

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUFFALO POST OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great pride to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Buffalo Post of the Jewish War Veterans.

Comprised of members of the Jewish faith who have served in the Wars of the United States of America, the Buffalo Post began meeting in 1929. Over the past 80 years, membership in the post has grown to more than 120 active participants.

The Jewish War Veterans have a proud tradition of patriotism and service to our country and to the Jewish community in the United States and abroad.

The Jewish War Veterans advocate for those who have fought our nation's battles to ensure that they receive the treatment and the respect they deserve from our grateful nation. Through their constant support of the state of Israel, fighting anti-Semitism around the world, and participating in civic betterment projects, the Jewish War Veterans Buffalo Post are having a strong positive impact and I thank them for their dedicated efforts.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of 80 years of proud service to our grateful nation, I ask that this Honorable Body join me in honoring the Buffalo Post of the Jewish War Veterans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF SERGEANT LEONARD B. KELLER, MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT AND AMERICAN HERO

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Leonard B. Keller, a Vietnam veteran, Medal of Honor recipient, and American hero who passed away on October 18, 2009. Sergeant Keller spent a lifetime serving his country, his community, and his family, and I am proud to honor his life of dedication and service.

Leonard Keller was a true American soldier. Born in Rockford, Illinois in 1947, he was drafted in the spring of 1966 at the age of 19. After basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, Sergeant Keller was assigned to the 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division at Base Camp Dong Tam in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam.

On May 2, 1967, in the Ap Bac Zone of Vietnam, another U.S. infantry company was ambushed by the Vietcong, and Sergeant Keller's unit went to rescue their comrades.

Soon after his unit was dropped by helicopter, they came under intense automatic machine gunfire from numerous bunkers and several enemy snipers. Despite several calls for retreat, Sergeant Keller charged forward directly towards the enemy position. Disregarding his safety, he and a fellow soldier began a systematic assault on the enemy bunkers, taking out seven different enemy positions. Eventually the entire North Vietnamese force broke ranks and retreated. After exhausting his ammunition, Sergeant Keller then returned to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. Many Americans owe their lives to the courageous actions of Len Keller that day. President Lyndon Johnson awarded the Medal of Honor to Sergeant Keller on September 19, 1968 "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty."

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor Len Keller as a Vietnam War hero and Northwest Florida leader. Today we recognize his distinguished military and government service, as well as a lifetime of dedication to the United States of America. Our nation is proud and grateful for his courage, service, and patriotism. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his entire family as we remember and honor the life of Leonard Keller. He will be truly missed.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res 793, "Supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week." I support this resolution because success in science is of the utmost importance for the future of our youth and our nation.

In order to keep America as a leader in science we need to focus on the success of our youth by emphasizing achievement in all academic endeavors. Letting our students fall behind those of the rest of the world is a mistake we cannot afford.

Chemistry is a field of science and technology that has transformed the world and will vastly improve the quality of life around the globe. Chemical sciences create an infrastructure that delivers the foods, fuels, medicines, and materials that are the hallmark of modern life. Chemical scientists and engineers are essential to technological progress and to the health of many industries, including the chemical, pharmaceutical, electronics, agricultural, automotive, and aerospace industries. The contributions of chemists boost economic growth, create new jobs, and improve health and standards of living. My home district,

Texas' 18th District and other parts of Houston are the hub for many of these industries, namely NASA, the Medical Center, and the Port of Houston.

In order to foster the innovation that America needs to ensure global competitiveness, our schools must cultivate the finest scientists, engineers, and technicians from every background and neighborhood. We must strive to focus on increasing access to science, technology, engineering, and math education for Latinos, African-Americans, women, and other underrepresented students in these fields.

National Chemistry Week was established in 1987 by the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society, to enhance the public's appreciation of the chemical sciences and also to educate the public. 2009 also marks the 140th anniversary of Dmitri Mendeleev's creation of the Periodic Table of the Elements, one of the greatest achievements in scientific history. The theme of National Chemistry Week this year is, "Chemistry—It's Elemental", which was chosen to raise public awareness about the importance of chemistry and the chemical sciences by emphasizing that the elements, forming the basis of the universe, play an integral role in daily life. There are many common elements, such as copper in electrical wires, neon in lights, sodium in table salt, and aluminum in soda cans, that are tangibly present in everyday life.

This year, it is anticipated that more than 10,000 volunteers from industry, government, and academia will observe National Chemistry Week during the week of October 18, 2009, by conducting hands-on science activities with millions of children in local schools, libraries, and museums. National Chemistry Week encourages volunteers to provide resources to science educators across the country, promote community events for recycling common elemental items such as aluminum cans, encourage students to explore creative representations of the elements in the Periodic Table, and generally act as "chemistry ambassadors" who emphasize the importance and contributions of chemistry to daily life.

TRIBUTE TO THE REPUBLICS OF TURKEY AND ARMENIA OPENING THEIR BORDER

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republics of Armenia and Turkey for their ongoing efforts to open their joint border and normalize relations. On October 10, 2009, they signed protocols in Zurich, Switzerland, which establish diplomatic ties and reopen a border that has been closed since 1993. While the negotiations have at times been difficult and emotional, the agreement is an important first step

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to restoring full diplomatic relations between these neighboring states.

Madam Speaker, I also want to congratulate Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for her leadership in helping to move the process forward. In this connection, I would like to submit an October 14, 2009 Washington Post editorial entitled, "Opening a Border." The article does an excellent job of detailing the deft diplomatic work of Secretary Clinton to assist Turkey and Armenia in taking this historic step.

As the article states, the rapprochement between Turkey and Armenia is critical to the United States since it promotes stability in the Caucasus region and could provide new avenues for gas and oil export to the West.

In closing, I commend Secretary Clinton and her colleagues at the State Department and offer my full support for their valiant efforts. The protocols have been sent to the parliaments of the respective countries. I hope they will be ratified quickly and open the door to a new era of diplomacy and friendship.

[From the Washington Post, Oct. 14, 2009]

OPENING A BORDER

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton executed some deft diplomacy last weekend as the leaders of Turkey and Armenia signed a potentially historic deal to establish normal diplomatic relations and reopen their borders. We say "potentially" because there are some big obstacles to implementing the accord, which we'll come back to. But Ms. Clinton helped to ensure that the signing ceremony in Zurich went forward after four hours of last-minute mediation. Not for the first time in her short tenure, she proved capable of overcoming an impasse and teasing out of a favorable outcome of the United States.

The rapprochement between these two nations matters to the United States for a number of reasons. It could help stabilize the volatile Caucasus region, open the way for new corridors for the export of gas and oil to the West, ease Russian's political domination of Armenia and remove a major irritant from U.S. relations with Turkey. The Obama administration worked diligently to promote the accord: Ms. Clinton made 29 phone calls to the leaders of the two nations. President Obama played a part by sidestepping a campaign promise to formally recognize the mass killing of Armenians by Turks during World War I as "genocide."

The genocide issue—and the refusal of some in the American Armenian community to compromise on it—still threaten to undo the deal. The opening of the border, closed since 1993, would be a huge benefit to impoverished and landlocked Armenia. But there is resistance to a provision of the accords that would set up a joint commission to study the study of the massacres. Opponents say this could give Turkey, which denies that a genocide took place, a means to filibuster the issue—and to stop the annual attempt by some in the U.S. Congress to pass a resolution declaring that genocide occurred. In fact, the issue is one best left to the two countries; that several U.S. Armenian groups have endorsed the accord is a victory for common sense.

A more formidable obstacle to the deal may be Armenian's unresolved dispute with another neighbor, Azerbaijan, over the ethnically Armenian enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, which is occupied by Armenian along with neighboring Azeri territory. Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan took the courageous step of declining to make the settlement of this "frozen conflict" a precondition to his accord with Armenia—thereby inviting the wrath of Azer-

baijan, which is an ally and energy supplier to Turkey. But Mr. Erdogan has said—most recently last Sunday—that his government will not go forward with the deal unless Armenia executes at last a partial withdrawal from Azerbaijan. That would be a tough step for Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan and require considerable international support: more delicate work for Ms. Clinton.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROBERT BROWN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the memory of Robert Brown, the first African American mayor of Orange, New Jersey, which is in my congressional district.

Mr. Brown is remembered by family, friends, and colleagues as a big thinker, a role model and an excellent presenter. He was born in 1947 in Wetumpka, Alabama, but was raised in Albany, New York, where he was described as a stellar student and athlete. He earned a football scholarship to Central Connecticut State College. After college he moved to East Orange and received a law degree in 1973 from Rutgers University in Newark.

Mr. Brown moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked as counsel on the Judiciary Committee for the House of Representatives during the Watergate hearings. He moved back to East Orange in 1976, and served as a municipal prosecutor and as the Essex County public defender before opening a private practice. He was widely recognized for his outstanding oration ability, his skill as a lawyer, and his strong commitment to community service.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his son, Remington, and brother, Raymond.

As friends and family gather to remember Robert Brown, we are reminded of the tremendous difference that one person can make in the lives of others. I know my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring the memory of Mr. Brown and in paying tribute to this outstanding person who meant so much to all who knew him and to the entire city of Orange.

HONORING EBRAHIM ASHABI

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Detective Ebrahim Ashabi, an 11-year veteran of the Long Beach, California, Police Department. I applaud his contributions to our community and wish him much future success.

Detective Ashabi's unique background has provided him with the tools to excel in his chosen profession. Born in Iran as a Shiite Muslim, Detective Ashabi lived through the Iranian Islamic Revolution of the late 1970s as well as the Iran-Iraq war. In 1982, Detective Ashabi fled from Iran into the Kurdish area of North-

ern Iraq and then into Turkey. After a few months in Europe, he emigrated to the United States, where he lived in New York and Washington, DC.

In 1990, Detective Ashabi moved to the Los Angeles area and in 1997 joined the Long Beach Police Department. Detective Ashabi now serves in the Long Beach Police Department's Office of Counter Terrorism, protecting the citizens of Long Beach and the United States from domestic and foreign homeland security threats. He is responsible for analyzing, collecting, and investigating criminal intelligence as it relates to terrorism, organized crime, and extremist activities. Detective Ashabi shared his expertise earlier this year at a first response training conference and exposition for law enforcement, military, security, corrections, and federal agencies. He presented as a keynote speaker and presented "A Brief History of Radical Islam," to his colleagues. Detective Ashabi also provides invaluable assistance in investigations with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, including the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force.

For the past five years, Detective Ashabi has trained law enforcement officers and his expertise is a tremendous asset to our community. Detective Ashabi holds a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from the University of La Verne and is currently working on his master's degree at California State University, Long Beach.

In closing, Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the achievements of Detective Ebrahim Ashabi and wishing him continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARY SHIRAH UPON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Mary Shirah, a Northwest Florida community leader who is retiring after fifteen years of public service as the Director of the Pregnancy Resource Center in Milton, Florida. Mary spent her career serving others, and I am proud to honor her dedication and service.

Born in 1927, Mary Shirah was a Navy wife. She married her husband, Henry, in 1946, and was married for 62 years until her husband passed away last year. Her family eventually settled in the Pensacola, Florida area, and found a home in the Pea Ridge community. In 1968, Mary went to work for Tupperware where a co-worker suggested that she volunteer at the Alpha Center in Pensacola, a resource center for pregnant women.

After working with the Alpha Center and encouraging her Women's Ministry Group at her church to participate, Mary decided to investigate the need for a similar center in Santa Rosa County. She went on to join the committee to find a director for the center and after much searching, the committee chose Mary to serve as the Executive Director. The Pregnancy Resource Center of Milton opened on March 20, 1995. Until her retirement, Mary has served as the center's sole executive director. Under her leadership, the PRC serves an average of 300 families each year.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Mary Shirah for her service to Northwest Florida. Mary has worked tirelessly on behalf of the women of Santa Rosa County for the last 15 years. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for her and her family, including sons Henry, Richard, and John, and her six grandchildren, as they embark on this next journey in their lives.

IN MEMORY OF MR. MICHAEL J.
BONASERA

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Mr. Michael J. Bonasera of Warren, Ohio.

Michael J. Bonasera Sr. was born April 13, 1915 in Buffington, Pa., the son of Pasquale and Ninfa Danca Bonasera.

Michael was a 1934 graduate of Hickory High School and came to Warren in 1942 from Sharon, Pa., where he had lived since 1920.

He was a veteran of WWII, having served in the Army Transportation Corps., and attaining the rank of Sergeant. His military service included tours of duty in England and the Philippines.

Michael retired in 1980 from American Welding, where he was a machine operator for 32 years. He was an award-winning machinist, and was one of the first machinists to machine parts for jet and rocket engines. He was a great teacher and was able to pass on his vast knowledge to future generations of machinists.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church, and enjoyed traveling, golf, tending to his garden, and music, and had taught accordion lessons for 45 years. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Lena R. Maggiano Bonasera, whom he married Oct. 10, 1942; a daughter, Janet M. (Charles) Richards of Warren; two sons, Michael J. (Susan) Bonasera Jr. of Seattle and Atty. Thomas J. (Julie) Bonasera of Columbus; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a son-in-law, Dan Matthews of Coos Bay, Ore.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Lee Matthews; a brother, Charles Bonasera; and his sisters, Constance LaMagro, Grace Ciolfi, Sunda Sebastian, Josephine Roman, Rose Russo and Mary Welch.

Calling hours were yesterday from 4 to 7 p.m. and this morning from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the Peter Rossi & Son Memorial Chapel.

Burial will be at All Souls Cemetery.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 26210 Emery Road, Suite 307, Cleveland, OH 44128.

EFFINGHAM ST. ANTHONY STATE
GOLF CHAMPIONS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a talented group of student-athletes from Effingham, Illinois.

The Effingham St. Anthony boys golf team took state championship honors this month at the Illinois High School Association's finals at Prairie Vista Golf Course in Bloomington. The squad entered the final day tied with a competitive Mt. Carmel team, but St. Anthony's jumped out to an early lead in the final round and held on to clinch the title.

I want to congratulate Coach Phil Zaccari for his work with the team. But most of all, I want to congratulate the 2009 state champion boys golf squad from Effingham St. Anthony: Michael McHugh, Michael Koester, Derek Rohlfing, Kit Koerner, Lewis Martin and James Jansen. They have represented themselves, their school and their community in an exemplary fashion and I want to join with all the members of this House in wishing them continued success in their athletic and academic endeavors.

CONGREGATION BEIT KODESH

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Congregation Beit Kodesh, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

In 1958, a small number of intuitive individuals started hosting Shabbat services at the Clarenceville Central Elementary School. This same year, over 200 people attended High Holiday services at the Botsford Inn in Farmington. The following year, the Livonia Jewish Congregation was formally organized. Over the next few years, the Congregation met at several different locations until negotiation with the Jewish Welfare Foundation allowed them to move into the May and Samuel Cohn Building.

Importantly, the Congregation has been served by three Rabbis over the years: Rabbi Nathaniel Steinberg (one year), Rabbi Martin Gordon (twenty-two years) and Rabbi Craig Allen (seven years). When no Rabbi is available, the lay people of the congregation carry out services. Currently, Rabbi Jason Miller, the associate director of the University of Michigan Hillel Foundation in Ann Arbor, is the Rabbinic Advisor.

In 1990, the congregation officially changed its name to Congregation Beit Kodesh in order to recognize members who live throughout the Tri-County area. Two years ago, they combined efforts with Bet Chaverim and began to hold Sunday School classes and activities together at Congregation Beit Kodesh. Notably, students play an important role in these congregations. For example, students attend regular Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes and volunteer at Yad Ezra. In addition, they contribute actively in the community by participating in

the Matzos Factory at the Junior Community College, the annual Penny Harvest, and assisting the elderly with various projects. Finally, the synagogue also has an active Sisterhood, which sends relief packages to our soldiers and seeks to advance tolerance in the community.

In addition to being the only conservative synagogue in Western Wayne County, this distinguished congregation was the first in Metropolitan Detroit to elect a woman as president. While receiving very little financial assistance or recognition from the Jewish community, they remain very active and play an important role in the community.

Madam Speaker, for fifty years, Congregation Beit Kodesh has stood as a tribute to the strong efforts of Metropolitan Detroit's Jewish community. As their members commemorate this tremendous milestone, they embody a legacy of distinction and determination. While observing their Jewish customs, this small but significant family synagogue will continue to contribute to the community. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating Congregation Beit Kodesh and recognizing their contributions to our community and country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent Friday morning, October 23, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the eleven votes which occurred Friday, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 3619, rollcall vote No. 812; and I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 3619, rollcall vote No. 813.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DON
WEEKS

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, residents of New York's Capital Region have been blessed to wake up each morning to the voice of long-time radio host Don Weeks. Since 1980, Don has hosted the WGY morning radio show, entertaining listeners with a mix of comedy and insightful interviews, all delivered with a friendly, neighborly charm.

Throughout the years Don has always put the community first, lending his talent to local fund drives and other special events, from restocking food pantries to emceeding the annual Red Cross Hometown Heroes Awards breakfast. He has been honored with several New York State Broadcaster of the Year awards, and a Marconi Award from the National Association of Broadcasters.

We'd like to congratulate Don on the recent announcement that he will be inducted into the New York State Broadcasting Hall of Fame. It is a fitting honor for a lifelong Capital Region resident who has dedicated his life to informing and entertaining others, and making our community a better place in which to live.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR CHRIS WILLIAMSON ON THE OCCASION OF SERVING AS HONORARY CHAPLAIN

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Pastor Chris Williamson of Franklin, Tennessee, as he serves as the House of Representatives Honorary Chaplain today.

The music industry brought Pastor Williamson to Middle Tennessee as a member of the Christian rap group, Transformation Crusade. As his music performance career concluded, however, he felt a calling to the pulpit.

In 1995, he founded the Strong Tower Bible Church and has built Strong Tower into one of Franklin's most dynamic and well-known churches. His commitment to racial reconciliation is evident through his work as an author, his mission work, as well as the intentional multi-ethnic and diverse background of his congregation. He is a devoted family man, and I appreciate the opportunity to represent his fine family in the Congress.

Please join me in honoring Pastor Williamson on his service to the House of Representatives today, and I wish him only the best in the years to come.

**LABOR HISTORY MONTH
RESOLUTION**

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support a Resolution expressing the sense of the House that a "National Labor History Month" should be established.

Today, most Americans work in clean, well-lit, well-ventilated, air-conditioned workplaces. So it is all too easy to forget the desperate conditions in which our grandparents and their grandparents often toiled. Child labor was commonplace. Workers were subjected to dangerous work environments, and were often forced to put themselves at risk of death or serious injury in order to put food on the table for their families. Women were especially attractive employees—because you could pay them less for the exact same work. The labor movement played a leading role in ending these inhumane and unfair practices. And for this, all modern Americans owe a debt of gratitude.

In addition to fighting against the exploitation of workers, labor leaders also played a significant role in the civil rights movement, fighting to end racial discrimination in the workplace. As early as World War II, labor leaders fought to end racial discrimination against African-Americans working in the defense industry. And Cesar Chávez's United Farmworkers Union fought not only for labor rights, but for equal rights for Latinos in countless walks of life. This resolution will help us pay tribute to those who put themselves on

the line for all of America's working men and women.

What they fought for represents the best of the American character. I urge all my colleagues to support this bi-partisan effort to recognize the importance of the labor movement to America's history.

**MASSAC COUNTY STATE GOLF
CHAMPIONS**

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a talented group of student-athletes from Massac County, Illinois.

The Massac County High School girls golf team took state championship honors this month at the Illinois High School Association's finals at the Crab Orchard Golf Club in Carterville. The Lady Patriots put on an impressive showing at the state finals, finishing 39 strokes ahead of the runner-up. Tala Mumford, of Massac County, shot a 163 for the tournament and was honored as top individual performer.

I want to congratulate Coach Kim Hille for her work with the team. But most of all, I want to congratulate the 2009 state champion girls golf squad from Massac County: Tala Mumford, Sammi Weber, Taylor King, Kristen Faulkner, Laura Bremer and Peyton Helm. They have represented themselves, their school and their community in an exemplary fashion and I want to join with all the members of this House in wishing them continued success in their athletic and academic endeavors.

**HONORING MARYBELL BRAZILE
BAKEWELL**

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ms. Marybell Brazile Bakewell for her dedication to her family and community. Earlier this month, Ms. Bakewell passed away at Arcadia Methodist Hospital, at the age of eighty four.

Ms. Bakewell was born on April 10, 1925 and was the daughter of Edward and Camille Brazile. She spent over forty years in a loving relationship with her husband, Eddie Trepagnier. Ms. Bakewell graduated from Straights Business School where she received her secretarial certificate. As a result of hard work and determination, she was hired full time at the National Maritime Union. She committed herself wholeheartedly to her job and remained working there for over forty years until she retired.

Ms. Bakewell was a native of New Orleans until she recently had to relocate to Los Angeles, California after her beloved city was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. While living in New Orleans she was a life member of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church and the Sisters of The Holy Family. Ms. Bakewell spent her entire life staying connected to family, school,

work, and her neighbors throughout the City of New Orleans. Her witiness, charming personality, and uplifting spirit shall remain a legacy in the hearts of many.

Even though she can no longer be with us physically, I know that Ms. Bakewell is very proud of her family, including her two children, Danny J. Bakewell, Sr. and Pamela A. Bakewell, both of whom are prominent in Los Angeles civic affairs. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Family was always the highlight of her life and she will forever be remembered as the Matriarch of the Bakewell Family.

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to her remarkable life and extending our condolences to her family.

**EXTENSION OF COMMERCIAL
SPACE TRANSPORTATION LI-
ABILITY REGIME**

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today in support of House Resolution 3819 "to extend the commercial space transportation liability regime." Extending this liability regime will ensure that commercial launches can continue to take place.

This indemnification regime has been in place since 1988 and has been renewed four times. It is an important element in maintaining the economic competitiveness of the domestic U.S. commercial launch services industry. The regime helps protect against catastrophic third-party liability claims when conducting Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-licensed launch activities.

We are aware of the importance of the technological advances and services provided to the citizens of our nation as a result of the commercial launch industry—many of these services we all utilize on a daily basis. Allowing for these types of technologies to grow, prosper, and become more efficient and effective is an initiative that we want to continue. Ensuring progress in the commercial space industry by extending the current insurance indemnification regime will directly improve those initiatives.

As the Member of Congress representing Texas' 18th Congressional District in Houston, near NASA's Johnson Space Center, laws related to space programs and the commercial space industry are near and dear to me and my constituents. Laws relating to commercial space transportation provide tools to further the goals that were outlined in the Augustine Commission to chart our next steps into space. This industry provides jobs and keeps U.S.-based companies and technologies competitive in a global market. It is extremely important that we support the furtherance of this industry and the technological services it provides.

With soaring deficits facing our states and the looming costs of health care reform and energy reform before the nation, tough choices have been made. Surely, some argue that we cannot afford to gamble further money in space based initiatives.

Yet others, like me and my constituents realize the benefits of ensuring the continuance

of the commercial launch industry, which we see as an investment, not a gamble. In the past, such investments paved the way for new innovations in agriculture, architecture, media technology, and even health care. The pace maker is just one of the many life saving technologies that have resulted from that same small step. This mastery of "rocket science" is what placed our nation in the driver's seat of technology and economics.

We must also not forget that America's leadership in space plays an important role in our nation's national security. We have already seen the preeminent role that space based technology plays in modern warfare and intelligence gathering.

IN MEMORY OF MR. ART FURUYA

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Art Furuya, a decorated soldier, devoted husband and loving father.

Mr. Furuya was interned at the onset of World War II because of his Japanese heritage. At the age of 17, Furuya enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a unit comprised entirely of Japanese-Americans and the most highly decorated unit in World War II. During the war, he became a lifelong friend with a fellow member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Senator DANIEL INOUE. Mr. Furuya received two purple hearts for wounds he suffered on the battlefields of Italy and France.

After World War II, Mr. Furuya married his wife, Penny. They lived in Nashville for over 50 years, where they raised their family and were members of St. Paul United Church of Christ.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Mr. Furuya's daughter, Anne; his sons, Don and Jim; and his two grandchildren. He was an example of how Americans can rise up to serve their country, even in the face of such great adversity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and revise and extend my remarks.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2009, I was in Long Beach, California hosting Deputy Transportation Secretary John D. Porcari and Maritime Administrator David T. Matsuda at an important national transportation conference held in my district.

On Thursday, October 22, and Friday, October 23, I was in American Samoa and Samoa monitoring the ongoing relief and recovery efforts of FEMA and others currently underway in response to the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck those islands on September 29. As the Member of Congress with the nation's largest concentration of Samoan

Americans on the mainland and as a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, undertaking this fact-finding mission was directly related to my representational, legislative, and committee responsibilities.

Because of these excused absences I was unable to return in time for rollcall votes 793 through 813.

Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

1. On rollcall No. 793, I would have voted "aye." S. 1793. Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009.

2. On rollcall No. 794, I would have voted "aye." H. Res. 811. Expressing support for designation of October 2009 as "National Principals Month."

On rollcall No. 795, I would have voted "aye." H. Res. 837. Recognizing Kentucky Wesleyan College for their service as an institution of higher education for over 150 years.

On rollcall No. 796, I would have voted "aye." H. Res. 660. Recognizing the distinguished history of the Laurinburg Normal Industrial Institute.

On rollcall No. 797, I would have voted "aye." S. Con. Res. 43. Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke.

On rollcall No. 798, I would have voted "aye." Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 3585—Solar Technology Roadmap Act of 2010 (H. Res. 846).

On rollcall No. 799, I would have voted "aye." H. Res. 846. Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3585—Solar Technology Roadmap Act of 2010.

On rollcall No. 800, I would have voted "aye." H. Res. 797. Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of cyber security in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of the sixth annual National Cyber Security Awareness Month (Representative CLARKE—Science and Technology).

On rollcall No. 801, I would have voted "no." Broun (GA) amendment. Changes the number of years for which the Committee is authorized from five to three; reduces to \$250,000,000 the amount authorized in each of the three years, from 2011 to 2013.

On rollcall No. 802, I would have voted "aye." Kaptur (OH) amendment. Requires the Roadmap Committee to provide recommendations to strengthen the use of research and development strategies in making domestic industry more competitive and to assist in the commercialization of solar technologies.

On rollcall No. 803, I would have voted "aye." Klein (FL) amendment. Includes research on solar energy storage technology as eligible for funding under the Secretary of Energy's research and development program.

On rollcall No. 804, I would have voted "aye." Titus (NV)/Teague (NM)/Cohen (TN) amendment. Includes the development of solar technology products that are water efficient as a focus of the bill.

On rollcall No. 805, I would have voted "aye." Heinrich (NM) amendment. Requires the Solar Technology Roadmap Committee to release a draft Roadmap to the public at least one month prior to publication in order to receive public input.

On rollcall No. 806, I would have voted "aye." Himes (CT) amendment. Clarifies that solar thermal technologies and concentrating

solar photovoltaic technologies will be included within the scope of the research and development program authorized by the bill.

On rollcall No. 807, I would have voted "aye." Final Passage of H.R. 3585. Solar Technology Roadmap Act of 2010.

On rollcall No. 808, I would have voted "aye." H. Res. 175. Condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

On rollcall No. 809, I would have voted "aye." Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 3619—Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (H. Res. 853).

On rollcall No. 810, I would have voted "aye." H. Res. 853. Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3619—Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010.

On rollcall No. 811, I would have voted "aye." H. Res. 836. Expressing support for Teen Read Week.

On rollcall No. 812, I would have voted "aye." Kratovil (MD) amendment. Requires the Coast Guard to study the facility infrastructure requirements needed to fulfill the Coast Guard's missions and capabilities, and ensure that the department in which the Coast Guard is operating maintains the ability to utilize the latest technologies.

On rollcall No. 813, I would have voted "aye." Final Passage of H.R. 3619. Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mrs. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on October 22, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 805. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 805: "yes"—Heinrich of New Mexico Amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, as indicated by the record on Thursday evening October 22nd, 2009, I was absent from votes on personal business for the remainder of the week. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Rollcall 809: On ordering the previous question—"nay;" Rollcall 810: Providing for consideration of H.R. 3619, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (H. RES. 853)—"nay;" Rollcall 811: Expressing support for Teen Read Week (H. RES. 836)—"yea;" Rollcall 812: On agreeing to the Kratovil amendment—"yea;" Rollcall 813: On final passage Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (H. R. 3619)—"yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS'S AEROJET EMPLOYEES

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nearly 600 employees at Aerojet-General Corporation's Camden, Arkansas, production facility and their achievement of the milestone shipment of their 5,000th MK 104 Dual Thrust Rocket Motor to Raytheon Missile Systems and the United States Navy.

Aerojet is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader principally serving the missile, space propulsion and armaments markets. This most significant milestone will be commemorated with a celebration ceremony held in Camden, Arkansas, on Wednesday, October 28, 2009.

The MK 104 Dual Thrust Rocket Motor provides the main propulsion for the Standard Missile 2 (SM-2), the United States Navy's primary surface-to-air air defense weapon. SM-2 is an integral part of the AEGIS Weapon System aboard Ticonderoga-class cruisers and Arleigh Burke-class destroyers. The MK 104 Dual Thrust Rocket Motor also is the second stage propulsion for the Navy's newest defensive weapon, the Standard Missile 6 Extended Range Active Missile (SM-6), which will provide extended-range, anti-air warfare capability over both sea and land. The MK 104 is also utilized on the Standard Missile 3 (SM-3) for Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) from sea missions.

Aerojet has manufactured the MK 104 Dual Thrust Rocket Motor since 1987 at its Camden facility. The Standard Missile family of products, which also include the MK 72 booster and MK 125 warhead, is a noteworthy element of Aerojet's industry-leading tactical propulsion portfolio produced in Camden, generating significant employment opportunities for the area.

On the occasion of this milestone, I am proud to recognize the dedicated, hardworking employees of Aerojet in Camden and their achievements so far. These Arkansans are working hard to ensure our men and women in uniform have the resources they need to carry out their missions effectively and quickly and they deserve our sincere appreciation.

TRIBUTE TO RAY CHANDLER

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ray Chandler, Attorney, an outstanding South Carolinian and a constituent of mine. Attorney Chandler was recently awarded the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian honor.

Mr. Chandler is a native of Darlington, South Carolina. He graduated from The Citadel in 1968, and earned a law degree from the University of South Carolina in 1971. He is married to the former Sandra Heise of Sumter, South Carolina.

After earning his degrees, Mr. Chandler sought to serve his country and was commissioned a Captain in the United States Army's Judge Advocate Generals' Corps. During his tour of duty, Captain Chandler served as a

prosecutor at the United States Army Disciplinary Barrack at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He later served for two years as a prosecutor and defense lawyer in the Federal Republic of Germany. He completed his military tour in Heidelberg serving as the Deputy Chief of Criminal Law for the Seventh Army, which included all of Europe and Turkey.

After four years of active duty, Mr. Chandler left the Army and became an associate in the Ralph Cothran Law Firm in Manning, South Carolina. In 1979, he formed the Law Firm of Coffey, Chandler & Kent, P.A. Today he serves as the firm's Managing Partner, and handles criminal defense and wrongful death civil litigation.

Mr. Chandler has served as General Counsel for the South Carolina Firefighters Association for the last 32 years. It was this service that captured the attention of South Carolina's Governor and prompted the Governor to award him the Order of the Palmetto. Mr. Chandler was honored for his work as co-author of South Carolina's present arson laws, and for his dedication to South Carolina's firefighters. He was surprised with the award during a recent dinner with members of the South Carolina Firefighters Association in Myrtle Beach.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ray Chandler for his work on behalf of this country and his fellow man. He has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to the firefighters of South Carolina, as their Counsel and one of their strongest advocates. Our nation and my home state are better for his service and leadership.

HONORING THE "AMAZING" GRACE WARREN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute today to a remarkable woman and my former legislative director who passed away this past May following a five-year battle with ovarian cancer—the "amazing" Grace Warren. Today would have been her birthday.

When I was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1980, I knew that Grace had served in key roles for my predecessor, Rep. Ray Roberts, and that she had worked on Capitol Hill for many years. I knew that her experience and knowledge would be valuable to the Fourth District of Texas, and she soon became an indispensable member of my staff as well as a good friend. Grace served as a legislative policy advisor and legislative director, specializing in health care issues along the way. At any time she could have translated her wealth of knowledge into a lucrative career in the private sector, but Grace chose to remain a dedicated and loyal public servant and a forceful advocate for good public policy.

When referencing Grace or introducing her, it was my custom to refer to her as "Amazing Grace" because she either always had an answer for any question—or she could find it. She was a wonderful mentor to other staff and was respected and admired by so many in Washington, D.C., not only for her policy expertise but also for her caring heart.

In 2005 Grace was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, and she responded to this challenge

in characteristic style. She researched as much as possible about the disease, consulted experts and patients, and prepared for battle on both a personal and policy level. She became a spokesperson and resource for ovarian cancer research advocacy groups in South Carolina and at the federal level. At the same time, she fought her personal battle with this dread disease by enduring surgeries, chemotherapy, and relapses—but always with a deep and abiding faith in her Creator and an undaunted spirit. Those of us who knew Grace marveled at her dignity, courage, strength and "amazing grace" throughout this difficult time.

In 2005 the House passed H. Res. 444, the "Gynecological Resolution for Advancement of Ovarian Cancer Education." The acronym for this bill is "GRACE," for it was with Grace in mind that I introduced this bill in Congress. This resolution underscores the seriousness of ovarian cancer, which is the fourth leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States. To date, unfortunately, only a small percentage of ovarian cancer cases are diagnosed in the early stages. More research is needed to develop early detection tools, a reliable screening test, prevention methods, enhanced therapies—and a cure.

Grace would urge us to work toward this goal, and so I urge my colleagues to support funding for ovarian cancer research that will save countless lives today and in the future. And today I also ask my colleagues to join me in paying our last respects to this woman who dedicated her life to the betterment of this institution and to our Nation and who leaves a legacy of service that will be fondly remembered—Grace Warren.

FOURTH GRADE HERO

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Kaylin Mancera, a fourth grader in Groves, Texas, for her heroic actions. May 1, 2009, has been proclaimed "Kaylin Mancera Day" on behalf of the city of Groves.

The students at Groves Elementary went about their normal lunch period during socializing and laughing until a fourth grader, Kaylin Mancera had noticed her friend choking on her hamburger. Once Kaylin realized that her friend, Annie Gil needed help, she successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver undoubtedly saving her friends life.

Kaylin did not ask for assistance, but promptly performed the Heimlich on her own. Kaylin had learned how to perform the Heimlich from a poster that she passed by everyday at Van Buren Elementary, her former school. Luckily Kaylin was sitting close by and did not hesitate to respond.

It is likely that most children Kaylin's age would not have been so perceptive of such visual instruction. Because of Kaylin's heroic actions, school officials have committed to a higher awareness of basic health and safety practices within the school.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Texas, I would like to honor Kaylin Mancera for her heroism. Her quick response on April 8, 2009, will be remembered and will have an impact on others around her.

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, October 27, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
OCTOBER 28

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To continue hearings to examine S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy.

SD-406

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine dark pools, flash orders, high frequency trading, and other market structure issues.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the role of natural gas in mitigating climate change.

SD-366

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1649, to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to prepare for attacks using weapons of mass destruction, S. 1862, to provide that certain Secret Service employees may elect to transition to coverage under the District of Columbia Police and Fire Fighter Retirement and Disability System, H.R. 553, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to prevent the over-classification of homeland security and other information and to promote the sharing of unclassified homeland security and other information, S. 1755, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications, H.R. 730, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, S. 1825, to extend the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees, S. 1860, to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms, H.R. 955, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10355 Northeast Valley Road

in Rollingbay, Washington, as the "John 'Bud' Hawk Post Office", H.R. 1516, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37926 Church Street in Dade City, Florida, as the "Sergeant Marcus Mathes Post Office", H.R. 1713, to name the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley "Wes" Watkins, H.R. 2004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4282 Beach Street in Akron, Michigan, as the "Akron Veterans Memorial Post Office", H.R. 2760, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1615 North Wilcox Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the "Johnny Grant Hollywood Post Office Building", H.R. 2972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Edward Street in Erath, Louisiana, as the "Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Office", H.R. 3119, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 867 Stockton Street in San Francisco, California, as the "Lim Poon Lee Post Office", H.R. 3386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1165 2nd Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office", H.R. 3547, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 936 South 250 East in Provo, Utah, as the "Rex E. Lee Post Office Building", H.R. 2215, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Merriman Road in Garden City, Michigan, as the "John J. Shiven Post Office Building", and the nominations of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Management for Homeland Security, David S. Ferriero, of North Carolina, to be Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, and Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, and Anne Marie Wagner, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine effective strategies for preventing health care fraud.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine current and expected impacts of climate change on units of the National Park System.

SD-366

Aging

To hold hearings to examine 401(k) target date funds.

SD-562

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine advancing United States interests in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region.

SVC-212/210

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Contracting Oversight Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine new Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance to combat waste, inefficiency,

and misuse in federal government contracting.

SD-342

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine combating distracted driving, focusing on managing behavioral and technological risks.

SR-253

OCTOBER 29

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To continue hearings to examine S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board.

SR-253

Budget

To hold hearings to examine performance-informed budgeting, focusing on opportunities to reduce cost and improve service.

SD-608

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine helping workers preserve retirement security through a recession.

SD-430

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 448, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, H.R. 985, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, S. 1490, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 139, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1472, to establish a section within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice to enforce human rights laws, to make technical and conforming amendments to criminal and immigration laws pertaining to human rights violations, and the nominations of Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Carmen Milagros Ortiz, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, and Edward J. Tarver, to be United States Attorney

for the Southern District of Georgia, both of the Department of Justice, and Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

SD-226

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the impact of the Recovery Act on economic growth.

2237, Rayburn Building

10:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Housing, Transportation and Community Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine modernizing affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2009".

SD-538

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine Federal cyber defense.

SD-342

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 555, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, S. 607, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, S. 721, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1122, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, S. 1328 and H.R. 689, bills to provide for the exchange of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, S. 1442, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, establish a grant program for Indian Youth Serv-

ice Corps, help restore the Nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service, and H.R. 129, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California.

SD-366

Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

S-407, Capitol

NOVEMBER 5

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs and Indian Health Service cooperation.

SR-418

NOVEMBER 18

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine managing Federal forests in response to climate change, focusing on natural resource adaptation and carbon sequestration.

SD-366