

single mom whose daughter Esteen, and son in-law Derrick are about to make her a first time grandmother in a few short months.

Mr. Speaker, Rosa Witsell has dedicated herself to her professional career, to serving her community and improving the lives of our children. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2005*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church on celebrating 125 years of worship, fellowship, and outreach in Bay City, Michigan. On Sunday, October 16, the congregation of Messiah will recognize this milestone during a special service and dinner to be held at the church.

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church found its roots in Bay City in 1880, when 50 individuals, immigrants from Sweden, came together and formed one of the most spirit-filled ministries in Bay County. During the past 125 years, Messiah has made a significant impact on the community. The members of Messiah have consistently heeded the call of Christ to assist all those who are in need of spiritual healing. The inspiration for living by Christian ideals is repeated again and again in the lives of the staff and laity of the church. In the intervening years, with God's blessing, and through the dedicated efforts of many, pastors and lay people alike, the membership has grown to 600 people, embracing a variety of ethnic backgrounds.

Spiritual growth spurred physical growth, as the building itself had no choice but to expand to accommodate the new congregants. The original small frame building has given way to the present substantial brick building on the same location, now designated as a historic site by the State of Michigan. Although the building has changed, the high purpose of worship and community service remains the same.

I pray that during this glorious milestone the members and community of this magnificent church will come together and do as the Bible tells us in Psalms 33:1-4: "Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from upright is beautiful. Praise the Lord with the harp; make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy. For the word of the Lord is right and all His work is done in truth."

For 125 years, Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church has been a dynamic force for the public good. At every time of social need or upheaval, the congregation has resoundingly responded by living the Gospel spoken every Sunday in the sanctuary. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the continuity of Christian life that has resonated for more than 12 decades and resonates today through Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church.

NIAGARA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL  
BASKETBALL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2005*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Niagara Falls High School Boy's Basketball team on winning the 2005 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class AA Championship. The Niagara Falls Basketball Team is now ranked 7th in the country. The team won the state championship game by a score of 69 to 58, and just as noteworthy, they won the semifinals by over 50 points.

Every player on the team deserves credit for this victory. While Paul Harris, who won the Most Valuable Player award, should be congratulated, each team member worked very hard to bring home this championship title to Niagara Falls.

I wish to commend Coach Bazzani and his staff and the leadership of the Niagara Falls School District for giving these young men the support and instilling in them their perseverance and winning attitude. I would also like to compliment the other members of this team—the cheerleaders and the Pep Band. The band made up of students including a father, has been at all the games inspiring the team and cheering on the crowd with their antics. They are as worth watching as the team.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot be prouder of the Niagara Falls Boy's Basketball team. Again, I wish to commend Coach Bazzani, the coaching staff, players and the community for this successful championship season.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF SAN ANTONIO COUNCILMAN  
ENRIGUE M. BARRERA

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize San Antonio Councilman Enrique M. Barrera for a lifetime of distinguished public service.

Enrique Barrera began his professional career as an educator with the San Felipe School District in Del Rio Texas. His strong passion and dedication to serve the community lead him to move to San Antonio to serve as a counselor, social worker and administrator.

He later worked as an Employee Department Specialist with the United States Office of Personnel Management and then later as a Chief of Civilian Personnel Training at Randolph Air Force Base.

He continued with his professional career at the State Level and served with the Texas Department of Community Affairs, the Texas Department of Commerce and the Texas workforce commission.

In 2001 he decided to make a run for San Antonio City Council, and in May he was elected to District 6. In May 2003, he was re-elected to his second term, and has since brought integrity to the seat.

Mr. Speaker, an Antonio Councilman Enrique Barrera is a credit to his community and a tremendous resource to his county, and I am glad I had this opportunity to thank him for his work and dedication.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF SAN ANTONIO CITY  
COUNCILWOMAN PATTI RADLE

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Patti Radle.

Patti Radle has lived a life of enormous service to her community. Since arriving in San Antonio in 1969, Ms. Radle has been at the center of volunteer project after volunteer project, working on issues ranging from urban development to education to civil rights.

For thirty years, she and her husband, Rod, have served as volunteer co-directors of the non-profit group Inner City Development, which provides emergency services for families in crisis, and educational opportunities for children and teens.

She served on the founding board of the first chapter of Habitat for Humanity in the United States, Habitat for Humanity San Antonio. She advanced the cause of civil rights in our state by organizing Martin Luther King memorial marches, and serving on the National Council of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

She worked for nine years as an elementary school teacher, and helped to make our public schools safer and stronger by founding school conflict resolution programs throughout the San Antonio area.

Mr. Speaker, Patti Radle has enriched our community with her creativity, her energy, and her vision for over 35 years. She continues to work to build a better future for San Antonio as City Councilwoman for San Antonio Council District 5. I am proud to have the opportunity to recognize her here, and to thank her for her many contributions to the community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF SAN ANTONIO COUNCILMAN  
RICHARD PEREZ

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate Richard Perez for his commitment to serving his fellow citizens of San Antonio, Texas.

Richard Perez is the representative for San Antonio's City Council 4th District. He was raised by his parents in the exact district that he represents today, so it goes without saying that he is familiar with the area and its needs.

But his life of service to the community does not begin with his current role as a city council member; he has held various positions in city planning in such cities as Laredo and Austin that experienced tremendous city growth during his service. He has also worked at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as the Special Assistant to the Deputy

Secretary for three years, thus giving him a thorough understanding of the federal governments workings in communities like that which he represents now.

In 2001 Councilman Perez returned to his childhood home of San Antonio to assist in managing his families' small business Fairway

Landscape and Nursery Inc. It is through this position that he observes the challenges and obstacles facing small businesses of San Antonio.

Mr. Speaker, Councilman Richard Perez understands the concerns of the citizens, small businesses and everything else that is the

great city of San Antonio. It is because of this connection with the populace and his long standing record of public service that I am proud to let the people know of the commitment of Richard Perez to the community.

## 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, March 15, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MARCH 16

- 9:15 a.m.  
Environment and Public Works  
Business meeting to consider The Reliable Fuels Act, and The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005. SD-406
- 9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
Airland Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine Air Force Acquisition Oversight in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006. SR-232A
- Appropriations  
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Health and Human Services. SD-138
- 10 a.m.  
Finance  
To hold hearings to examine expiring tax provisions. SD-628
- 11:30 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366
- 2 p.m.  
Appropriations  
Military Construction Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Army and Air Force. SD-138
- 2:30 p.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the lifting of the European Union arms embargo on China. SD-419

- Intelligence  
To hold a closed briefing on intelligence matters. SH-219
- 3 p.m.  
Judiciary  
Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine obscenity prosecution and the constitution. SD-226
- Armed Services  
Strategic Forces Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine national security space policy and programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2006. SR-232A
- 4:30 p.m.  
Armed Services  
To receive a closed briefing regarding Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), focusing on the evolving IED threat and the Department of Defense's approach to addressing this issue. SR-222

## MARCH 17

- 9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; to be followed by a closed hearing in SH-219. SD-106
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lester M. Crawford, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. SD-430
- Judiciary  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226
- 10 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Coast Guard Operational Readiness/Mission Balance. SR-253
- Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the report entitled, "Back from the Battlefield: Are we providing the proper care for America's Wounded Warriors?". SR-418
- 11 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
Business meeting to markup The Federal Public Transportation Act of 2005. SD-538
- 3 p.m.  
Armed Services  
SeaPower Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine posture of the U.S. Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2006. SR-232A

## APRIL 14

- 10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Military Officers Association of America, the National Association of State Director of Veterans Affairs, AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and Vietnam Veterans of America. 345 CHOB

## APRIL 21

- 10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, and the Gold Star Wives of America. 345 CHOB

## SEPTEMBER 20

- 10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion. 345 CHOB

## CANCELLATIONS

## MARCH 16

- 3:30 p.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Howard J. Krongard, of New Jersey, to be Inspector General, Department of State. SD-419

## POSTPONEMENTS

- 11 a.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Business meeting to consider S. 21, to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, S. 335, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, S. 494, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, S. 501, to provide a site for the National Women's History Museum in the District of Columbia, report of the permanent subcommittee on investigation, titled, "The Role of the Professional Firms in the U.S. Tax Shelter Industry", and the nomination of Harold Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury. SD-342