EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2014 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and interact on issues of mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany for 10 days from June 28–July 6, 2014. During this 10-day exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat Members, Bundestag and Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for 10 days from April 26–May 4, 2014. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington. The U.S. delegation is expected to organize and facilitate these meetings.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States, and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to plan and implement the program for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of personnel from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State and past participants of the exchange.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Applications may be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HC–4, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2014.

IN MEMORIAM OF HIS HOLINESS DR. SYEDNA MOHAMMED BURHANUDDIN SAHEB

HON. GLORIA NEGRETE McLEOD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mrs. NEGRETE McLEOD. Mr. Speaker, the Nation mourns the passing of His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin Saheb who passed away January 17, 2014 at the age of 102 in Mumbai.

Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin Saheb was the 52nd Dai-al-Mutlaq of the Dawoodi Bohra community. Dr. Burhanuddin was the revered and beloved leader of over one million Bohras worldwide, many of which reside in the United States.

Under his leadership the community has had great success throughout the world. In 2005, Dr. Burhanuddin was congratulated by President George W. Bush in a letter from the White House, when he last visited the United States for the inauguration of a mosque in Fremont, California.

His Holiness' leadership and spiritual guidance to the Dawoodi Bohra community will be greatly missed. The Dawoodi Bohra community will observe days of mourning on his Holiness' passing. Many Dawoodi Bohras throughout the Nation have stayed home from school, work, and business in honor of His Holiness.

I offer my sincere condolences on behalf of the United States Congress to the family, friends, and all worldwide followers of His Holiness, and especially to the local Anjuman E-Qutbi community in the City of Ontario in the 35th Congressional District which has over 120 families who were spiritually guided by the teachings of Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin Saheb.

IN HONOR OF DR. DALE McINNIS, RICHMOND COUNTY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the community service of Richmond Community College President, Dr. Dale McInnis, who was recently named Citizen of the Year by the Richmond County Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. McInnis was raised in Richmond County and has served the region admirably for decades. He has worked at three community colleges in North Carolina's 8th Congressional District, which cover five of the twelve counties in my district. Dr. McInnis started as a business instructor at Montgomery Community College in 1992 before being named Vice President of Administrative Services the following year. He then worked at South Piedmont Community College before accepting a position at Richmond Community College in 2002. Dr. McInnis became Richmond Community College's seventh President in 2010, where he still serves today.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. McInnis has had a direct impact on the lives of thousands of hard-working folks across the 8th District. He has developed and implemented programs at these community colleges that helped people transition to new careers at a time of unprecedented textile and manufacturing job losses in the region.

Community colleges will continue to play a pivotal role in helping improve our economy in the coming years. Thanks to the strong leadership of Dr. McInnis, Richmond Community College is leading the charge in getting the workforce of Richmond and Scotland Counties the skills they need to thrive in a 21st century economy. I'm proud to have worked with Dr. McInnis over the years, and I know I speak for countless people across the 8th District when I congratulate him on being named Citizen of the Year.

CONGRATULATING THE GLMV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2014 MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to honor a select group of business leaders who make our communities strong. Illinois's Tenth District has a long tradition of business innovation and excellence, and year after year more businesses add to that legacy.

Each year, the Green Oaks, Libertyville, Mundelein and Vernon Hills (GLMV) Chamber of Commerce recognizes a few exceptional individuals for achieving success in the business world and for practicing good citizenship in and for the community.

It is my great honor to congratulate the recipients of the GLMV 2014 Member Recognition Dinner Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year: Alexa and Seth Holzwarth of LexiWynn; Restaurateur of the Year: Scott Fine of Fine's; Community Service Award: Dr. Robert Rosenberg of Advocate Condell Medical Center; Civic Leadership Award: Sedrik Newbern of Phoenix Insurance; Member of the Year: Brian Logsdon of Corner Bakery Cafa; Volunteer of the Year: Lars Rasmussen of World Financial Group.

These noteworthy award recipients embody the hardworking, forward-thinking and community-oriented spirit that makes the Tenth District of Illinois such a special place. Their leadership and success exemplify a model for their fellow businesses, and I congratulate them on receiving these distinctions.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate and thank the GLMV Chamber of Commerce for everything it does. Local businesses are the foundation of our communities, and the GLMV Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to keeping those foundations strong.

IN RECOGNITION OF AL RIDER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Al Rider. Born and raised in Hardin County, Al strived to better the community by promoting a quality education.

On Friday, January 31st, Al will retire from his role as President and CEO of the Central Kentucky Community Foundation (CKCF). Since 1992, Al has worked to develop and implement initiatives to promote a good education and ensure that students follow through on those efforts.

Al has, at one time or another had a hand in virtually every component of education in central Kentucky. According to CKCF, Al has most recently served as the Educational Liaison for the transformation at Fort Knox, facilitator of the K–12 education roundtables, and as the chairperson of the Education Subcommittee of the Hardin County United Project.

An editorial in his hometown paper, The News-Enterprise, said it best. ''From that time to today, Rider has been an influential and instrumental player in improving educational opportunities and, thereby, quality of life in Hardin County.'' I could not agree more.

Al has received several awards relating to his leadership in the field of education, including: the Joseph W. Kelly Award from the Kentucky Department of Education and the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Lincoln Heritage Council Boy Scouts of America.

I am grateful for Al's dedication to bettering the education of Kentuckians and wish him well in his retirement.

TO RECOGNIZE BHS AWARENESS

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to a condition that is sadly misunderstood. Breath-holding spells occur when a young child stops breathing for up to one minute, generally as a response to stress or emotions like fear and frustration. Sometimes, these spells cause the child to pass out. However, it is important to note that breath-holding is an involuntary reaction, and not something the child can control. While most children do not need treatment for breath-holding spells, they can be a difficult and scary experience for both parent and child.

Jennifer Horne of Prospect Park, PA, in the 7th district of Pennsylvania, is the founder of BHS Awareness. Ms. Horne's son, Brayden, suffers from BHS. Founded in 2013, the group is dedicated to providing medical facts and personal experiences from parents. BHS Awareness recently supported an effort in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to pass legislation officially recognizing July 14 as Involuntary Breath Holding Awareness Day.

Mr. Speaker, I honor BHS Awareness for its bravery and leadership regarding breath-holding spells. Ms. Horne and BHS Awareness are helping parents and children understand and cope with a difficult condition. Their hard work on this little-known condition is raising awareness for the children who experience these spells and the parents who care for them.

RECOGNIZING DAVID BRADLEY

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and achievements of First Sergeant David Bradley, United States Army—Retired, on the occasion of his passing from this life to the next.

David was a linchpin of the central Ohio veterans community for more than thirty years. In 1983, Dave took his first major steps in veterans advocacy as the Executive Director of the Vietnam Veterans of America—Department of Ohio. Over nine years in this position, he became a distinguished advisor throughout Ohio as a valued member of the Ohio Veterans Employment and Training Council and the Ohio Job Training Council. In 1991, he began his tenure as the Director of the Franklin County Veterans Service Commission and gave immeasurably to the service and care of hundreds of thousands of central Ohio's veterans.

I am extremely honored to play a small role in recognizing the life and accomplishments of such a uniquely dedicated public servant. Dave generously gave his time and energies to the many organizations and projects that have grown to shape the central Ohio veterans community. His leadership in these capacities was recognized by the Ohio Department of Veteran Services when he was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2012. I personally partnered with David on many projects, including advocating for the construction of the Chalmers P. Wylie Ambulatory Care Center in Columbus, Ohio. This facility stands, in part, as a testament to David's relentless work to better serve the veterans of Columbus and the surrounding area. His tireless efforts embodied the devotion and honor of our nation's military, and his service to central Ohio reflected the very best of what we the people demand from our public servants. His wisdom and indefatigable drive will be sorely missed in our communities, and I will miss his advice and counsel.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I thank David Bradley for his sacrifices for our nation and his unrelenting service to our community. I offer my deepest sympathies to his family. Their sense of loss at this time is shared by many of us who knew and loved David Bradley, and he will be dearly missed.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF EULESS POLICE OFFICER JOHN WILLIAMS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize retiring Lieutenant John Williams for his 31 years of public service as a police officer.

John graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1972 with a Bachelor's Degree in Management. In the following year, he earned his Basic Police Certification and shortly afterwards joined the Arlington Police Department as an officer where he served for four years. Following his service in Arlington, John served as an officer for the Odessa Police Department for two years.

Aside from being a police officer, John has been the owner of several successful businesses including a bowling center and custom harvesting operation.

In 1988, John was hired as a patrol officer by the Euless Police Department. Throughout his career with the City of Euless, John has accomplished many achievements such as obtaining the ranks of Sergeant in 1992, Lieutenant in 1999, and the supervisor roles of the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations, Jail & Property Operations, Internal Affairs and the Traffic Unit. Aside from his promotions, John has been honored with 35 police commendations and nominated ten times as Supervisor of the Year, which he won in 2005.

John has also earned a number of certifications and academic degrees within the field of law enforcement. The distinctions John has received over the years include the Intermediate Police Certification in 1975, Advanced Police Certification in 1990, Breath Test Operator Certification in 1991, Police Officer Instructor License in 1992, and Masters Police Certification in 1996. In 1992, John graduated from the Southwest Law Enforcement Institute School of Police Supervision; additionally, he graduated in 2000 from the Southwest Law Enforcement Institute Command School. At both institutes, John obtained high honors for his academic achievements. Overall, John has received over 3,000 hours of in-service training throughout his career.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking John Williams for his 31 years of public service as a police officer.

RECOGNIZING MS. YUSHU ''JOY'' XIE

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I recognize Ms. Yushu ''Joy'' Xie's acceptance into the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship Program.

The Fulbright Program is universally recognized as America's premier international exchange program. I am honored to represent Joy and wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING DR. FRANK EUGENE STAGGERS, SR.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and career of Bay Area community leader and tireless advocate for the expansion of healthcare to the underserved, Dr. Frank Eugene Staggers, Sr. Dr. Staggers was known throughout the Bay Area as someone who believed that the health of the individual is directly tied to the health of the community. With his passing, we look to Dr. Staggers' tremendous legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born in Charleston, South Carolina, Dr. Staggers served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army in Belgium during World War II. After returning home, Dr. Staggers attended Virginia State College in Petersburg, Virginia earning a Bachelor's degree in Zoology. He enrolled in Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee where he earned his degree in Medicine. Upon graduation, Dr. Staggers put his extensive knowledge to use as a medical resident in the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander with a surgical subspecialty in Urology. He eventually retired from the Navy with the rank of Commander in 1963.

Dr. Staggers worked tirelessly to ensure equality in healthcare, and the organizations he helped to found continue to carry out his vision, specifically the St. Luke's Society, an organization dedicated to creating an alliance between African American doctors and ministers, and the Alta Bates Summit Ethnic Health Institute, a community service focused on promoting community health awareness, organizational alliances, and health-provider training to underserved and minority populations that experience disparities in healthcare.

As an advocate for equality in healthcare, Dr. Staggers actively served in many leadership roles. Notably, he served as Chairman of the American Medical Association's Advisory Committee on Minority Physicians. He was also President, Vice Chair, and Chair of the California Medical Association Foundation, as well as President of the Alameda-Contra Costa County Medical Society. In addition, he was President and a member of the Golden State Medical Association, the National Medical Association, and the Sinkler Miller Medical Association.

For his many contributions and dedication to furthering minority access to healthcare, Dr. Staggers was recognized numerous times, including by the California State Legislature, the Golden State Medical Association, the National Medical Association, the Meharry Medical College, and the American Medical Association Foundation.

Dr. Staggers was a mentor to many, including myself. I benefitted from his wise counsel and input on my health care legislation and agenda while in the California State Legislature and in Congress. He was steady, focused and passionate as he shared his knowledge and clarity regarding what I needed to know and do to address health care disparities in communities of color. For that, I am deeply grateful.

As a board certified urologist, Dr. Staggers mentored minority medical students all across the United States, and he supported and was involved with many historic black colleges. This reflects Dr. Staggers belief in, and commitment to nurturing the next generation to continue to build on the progress made by the previous generation.

On a personal note, I had the privilege to spend time with Frank and his beloved wife, my friend and colleague while serving in the California State Legislature, the Honorable Teresa Hughes. Frank and "Terrie" loved each other deeply. They were able to pull both of their very busy lives together, never neglected each other and gave their friends a glimpse of "true love" even in their golden years. The love he exhibited toward Terrie and his family was unconditional and inspiring.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors a great friend of the Bay Area and a true champion for equality, Dr. Frank Eugene Staggers Sr. His steadfast commitment to ensuring that minorities have access to better healthcare and quality of life will forever live on in the legacy that he leaves behind. I offer my sincerest condolences to his many loved ones and to all of those whose lives he touched over the years. He will be deeply missed.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was $10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is $17,261,485,887,733.09. We've added $6,634,608,838,820.01 to our debt in 5 years. This is over $6.6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2014

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Catholic Schools Week and honor the accomplishments of America's Catholic schools. This year is the 40th anniversary of National Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration of Catholic education.

With more than two million students enrolled nationwide, Catholic schools equip children with the knowledge and skills that will serve them for the rest of their lives. Catholic schools are pillars of academic excellence, graduating 99 percent of high school students and sending 85 percent on to college.

But these institutions go beyond merely providing a quality education. They also strive to instill values of faith and a commitment to social justice and service that grow today's students into tomorrow's leaders.

Catholic schools extend those same values to their local neighborhoods and communities. Beyond the classroom, schools encourage their students to give back and work together to improve the world around them. This dedication is on display every day in Illinois' 5th Congressional District at schools like Guerin College Prep High School in River Grove, Immaculate Conception High School in Elmhurst, St. Andrew School and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy in Chicago and many more.

Finally, Catholic schools demonstrate an admirable spirit of diversity and acceptance. Nearly 20 percent of attendees practice other faiths and more racial and ethnic minorities continue to enroll in Catholic institutions.

Catholic schools have a rich tradition of providing exceptional educations to our nation's youth. Today, I honor their many contributions and thank them for their service to our students and our communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN EVANGELOS OF NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey as he is honored by the Hellenic Federation of New Jersey with the Alexander the Great Achievement Award at its Fourth Annual Banquet. Metropolitan Evangelos is celebrating his 10th anniversary as Metropolitan of New Jersey and is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Metropolitan Evangelos began his service to the Greek Orthodox church as a Deacon in 1987 and 2 years later was ordained into priesthood. In 1991, he was ordained Archimandrite by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America. As a Deacon, he served at the Orthodox Center of Ecumenical Patriarchate in Geneva and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

In addition to his role as Deacon, Metropolitan Evangelos also served as Assistant Director of Archives and Director of the Department of Registry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. He also served as assistant to the Dean of St. Demetrios Cathedral in New York, President of the Spiritual Court for the Archdiocesan District and Dean of the Hellenic Orthodox Community of Astoria "St. Demetrios Cathedral."

Metropolitan Evangelos was elected Bishop on April 12, 2003. A month later, he was ordained to the Episcopacy and he was enthroned as the Spiritual Leader of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey on May 11, 2003.

Founded in 2009, the Hellenic Federation of New Jersey is led by President Savas Tsivicos. Its mission aims to preserve and promote the history and culture of the Hellenic community. It is currently comprised of 44 Greek American organizations from across New Jersey. The Fourth Annual Banquet is

chaired by the Federation's immediate past president Tassos Efstratiades.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Metropolitan Evangelos on his selection as recipient of the Alexander the Great Achievement Award and thanking the Hellenic Federation of New Jersey for its continued efforts to honor the Hellenic heritage.

RECOGNIZING MR. PATRICK PIJLS

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I recognize Mr. Patrick Pijls' acceptance into the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship Program. The Fulbright Program is universally recognized as America's premier international exchange program. I am honored to represent Patrick and wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of January 7th 2014. If I were present, I would have voted on the following.

Wednesday, January 8th 2014: rollcall No. 2: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 724, ''yea;'' rollcall No. 3: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 3527, ''yea;'' rollcall No. 4: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 3628, ''yea.''

Thursday, January 9th 2014: rollcall No. 5: On Ordering the Previous Question on H.R. 2279, ''no;'' rollcall No. 6: On Agreeing to the Resolution providing for the consideration of H.R. 2279, H.R. 3362, and H.R. 3811, ''no;'' rollcall No. 7: On Agreeing to the Amendment, ''aye;'' rollcall No. 8: On Agreeing to the Amendment, ''aye;'' rollcall No. 9: On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, ''aye;'' rollcall No. 10: On Passage, H.R. 2279, ''no.''

Friday, January 10th 2014: rollcall No. 11: On Passage, H.R. 3811, ''yea.''

HONORING ROBERTA MOCK

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments and career of an outstanding educator, Roberta Mock of Greensburg.

Roberta Mock has been a teacher and administrator at Greensburg Community High School for nearly fifty years. In that time, she has helped shape the lives of countless students who have passed through her classroom. A lifelong resident of Greensburg, Roberta Mock received her bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree from Ball State University. She has also obtained an education specialist degree in education administration from Indiana University.

At Greensburg, Ms. Mock taught a variety of subjects including English, speech, journalism, world history, social studies, economics and psychology. She also served as the high school's assistant principal and mentored students in extracurricular activities including wrestling, soccer and track. I will always be grateful for the impact Ms. Mock had on my life, when I was her student in high school. She lived her love for her students every day.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating Roberta Mock on a long career in education. As she retires from Greensburg Community High School, I have no doubt that Ms. Mock will bring the same enthusiasm, dedication and passion to the next chapter of her life.

RECOGNIZING MS. JOSEPHINE KAO

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I recognize Ms. Josephine Kao's acceptance into the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship Program. The Fulbright Program is universally recognized as America's premier international exchange program. I am honored to represent Josephine in Congress and wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO DEVANSHI UDESHI

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Devanshi Udeshi on completing a Silver Award, the highest achievement a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. Devanshi, an eighth grader at Sartartia Middle School in Sugar Land, achieved this honor through her accomplishments in leadership, advocacy, and dedication to improving her community.

After watching an episode of the Dr. Oz show about childhood obesity, Devanshi was inspired to make a positive impact in her community. For Devanshi's Silver Award project, ''Brocc N' Roll,'' she hosted a Nutrition Awareness Workshop at the Impact Church to bring more awareness to the issue of obesity. During the workshop, she gave a presentation to the adults on the importance of healthy eating and exercise. For attending children, she planned competitions and games to show them how fun exercise can be. In addition, Devanshi has volunteered her time at the Creative Dreams Outreach center, educating children on the importance of a balanced diet.

On behalf of all of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, it's an honor to recognize Devanshi's accomplishment and desire to make her community a better place. We are all proud of Devanshi Udeshi.

HONORING ARMY CAPTAIN CLAYTON CARPENTER

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of my constituent, Army Captain Clayton Carpenter of Cortlandt Manor, New York, who recently lost his life during a helicopter training incident.

Captain Carpenter leaves behind a loving mother and father, and I extend my thoughts and prayers to them during this time of pain and grief.

A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Captain Carpenter flew Black Hawk helicopters in both Iraq and Afghanistan. A soldier dedicated to helping children, he even took time in the midst of the Iraq conflict to take photographs of the children's book figure Flat Stanley for use in classrooms in New York.

Now, Congress must honor Captain Clayton and others who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and ensure our soldiers have the safest equipment possible for training and combat.

''THE PASSING OF A PRESIDENT:'' IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, on November 22, 2013, my hometown of Springfield, Massachusetts held a ceremony to remember President John Fitzgerald Kennedy on the 50th anniversary of his death. What sets this ceremony apart from the many others that took place on this significant anniversary is that in 1964, Springfield established a monument with an eternal flame in our beautiful Forest Park in President Kennedy's memory. The citizens of Springfield hold President Kennedy's memory dear and gather to remember him each November 22nd since. I am proud to have participated in at least forty of these ceremonies over the years.

Following this year's event, I received a very touching letter from a long-time friend and Springfield native, Mary Ellen Long Franz. In the letter, she included a poem, which she had written in November of 1963. I found her poem to be very moving and believe it captures the emotions that millions across the country felt on that day. I want to thank Mary Ellen for this tribute to our fallen President and I submit this poem.

THE PASSING OF A PRESIDENT

(By: Mary Ellen Long Franz, November 1963)

Began the somber, solemn days of horror growing.
Hollow tumult gnawing, aching, pelting . . .
Dear God, this cannot be.
But so it was and sorrow swelled and soared and burst its bonds to rush cascading . . .
The million tears of all the millions flowing.
Endless sadness softly going.
O see, brave lady, love surrounding and enfolding, holding heartful.

To give at last where always we have taken . . .
And still are taking even now your grieving.
Our loved one so much more is loved when gone, so unwarned gone.
Forgive us this, our trespassing, and nearness to him wanting.
Too undreamed were we of such nightmarish thing.
Unwilling now to part, to break apart, to lose so soon, too sadly soon . . .
In memory enough to keep his faith, his love that gave with heart's whole love . . .
His mind that gleaned from all the good, from all the harvest of our history . . .
Enough to hold his soul's warm dedication,
His love of peace and laughter sunning,
His giving, selfless giving of all that one can give?
Please, God, it can be so.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL CALVIN H. ELAM

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Brigadier General Calvin H. Elam on the occasion of his retirement from the South Carolina Air National Guard. The first African American general officer of the South Carolina Air National Guard, General Elam currently serves as the Assistant Adjutant General for Air of the South Carolina National Guard at McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, South Carolina.

General Elam's retirement marks the end of 25 years of service in the Air National Guard. Commissioned in December 1988 when he graduated from the Air National Guard's Academy of Military Science, he has served in numerous capacities, including as Commander and Deputy Commander of the 169th Mission Support Group, Commander of the 169th Maintenance Squadron, and Chief of Supply of the 169th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Prior to his commissioning, he spent six years on active duty; culminating in his service as a Contracting Specialist. He is highly decorated, having earned, among several other awards and commendations, the Legion of Merit and Meritorious Service Medal.

A native of Greenwood, South Carolina, General Elam is a graduate of the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Marketing. Now residing in Irmo with his wife, Mary, and their three children, General Elam is a pillar of the community. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Elam Financial Group, conducting retirement planning, wealth management, and life and estate planning. He also serves on the Claflin University Board of Trustees and is Chairman of the Board's Budget and Finance Committee.

While General Elam's military service is coming to an end, I have no doubt that his service in other spheres will continue apace.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating General Elam on this milestone and wishing him well in his much-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING MS. STEPHANIE CHEN

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I recognize Ms. Stephanie Chen's acceptance into the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship Program. The Fulbright Program is universally recognized as America's premier international exchange program. I am honored to represent Stephanie in Congress and wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors.

REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE OTIS PIKE

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to former Congressman Otis Grey Pike, who represented New York's First Congressional District for eighteen years and passed away on January 20, 2014.

Born on August 31, 1921, in Riverhead, New York, Otis was orphaned at a young age and was subsequently raised by two sisters and an aunt. Overcoming his early losses, he finished his primary and secondary education in the Riverhead public schools and enrolled at Princeton University.

In 1942, Otis put his studies on hold to serve our country as a United States Marine. During World War Two he was a fighter pilot who flew 120 missions and won five air medals. After the war Otis returned to his studies, ultimately graduating from Columbia Law School in 1948.

Upon completing law school, Otis returned to Riverhead, where he began practicing law and became a Justice of the Peace in his home town in 1954.

Otis decided to run for Congress in 1958, having become fascinated with politics as a teenager. Although his first bid was unsuccessful, he was elected to the House in 1960. When voters send someone to Congress, they expect that person to be their advocate. And an advocate is exactly what the residents of New York's First Congressional District got when they sent Otis Pike to Washington.

Otis first gained national attention for his advocacy in 1967, when he spoke out about the military spending too much for small parts that he believed could be purchased at greatly reduced rates. The awareness he raised helped lead to changes in the Pentagon's purchasing procedures. In 1969, Otis led a subcommittee investigation into North Korea's seizure of the *Pueblo*, a United States intelligence ship.

In 1975, Otis became the Chairman of the House Select Committee on Intelligence. While serving in this role, he took on the intelligence community in a way Congress had not previously attempted. He led the first Congressional investigation into the Central Intelligence Agency, which resulted in a report calling for greater Congressional oversight of intelligence operations. After being blocked from public disclosure by the full House of Representatives, the report was leaked by the media.

During his tenure in Congress, which ended in 1979, Otis was also instrumental in the passage of legislation that helped shape the Long Island we know today. Among his most important legacies was securing enactment of the law creating the Fire Island National Seashore.

Otis was well-liked, admired and respected in Congress, and he was also known for his love of bowties. While on the campaign trail, he had often carried a banjo and ukulele to create songs about opponents public policy issues. Upon his retirement from the House, he devoted greater time to writing and became a syndicated columnist for Newhouse Newspapers, a post he held for twenty years.

On a personal note, I will never forget the kindness Otis extended to me when I first ran for his former seat and every subsequent occasion I had the pleasure of speaking with him.

Otis was predeceased by his first wife, Doris Orth, and a son, Robert Pike. He is survived by his second wife, Barbe Bonjour Pike, his daughter, Lois Pike Eyre, his son, Douglas Pike, and two grandchildren. I would like to express condolences to the Pike family on behalf of the residents of New York's First Congressional District, both past and present,

Mr. Speaker, Congressman Pike was a dedicated and highly effective public servant who made an indelible impression on Congress and on New York's first district. He enjoyed an impeccable reputation as one of Long Island's longest serving representatives in Congress and will always be remembered as one whose career should serve as a model for all who engage in public service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of January 13, 2014. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Rollcall No. 12: H.R. 1513, "yea";
Rollcall No. 13: S. 230, "yea";
Rollcall No. 14: H.R. 2274, "yea";
Rollcall No. 15: H.R. 801, "yea";
Rollcall No. 16: Journal Vote, "yea";
Rollcall No. 17: H.R. 2860, "yea";
Rollcall No. 18: H.R. 1233, "yea";
Rollcall No. 19: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question to H.R. 3547, "nay";
Rollcall No. 20: H. Res. 458, "no";
Rollcall No. 21: Concurring in the Senate Amendment with an Amendment to H.R. 3547, "yea";
Rollcall No. 22: Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 3362, "yea"; and
Rollcall No. 23: Final Passage of H.R. 3362, "nay."

RECOGNIZING AL FRACASSA

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I seek recognition on behalf of Al Fracassa, head coach

of Birmingham Brother Rice's football team for 45 years. Throughout these years, Mr. Fracassa taught young men at Brother Rice the values of leadership, teamwork, and discipline. In a world where mediocrity is encouraged, and even praised through things like ''participation awards,'' Mr. Fracassa accepted nothing less than the best from his teams. As he said, ''. . . the difference between good and great is just a little effort.'' It is this mindset, that success must be earned through hard work and perseverance, which has made America the great nation it is today.

Whereas, Mr. Fracassa has achieved a record 430 wins over the course of his career, along with nine playoff titles, and the most wins in Michigan football history, putting him at fifth in the nation; and

Whereas; he has raised an estimated $150,000 for Brother Rice by auctioning off pasta dinners with Al; and

Whereas; he has won awards including the 1997 and 2006 NFL High School Coach of the Year, the 2002 American Football Coaches Association National Coach of the Year, and the Fred Danzinger Award; and

Whereas; he has been named Michigan's Coach of the Year four times, been inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, and received the MSU Duffy Daugherty Memorial Lifetime Achievement; and

Whereas; the Brother Rice Football Field was renamed Fracassa Field in 2006, and he will be Coach Emeritus following his retirement; and

Whereas; he has been praised as influential, inspirational, caring, and humble, and been called a leader, a mentor, and a legend; and

Whereas; he will remain active at Brother Rice and in the community as a motivational speaker, continuing to be a paragon of strength and virtue; now, therefore be it proclaimed by the Congress of the United States of America that Al Fracassa be honored for his commitment to excellence, his pursuit of greatness, and his stalwart demonstration of American traditions and values.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH KOISA

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Koisa as he retires from the Union Beach Fire Department. Mr. Koisa dedicated 50 years to serving the Union Beach community and is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Joseph Koisa joined the Harris Gardens Fire Company in 1959. Among many other officer positions, he was elected Captain, Third Deputy Chief and Department Chief over the years. In addition, he served as Chief Engineer from 1984 until 2012.

Throughout Mr. Koisa's tenure as Deputy Chief and Chief, Union Beach experienced three major fires, one of which required assistance from additional towns, which Mr. Koisa had to coordinate. As Chief Engineer, Mr. Koisa ensured that the department's trucks and apparatus were properly maintained and worked on securing the best equipment available.

Mr. Koisa was also active outside of the Harris Gardens Fire Company, joining the New Jersey Relief Association and the New Jersey Exempt Association of Union Beach in 1966. In 1980, he became a member of the Bayshore Active Fire Chiefs Association and served on the Historic Committee and Membership Audit Committee. He is currently a Life Member of all three associations.

Together with Lorraine, his wife of over 44 years, he has a daughter Annie, a son Joey and two grandsons Sean and Kyle. Joey is also a member of the Harris Gardens Fire Company and currently serves as Chief Engineer.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Joseph Koisa on his retirement from the Union Beach Fire Department and thanking him for his 50 years of dutiful service to the residents of Union Beach.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF EULESS POLICE OFFICER STEVEN ESKEW

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize retiring Captain Steven Eskew for his 34 years of public service as a police officer.

Steven graduated in 1977 from Central Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. Following his graduation, Steven worked for the Department of Public Safety in Raytown, Missouri, and as a security officer in the private sector.

In 1980, Steven was hired as a patrol officer by the Euless Police Department. Throughout his career with the City of Euless, Steven has accomplished many achievements such as obtaining the ranks of Criminal Investigator in 1985, Sergeant in 1989, Lieutenant in 1993, and Captain in 2011. Aside from his promotions, Steven has been honored with 12 personnel commendations, Distinguished Service Award in 1984, Police Officer of the Year in 1985, and Supervisor of the Year in 1991.

Steven served as the Department Armorer for many years. Additionally, he has held the positions of Tactical Commander, Internal Affairs Officer, and Firearms Instructor.

Steven has also earned a number of certifications and academic degrees within the field of law enforcement. The distinctions Steven has received over the years include the Basic Police Certification in 1981, Intermediate Police Certification in 1982, Advanced Police Certification in 1986, Tactical and Sniper training in 1986, Firearm Instructor Certification in 1995, and Master's Police Certification in 1995. In 1989, Steven graduated from the Southwest Law Enforcement Institute School of Police Supervision; additionally, he graduated in 1994 from the Southwest Law Enforcement Institute Command School. At both institutes, Steven obtained high honors for his academic achievements. Overall, Steven received over 2,600 hours of in-service training throughout his career.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Steven Eskew for his 34 years of public service as a police officer.

RECOGNIZING MR. MARK JACKSON

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I recognize Mr. Mark Jackson's acceptance into the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship Program. The Fulbright Program is universally recognized as America's premier international exchange program. I am honored to represent Mark in Congress and wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF DUWAYNE BRIDGES BEING NAMED 2013 LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR BY THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize a dear friend and former colleague of mine in the Alabama State House, DuWayne Bridges, for being named the 2013 Legislator of the Year by the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs.

DuWayne Bridges is a resident of Valley, Alabama. He served our country as a member of the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. He and his wife, Pat, have two children, DuWayne Jr. and Karen. They are the proud grandparents of nine children. DuWayne received his Bachelor's Degree from Faulkner University and his Master's Degree from Troy University. He is the owner of Bridges Travel Plaza in Cusseta, Alabama.

DuWayne is a past Vice Chairman for the Alabama State Department of Mental Health and was elected as Chambers County's 1996 Gentleman of the Year. In 2000, DuWayne was elected to represent Alabama's 38th District, which encompasses Lee and Chambers counties. He serves as the Chairman of the Military and Veterans' Committee in the State House, and also serves as a member of my Third District Veterans' Advisory Board.

On January 10th, DuWayne was recognized as the 2013 Legislator of the Year by the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs. He was recognized for his support of several bills that will benefit Alabama's Veterans. Among those bills was the ''Heroes for Hire Act'' which provides a tax credit to employers who hire recently deployed Veterans.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating DuWayne for his dedication to Alabama's Veterans. His tireless service to our state and country is an inspiration to legislators everywhere. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors outside of the State House as he retires this year.

HONORING CATHEY DANDRIDGE

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and celebrate the life and business career of W. Cathey Dandridge. On January 25th, 2014, friends and fellow Fayette County, Tennessee residents are gathering for a Community Appreciation Reception and rejoice the 47 year entrepreneurship of the man simply known as "Mr. Cathey."

Mr. Dandridge was born and raised in the small Mississippi town of Thyatira, where his graduating high school class consisted of just 16 students. While in high school a young student named JoAnn Hawkins caught his eye and both ultimately attended the University of Memphis and were later married in 1960.

With a degree in Industrial Arts, Mr. Dandridge accepted a job from John Deere working in Cullman, Alabama. Proving to be a valued employee, Mr. Dandridge quickly moved up with new positions in Greenville, Mississippi and Brownsville, Tennessee. With a growing family, Mr. Dandridge made the decision to take a leap of business faith and purchase Warren Implement. Thus, Dandridge Equipment was brought into existence on October 11th, 1967.

What started as the smallest John Deere dealership in Tennessee grew over the years to include sales to Europe, Asia, South America, and all over North America achieving numerous awards and recognitions from John Deere. Locally, Mr. Dandridge and Dandridge Equipment received the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce's Large Business Award in 2011. Over the years "Mr. Cathey" employed 46 individuals with 582 years of combined service to his company.

W. Cathey Dandridge's life stands as a testament to the American dream. Humble and rural beginnings, hard work and dedication, appreciation and community service, are all hallmark traits of what it takes to create a successful business and more importantly a successful life. On behalf of Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, I congratulate and wish the best of luck to the family and friends of "Mr. Cathey" Dandridge for all future endeavors.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of 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, January 28, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 29

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, James Cole, Jr., of New York, to be General Counsel, James H. Shelton III, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary, Theodore Reed Mitchell, of California, to be Under Secretary, and Ericka M. Miller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, all of the Department of Education, France A. Cordova, of New Mexico, to be Director of the National Science Foundation, David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, and Steven Joel Anthony, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board.

SD–430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1486, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

SD–342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice.

SD–226

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine S. 1728, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters.

SR–301

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine worldwide threat.

SH–216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1448, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and the nomination of Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 919, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes.

SD–628

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine the annual report and oversight of the Office of Financial Research.

SD–538

JANUARY 30

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine opportunities and challenges associated with lifting the ban on United States crude oil exports.

SD–366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety

To hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementation of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force recommendations and other actions to enhance and maintain nuclear safety.

SD–406

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

To hold hearings to examine West Coast and Western Pacific perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization.

SR–253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Karen Dynan, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

SD–215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine civilian nuclear cooperation agreements, focusing on Section 123.

SD–419

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 619, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments, S. 1410, to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders, S. 1675, to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and the nominations of Indira Talwani, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, James D. Peterson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, Nancy J. Rosenstengel, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, and Debo P. Adegbile, of New York, and John P. Carlin, of New York, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD–226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia

To hold hearings to examine Federal government closure impacts on the District of Columbia, focusing on the shutdown.

SD–342

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH–219

FEBRUARY 3

3 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance

To hold hearings to examine safeguarding consumers' financial data.

SD–538

FEBRUARY 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, and Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Mineral Management, both of the Department of the Interior.

SD–366

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine privacy in the digital age, focusing on preventing data breaches and combating cybercrime.

SD–226