Ms. Abbott devoted a great deal of time educating herself so she could serve others. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and received Bachelor Degrees from St. Mary of the Springs College in Columbus, Ohio, and Concord College in Athens, West Virginia. She received a Masters Degree in Elementary Education from West Virginia University and did advanced studies at the University.

Ms. Abbott taught at Rhodell, Stoco and Hollywood Elementary Schools. She served as curriculum supervisor for Raleigh County Schools for 28 years and served on numerous committees at the county, state and national levels.

Retiring from the Raleigh County School system in 1988, Ms. Abbott became active in the West Virginia and Raleigh County Associations of Retired School Employees, and was a West Virginia State volunteer for AARP serving as the West Virginia Retired Educators Liaison. She was a Prisoner Visitation and Support Volunteer at the Federal Correctional Institution of Beckley, a member of the Woman's Club of Beckley serving as the president in 2008–2010, Delta Kappa Gamma Honorary Society for teachers, and a member of the Raleigh County Democrat Executive Committee.

It's not surprising that Ms. Abbott's love for our great Nation and her passion for learning continue to benefit her community. On September 17th the first Mary Abbott Memorial Scholarship awards will be presented to three worthy Raleigh County high school students who have penned winning essays titled, ''What the United States Constitution Means to Me.''

Mr. Speaker, it is because of the contributions of dedicated, devoted citizens, like Mary Abbott, that this Nation has been so blessed. And because of the lessons Mary Abbott so selflessly imparted to generations, her work will continue without end.

HONORING LEAH LACAYO

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Leah Lacayo, an exemplary civil servant, advocate, and community leader in Ventura County.

Leah Lacayo has defined civil service through her leadership roles in her community. Her volunteer work has included serving as a trustee of the Ventura County Fair Foundation, a founding member of Destino: The Hispanic Legacy Fund, a board member to the Jewish Labor Committee, and member of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement.

She is a staunch advocate for young people and a passionate supporter for women's rights. Leah has also been a steward for the senior community working alongside her husband, Hank, with the Congress of California Seniors.

Additionally, Leah Lacayo has been an active community leader and champion for California State University at Channel Islands (CSUCI) since the university's inception in 2002. More recently, she was elected as the Alumni and Friends Association's Executive Board President in 2009. While serving in this capacity, her goals were to promote a self-sustaining board and create scholarship opportunities for students. Over the years, Leah has been a steadfast supporter of CSUCI students as a voice that encourages and empowers them to pursue their academic endeavors.

The work Leah has done, and continues to do, has strengthened our community in a remarkable way. Never failing to rise to the occasion when being asked to serve, the Board of Directors to the 31st District Agricultural Association elected Leah Lacayo as President while serving her second appointment to the board. In this capacity, she oversees the legal body governing the fair and fairgrounds in Ventura County. Leah has upheld the fair as a regional enterprise and continuing source of income for the area.

Leah is a good friend to many and I certainly cherish our friendship. She has been a steadfast supporter and has always been willing to offer honest counsel to me over the years both in the California Legislature and in the US Congress on policy issues affecting Ventura County.

For these reasons, it is my sincere pleasure to join the Jewish Labor Committee in recognizing Leah Lacayo with the Elinor Glenn Leadership Award for her extraordinary life of leadership, engagement, and dedication to her community.

HONORING CAPT. JOSE ACOSTA ON THE OCCASION OF THE CHANGE OF COMMAND AT THE CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FEDERAL HEALTH CARE CENTER

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to honor Captain Jose Acosta, who will be relinquishing Command at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (FHCC) in the suburban Chicago district that I represent.

In 2010, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) opened Lovell FHCC, our nation's first integrated VA–DOD federal health care center. Lovell FHCC was the culmination of years of vision, planning and hard work. It was and is an example of excellence for all other VA and DoD health care facilities.

Capt. Acosta joined Lovell FHCC in 2012 as the Commanding Officer and Deputy Director, and he was subsequently named Acting Director. In this capacity, Capt. Acosta managed the day-to-day operations of the federal health center, which provides medical care for the veterans and military families in the area. Additionally, Lovell FHCC is responsible for maintaining the military readiness of the more than 40,000 new sailors receiving basic training each year at Naval Station Great Lakes, as well as the 4,000 active duty personnel on base.

Under Capt. Acosta's leadership, Lovell FHCC made the vision of an integrated health system a reality, raising the bar of achievement. Currently in its fourth year, Lovell FHCC provides world-class medical service to the veterans, active duty personnel, military family and recruits in North Chicago and the surrounding communities, holding more than 800,000 patient visits in 2013 alone.

Throughout his distinguished career, Capt. Acosta has displayed extraordinary commitment to his country and dedication to his fellow soldiers. He fully embraced and brought to life Lovell FHCC's mission of ''Readying Warriors and Caring for Heroes.''

I want to personally thank Capt. Acosta for everything that he has done at Lovell FHCC, and wish him the best of luck as he continues his service as the Commanding Officer for Naval Medical Center San Diego.

IN RECOGNITION OF EDNA FARRELL, 2014 MS. ALABAMA NURSING HOME

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Mrs. Edna Farrell, a resident of Arbor Springs Health and Rehabilitation Center in Opelika. Mrs. Farrell was recently named the 2014 Ms. Alabama Nursing Home.

Edna Farrell is a native of Brooklyn, New York. She is also a Cornell graduate and a retired nurse and was a member of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. When she graduated from the corps, she had three Maltese crosses on her shoulders, a sign of high ranking. Her husband who fought in World War II and Vietnam, took the family from Brooklyn to Fort Benning, Korea and Honolulu.

Mrs. Farrell was named Ms. Arbor Springs Health and Rehab Center in the nursing home's pageant last year. Farrell was named the 2014 Ms. Alabama Nursing Home this July during the pageant, which was held in Birmingham.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mrs. Edna Farrell on her achievement and wishing her great success during her reign as 2014's Ms. Alabama Nursing Home.

RECOGNIZING SARA LOUISE STEVENS BOOTH AND CHRISTOPHER ''KIT'' HENRY BOOTH FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sara Louise Stevens Booth and Christopher ''Kit'' Henry Booth for their extraordinary community service.

The Commemoration of the Battle of Plattsburgh began in 1997 as a weekend event and this year will take place during sixteen days. It is an event that captures the interest of history buffs, authors of history books, children and adults of all ages.

Kit and Sally Booth, people that I have known for well over thirty years, have been the prime movers for the development of this exciting historical event in our community. It now provides concerts, the Children's Old Time Village Fair, offers dances and authentic food from the period, all of which appeal to not only those interested in the historical importance of the Battle of Plattsburgh but those just interested in having a fun weekend.

The historical highlight, of course, is the reenactment, which helps to demonstrate the importance of the Battle of Plattsburgh to the outcome of the War of 1812. The entertainment is highlighted by a parade and includes notable bands including the Navy Band, a thirty piece brass band from Coberg, Ontario and approximately ten bagpipe bands.

All of this was made possible through the hard work of Sally and Kit, both in terms of the work that they have done themselves, which has been in and of itself enormous, but also their leadership in inspiring numerous volunteers to participate. This year we again expect numerous volunteers working over the course of sixteen days to make this event a success.

In honor of the two hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Plattsburgh, there will be two nights of fireworks and a local physician has created a musical play which will have five performances in the newly renovated Strand Theatre.

The economic impact of this event is demonstrated by the American Bus Association's recognition of it as one of the top twenty themed events in the country as well as the many vendors and tourists who now attend the event. The Commemoration Committee has purchased five thousand buttons over the last several years which are sold as evidence of admission to all the venues for $10, raising well over $50,000 to support this event.

Sally and Kit will be serving their final year as the Co-Chairs after dedicating seventeen years to the development of this event. Their commitment has been outstanding and represents only one of the many community services that they have performed over their lives in Plattsburgh.

Kit Booth is a father and grandfather who also served as an Alderman for Ward 1 in the City of Plattsburgh, as a Clinton County legislator and as a member of the United States Armed Services during the Korean conflict. In addition to his work in Commemoration of the Battle of Plattsburgh, he volunteers at CVPH Medical Center, is an active member of the Rotary Club and is an accomplished wood carver.

Sally Booth is a mother and grandmother who has is a talented and creative writer and artist, a member of the League of Woman Voters and serves as a board member for the Kent Delord House Museum and as a Docent for the Rockwell Kent Museum. She is widely respected for her many years of volunteerism, serving on countless boards and volunteering for numerous organizations in the community.

The Booths owned Booth's Gifts for many years and provided a great service to the community as local entrepreneurs.

Kit and Sally Booth have made immeasurable contributions to the Plattsburgh community and deserve recognition and high praise for all they have done and continue to do, and we hope will continue to do for their community for years to come.

CONGRATULATING KAYLA McDONALD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Stephen F. Austin High School incoming freshman, Kayla McDonald for earning a bronze medal in the 400-meter relay at the 37th Hershey's Track & Field Games North American Final in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Kayla was part of a quartet that sprinted to a time of 51.77 seconds, just 1.22 seconds from the gold medal finishers.

With this achievement, Kayla has established herself as a top young track athlete in Texas. For two consecutive years she has won the 400-meter dash at the Fort Bend ISD district championships. She was also an honor roll student and a member of Peer Assistance Leadership at Garcia Middle School. I'm confident Kayla will continue to excel in high school, both in the class room and on the track.

We are proud of Kayla for this outstanding accomplishment and I wish Kayla the best of luck in the coming school year. On behalf of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I again congratulate Kayla McDonald for her victory at the Hershey's Track & Field Games North American Final.

HONORING SKIP SCHRAYER FOR RECEIVING THE 2014 JULIUS ROSENWALD MEMORIAL AWARD

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, an exceptional leader, Max Robert (Skip) Schrayer for receiving the Julius Rosenwald Memorial Award from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Skip has been a leader in the Jewish community for much of life, holding formal leadership positions within the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation (JUF) for more than 30 years.

This commitment to strengthening the Jewish community runs deep in Skip's heritage as he is the fourth member of his family to receive this, JUF's most prestigious award.

Whether it has been spearheading record fundraising efforts or co-founding the Nacshon Mission, Skip pours himself into the community and exemplifies all of the finest ideals that JUF and the Jewish community hold dear. I am grateful for Skip's friendship, and the entire JUF community is lucky to have his leadership, vision and drive.

His work for humanitarian causes and determination to make a profound difference at home and around the world are inspiring and help galvanize an entire community to action.

The breadth of Skip's experience, his many leadership roles and countless successes, earned him this distinct honor and the gratitude of our community.

Leaders like Skip Schrayer, with their focus and passion, make the Jewish community stronger. I congratulate my good friend for receiving the Julius Rosenwald Memorial Award, and I look forward to Skip's many successes still ahead.

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, September 9, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 10

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, terrorism, and beyond, focusing on addressing evolving threats to the homeland.

SD–342

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

SR–328A

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission.

SR–301

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of William V. Roebuck, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Judith Beth Cefkin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, and Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, all of the Department of State.

SD–419

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine Older Americans and student loan debt.

SD–562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine freight rail service, focusing on improving the performance of America's rail system.

SR–253

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine irrigation projects in Indian country.

SD–628