

Robert King Fong who has successfully served the people of Sacramento for the past fourteen years, most recently for eight years on the City Council and previously for six years on the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Trustees. As his colleagues, friends and family gather to celebrate his career and his outstanding accomplishments, I ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing Councilman Fong as an outstanding public servant.

Councilman Fong is a third generation Sacramentan who attended McClatchy High School, the same high school that my late husband Robert Matsui attended. He then went on to receive his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley and his law degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law. After college, Councilman Fong returned to Sacramento where he practiced law and began his life in public service. He was elected to the City Council in 2004 with over 75% of the vote.

Among Councilman Fong's many accomplishments was his involvement in creating a trade partnership with the city of Chongqing, China. Close to home, he was an unwavering supporter of a number of key projects, such as the R Street Improvement Project, Southside Park Improvements, and public art projects in the Southside Community Garden and the Fremont Community Garden.

Councilman Fong was fortunate to represent many of Sacramento's most unique neighborhoods, including Land Park, Newton Booth, Poverty Ridge, Southside Park, Downtown, Midtown, and River Oaks. He balanced the neighborhoods' needs with city priorities, always with an eye on the big picture. This afforded him many opportunities to advocate for issues critical to the Sacramento region, including greater transportation options and improved flood protection. Councilman Fong has also been devoted to finding additional aid for the homeless and promoting arts in local schools.

Mr. Speaker, as Councilman Fong's children Rebecca and Christian, friends and colleagues gather to honor him for his service to the people of Sacramento and to wish him well in future endeavors, I ask all my colleagues to join me in thanking him for helping make Sacramento a great place to live, work and play.

IN HONOR OF STAND DOWN OF
SOUTH JERSEY VOLUNTEERS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the volunteers of Stand Down of South Jersey. These volunteers dedicate their time and effort year-round to aid homeless veterans in communities across the state of New Jersey.

The culmination of Stand Down's efforts is an event held annually at the Army National Guard Armory in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Each year, this event is a place where veterans go for haircuts, receive assistance in applying for government support, guidance on employment and job training opportunities, health-related counseling, and more.

At the event, held in September, Stand Down aided and supported approximately 278 homeless veterans from the area as a result of the volunteer efforts. In addition, volunteers have collected winter coats, blankets, and other supplies that they donated to the Marine Corps League Detachment 796 at Toms River.

The tireless efforts of these volunteers should not go unnoticed. I join the citizens of Southern New Jersey and the veterans in our community to thank these volunteers for their continued hard work and dedication to this important cause.

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, December 4, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 5

9 a.m.

Foreign Relations
African Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine developing developments in Mali, focusing on restoring democracy and reclaiming the north.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider S. 3472, to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to provide improvements to such Act, the nomination of Erica Lynn Groshen, of New York, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Appropriations

Department of Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Hurricane Sandy, focusing on response and recovery and progress and challenges.

SD-192

DECEMBER 6

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the fiscal cliff, focusing on how to protect the middle class, sustain long-term economic growth, and reduce the Federal deficit.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Administration, focusing on Housing and Urban Development's response to fiscal challenges.

SD-538

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ronald Lee Buch, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

SD-215

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1223, to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, and the nominations of Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Troy L. Nunley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Mark A. Barnett, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine superstorm Sandy, focusing on the devastating impact on the nation's largest transportation systems.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

DECEMBER 12

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Keith Kelly, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

SR-418