EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN CELEBRATION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LILLIAN A. GAMBONE

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lillian A. Gambone of Norristown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on her installation as President of the Women's Auxiliary to the Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania.

A Norristown native, Ms. Gambone joined the Fairmount Engine Company No. 2 Ladies Auxiliary in 1983. She served as Secretary for eleven years and has held the office of Vice-President since 2009. Additionally, Ms. Gambone has served on numerous committees throughout the course of her membership and is especially noted for chairing the homemade cake and pie sale for many years. She is a hard worker and dedicated to all of her commitments, including her roles as mother and grandmother.

Ms. Gambone joined the Women's Auxiliary to the Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania on September 28, 1989, served as Secretary for the Women's Auxiliary, and in 2008, was elected Vice-President and rose through the ranks to become President.

Mr. Speaker, in light of her years of service to the community and litany of outstanding accomplishments, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Lillian A. Gambone on the occasion of her installation as President of the Women's Auxiliary to the Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO TAFT UNION HIGH SCHOOL

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2011

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Taft Union High School in my district which celebrated its 100th anniversary yesterday on September 18, 2011.

Taft Union High School is located in the city of Taft and is a comprehensive public high school where students receive the best possible education. The school provides programs for students to develop their communication skills, critical thinking and problem solving capabilities, and technological aptitude. These programs help develop the students into independent thinkers who are active participants in their communities.

I celebrate with the students, parents, teachers, staff, and alumni of Taft Union High School on such an outstanding accomplishment of providing opportunities for teamwork, leadership, competition, and personal and intellectual development over the last century. The many years of dedication to the young people in Kern County will continue to benefit us for years to come.

On behalf of the residents of the 22nd Congressional District, I commend Taft Union High School on the 100th anniversary of its founding. I am very proud of the accomplishments of the school since its founding in 1911 and I know that the parents, teachers, neighbors and fans in our community will join me in congratulating this wonderful achievement and we hope there are 100 years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF RIDGE FIRE COMPANY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ridge Fire Company on its 75th anniversary of selfless dedication and commitment to its community.

This is a great milestone and a considerable accomplishment and I take great pleasure in being able to honor the men and women of the Ridge Fire Company for their dedication and outstanding service.

For 75 years the officers, firefighters, and fire police of Ridge Fire Company have proudly and capably served and protected the thousands of citizens of northern Chester County, including the Townships of East Coventry, South Coventry, East Vincent, Warwick and West Vincent. They have always answered the call to help their neighbors in distress, whether it is putting out a fire, aiding those whose homes have flooded, or rescuing animals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Ridge Fire Company on its 75th anniversary and to honor this exemplary organization for its commitment, dedication, and outstanding history of service to its community.

A STATEMENT BY RABBI ISRAEL ZOBERMAN

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2011

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter a statement into the RECORD on behalf of my constituent, Dr. Israel Zoberman. Dr. Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is also the president of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis and Cantors. Dr. Zoberman asked me to enter the following remarks into the RECORD regarding the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Dr. Zoberman's statement follows:

We are duty-bound to respond to the significant and related dedications of the Martin Luther King Jr. Monument in The Mall of our nation's capital, Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, honoring 40 lost souls, and the Stone Memorial and Garden of 184 benches for the perished at the Pentagon involving American Airlines Flight 77, and that of the Memorial and Museum on the hallowed grounds of the World Trade Center with its majority of victims, 2,753, upon the 10th anniversary of the horrific strikes of 9/11. Terrorism, whether from within or without, cannot be tolerated.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. representing the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's will now be lastingly visible in stone along with some of his writings—teachings forever etched in the heart and mind of a repentant and grateful nation. We pledge to remember both the pain and promise of that trying and triumphant era in American History.

The impressive monument is a statement of faith in what the martyred Nobel Peace Laureate means to a shared fractured past and, perhaps even more importantly, to our shared future as well. Dr. King's sacrifice of his very life, which he had envisioned, and all, including American Jews, who heroically participated with him, contributed to the eventual success of the monumental struggle to liberate America from its shackles to a demeaning past of inhumane slavery and of its aftermath of brutal violence and disgraceful discrimination. Dr. King's prophetic spirit of justice—planted, nourished and sustained by Israel's Biblical prophets—is ours as we continue his and our timeless journey to make America faithful to its most noble promise and premise that God's divinity and human dignity go hand in hand.

The uncommon courage and ingenuity under harrowing circumstances of United Airlines Flight 93 passengers, bringing down their hijacked plane, are fittingly honored and memorialized in a lonely Pennsylvania field, turned symbol of American inner strength in face of adversity and a spirit that cannot be vanquished. Converting American Airlines Flight 77 into a weapon against the Pentagon, which is entrusted with our national defense, brought death of innocent civilians and committed professionals all valiant heroes of a grateful nation.

The erection of the uniquely inspiring Memorial and Museum at the 10th anniversary of the ghastly strikes and its haunting images of 9/11 by Islamist extremists committed to disrupting and destroying the pluralistic and embracing American way of life and civilization itself without moral restraints, is a somber occasion for sacred recollection, reflection and resolution. We prayerfully recall the victims who were caught by utter surprise and shock, becoming martyred heroes, their agonizing families whose lives have been cruelly interrupted, the fortunate survivors who escaped the inferno but not the nightmares, the first respondents and recovery workers, some of whom paid with their lives or got severely sick. Etched in my memory of 9/11/2001 will be arriving in my synagogue following an early morning Neptune Festival Interfaith Prayer Breakfast at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach. A phone call awaited me from the local media concerning the first hit at

the twin towers, as I was watching in disbelief the second hit. I knew then and there that our world will never be the same.

Let us resolve not to allow brazen terrorism using loaded civilian planes as missiles to plunge into the packed multi-national World Trade Center, to topple our faith in what America proudly and rightly stands for, making her the world's greatest democracy and indispensible light to humanity. Mindful of living in a challenging volatile global community, not without opportunity, we remain vigilant in protection of our constitutional rights even as we secure our shaken and wounded nation from potential harm, while overcoming crippling divisiveness from within.

Continuing to stand up to evil, there is no other choice, may we yet turn pain into promise, violence into vision, fear into faith, vulnerability into virtue and blemishes into blessings.

I wrote the following poem in the wake of 9/11.

Mangled iron mingled with human
bits of crushed hopes
wedded to once a teeming
empire's cathedral brought down
by God's creatures too,
welding a monument to doomsday's promise
of hate's power.
Once again ashes blowing
in the wind of dust
an inferno called infinity
with no answer to the mystery
of faith persisting to ignite
smoldering embers of life.

May the divine gifts of Shalom's healing, hope and harmony be bestowed upon us.

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, September 20, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 21

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 97, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay, S. 893, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine, S. 1400, to restore the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of Gulf Coast States, to create jobs and revive the economic health of communities adversely affected by the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, the nomination of Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration.

SD–406

Finance

To hold hearings to examine dually-eligible beneficiaries, focusing on improving care while lowering costs.

SD–215

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Thomas Charles Krajeski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Dan W. Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, all of the Department of State.

SD–419

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to resume consideration of S. 1546, to authorize certain programs of the Department of Homeland Security.

SD–342

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion.

SDG–50

10:15 a.m.

Judiciary

Crime and Terrorism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine countering terrorist financing, focusing on progress and priorities.

SD–226

2 p.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Google, focusing on consumers and competition.

SD–226

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine manufacturing in the United States of America, focusing on how United States trade policy offshores jobs.

SH–216

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine transforming wartime contracting, focusing on recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Contracting.

SD–342

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine a recently released report by the National Park Service, focusing on ''A Call to Action Preparing for a Second Century of Stewardship and Engagement''.

SD–366

3 p.m.

Appropriations

Business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, and Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies.

SD–106

SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the United States strategy in Afghanistan and Iraq.

SH–216

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President, David A. Montoya, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Cyrus Amir-Mokri, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

SD–538

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1151, 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. 1408, 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. 1535, to protect consumers by mitigating the vulnerability of personally identifiable information to theft through a security breach, providing notice and remedies to consumers in the wake of such a breach, holding companies accountable for preventable breaches, facilitating the sharing of post-breach technical information between companies, and enhancing criminal and civil penalties and other protections against the unauthorized collection or use of personally identifiable information, H.R. 2480, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014, and the nominations of Evan Jonathan Wallach, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Dana L. Christensen, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana, Cathy Ann Bencivengo, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Gina Marie Groh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, and Margo Kitsy Brodie, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

SD–226

Deficit Reduction

To hold hearings to examine an overview of revenue options and reforming the tax code.

2123, Rayburn Building

1:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine improving educational outcomes for our military and veterans.

SD–342

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Russia's upcoming elections and the struggle for public and competitive politics.

210, Cannon Building

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the ''Tribal Law and Order Act'' one year later, focusing on improved public safety and justice throughout Indian country.

SD–628

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine protecting seniors and persons with disabilities, focusing on an examination of court-appointed guardians.

SD–226

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Security and International Trade and Finance Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the European debt and financial crisis, focusing on origins, options and implications for the United States and global economy.

SD–538

Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Irvin Charles McCullough III, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

SD–138

SEPTEMBER 23

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Corinne Ann Beckwith, and Catharine Friend Easterly, both to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Ronald David McCray, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

SD–342

OCTOBER 4

10 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the economic outlook.

SH–216

POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 21

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 1119, to reauthorize and improve the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act, S. 1207, to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a security breach, S. 1307, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey real property, including improvements, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Ketchikan, Alaska, S. 1401, to conserve wild Pacific salmon, and S. 1430, to authorize certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and promotion lists in the United States Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SR–253