

"Looking back, I'm not sorry about anything I did. I did it my way, as Frank Sinatra would say." said the bestselling author, in a magazine interview shortly before she passed away, September 19, 2015, two weeks before her 78th birthday. She had been diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer more than six years before her death but kept her illness almost entirely to herself. She reportedly only informed her sister, Joan, two weeks before she died. Jackie wrote five books since the initial diagnosis. She refused to travel all over the world and never turned down a book tour. She flew from Los Angeles to London to appear on a TV chat show only nine days before her death. She refused to let her cancer define her.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month—a time to recognize breast cancer as the most common cancer among women and to honor those fighters, survivors and families it impacts. Best-selling author Jackie Collins was among those fighters.

While Collins' name might be one we recognize, her story of struggle and perseverance is universal. Women from across our nation and around the globe battle breast cancer every day. In fact, The American Cancer Society's estimates nearly 300,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year; resulting in over 40,000 deaths. That equates to one woman out of every eight women receiving this dreadful diagnosis. And for them the battle will not end when October ends.

As the son and brother of breast cancer survivors, I understand the importance of breast cancer awareness beyond the pink ribbons. We must support doctors and nurses as they provide the care and comfort for those it affects. In Congress, our leaders must prioritize funding for ground breaking research and enact common-sense measures to increase availability of and access to life-saving screenings. Jackie Collins was listed as the UK's fifth richest author and in 2013 she was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

The fight against breast cancer extends to all of us. No one is immune. Jackie was considered an inspiration and a trail blazer for women in fiction. A mother of three daughters and grandmother of six, Collins said her family had always been her greatest love. "I love being with my family . . . and watching my grandkids play." This Breast Cancer Awareness Month we remember those fighters—like Jackie Collins—mothers, grandmothers, aunts and sisters. We celebrate survivors and we recommit to combatting—and ultimately defeating—this disease.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN VETERANS DISABLED FOR LIFE MEMORIAL

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 5, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one year anniversary of the dedication of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, a permanent reminder of the enduring sacrifices of our na-

tion's veterans. The memorial was dedicated on October 5, 2014 to honor the more than 3.6 million men and women currently living with service-related disabilities.

As a result of their service, many veterans are left permanently injured, ill or disabled. These men and women must face the challenges of living with visible and invisible burdens every day. Nearly 20 years ago, my friend and constituent Ms. Lois Pope, asked Art Wilson, National Adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans, if there is a place in Washington, D.C. where we honor disabled veterans. When Art responded that there was no such thing, Ms. Pope replied, "We need to change that." Years later, thanks to the tireless work of Ms. Pope and the rest of the advocates at the Disabled Veterans' Life Memorial Foundation, this monument now ensures that we will never forget the sacrifices made by members of the United States Armed Forces.

I would also like to recognize broad support across Congress for honoring disabled veterans on October 5th of each year. The anniversary of the memorial's dedication provides an opportunity to express appreciation for the men and women who suffer from service-connected disabilities and to recognize their enduring struggles. Today, October 5, 2015, a screening of the documentary film "Debt of Honor" in Washington, D.C. will depict the realities of living with wartime sacrifices. This film will debut on national television on November 10th on PBS.

As the mother of a veteran myself, I want to thank all of the veterans living with disabilities for their sacrifices and assure them that they will not be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 5, 2015

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, on roll call #533, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

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, October 6, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 7

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine Iranian influence in Iraq and the case of Camp Liberty.

SH-216

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine the National Institutes of Health, focusing on investing in a healthier future.

SD-124

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine removing barriers to wireless broadband deployment.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 708, to establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, S. 1607, to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, S. 1818, to amend title 5, United States Code, to reform the rule making process of agencies, S. 1820, to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules, S. 1817, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, S. 1873, to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, S. 2021, to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, S. Res. 104, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the success of Operation Streamline and the importance of prosecuting first time illegal border crossers, S. 2093, to provide that the Secretary of Transportation shall have sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, H.R. 998, to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, H.R. 322, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office", H.R. 323, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office", H.R. 324, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office", H.R. 558, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as