

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE CALVERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' RECEIPT OF A 2003 CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS NETWORK GRANT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Calvert County Board of Commissioners. The Calvert County Board of Commissioners received a 2003 Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Grant to makeover exhibits at a Gateways Network regional information center.

The Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, which includes more than 120 museums, state parks, wildlife refuges and other sites in five States and the District of Columbia, was created to enhance the experience of visitors to the Chesapeake Bay and its many roads, rivers and trails. Authorized by the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998, the Gateways Network is coordinated by the National Park Service in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Program.

During the past four years, Gateways Network Grants have funded new maps, improved signs, and expanded trails that have made visits to parks, wildlife refuges and water trails even more exciting and enjoyable than they had previously been. These grants help enhance the public's ability to learn and enjoy the Chesapeake's stories and significance, explore its natural and cultural resources, and become involved in helping conserve and restore the Bay and its watershed. Through these projects and other Gateways Network efforts more and more people recognize the Chesapeake as a true national treasure.

In 2003, the National Park Service is awarding \$1,387,309 in grant funding, matched by over \$2 million in partner contributions. Thirty-two grants are being made to Gateways throughout the Bay watershed in Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The Calvert County Board of Commissioners is receiving a grant of \$24,520 and \$32,289 in partner contributions.

The project proposed by the Calvert County Board of Commissioners will bring about a complete makeover of exhibits at the Solomons Island Visitor Center, a Gateways Network regional information center. Calvert County will design, produce and install a series of interpretive displays on both the inside and outside of the building. Presently the building presents basic information on visitor sites in Southern Maryland. The new elements will enable the center to orient people to particular Gateway sites in the region and introduce visitors to Bay themes and resources in Southern Maryland. Calvert County will contribute labor and funding to match the Gateways grant.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the assistance and vision of organizations such as the Calvert County Board of Commissioners that the Chesapeake Bay and the entire region has become the treasure that we know it to be today. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Calvert County Board of Commissioners on receiving this grant and wishing them the best of luck in completing their project.

TRIBUTE TO FLORIDA SHERIFF'S OFFICERS

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, Mr. ROTHMAN and myself would like to call your attention to six brave officers from the Sumter County and Hernando County Sheriff's Departments who, at great risk to their own lives, pursued and engaged in an exchange of gunfire with a heavily armed suspect accused of shooting and killing a fellow police officer.

On Wednesday, July 23, 2003, the New Jersey Honor Legion honored Sergeant Scott Bierwiler, Sergeant Lanny Corlew, Corporal Lawrence "Bo" Amman, Deputy John Melanson, Sergeant Danny Button, and Deputy Thomas Williams for their valiant actions. It is only fitting that these six Florida Law Officials be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

On Thursday, April 17, 2003, while assisting Clifton Police Officer Steven Farrell in a traffic stop, Fair Lawn Police Officer Mary Ann Collura was fatally wounded. The incident sparked what would become an interstate manhunt, culminating three days later with the death of the suspect during a gun battle in Sumter County, Florida.

After fleeing the State of New Jersey following Collura's murder, the suspect traveled via New York State down to Florida. On Sunday, April 20, 2003, Sheriff's officers in Hernando County, Florida, noticed a car matching the description of the suspect's car. When approached by the officers, the vehicle fled, leading six sheriff's deputies from Sumter and Hernando Counties on a 20 mile chase. The chase, during which the suspect repeatedly fired out of the back window of the car, came to an end when the suspect emerged from his car and opened fire at the police officers. The suspect was killed in the subsequent exchange of gunfire.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the accomplishments of such brave and dedicated individuals as the members of the Sumter County and Hernando County Sheriff's Departments. Their selfless and unquestioning act of heroism is a tribute to the close bond

shared by law enforcement officials everywhere. Each of these officers deserves an expression of our immeasurable esteem.

Mr. Speaker, we ask that you join our colleagues, the members of the New Jersey Honor Legion, and us in honoring these brave men.

H.R. 2473

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I intend to vote "no" on H.R. 2473 because it carelessly threatens the safety of American consumers. In a recent hearing before the House Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, of which I am a member, we heard from numerous individuals including William Hubbard, the Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning with the Food and Drug Administration. Commissioner Hubbard testified that since late 1996, the FDA has initiated 73 counterfeit drug cases that have netted in 44 arrests and 27 convictions. He further testified that they have seen an increase in drug counterfeiting activity targeting high volume, high cost drugs primarily those used for treating cancer and AIDS patients.

One case, cited by Florida's Assistant Statewide Prosecutor, revealed a 2001 investigation that discovered South Florida criminals had counterfeited Procrit, a drug used to boost the immune systems of cancer and HIV/AIDS patients. The criminals re-labeled approximately 110,000 bottles of low strength Epogen to make the bottles appear to contain high strength Procrit, a drug 20 times the strength of the Epogen in the bottles. The criminals re-sold the relabeled drugs into the wholesale market with forged pedigree papers, passing the drugs through four states. Investigators located 800 boxes of the counterfeit Procrit at a large Texas wholesaler, which had unknowingly purchased the counterfeit Procrit. In addition, investigators found some of the product in Kentucky. In all, investigators recovered less than 10% of the counterfeit Procrit.

In conclusion, "the imported drugs arriving through the mail, through private express couriers, or by passengers arriving at ports of entry are often unapproved new drugs that may not be subject to any reliable regulatory oversight. FDA cannot assure the safety of drugs purchased from such sources," stated Commissioner Hubbard. It is for these reasons that I can not support such legislation that we have no way of knowing of its content or origin. I am firmly committed to continuing efforts to reduce the out-of-pocket costs for pharmaceuticals for all Americans but H.R. 2473 and drug reimportation without any safety measures is the wrong approach.

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TRIBUTE TO ROOTS OF PEACE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. TAUSHER, Ms. WOOLSEY and myself honor Roots of Peace, a humanitarian organization dedicated to fostering prosperity in the spirit that turns swords into plowshares.

Since its founding in 1997 by Ms. Heidi Kuhn, Roots of Peace has worked towards the global eradication of landmines, sowing seeds of goodwill by transforming "mines into vines." In communities throughout the world, Roots of Peace restores hope and prosperity by replacing toxic minefields that maim and kill with blossoming vineyards and fields of grain.

Understanding that landmines impact not only individual victims and their families, but hold entire communities hostage emotionally, environmentally, and economically, Roots of Peace implements comprehensive and lasting solutions. The organization has waged its campaign against landmines on four fronts: awareness, removal, treatment, and restoration.

Landmines maim or kill approximately 26,000 people each year, 10,000 of them children. Lurking patiently beneath the earth's surface, mines can wait almost indefinitely for their victims. Today, an estimated 70 million mines in over 70 nations are waiting for a mere eight pounds of pressure to detonate. These indiscriminate weapons of terror neither know nor care if that pressure is applied by the boot of a marching soldier or the bare foot of a playing child.

The successful removal of these gruesomely destructive weapons is both dangerous and costly. In contrast to the three dollars required to manufacture and plant a landmine, its removal can cost up to 1,000 dollars. Since its inception, Roots of Peace has worked tirelessly garnering the resources necessary to rid vast expanses of land of the mines that keep them lying fallow and transform them into thriving farmland.

This summer alone, Roots of Peace is planting rice in Cambodia, orchards in Croatia, and grapes in Afghanistan. Also, in a particularly poignant expression of hope for a lasting peace, Roots of Peace will be planting wheat in Iraq, bringing the dream of neighbors in this war-torn country breaking bread together closer to fruition.

We ask all of our colleagues to join us in commending Roots of Peace for their outstanding work which saves lives and restores livelihoods in communities around the world.

HONORING MARY LAVERONI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Laveroni for her 50 years of service with Groveland Community Service District and her other contributions to the community of Groveland. She will be honored at a ceremony on August 19th to dedicate Groveland's Wayside Park as Mary Laveroni Community Park.

Laveroni has shown continuous involvement and commitment to the Groveland community. She was one of three founding directors who formed the Groveland Community Service District in 1953 to address the area's water problems. She served on its board for a total of 26 years, 18 as Board President. Along with fellow board members, Laveroni helped secure a reliable and low cost water supply from San Francisco's Hetch Hetchy project. Today, the Groveland Community Service District handles not only the area's water needs by providing wastewater collection and treatment, but also park maintenance, fire and rescue and other vital services to the community.

Laveroni's contributions to her community go beyond the formation of the services district. Mary is responsible for donating the land and financing the construction of the Groveland Medical Clinic. She also served for 17 years in the U.S. Forest Service.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Laveroni for her contributions to the Groveland community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Mary for her continual service and years of dedication.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN TIMOTHY
MCHENRY**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Captain Timothy McHenry who has served with distinction in the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department for almost thirty-seven years and who is now retiring.

Before his career with the Sheriffs Office, Tim McHenry drove an ambulance and served in the Army Reserves. He joined the Sheriff's Office on September 19, 1966 as a Deputy Sheriff, a rank he held for eight years. In this position he was assigned to the patrol unit, the courts and the manpower pool. He took over the Explorer program in 1969, devoting himself to serving the youth of our community. He has earned the many commendations from the five Sheriffs he has served under in his career for his extraordinary leadership and affiliation with Exploring.

Tim McHenry was promoted to Sergeant on October 1, 1974, a rank he held for 23 years. He served as Administrative Sergeant in the Reserve Program and was also active with the Divers, beginning the organization of the Emergency Services Bureau. He developed the Emergency Services Detail, the primary unit within San Mateo County that searches for lost people. He also launched a second Explorer post and the Deputy Cliff Rescue unit which has been responsible for many rescues on the cliffs of San Mateo County.

Tim McHenry developed the search and rescue coordinator position, a 24-hour on-call position for search and rescue, fires, floods, earthquakes and hazardous materials. This program has been expanded to include terrorism response. He initiated the County Commanders' paging system for mutual aid, developed the mobile field force concept for enforcement in mutual aid zones and developed, with the County's police chiefs, the personal protective equipment concept for all law enforcement in San Mateo County.

Tim McHenry has been honored by several Sheriffs for developing STAR camp, a very successful summer camp opportunity for youth in San Mateo County. He brought the Exploring Challenge, a regional Explorer event with competitions and education for teenagers, to San Mateo County in 1996 and 2000.

Tim McHenry was promoted to Lieutenant in March 16, 1977 and to Captain in March, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Captain Tim McHenry for his extraordinary service to our community spanning almost four decades and in wishing him every blessing in his well-deserved retirement.

IN HONOR OF POINT LOOKOUT
STATE PARK'S RECEIPT OF A
2003 CHESAPEAKE BAY GATE-
WAYS NETWORK GRANT**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker I rise today to recognize Point Lookout State Park and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Point Lookout State Park received a 2003 Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Grant for a project designed to enhance key sites and resources at the park. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources will match the grant.

The Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, which includes more than 120 museums, State parks, wildlife refuges and other sites in five States and the District of Columbia, was created to enhance the experience of visitors to the Chesapeake Bay and its many roads, rivers and trails. Authorized by the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998, the Gateways Network is coordinated by the National Park Service in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Program.

During the past four years, Gateways Network Grants have funded new maps, improved signs, and expanded trails that have made visits to parks, wildlife refuges and water trails even more exciting and enjoyable than they had previously been. These grants help enhance the public's ability to learn and enjoy the Chesapeake's stories and significance, explore its natural and cultural resources, and become involved in helping conserve and restore the Bay and its watershed. Through these projects and other Gateways Network efforts more and more people recognize the Chesapeake as a true national treasure.

In 2003, the National Park Service is awarding \$1,387,309 in grant funding, matched by over \$2 million in partner contributions. Thirty-two grants are being made to Gateways throughout the Bay watershed in Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Point Lookout State Park is receiving a grant of \$39,320 and \$39,415 in partner contributions.

The project proposed by Point Lookout State Park and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will develop a series of up to 14 outdoor interpretive exhibits, or waysides, highlighting key sites and resources at the park. A number of exhibits will focus on Civil War era stories showing how the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River played important roles in the war. Additional exhibits will

highlight the Point Lookout lighthouse and the lives of lighthouse keepers. With nearly a half million visitors annually, Point Lookout provides a real Bay experience for many people. The new exhibits will greatly expand interpretive information for visitors and share more of the Bay story.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the assistance and vision of organizations such as Point Lookout State Park and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources that the Chesapeake Bay and the entire region has become the treasure that we know it to be today. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Point Lookout State Park and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources on receiving this grant and wishing them the best of luck in completing their project.

TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL ROLLER HOCKEY TEAM

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the members of the Southern Regional High School Roller Hockey Team. On Monday, August 4, 2003, New Jersey's Southern Regional High School Rams defeated Georgia's Milton Eagles in the final game of the USA Hockey Inline High School National Roller Hockey Championships held in Alpharetta, Georgia.

Led by Coach Robert Schoka, the Rams were seeded number two in the playoffs with a tournament record of 5–2 when they entered the tournament finals. Their hard-earned victory against the Eagles came in overtime, with a final score of 6–5, allowing the Rams to become the first ever National Championship Team in high school roller hockey history.

In addition to taking home the national championship title, several members of the Rams took home awards for their individual performances during the tournament. Goaltender Kenny Calicchio, who started and finished all eight games in goal, received an award for the Best Goaltender in the tournament for his record of 187 saves on 207 shots made on goal. Donald Cioffi, the third highest scorer in the tournament with eight goals and eight assists, was selected to the All-Tournament Team. Most impressive, however, is the Team Sportsmanship Award that the tournament referees awarded to the Rams for the team's fair play and sportsmanlike behavior.

It is only fitting that the Rams' exemplary performance during this historic event in U.S. High School Athletics be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the individual and team accomplishments of such talented young individuals as the members of the Southern Regional Rams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the Rams' families and friends, and me in honoring Coach Schoka and the members of the Southern Regional High School Roller Hockey Team.

TRIBUTE TO SANDY DRAGGOO

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Sandy Draggoo of the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) as she has recently received the American Public Transportation Association's Outstanding Public Transportation Manager Award. Ms. Draggoo has dedicated nearly thirty years to the Capital Area Transportation Authority and is responsible for the successful enterprise it is today.

In 1974, Sandy Draggoo's career with CATA began while the authority was in its infancy. Just two years after its inception, Sandy started as the secretary to the Executive Director. She was soon promoted to Personnel Manager in 1976, and after nine successful years succeeded her former boss as Executive Director in 1984. Under Ms. Draggoo's leadership, CATA has changed markedly in the last eighteen years. Annually, CATA provides over 8.7 million rides, more than twice the number it provided just five years ago, and almost twelvefold the roughly 730,000 rides the authority provided in 1974. This dramatic increase in ridership is a testament to Sandy's dedication and hard work and earned CATA the American Public Transportation Association's Outstanding Transit System Award in 1991.

In 1997, CATA announced the opening of the CATA Transportation Center, an intermodal passenger transfer center that had been a project of the authority since the mid 1980's. Sandy's leadership was paramount in overcoming the many hurdles necessary to bring this project to fruition. More recently, Sandy secured a contract with Michigan State University to assume operation of their bus system and consequently increased ridership from 850,000 to nearly 3 million. Ms. Draggoo brought extended CATA routes to Michigan State University students living in new off campus communities, averting severe congestion that worried local residents and municipal leaders.

Mr. Speaker, in her tenure, Sandy Draggoo has transformed the Capital Area Transportation Authority from a startup public transportation system into one of the nation's most premier. Her hard work and determination have earned her the American Public Transportation Association's Outstanding Public Transportation Manager Award. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Draggoo for the receipt of this award and for her leadership and commitment to my community.

HONORING EDWIN HAWKINS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edwin Hawkins on his 60th birthday for his achievements as a gospel music pioneer and community activist. He has been a composer, producer, songwriter and vital force in gospel music for four decades.

The album "Let Us Go into the House of the Lord" was the first to bring acclaim to Mr. Hawkins. Among its highlights was the track "Oh Happy Day," which unexpectedly found a home on underground FM playlists across San Francisco. The single quickly began earning airplay on mainstream R&B and pop outlets across the country, and in the spring of 1969 it reached the U.S. Top Five on its way to selling an astounding seven million copies and taking home a Grammy award for Best Gospel/Soul Performance of 1969. At this time the choir was rechristened the Edwin Hawkins Singers, although the featured voice on "Oh Happy Day" belonged to singer Dorothy Combs Morrison, who soon exited in pursuit of a solo career.

In 1970 the group made a return appearance on the pop charts supporting the artist Melanie on her hit "Lay Down (Candle in the Wind)." Edwin Hawkins remained a critical favorite, and in 1972, the Singers won a second Grammy for "Every Man Wants to Be Free." Recording prolifically throughout the remainder of the decade, in 1980 they won a third Grammy for "Wonderful"; a fourth award, for "If You Love Me," followed three years later.

In 1982, Edwin founded the Edwin Hawkins Music and Arts Seminar, an annual week-long convention that offers workshops exploring all facets of the gospel industry and culminating each year with a live performance by the assembled mass choir. The 2002 Love Fellowship Mass Choir included hundreds of representatives from the United States, Europe, and Japan.

Gospel musicians and vocalists from around the world will meet to celebrate this great composer, musician, and vocalist on his 60th birthday. On a personal note, I would like to thank Edwin for his long-standing friendship and encouragement. He is a true believer, and has been steadfast in his honesty and support. I take great pride in joining his friends, colleagues, and family to salute the extraordinary Edwin Hawkins.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF COLONEL CHARLES YOUNG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of Colonel Charles Young's service as superintendent of Sequoia National Park. A ceremony was held in his honor at Sequoia National Park on Saturday, August 23.

Colonel Young graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1884. While serving as a Captain in the Cavalry at the Presidio of San Francisco he received orders to take his troops to Sequoia National Park. In doing so, he became the first black superintendent of the park. His men, known as the "Buffalo Soldiers", were the all-black members of the 9th U.S. Cavalry. They completed the first road into the Giant Forest, constructed trails, and began active protection of the world's largest trees. Colonel Young later went on to have a successful career in a practically all white army. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full honors.

The ceremony will include a special rededication ceremony of the Booker T. Washington Tree, which Colonel Young named in 1903. People initially wanted to name the tree after Colonel Young to honor his service to the park; he refused and instead named the tree after his friend, Booker T. Washington. Sometime over the ensuing 99 years the sign on the tree disappeared and the tree became lost. Park staff was able to relocate the tree in 2002 utilizing historical photos of the tree and surrounding forest. The rededication ceremony will be used to highlight Colonel Young's accomplishments during Colonel Young's time as superintendent.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor the centennial celebration of Colonel Charles Young. I urge my colleagues to join me in posthumously recognizing Colonel Charles Young for his dedication and service to Sequoia National Park.

HONORING JUDY GAITHER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Judy Gaither who is retiring from the Executive Directorship of the Human Investment Project (HIP) for Housing, a non-profit group that provides affordable housing in San Mateo County, after serving with distinction for almost eight years.

Mrs. Gaither joined HIP Housing as a senior citizens housing specialist in 1984, and has served as director for several of the organization's programs before being named Executive Director in 1995.

Mrs. Gaither has earned countless honors and awards. She was selected as an honoree for Women's History Month by KQED, and was inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame in 2002. She sits on the board of directors for the San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce, the board of the Housing Action Team, and is board Chairperson for the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County.

Mrs. Gaither's passion for helping adults, children and seniors in need has been the driving force behind her extraordinary work. Under her leadership HIP Housing has expanded dramatically, acquiring 177 apartment units for low- and fixed-income residents of San Mateo County during her tenure, including a 92-unit apartment complex for seniors and 11 housing units for people with developmental and physical disabilities. HIP Housing has also grown into an organization with a significant budget, of which an extraordinary 85 percent goes directly to client services.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judy Gaither for her extraordinary service to our community and our country, and wish her every blessing in her well-earned retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PATUXENT RESEARCH REFUGE'S RECEIPT OF A 2003 CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS NETWORK GRANT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Friends of the Patuxent Research Refuge. Friends of the Patuxent Research Refuge received a 2003 Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Grant to construct a pilot demonstration Schoolyard Habitat site at Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center.

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In 2003, the National Park Service is awarding \$1,387,309 in grant funding, matched by over \$2 million in partner contributions. Thirty-two grants are being made to Gateways throughout the Bay watershed in Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The Friends of the Patuxent Research Refuge is receiving a grant of \$14,457 and \$14,795 in partner contributions.

The project proposed by the Friends of the Patuxent Research Refuge will serve the dual purpose of improving the habitat quality surrounding the National Wildlife Visitor Center and educating the community on BayScaping techniques and Schoolyard Habitats. Volunteers and visitors will help create the project, involving themselves in a direct habitat restoration effort that can stimulate further involvement later. Watershed signs, a walking path, an outdoor classroom, and an indoor kiosk will be used to interpret the habitat site and how it and similar efforts contribute to the Chesapeake Bay's health.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the assistance and vision of organizations such as the Friends of the Patuxent Research Refuge that the Chesapeake Bay and the entire region has become the treasure that we know it to be today. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Friends of the Patuxent Research Refuge on receiving this grant and wishing them the best of luck in completing their project.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
RAYMOND A. REDDIN

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual who I am honored to call my friend. Raymond A. Reddin officially took his oath of office as a New Jersey Superior Court Judge in the County of Passaic on Wednesday, August 20, 2003.

The Honorable Raymond Reddin has dedicated the past twenty-four years to tirelessly serving the men and women of Passaic County. It is only fitting that he be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Raymond Reddin first decided upon a career in law after graduating from Montclair State University in 1975. He went on to attend Widener University's Delaware Law School, graduating in 1978, with a Juris Doctor Degree. That same year he passed the New Jersey bar exam, becoming a licensed attorney in his home state.

Ray's career in law is as colorful as it is long. Opening a private practice in the city of Paterson in 1979, Ray immediately began to demonstrate his strong personal commitment to justice. Focusing primarily on criminal matters, personal injury, and civil litigation, Raymond Reddin soon began to take on a number of high profile cases in which he represented police officers, doctors, political figures, professional athletes, and several celebrities.

A native of Paterson, New Jersey, Ray Reddin has continued to give back to the community in which he was raised, serving the people of Passaic County both in and out of the courtroom. He has lectured at the Passaic County Police Academy, is a past member of the Passaic County Judicial Selection Committee, a participant in the Robert Clifford Inns of Court Program, and a past President of the Passaic County Ethics Committee. In each of these positions, he has brought a youthful enthusiasm and years of expertise. I am confident that he will bring these same qualities to his new assignment in the Criminal Division of the New Jersey Superior Court.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing individuals who have devoted themselves to serving the special needs of the people in their community. Judge Reddin's long history of leadership, integrity, and service to the people of Paterson and Passaic County is unparalleled.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Ray's family and friends, and me in recognizing the invaluable service of the Honorable Raymond Reddin.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of July 25, 2003, the House

had a procedural vote on H.R. 2859, the FY 2003 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill. On House rollcall vote No. 448, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING PARADISE BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Paradise Baptist Church of Oakland, and its pastor, Reverend Leon McDaniels, Sr. Today marks the dedication celebration of the new Paradise Baptist Church Worship Center.

Paradise Baptist Church had its beginning in February 1960. Rev. C. William Johnson was the assistant pastor at the First Baptist Parchester Church of Richmond, California when he was called to begin a church in the Columbian Gardens area of Oakland. He set out with four volunteers and went door to door sharing their vision for a new community of the spirit. In May 1960, a meeting was called and the Paradise Baptist Mission was organized. In August of that year, Paradise was officially founded and established as the Paradise Baptist Church with Rev. C. William Johnson as pastor.

Paradise Baptist Church has had many homes over the years. Early on, Pastor Johnson purchased a home with his Veterans Administration certificate and converted it into a house of worship. In November 1963, a house on Empire Road was purchased, and the church moved to this location.

By 1968, a larger facility was needed. A church was constructed adjacent to the house where the congregation had been worshipping, but by 1970 even that building was too small. Many of the faithful financed the building project by taking out second mortgages and borrowing funds which they donated unconditionally. On the third Sunday of August 1972, the new sanctuary was complete.

Over the next 10 years, Paradise experienced substantial growth, and in 1988, Pastor Johnson brought in Rev. Leon McDaniels, Sr. as the full-time evangelism coordinator. Rev. McDaniels' spark and enthusiasm spread throughout the entire church body.

On September 17, 1993, Pastor Johnson's time on earth came to an end, leaving the Paradise family filled with grief. Following a period of mourning, Rev. Leon McDaniels, Sr. took office as the new pastor and vowed to make a significant difference in the Columbian Gardens community, and in all of Oakland.

There has been great growth during the tenure of Pastor McDaniels. Today, numerous ministries are available to the congregation, including the Prayer Ministry, Soul-Winning Ministry, Christian Education Training, Alpha Omega Youth Ministry, Pastoral Care, Wistar Redemption and Recovery, Inc., Financial Management, Real Estate Ministry (the HUD Home Buyers Program), Married Couples Ministry, Singles Ministry, Camp Ministry and Political Liaison Ministry.

Pastor McDaniels realized a larger facility was sorely needed. By faith, the groundbreaking ceremony was held in August 17, 1997. Once again, the membership

stepped in and made contributions and personal sacrifices in their commitment to further the ministry.

The congregation has been blessed with the New Paradise Baptist Church Worship Center located at 9704 Empire Road in Oakland, California.

The Paradise Baptist Church family has come a long way since its humble beginning in 1960. Rev. C. William Johnson knew 43 years ago that Paradise would make a difference in the city of Oakland. This vision has come to fruition under the leadership of Pastor Leon McDaniels, Sr. with a congregation of more than 400 members and numerous ministries that reach out to the community.

I take great pride in joining friends, family, and the congregation to salute Paradise Baptist Church and its leader, the extraordinary Pastor Leon McDaniels, Sr. on this auspicious dedication.

HONORING GENERAL A.J. COMTE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to posthumously recognize General A.J. Comte for his years of distinguished service to his country. A.J. passed away on Sunday, August 3rd.

General Comte began his 50-year military career in 1945 when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After four years of active service, he went on to serve in the Air National Guard, Army National Guard, and the U.S. Army Reserve. During his service he received numerous military decorations including: the Army Meritorious Service Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Army Reserve Components Medal, and the California Medal of Merit.

After his service, A.J. worked at the City of Fresno Construction Management Division as Chief Engineering Inspector. Following his retirement, he became self-employed and provided school inspection services in the Bakersfield, Porterville, and Clovis School Districts. He also served as the DSA Inspector of Record for several projects in the Clovis Unified School District including Copper Hills Elementary, the Buchanan Educational Center, and the Reagan Educational Complex.

General Comte was also greatly involved in his community. He was an active 32-Degree Mason; a member of the Fresno Scottish Rite, Clovis Elks, National Sojourners; and active in several military, veteran, and construction associations. He is survived by his wife Trudie; son, Alan James; step-children, Karen Palazzola, Kathy Gray-Wagner, Gordon Gray, Mary Craig, and Carl Husband; and several grand and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor General A.J. Comte. I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing General Comte for his extraordinary service and years of dedication to his community.

IN HONOR OF THE POTOMAC
TRAIL COUNCIL'S RECEIPT OF A
2003 CHESAPEAKE BAY GATE-
WAYS NETWORK GRANT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker I rise today to recognize the Potomac Trail Council. The Potomac Trail Council received a 2003 Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Grant for a project designed to improve access and interpretation along a one mile section of trail in Piscataway Park and Fort Washington Park in Accokeek, Maryland.

The Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, which includes more than 120 museums, state parks, wildlife refuges and other sites in five states and the District of Columbia, was created to enhance the experience of visitors to the Chesapeake Bay and its many roads, rivers and trails. Authorized by the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998, the Gateways Network is coordinated by the National Park Service in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Program.

During the past four years, Gateways Network Grants have funded new maps, improved signs, and expanded trails that have made visits to parks, wildlife refuges and water trails even more exciting and enjoyable than they had previously been. These grants help enhance the public's ability to learn and enjoy the Chesapeake's stories and significance, explore its natural and cultural resources, and become involved in helping conserve and restore the Bay and its watershed. Through these projects and other Gateways Network efforts more and more people recognize the Chesapeake as a true national treasure.

In 2003, the National Park Service is awarding \$1,387,309 in grant funding, matched by over \$2 million in partner contributions. Thirty-two grants are being made to Gateways throughout the Bay watershed in Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The Potomac Trail Council is receiving a grant of \$40,500 and \$45,300 in partner contributions.

The project proposed by the Potomac Trail Council will make significant improvements to access and interpretation along a one mile section of trail in Piscataway Park. The route, which parallels Piscataway Creek (a tributary of the Potomac River) will be improved through several measures to control erosion and puddling, including the addition of permeable surface materials, french drains, and culverts. Six interpretive waysides and other signs will also be developed to provide trail users with key information and interpret features along the route. The Potomac Trail Council will coordinate work on the project in collaboration with park staff.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the assistance and vision of organizations such as the Potomac Trail Council that the Chesapeake Bay and the entire region has become the treasure that we know it to be today. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Potomac Trail Council on receiving this grant and wishing them the best of luck in completing their project.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.
FRANK NAPIER, JR.

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the life and work of an outstanding individual who I feel fortunate to have been able to call my friend. The late Reverend Doctor Frank Napier, Jr. of Paterson, New Jersey, was recognized on Friday, August 15, 2003, for his unwavering commitment to education with the official dedication of Paterson Public School #4 as the Dr. Frank Napier, Jr. School of Technology.

During his distinguished career in education, Dr. Napier served the young men and women of Paterson as an elementary school teacher, administrator, coach, role model, and friend. It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

For as long as I can remember, the personal and professional life of Dr. Napier has been inextricably intertwined with the city of Paterson, New Jersey. Born and raised in Paterson, Frank attended Public School #4 and Paterson Central High School before going on to receive his B.S. and M.A. degrees from William Paterson Teachers College. For those who knew him, his decision to return to the city of Paterson after college came as no surprise. It was during this period that Frank and his wife, Margaret, chose to settle down in Paterson and raise their family. Over the next 37 years, Dr. Napier's life work as an educator and community leader in Paterson would change the lives of countless young men and women.

Frank Napier began his professional career in the Paterson School System as an elementary school teacher and assistant football coach of Kennedy High School. In 1972, he was appointed the Assistant Superintendent of Paterson Public Schools and, four years later, became the first African American to serve as the Superintendent of Schools. Always searching for ways to better serve his students and their families, Frank returned to school once more and, in 1984, earned his Doctorate in Education from the University of Massachusetts. Soon after receiving this degree, Dr. Napier began augmenting his work as Superintendent of Schools by returning to the classroom as an adjunct professor at William Paterson University.

In many ways, Dr. Napier's commitment to the community of Paterson extended far beyond the classroom walls. As district chairperson for the Passaic County Boy Scouts of America, as an active member of the Board of Trustees for the Paterson Public Library, and as pastor of the Gazaway Baptist Church, Dr. Napier left an indelible mark on the lives of all with whom he came in contact. The quest for personal and professional excellence to which Dr. Napier dedicated his life, is a legacy that lives on in each of the students whose lives he touched.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the efforts of devoted educators and public servants like Doctor Napier. I ask that you join our colleagues, the faculty and students of

Paterson School #4, Dr. Napier's family and friends, and myself in recognizing the late Reverend Dr. Frank Napier, Jr., for his life of outstanding service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Wednesday, July 23, 2003, the House had a vote on an amendment sponsored by Representative RUSH to the FY 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill. On House rollcall vote No. 421, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

IN HONOR OF THE BATTLE CREEK
NATURE EDUCATION SOCIETY'S
RECEIPT OF A 2003 CHESAPEAKE
BAY GATEWAYS NETWORK
GRANT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Battle Creek Nature Education Society. The Battle Creek Nature Education Society received a 2003 Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Grant for a project designed to enhance the Flag Ponds Nature Park and King's Landing Park in Calvert County, Maryland.

The Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, which includes more than 120 museums, state parks, wildlife refuges and other sites in five states and the District of Columbia, was created to enhance the experience of visitors to the Chesapeake Bay and its many roads, rivers and trails. Authorized by the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998, the Gateway Network is coordinated by the National Park Service in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Program.

During the past four years, Gateways Network Grants have funded new maps, improved signs, and expanded trails that have made visits to parks, wildlife refuges and water trails even more exciting and enjoyable than they had previously been. These grants help enhance the public's ability to learn and enjoy the Chesapeake's stories and significance, explore its natural and cultural resources, and become involved in helping conserve and restore the Bay and its watershed. Through these projects and other Gateways Network efforts more and more people recognize the Chesapeake as a true national treasure.

In 2003, the National Park Service is awarding \$1,387,309 in grant funding, matched by over \$2 million in partner contributions. Thirty-two grants are being made to Gateways throughout the Bay watershed in Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Battle Creek Nature Education Society is receiving a grant of \$32,050 and \$62,762 in partner contributions.

The project proposed by the Battle Creek Nature Education Society will create an overall

plan for guiding interpretation at Flag Ponds Nature Park and King's Landing Park, as well as an extensive series of outdoor exhibits at each park. Up to twenty way-side panels will be developed to help visitors enjoy and learn about these two sites and their relationship to the Chesapeake Bay watershed. A short sampling of anticipated stories to be told includes: the geology behind the ever-changing sand bars that shape habitats at Flag Ponds; early 20th century uses of the area; and the importance of the swamps and freshwater pond habitats that have been naturally formed over hundreds of years.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the assistance and vision of organizations such as the Battle Creek Nature Education Society that the Chesapeake Bay and the entire region has become the treasure that we know it to be today. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Battle Creek Nature Education Society on receiving this grant and wishing them the best of luck in completing their project.

TRIBUTE TO THE ROTARY CLUB
OF WEST ORANGE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding organization in my district. On Friday, September 5, 2003, the Rotary Club of West Orange celebrated its 75th anniversary at Mayfair Farms.

Seventy-five years ago, in June of 1928, twenty-two business men from the City of West Orange came together with the common intent to pool their individual skills and occupations in order to serve the community in which they lived. Together, these pioneers formed the Rotary Club of West Orange, officially becoming the 2,900th Club of Rotary International.

Today, the West Orange Rotarians continue to contribute their various talents and services to ensuring that the changing needs of the local and international community are met. It is only fitting that, upon their 75th anniversary, the Rotary Club of West Orange be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Throughout its history, the Rotary Club of West Orange has served as a paradigm of the time-honored motto "Service Above Self. . . . He Profits Most Who Serves Best." This profoundly simple tenet has been the driving force behind each of their community-oriented projects, many of which focus on assisting local youth.

Through annual scholarships and educational programs such as the youth exchange program and the dictionary project, members of the Rotary Club of West Orange consistently demonstrate their commitment to fostering the academic, moral and social education of the city's young men and women. Leading by example, the West Orange Rotarians work hard to promote personal integrity, excellence, and service, helping to mold the leaders of tomorrow.

On the global level, the Rotary of West Orange has recognized that education can only come after the basic needs of an individual

have been met. With this in mind, the West Orange Rotarians have dedicated themselves to making much-needed medical treatments available to children in developing countries. Their continued participation in programs such as Polio Plus, Rotaplast, and their extraordinary "Gift of Life Program," demonstrates the great extent of their humanitarian efforts.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing organizations such as the Rotary Club of West Orange that give so much of themselves to the members of their community. The Rotary's long history of leadership and service to the citizens of West Orange is matched only by their commitment to humanitarian efforts worldwide.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the members of the Rotary, the City of West Orange, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of the Rotary Club of West Orange.

IN HONOR OF THE SOTTERLEY
FOUNDATION'S RECEIPT OF A
2003 CHESAPEAKE BAY GATE-
WAYS NETWORK GRANT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sotterley Foundation. The Sotterley Foundation received a 2003 Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Grant to enhance exhibits at the historic Sotterley Plantation.

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the Chesapeake's stories and significance, explore its natural and cultural resources, and become involved in helping conserve and restore the Bay and its watershed. Through these projects and other Gateways Network efforts more and more people recognize the Chesapeake as a true national treasure.

In 2003, the National Park Service is awarding \$1,387,309 in grant funding, matched by over \$2 million in partner contributions. Thirty-two grants are being made to Gateways throughout the Bay watershed in Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The Sotterley Foundation is receiving a grant of \$28,000 and \$28,000 in partner contributions.

The project proposed by the Sotterley Foundation will restore, display and interpret a Chesapeake Bay log canoe discovered in nearby Sotterley Creek. Visitors exploring this historic plantation along the Patuxent River will have the opportunity to examine and learn about a workboat that once plied the waters off the site. The log canoe will be protected under a shelter, and interpreted through several exhibit panels.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the assistance and vision of organizations such as the Sotterley Foundation that the Chesapeake Bay and the entire region has become the treasure that we know it to be today. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Sotterley Foundation on receiving this grant and wishing them the best of luck in completing their project.

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 Thursday, September 4, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 5

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for August.

SD-628

SEPTEMBER 8

2 p.m.

Governmental Affairs
Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine defined benefit pension plans and the Pension Benefits Guaranty Corporation, focusing on specific changes that may be required within the current pension system to help ensure the financial stability of companies with underfunded pension liabilities.

SD-342

SEPTEMBER 9

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the state of transportation security.

SR-253

Foreign Relations

To hold a closed briefing on the situation in North Korea.

S-407, Capitol

10 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. military commitments and ongoing military operations abroad.

SD-106

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (Public Law 107-204), and restoring investor confidence.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Suede G. Kelly, of New Mex-

ico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.

SD-366

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine Congress and the continuity of the United States Government.

SD-226

Aging

To hold hearings to examine protecting seniors from representative payee fraud in relation to social security programs.

SD-628

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine problems and solutions on peer-to-peer networks regarding pornography, technology, and process.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 10

9 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the cause of the August 2003 Northeast blackouts, and what the Federal Government can do to ensure that blackouts of this magnitude do not occur again.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine terrorism two years after 9/11.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 11

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine U.S.-China relations.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 432, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct and support research into alternative treatments for timber produced from public lands and lands withdrawn from the public domain for the National Forest System, S. 849, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership, and S. 511, to provide permanent funding for the Payment In Lieu of Taxes program.

SD-366

SEPTEMBER 16

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Aging Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine abuse of the elderly.

SD-430

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to re-

ceive the legislative presentation of The American Legion.

SH-216

SEPTEMBER 17

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the report of the Mental Health Commission.

SD-430

SEPTEMBER 23

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine health technology.

SD-430

SEPTEMBER 24

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

SEPTEMBER 25

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine intellectual diversity.

SD-430

SEPTEMBER 30

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine underage drinking.

SD-430

CANCELLATIONS

SEPTEMBER 10

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 9

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 808, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, S. 1107, to enhance the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program for the National Park Service, and H.R. 620, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide supplemental funding and other services that are necessary to assist the State of California or local educational agencies in California in providing educational services for students attending schools located within the Park.

SD-366