

after the best interests of his constituents, his fellow veterans, and in his own words, "the two classes of people I need to worry about in the Texas Legislature are the old and young people."

His accomplishments included helping establish laws that let victims of child abuse give court testimony by videotape and enabling them to avoid face-to-face confrontations with their abusers.

He earned the Bronze Star medal in World War II when he fought in the Pacific, and later became a strong voice for advocating veteran's causes.

During his tenure in the Texas Legislature, he was instrumental in drafting many of Texas' civil service laws protecting police officers and firefighters. As a Texas legislator, Mr. Willis made it a felony to steal someone's dog.

Born August 18, 1908, on a farm near the small town of Peeltown located in rural Kaufman County southeast Dallas, Mr. Willis attended the University of Texas and earned degrees in education and economics and later attended Georgetown School of Law where he earned his JD.

Since retiring from the Texas House of Representatives in 1997 and until a few months before his death, he remained an active lawyer and a stagnant participant in his civic duties.

Mr. Willis was known as a friend to every man and woman who ever wore a uniform and spent the majority of his tenure making life better for all veterans.

HONORING IRMA COLEN

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2006

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Irma Colen, an extraordinary philanthropist and dear friend who died last week.

Irma gave her time and energy to many needy causes in Southern California. She volunteered countless hours at scores of civic and philanthropic organizations, serving on the boards of the ACLU Foundation, the University of Judaism, and many others.

But it was health care for needy families which held a special place in her heart. When Irma was 12 years old, she had rheumatic fever and had to spend many days in a public hospital. "I know that if I were going to get better, it would be because the people taking care of me truly cared about my health," she said many times over the years. This childhood experience spurred a lifetime of support for the Venice Family Clinic, which provides free health care to homeless, needy, and uninsured members of the Venice community.

Irma worked over 30 hours a week at the Clinic, and countless other hours in the community getting others interested and involved. She was a force of nature, working tirelessly to develop the Clinic's private support base and programs. As a member of the Clinic's Board in 1999 and 2000, I observed Irma's effectiveness in raising millions.

Among Irma's most creative and best known fundraisers for the Clinic was the Venice Art Walk, which she and other volunteers organized in 1981. The event, which includes tours of artists' studios and an art auction, has at-

tracted thousands of visitors and raised millions of dollars for the Clinic.

For these and other charitable efforts, Irma earned scores of commendations and awards, including the President's Volunteer Service Award in 1992. But it wasn't the awards and recognition that motivated her. It was her commitment to caring for the less fortunate among us.

She was a generous friend, a dynamic personality, and a prodigious worker. She will be sorely missed by Lou and their family, scores of her friends, and generations of patients whom the Clinic has ably served.

TRIBUTE TO LUIS E. BARKER

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2006

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, we will celebrate the career of Luis E. Barker, Deputy Chief of the United States Border Patrol, as he retires after 35 years of service to our nation.

Chief Barker began his career in law enforcement as a military policeman in 1971. After leaving the military in 1973, he spent five years as a police officer and detective in the Jersey City, New Jersey Police Department.

In 1978, Chief Barker became a U.S. Border Patrol agent stationed in El Paso, Texas, which is the community I am proud to represent in the House of Representatives. He has been promoted consistently during the course of his career, serving in supervisory positions at the Border Patrol Academy in Glynco, Georgia and Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He also served as Deputy Regional Chief of the Southern Regional Office in Dallas, Texas; Assistant Chief Patrol Agent and later Deputy Chief Patrol Agent of the Del Rio Sector; Chief Patrol Agent of the Laredo Sector in 1995; and Chief Patrol Agent of the El Paso Sector in 1998. Most recently, in 2005, Chief Barker was appointed Deputy Chief of the United States Border Patrol.

Throughout his career, Chief Barker has demonstrated the utmost professionalism and true dedication to the Border Patrol, his community, and our nation. He has dealt with tough border security and immigration issues, and his expertise helped make our nation more secure. As a former Border Patrol agent and Sector Chief myself, I am confident in saying that Chief Barker serves as an excellent example for all members of the Border Patrol and law enforcement officials everywhere.

Chief Barker is also a devoted family man and community leader. He has a wife, the former Jacque Witt, a daughter, Allison, and a stepson, Michael, and I know that he made a great sacrifice leaving his home and family temporarily in El Paso to accept the position of Deputy Chief in Washington. He did so at a critical time for the Border Patrol, and the Patrol is better for it, as is the state of our nation's homeland security.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Chief Luis E. Barker for his many years of exemplary service to America and in wishing him all the best in his retirement.

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 11, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 12

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine development effectiveness of infrastructure projects relating to multilateral development banks.

SD-419

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 660, to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

SD-106

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine immigration issues.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine S. 3495, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam.

SD-215

10:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Frederic S. Mishkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be First Vice President, and J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, both of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Geoffrey S. Bacino, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, and Edmund C. Moy, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury.

SD-538

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine strengthening participation of small businesses in Federal contracting and innovation research programs.

SR-428A

11:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Marc Spitzer, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold a closed briefing on intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 13

9:30 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed revisions to the particulate matter air quality standards.

SD-628

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the current situation relative to Iraq.

SH-216

Judiciary
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine H.R. 5254, to set schedules for the consideration of permits for refineries.

SD-366

Finance
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eric Solomon, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

SD-215

Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine challenges facing the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, focusing on efforts to address the backlog.

SR-418

Aging
To hold hearings to examine Medicaid to retiree benefits, focusing on the impact of seniors on health care costs in the United States.

SD-106

2 p.m.
Appropriations
Business meeting to mark up H.R. 5672, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and an original bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

SD-106

Judiciary
Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine renewing the temporary provisions of the Voting Rights Act relating to legislative options after LULAC v. Perry.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine unmanned aerial systems in Alaska.

SD-562

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stephen S. McMillin, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SD-342

Intelligence
Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 17

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 provisions on hydrogen and fuel cell research and development.

SD-366

3 p.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christina B. Rocca, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

SD-419

JULY 18

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To receive a closed briefing regarding overhead imagery systems.

S-407, Capitol

Judiciary
To hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice.

SH-216

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine United States and India energy cooperation in the context of global energy demand, the emerging energy needs of India, and the role of nuclear power can play in meeting those needs.

SD-366

JULY 19

10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to Congress.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
To hold an oversight hearing on the implementation of Public Law 108-148 The Healthy Forests Restoration Act.

SD-366

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine high performance computing.

SD-562

JULY 20

10 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine USDA dairy programs.

SR-328A

2 p.m.
Appropriations
Business meeting to markup H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, H.R. 5385, making appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and H.R. 5576, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

SD-106

POSTPONEMENTS

JULY 12

9:30 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the Thompson Memorandum's effect on the right to counsel in corporate investigations.

SD-226