after his bids for president, McGovern served as the 6th United States Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture during the Clinton Administration. In 2001, McGovern was appointed as the first UN Global Ambassador on World Hunger and continues to be a leading advocate in the fight against hunger around the world.

Throughout his storied career both in Congress and as a leading voice against world hunger, McGovern has been honored countless times. He has received more than ten honorary degrees and is the recipient of a Presidential Medal of Freedom, a Gandhi Peace Award and a National Peacemaker Award from the National Conflict Resolution Center.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring a long time friend, George McGovern, on the occasion of this 90th birthday.

A TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM
ANDREW LOTT

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Captain William Andrew Lott of Leesburg, Florida, my uncle, who passed away earlier this month. A native of Dallas, Texas, Captain Lott flew combat missions in Korea and Vietnam, serving 34 years in the United States Navy in both hot and cold wars. He flew three different types of carrier-based aircraft including the A-1 Skyraider, the F-8 Crusader and the F-4 Phantom. He spent the equivalent of six years of his life at sea, amassing thousands of hours of flight time in three different combat aircraft, serving four tours of duty in Vietnam, and surviving ejections from crippled aircraft three times. He served proudly as not only a fighter pilot, but also as the Commanding Officer of both Fighter Squadron Forty One and the Naval Air Facility in El Centro, California. During his illustrious career, Captain Lott was the recipient of many awards and commendations including the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, and Navy Commendation Medal.

He was also an outstanding mentor to both the junior enlisted and officers under his command, with one former subordinate commenting, "He was a great leader and mentor, just like a Navy fighter pilot his timing was always on target; he knew when a junior officer needed direction and was always compassionate when doing so. He was not afraid to do what was right even in the face of adversity."

His Public Works Officer at El Centro noted, "the leadership style he passed on to me stayed with me. It was his guidance that pushed me on to be Operations Officer in Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 62 and to later become Commanding Officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7. In fact, when the civilian construction world called me, it was because of Captain Lott I chose to stay in longer as I wanted to command just like him."

Captain Lott leaves behind two sons, Randall and David, and a nation grateful for his distinguished service.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT
CHRISTOPHE RUSTICI'S SERVICE
TO OUR COUNTRY WITH THE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORP

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I thank Sergeant Christophe Rustici for his brave and honorable service to our country with the United States Marine Corps.

Sgt. Rustici has served with the Marine Corps since May of 2006 when he enlisted as a Reservist. During his enlistment he was deployed to both Afghanistan and Iraq in support of our combat operations in the region. Christophe fought side by side with local and NATO coalition forces, and was in charge of several of his fellow Marines. He was responsible for providing security to many installations and bases in both Iraq and Afghanistan, assisted with first aid to both locals and fellow soldiers, and assisted in engaging with the local forces and population to provide humanitarian aid.

Sgt. Rustici's hard work and efforts have been recognized with a Certificate of Commendation for his actions as a Fire Team Leader and Sergeant of the Guard for his service in Afghanistan. He has also qualified as a Rifle and Pistol Expert with the Marine Corps, and has been awarded a Meritorious Mast for Excellence while working as a recruiter with the Marines.

Our liberties, our values, and everything America stands for is due to the heroic services of our men and women in uniform. I thank Christophe for his service to the United States and wish him all the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH
"BEEZIE" MADDEN

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Elizabeth "Beezie" Madden of Cazenovia, New York for her involvement in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

Beezie already has a very distinguished riding career, establishing herself as one of the premier equestrian riders in the world. In addition to becoming the first woman to pass the \$1 million mark in show jumping earnings, she has competed in two Olympics, winning two Gold medals and a Bronze.

Beezie will be competing in the London Olympics representing the United States this summer. Her success adds to a long history of New York Olympians continuing the proud American athletic tradition in international competition. I wish Beezie all the best in the Olympics, and I know she will represent our region—and our nation—proudly.

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS AND JEAN
DORTON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dennis T. Dorton, the President and Chief Executive Officer at Citizens National Bank, in honor of his retirement after contributing more than 42 years of banking excellence. I also would like to recognize Dennis' wife, Jean Dorton, and honor her for her strong leadership and service to the Commonwealth. Mr. and Mrs. Dorton have been a dynamic duo over the years. Working together they have helped transform southern and eastern Kentucky.

As a Paintsville native, Dennis Dorton has served as a third generation President of Citizens National Bank, which has been a part of the Dorton family for 90 years. Mr. Dorton began his career at the bank in 1970, after graduating from Morehead State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Raised in the spirit that a banker's place is in the community, Mr. Dorton is a leader in various community organizations including the Christian Appalachian Project, the American Red Cross, a group working to restore programs and operations at the David School, and the local utilities commission building a new water plant in Paintsville. He is an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Paintsville and has been involved in Volunteers in Mission traveling to Belize and Costa Rica to help build church and school buildings.

Mr. Dorton's involvement in civic and community service efforts span a broad spectrum. He has served as, Chairman of the Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority board, Treasurer and Board member of Paintsville-Johnson County Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Appalachian Artisan Center, and Vice Chairman and Board Member of the Christian Appalachian Project board. Mr. Dorton also served as Treasurer for the Kentucky Bankers Association in the '80s and Chairman of the Kentucky Bankers Association from 2007-2008.

Mr. Dorton has had a strong partner by his side in his wife, Jean Dorton. Mrs. Dorton is a graduate of Morehead State University and has worked for the Big Sandy Community and Technical College since 2005. Like her husband, Mrs. Dorton has been involved in many organizations within the community. Mrs. Dorton was a founding member of the Eastern Kentucky Federated Republican Women and a member of the University of Pikeville Board of Regents. She served on the Paintsville City Council, and currently serves on the board for the Center for Rural Development, and on the PRIDE Executive Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dennis and Jean Dorton for their countless years of dedication and service to the families of southern and eastern Kentucky and for their banking expertise and civic leadership which have impacted the community for the better.

HONORING KATHERINE TANKSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Katherine Tankson. Katherine has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Katherine Tankson is a native of Sharkey County and resides in Rolling Fork, Mississippi. She has served in the educational arena for a total of 42 years. This included 12 years in the South Delta School District as a classroom teacher and 19 years as an administrator, before her first retirement in December of 2000. The South Delta School District is located in the Mississippi Delta and serves the students of Sharkey and Issaquena Counties with a present enrollment of 988 students.

Upon receiving her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Education from Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, MS in 1969, her only desire was to return to her hometown to teach with the goal of helping to make a difference in the lives of children. Mrs. Tankson has received two master's degrees. She has a Master's Degree in English from Jackson State University, in Jackson, MS, and her second Master's Degree is in Education Administration and Supervision from Delta State University in Cleveland, MS.

During her tenure with South Delta School District, she served as the auditor in the district for the International Curriculum Management Audit Center, Inc., located in Huxley, Iowa. In that position she conducted curriculum management audits in school districts in the Bermuda territory of the United Kingdom, also on the United States in the States of Georgia and California. She was appointed by the Mississippi Department of Education to serve as auditor throughout the State in various schools selected by the State.

In January 2001, she was employed with the Mississippi Department of Education as Project Director for the Technology Academy for School Leaders (TASL) until June 2004. As the director she worked with superintendents, principals, and other administrators across the State in the areas of technology and curriculum development.

In July 2006, she returned to the South Delta School District where she currently serves as Superintendent. Under her leadership, significant progress has been made in changing the culture of the district and the schools. An increase in necessary resources critical to the success of being effective teachers, administrators, and instructional leaders has flourished in the district. As a result the district and schools have seen significant increases in student achievement, and improvements in classroom delivery and instruction through the use of 21st century technology. The district has also undergone \$4 million dollars in renovation at the South Delta High School which has produced a by-product of improved parent and community involvement to say the least.

Mrs. Tankson's career in education is long standing—after 31 years, retiring in 2000, she came out of retirement and gave 11 more years to educating and leading before retiring

again June 30, 2012. Those 11 more years give her that grand total of 42 years in education, which is worthy of recognition. She is still an active member of numerous educational organizations.

Although she has left her footprints through schools in various States in the U.S. including the Bermuda territory, her love for Mississippi is where she started and ended her career. Providing the students of the South Delta School District in Rolling Fork, MS with a quality education is her passion. Her contribution to education will be forever appreciated for the countless number of students she has touched guiding them to the path of success. She has not only had a positive impact on students but also parents, teachers, and even community members, and for that too she will be appreciated.

She married her high school sweetheart, James Tankson, a retired educator of 40 years, and they have three beautiful daughters, Dr. Jeanetta Denise Tankson, Dr. Janice Valencia Tankson, and Ms. Jamie Alicia Tankson-Cunningham who is also aspiring to acquire her doctoral degree in education. Her son-in-law, Rev. Therman Cunningham, Jr. is currently working toward a doctoral degree in theology. Mrs. Tankson also has two precious, loving granddaughters—Trinity Alicia Cunningham and Taylor LeAnn Cunningham.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Katherine Tankson for her passion and dedication to the South Delta School District in Rolling Fork, MS.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5856) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Chair, I support passage of H.R. 5856, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013, which supports our servicemembers and makes important investments in our national security and in the health, well-being, and readiness of our Armed Forces.

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to our military and their families for their service and selfless sacrifices. We in Hawaii are proud of the men and women in our military that have served and are currently serving in Afghanistan. Above all, we must also never forget those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Supporting our servicemembers and their families, whether it's during deployment or as they transition back into civilian life, is a solemn commitment we must keep.

Many of our men and women in uniform are suffering from serious wounds from their service, both visible and invisible. That's why I'm pleased to see increases in traumatic brain injury and psychological health funding as well as suicide prevention and outreach. The bill also boosts resources for peer-reviewed research on Gulf War Illness, Lou Gehrig's dis-

ease, breast cancer, prostate cancer, vision and spinal cord conditions, and many other medical research initiatives.

This legislation will further protect access to health coverage for Hawaii's military retirees, who have dedicated their careers in service to our country. Through the adoption of an amendment offered by Representative STEARNS, no funds could be used to implement a fee to enroll in TRICARE for Life.

Hawaii has a strong military presence and is home to thousands of military families. As a strong advocate for Impact Aid, I welcome the increased amount of this funding, which helps ensure the federal government does its part to support our nation's local school districts and military families and educate military-connected children.

By providing support for the operation, maintenance and procurement for our military's installations in Hawaii, including Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Schofield Barracks, and Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, H.R. 5856 protects jobs and advances President Obama's strategic refocusing on the Asia-Pacific region. The measure also affirms the critical role of our citizen soldiers and airmen in the defense of our nation in providing for critical Army equipment needs and rejecting force structure reductions and aircraft retirements proposals that would have negatively affected Air Guard and Reserve units across the country.

With turmoil continuing in the Middle East, now more than ever we must stand strong with our friend and ally Israel. This measure includes additional funding for joint U.S.-Israeli defense cooperation, and continued support for Iron Dome system, which has protected and saved lives from the daily threat of rockets aimed at towns and cities in a country surrounded by hostility and instability.

While H.R. 5856 supports our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines in Hawaii and around the world, this defense appropriations bill contains provisions that raise serious concerns. For example, this bill slows down the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan; it is over the President's budget request and over the Budget Control Act passed last year. H.R. 5856 excludes funds requested by the President for the production of domestic biofuel for our military, an important initiative our military leadership supports. Furthermore, the bill places a significant amount of our nation's resources in certain weapons systems the Defense Department neither requested nor needed.

It is my hope that Senate will address these serious issues and that we can pass a final bill that is fiscally responsible, reaffirms the American people's commitment to our servicemembers and protects our national security.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5856) making appropriations for the Department of Defense

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chair, I cannot support this bill in its current form.

It's telling that every domestic program in this year's budget is taking a hit—in some cases, a huge hit. The House majority seems perfectly fine with cutting grant funding for our firefighters, our cops, and other first responders. The House majority thinks it's good public policy to cut programs designed to help the most vulnerable in our society, but any suggestion that we need fewer defense contractors provokes howls of protest. Any suggestion that national security-related corporate welfare should be ended—and I'm referring to the over-budget F-35 program as a prime example—evinces the most hysterical rhetoric about “weakening America's defenses.”

Let's deal with the facts. We spend more on defense than most of the rest of the world combined. We won the Cold War over 20 years ago, yet this budget continues to fund unnecessary and radically over-cost Cold War legacy weapons programs that we don't need, can't afford and won't help us deal with the kind of terrorist threat we face now and into the future. The House majority is throwing the poor under the bus even as it throws a kiss to the military-industrial complex.

The bill also continues funding a war that should have been over long ago. As I've said since 2009, our continued presence in Afghanistan is prolonging the conflict, not helping end it. The President's ill-considered assassination-by-drone policy in Pakistan, which now features Vietnam war-style “signature strikes” against groups of individuals without verification of their status as terrorists, has led to the deaths of an increasing number of innocent civilians. Indeed, the escalation of the drone strikes and the loosening of the intelligence standards under which they operate comes even after Osama bin Laden was killed last year.

The original rationale for invading Afghanistan—getting bin Laden and his associates—no longer exists, yet this bill continues to fund a war whose purpose has clearly been achieved. There is perhaps no greater example of a policy on autopilot than our war in Afghanistan, which is one of the many reasons I do not support this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 103RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I am pleased to recognize the National Association for Advancement of Colored People for its 103rd year of pursuing justice and equality for everyone in America, regardless of color, religion, or gender. The NAACP is one of our nation's most revered and outstanding organizations dedicated to social, political, and economic equality. It has fought countless battles—from race riots to voter suppression—to protect the rights of all persons.

I commend the leadership of President Benjamin Jealous who has been outspoken on the

most pressing issues in our communities. He has inspired thousands of Americans across the country to take action, whether it is organizing the “Justice for Trayvon Martin” movement or protests against unfounded voter ID laws.

Furthermore, I am pleased to acknowledge the Mid-Manhattan branch of the NAACP located in my district for its unwavering commitment to our community. The branch is involved in mentorship programs, youth development, and encouraging people to be politically and socially active. This year they helped to organize the “Silent Stop and Frisk” march in June, which rallied roughly 72,000 of our community. I had the pleasure of marching in unison with them against unjust stop and frisk practices that discriminately target minorities and violence in our communities. The event was an example of NAACP's continuous efforts to galvanize and mobilize our communities to stand up for equality.

I am proud to congratulate the Mid-Manhattan branch for receiving the Thalheimer award for outstanding membership enrollment at their annual convention in Houston, Texas earlier this month. I applaud them for their accomplishments in health and education advocacy, fighting for economic empowerment, and continuously standing up for justice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring the NAACP during its 103rd anniversary for its accomplishments and tireless commitment to uplifting all communities throughout America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 487 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

H.R. 5856: THE MORAN AMENDMENT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, last week the House voted on an amendment by Mr. MORAN which prohibits U.S. funds from being used to purchase Russian-made Mi-17 helicopters for the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF). After more than 10 years at war, we recently reached the grim milestone of losing our 2,000th service member in this war. It has been clear for a long time that more of our blood and our money will not help us “win” Afghanistan. Yet long after the last member of our Armed Forces leaves Afghanistan, U.S. taxpayers will be footing the bill for more than half of the \$4 billion per year it will take to support the ANSF over the next decade. This financial support includes military equipment, training and uniforms.

The underlying bill includes a total of \$238.7 billion to continue operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, on top of the \$1.3 trillion we have already spent. It is time for the U.S. to end its

nation-building exercise in Afghanistan, stop funding military spending there and bring the troops home safely and responsibly.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND DEDICATION OF MS. BEATRICE BEILER OF LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the tireless service and dedication of one of my own constituents, Ms. Beatrice Beiler. Ms. Beiler has been an essential part of the Long Beach foster care program for over 20 years and has a truly inspirational story.

Upon retiring from Hughes Aircraft in 1992, rather than living the life of leisure that many retirees do, Ms. Beiler chose to be of service. Coming from a big family herself, she has always been very family oriented and it is this experience that opened her mind to the idea to giving back through foster care.

Her caring spirit and giving nature instilled Ms. Beiler with a heart that is able to see the needs of others and immediately try to fulfill those needs. When Ms. Beiler found out that there was a shortage of foster homes able to house multiples of siblings of two or more, she volunteered her home to foster children siblings without hesitation. As a result, she helped many children to avoid damaging transitions by helping them to stay together and maintain a sense of family in spite of the turmoil that led to their entry into the foster care system.

In California there are over 80,000 children in the foster care system, the majority of whom are placed there as a result of parental abuse or neglect. As a member of the Congressional Caucus of Foster Youth I am particularly impressed by the service that Ms. Beiler has done for my community and the many families and children she has helped to reunite. Through her work, many children have had the opportunity to grow up in a safe and loving environment that they might not have otherwise had.

Ms. Beiler has been able to help many foster children succeed despite their painful pasts. Children like Kelsey, a foster child Ms. Beiler has raised since she was just 8 months old until the age of 17, find not only shelter but also love and nurture while in the care of Ms. Beiler. She has seen students go from struggling to stay in school to making straight A's. She has watched many go from dire situations to reunification with their families. It is stories like these that fuel her passion to continue to reach out to anyone whose life she can change for the better. Along with her dedication to the foster care system, Ms. Beiler has also opened a daycare facility to continue to be able to help parents and children in need. It is her mission to touch as many hearts and lives as she can.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Beiler is the type of woman we should all look to emulate. She is selflessly committed and graciously generous with her time, her money, her home, and her love. It is with great pleasure that I have the opportunity recognize the hard work and dedication of this unsung hero.

RECOGNIZING THE CITIZEN'S
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to commend the Citizen's Commission on Human Rights on the opening of their new National Public Affairs Office here in Washington, DC.

I want to thank my friend Sam Brunelli, the President and CEO of Team Builders International, for the role he played in bringing the good work of the Citizen's Commission on Human Rights to my attention. Since 1969, the Citizen's Commission on Human Rights has tirelessly worked to educate the public about the dangers of some drugs. As part of this effort, CCHR has been at the forefront of the debate over whether parents' have a fundamental right to raise their children as they see fit; and that includes making decisions about evaluation and treatment of mental health conditions.

As some of my colleagues may recall, back in 2003 a Presidential Commission recommended that the government implement mental health screening in public school. The Commission contended that early detection, assessment, and links with treatment and support programs would help prevent mental health problems from worsening. However, neither the Commission's report nor any related mental health screening proposal under discussion at the time required active parental consent before a child was subjected to mental health screening.

I appreciate the value of having mental health problems diagnosed and treated early, but cutting the parents out of the process was deeply troubling to me. More often than not, the typical course of action when a child is diagnosed with a mental health condition—typically Attention Deficit Disorder, ADD, or Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, ADHD, is to prescribe a powerful psychotropic drug, such as Ritalin. But these drugs have some serious side effects which include mania, violence and dependence. In fact, these drugs are so potentially dangerous that in 2007, under pressure from members of Congress and groups like CCHR, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, FDA, was finally compelled to require that the makers of all antidepressant medications update their black box warning on their products' labeling to include warnings about increased risks of suicidal thinking and behavior, known as suicidality.

Yet, inexplicably, not only were parents being cut out of the loop with regard to these drugs, parents who were informed, and who wanted to say no, were actually being threatened by school districts with child abuse charges for not drugging their children.

As a Christian, parent and grandparent, I have throughout my Congressional career staunchly defended the right of parents to direct the upbringing of their children as they see fit. I believe this right is embedded in the U.S. Constitution, affirmed by Supreme Court case precedent, and exemplified by the inalienable rights and freedoms this country was founded on. To deny parents the right to know about the potential dangers of these drugs and the right to say "no, this is not the right

treatment for my child," is simply mindboggling. This is the same flawed mentality that condones putting toxic substances like mercury in medical products like vaccines and dental fillings and then not telling people the mercury is in there. Mercury is the most toxic substances on earth after radioactive materials. It has no place in any medication for children or adults; and I'm proud of the work I've done in Congress to get mercury removed from medicine. I'm also proud to have worked with CCHR and other like-minded groups to raise awareness of the potential dangers of psychotropic drugs, and to fight to put parents back in charge of their children's health care decisions instead of government bureaucrats.

Unfortunately, the price of defending our freedoms from the intrusion of big government is to be eternally vigilant. The economic and political life of America has changed profoundly over the last four years, and once again, the government is trying to intrude upon the relationship of parent to child.

In the past, parents were threatened by government officials with child abuse charges if they resisted efforts to drug their children with ADHD medications. Today, parents are penalized by government for sending their children to school with a brownbag lunch that does not meet some arbitrary government nutritional guidelines. These may seem like widely separate things but they are at the most basic level the same; an usurpation by the government of the right of parents to make decisions for their children.

Under the rubric of "Children's Rights," advocate of big government are pushing the argument that children should have, and the state should recognize, greater autonomy for children from their parents in deciding how to live, or that government agencies must have the power to step in to protect children from "bad parents."

I believe this concept of "Children's Rights" is flawed for two reasons. First, parents possess the maturity, experience, and capacity for judgment required for making life's difficult decisions that children lack. Second, as the Supreme Court said in the case of *Parham v. J.R.19* simply "because the decision of a parent is not agreeable to a child or because it involves risks, does not automatically transfer the power to make that decision"—nor in my opinion should it—"from the parents to some agency or officer of the state."

In his Oval Office farewell address, President Ronald Reagan said two things that are particularly relevant to our discussion tonight; he said: "As government expands, liberty contracts;" and that "All great change in America begins at the dinner table."

President Reagan understood that family is the foundation of our society; and that parents do have a profound impact on their children. If we are to recapture a common denominator of right and wrong in America, we must begin in the homes of America with conversations at the dinner table between moms and dads and growing children.

By respecting and defending a parents' fundamental right to teach their children that there is acceptable behavior and unacceptable behavior, appropriate speech and inappropriate speech we can re-instill in our children a moral character of trust, honesty, respect and tolerance, qualities that are so necessary to having safe and prosperous communities—

and which are at the core of CCHR's own philosophy.

Make no mistake, though, stopping the further spread of government power in the area of the family and ensuring that parental rights are protected with the strength and certainty they deserve will not be a quick and easy victory. That is why organizations like CCHR are so important. If good people like the men and women who work for CCHR refuse to give up the fight, victory is inevitable.

Again, I want to commend CCHR on the opening of their beautiful new facility here in Washington, DC and wish them good fortune in their future endeavors.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S RIGHTS HISTORY PROJECT ACT

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, on July 19, 2012, I introduced the Reauthorization of the National Women's Rights History Project Act. This legislation was intended to be introduced with Mr. RICHARD HANNA (NY-24) as an original cosponsor.

TRIBUTE TO DEWAYNE BUNCH

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dewayne Bunch, a brave member of the Kentucky National Guard, a leader in the State legislature, and a dedicated teacher at Whitley County High School: His passing is a great loss and he will be deeply missed by Whitley and Laurel County and across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Dewayne's life encompassed the true meaning of a public servant. Described as "a mighty man of valor," Dewayne helped lead our Commonwealth with an extraordinary level of dedication and excellence. While serving in the Kentucky National Guard, Dewayne proudly fought for our country in Iraq as a first sergeant and received multiple honors, including the Bronze Star. Dewayne was also a veteran of the United States Army and after 24 years of service to the Kentucky National Guard, Dewayne was elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives in the fall of 2010 and thoughtfully represented Whitley and Laurel Counties. In his brief legislative career in Frankfort, Dewayne showed tremendous potential as a legislator.

In April of 2011, Dewayne was severely injured while trying to break up a fight between two students at Whitley County High School where he taught math and science for 17 years. Dewayne was highly regarded by his students and faculty, and shared a vision with lawmakers for a better Kentucky, especially in the field of education. After his injury, Dewayne resigned from the Kentucky legislature, and the position was filled by his dutiful wife, Regina Bunch.

On July 11th, 2012, Dewayne passed away at the age of 50. Over 450 people attended his funeral, including State legislators, fellow educators, members of the Patriot Guard Riders, and friends from all walks of life. During the funeral service, it was announced that the Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal had been posthumously awarded to Dewayne, for his exceptionally admirable and meritorious conduct.

Dewayne was a quality man, dedicated to his State, his church, and most importantly, his family. On behalf of my wife Cynthia and myself, I want to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to Regina, the Bunch family, and those who had the privilege of knowing Dewayne.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the late Dewayne Bunch for dedicating a lifetime of service to the families of southeastern Kentucky, our Commonwealth, and our great Nation.

HONORING SHAWANDA ALLEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Shawanda LaShell Allen. Shawanda LaShell Allen was born in Hazlehurst, Mississippi to the proud parents of Glenda Johnson and Anthony Allen.

Throughout her years in school, Shawanda remained dedicated to her academics and extracurricular activities. She received the highest academic average of her class for the 2011–2012 school year in advanced placement English Literature and Composition, Calculus, United States Government, and Accounting. In addition to this, Shawanda was inducted into the Crystal Springs High School Hall of Fame; received the Student Council Leadership Award; and the U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award. Ms. Allen was also awarded the following scholarships—Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP, the United States Achievement Academy, Workforce Investment Area Transition, and University of Southern Mississippi Leadership Scholarships.

Shawanda also participated in the Student Council, Beta Club, SADD Club, Mu Alpha Theta Club, Theater Club-Tigers Actin' Up, and played on the soccer, softball, and track/field teams. She is a faithful member of Clear Creek Missionary Baptist Church where she is a part of the Feeding Ministry and Nursing Home Ministry.

In 2012, Shawanda graduated from Crystal Springs High School with honors. In the fall, she plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and pursue a degree in Accounting.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Shawanda LaShell Allen for her hard work, dedication and a strong desire to achieve.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Historic Pilgrim Baptist Church of Saint Paul, and its 150 years of rich history and dedicated service to our community.

Pilgrim Baptist Church is the oldest African-American church in Minnesota, with a history deeply rooted in America's struggle for racial equality and social justice. More than 150 years ago, a group of slaves escaped and embarked upon a turbulent and courageous journey to the North during the Civil War. With the help of Union Forces and the Underground Railroad, this group of black men, women and children departed from Boone County, Missouri. Calling themselves "pilgrims", because they did not know their final destination, they began their long trek through the Midwest, eventually finding refuge in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

The group found a leader in fellow escaped slave Robert Thomas Hickman, who had previously learned how to read under the direction of his master, and also received permission to preach to his peers. Reverend Hickman continued this practice upon arriving to Minnesota, gaining many followers who desired a welcoming place to worship. The congregation worshipped in several Saint Paul homes until they were able to rent a room in a local concert hall. Reverend Hickman received his mission status from the First Baptist Church of Saint Paul, and the congregation continued to worship under Hickman's direction, officially becoming the Pilgrim Baptist Church on November 15, 1866.

The courage and dedication of Reverend Hickman and the founders of Pilgrim Baptist Church are woven into church history. Throughout the years, the congregation has not only been a spiritual home for countless families and individuals, but also a center for community action, serving as the birthplace of the Saint Paul Chapters of the NAACP and Urban League as well as schools and organized labor movements. This legacy of community activism continues today through the congregation and Reverend Charles Gill, Jr., who has served as the Senior Pastor since 2004. Reverend Gill remains steadfast in the church mission, delivering a message of love and acceptance to the congregation and the congregation continues to serve the community in many ways.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Saint Paul, Minnesota, I am pleased to submit this statement.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING
MILITARY SERVICE OF COLONEL
JOE N. WILBURN ON THE OCCA-
SION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from the

United States Air Force, I rise to recognize Colonel Joe N. Wilburn for his twenty-six years of commissioned service to our country. In his most recent assignment, he was the Commander, Air Force Reserve Recruiting Service, Robins AFB, Georgia. In this role, he served as advisor to the Air Force Reserve Command Commander, Vice Commander, senior staff and field numbered Air Force and wing commanders on all matters relating to recruiting for the Air Force Reserve. He commanded and exercised oversight for more than 450 military and civilian personnel worldwide at forty-five main operating locations and numerous satellite offices.

Colonel Wilburn joined the Air Force on June 27, 1982 when he reported in as a cadet at the Air Force Academy. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on May 28, 1986, with an undergraduate degree in International Affairs. While stationed at MacDill AFB, he deployed to the Middle East in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Upon returning from deployment, he was selected to be the Chief of Operations at the 369th Recruiting Squadron in Los Angeles, California. Colonel Wilburn later joined the Air National Guard where he performed duties with the 148th Combat Communications Squadron in Ontario, California. In April 2000, he was asked to lead a Recruiting Flight at March Air Reserve Base, California. Because of his success at March Air Reserve Base, Colonel Wilburn was chosen to be a Program Manager on the Island of Oahu in Hawaii.

Due to his achievements and unwavering dedication to his country, it was no surprise he was chosen to be the Commander of Air Force Reserve Recruiting. During his almost four years as Commander, Colonel Wilburn was responsible for accessing 39,268 new citizen airmen. His innovative ideas and exemplary leadership skills allowed his team of recruiters to focus their accession practices on targeting prior service candidates, which saved the Air Force Reserve Command over \$600 million dollars in training costs.

Colonel Wilburn could not have been such a tremendous leader without the support of his wife of thirteen years, Monica, his daughter Maya, and his son Jason. Colonel Wilburn also owes much of his success to his parents Joe Wilburn, Senior, and his mother Merrie as well as his in-laws, Dudley and JoAnne Latham. We thank them for helping to develop and mold such an outstanding leader for our military.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation to Colonel Joe N. Wilburn for his outstanding service to both the United States Air Force and our great nation. We wish him and his family the best of luck as he transitions into retirement. Colonel Wilburn is a true professional and a credit to himself, his family, and the United States Air Force.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was not present in the House chamber on Thursday, July 19 to vote on rollcalls 487

through 498. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcalls 489, 490, 494, 495, 497 and 498. I would have voted “nay” on rollcalls 487, 488, 491, 492, 493 and 496.

CONGRATULATING DIAMOND
DIXON

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Diamond Dixon who will be representing our nation as a member of the Olympic track and field team in London this year. She will compete, as one of our nation's best athletes, in the 4x400m relay. This young woman is not only an amazing competitor, but serves as an inspiration to a generation of young athletes throughout the nation.

Diamond was born El Paso, Texas, the district that I represent, and grew up in Houston. She is currently a student athlete at the University of Kansas and a member of the track and field team.

Running was Diamond's way to escape, the place she could go to forget about her problems and clear her mind. By her junior year at Westside High School in Houston, she had already begun to showcase her athletic talent. On a recruiting trip to see one of Westside High School's male stars, University of Kansas coach Stanley Redwine was very impressed with Dixon's performance at the meet, noting that “her determination and will to win is just unbelievable.”

After racing 21 times during her sophomore collegiate season, Dixon turned in a solid performance on tired legs at the Olympic Trials. She finished third in her opening round and semifinal round heats of the 400m before running a personal-best 50.88, finishing fifth in the final. With the top four finishers automatically in the relay pool, Dixon's efforts impressed Coach Amy Deem enough to earn one of her discretionary selections.

The Olympic Games this summer will be her first call-up to the senior national team. Dixons' strong international relay experience on the junior level Team USA will prove to be a valuable asset to her teammates racing with her in London. In 2010, she led off the U.S. 4x400m that won gold in 3:31.20 at the World Junior Championships in Moncton, Canada. Last summer, she anchored the U.S. to victory in 3:34.71 at the Pan American Junior Championships in Miramar, Florida. In July, Dixon anchored the U.S. to victory in 3:28.64 at the North American, Central American and Caribbean Championships in Irapuato, Mexico.

I am extremely proud of Ms. Diamond Dixon and wish her the best competing in the Summer Olympics. Ms. Dixon's story is the embodiment of the American dream, her motivation

and success were derived from her drive to become the best. This reminds us all that with hard work and spirit, we can accomplish great things.

VOTER PROTECTION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there is an unprecedented effort by the GOP to deprive millions of Americans of their right to vote. Proponents of these efforts to suppress the electorate continue to grossly exaggerate the threat of voter fraud, in hopes of excluding select groups of eligible voters from the polls, and thus swaying the election in their favor.

In 2002, President Bush launched an aggressive 5-year campaign to crack down on voter fraud. The end result was a mere 86 convictions out of the 122 million people who voted during the 2004 Presidential election. There is no evidence to suggest that these facts have changed, and certainly not to the degree in which it is being touted by the Republicans. It is clear that the only reason why overly burdensome voter laws are being adopted is to exclude the elderly, our youth, minorities, and the poor from casting their ballots.

Nationally, an estimated 21 million American citizens do not possess a government-issued photo ID. Under these restrictive laws, that is potentially 21 million Americans who will be excluded from the democratic process. In states like Texas, where millions of individuals live in rural areas and without easy access to ID-issuing offices, the costs are even higher. Millions more stand to be excluded, as voter suppression continues far beyond requiring specific forms of identification.

Mr. Speaker, we must prevent these regressive policies from becoming law if we are to preserve the integrity of the electoral process for all Americans. Fourteen states have already passed restrictive voting laws. This deceptive practice has already gone too far, and I refuse to allow history to repeat itself in what is a direct attack on our democracy, and the American people.

NATIONAL STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MINERALS PROTECTION ACT, H.R. 4402

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 4402, the National

Strategic and Critical Minerals Protection Act. This bill is yet another Republican giveaway to the mining industry.

H.R. 4402 elevates the narrow special interest of the mining industry above the interests of the American public. For example, this bill gives mining on public lands priority over all other uses—replacing current law that requires public lands to be managed for multiple uses. The White House warns this provision “has the potential to threaten hunting, fishing, recreation and other activities which create jobs and sustain local economies across the country.”

Moreover, H.R. 4402 exempts hardrock mining operations from key provisions of the nation's most important environmental laws, including the Clean Water Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. These weakened environmental safeguards would govern mining operations in every region because H.R. 4402 deceptively defines “strategic and critical minerals” so broadly as to include sand and gravel. This means families and businesses all across the country would have less ability to resist new mining operations that threaten to pollute their community's air and water.

Congressman CHIP CRAVAACK, my Minnesota colleague, offered an amendment to H.R. 4402 that would apply these weakened permitting and environmental review provisions to mining proposals that are already in the approval process. This amendment would allow massive sulfide-mining proposals in Northern Minnesota to escape necessary public scrutiny and thorough environmental analysis. The foreign-owned mining corporations advancing these proposals are motivated by short-term profit, not the long-term risks to the people and land of our state. Sulfide mining has never occurred in our state before but has produced a devastating legacy of toxic pollution elsewhere in the country. Minnesotans need and deserve strong federal safeguards to protect the health of our families and communities. The Cravaack amendment to fast-track sulfide mining in Minnesota threatens the environmental integrity of our state's greatest natural treasures, including the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, Lake Superior and the Mississippi River.

I ask my colleagues to join me in opposing H.R. 4402 in order to safeguard the health of America's children, families, and communities.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on 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 Tuesday, July 24, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 25

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the International Space Station, focusing on research, collaboration, and discovery.
SR-253

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the proper size of the nuclear weapons stockpile to maintain a credible U.S. deterrent.
SD-192

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 847, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, S. 357, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to identify and declare wildlife disease emergencies and to coordinate rapid response to those emergencies, S. 810, to prohibit the conducting of invasive research on great apes, S. 1494, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, S. 2071, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, S. 2156, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, to set prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users, S. 2282, to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017, S. 3370, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation, S. 2251, to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska, as the Robert Bochever United States Courthouse, S. 2326, to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo,

New York, as the "Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse", S. 1735, to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi, the nomination of Major General John Peabody, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration, and proposed resolutions in the Corps Study, city of Norfolk, Virginia and Port Fourchon, Louisiana.
SD-406

Finance

To hold hearings to examine education tax incentives and tax reform.
SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine ensuring judicial independence through civics education.
SH-216

Appropriations

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the impact of sequestration on education.
SD-124

Foreign Relations

Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Iran's support for terrorism in the Middle East.
SD-419

2 p.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine enhancing women's retirement security.
SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine short-supply prescription drugs.
SR-253

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine assessing grants management practices at Federal agencies.
SD-342

Energy and Natural Resources

Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the role of water use efficiency and its impact on energy use.
SD-366

3 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine S. 2215, to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, focusing on economic statecraft.
SD-419

JULY 26

9:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine S. 3239, to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens.
SR-328A

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 13, 2006, and Signed by the United

States of America on June 30, 2009 (Treaty Doc 112-7).
SD-G50

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council's annual report to Congress.
SD-538

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Children and Families Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) reauthorization, focusing on helping to meet the child care needs of American families.
SD-430

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 225, to permit the disclosure of certain information for the purpose of missing child investigations, S. J.Res. 44, granting the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding, and the nominations of Thomas M. Durkin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Jon S. Tigar, and William H. Orrick, III, of the District of Columbia, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.
SD-226

1 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Joseph Baer, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.
SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the regulation of tribal gaming, focusing on brick and mortar to the internet.
SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.
SH-219

JULY 31

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 3385, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects.
SD-366

AUGUST 1

9 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine MF Global, focusing on accountability in the futures markets.
SR-328A

POSTPONEMENTS

JULY 26

9:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine assessing overlap between disability and unemployment benefits.
SD-342