

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DAVID JOHNSON

**HON. LYNN JENKINS**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate David Johnson of Lawrence, Kansas, for his commitment, leadership, and service to the State of Kansas and people struggling with mental illnesses everywhere.

As his tenure as CEO of the Bert-Nash Community Mental Health Center nears its end, and we reflect on his sixteen years serving as CEO, we celebrate the work he has done to positively impact the Lawrence community, Douglas County, the State of Kansas, and beyond.

David demonstrated national leadership as the CEO of a community mental health center by continuing to serve the ever-growing community of Lawrence, while facing the challenge of decreased funding. David has championed initiatives for mental health care such as the Mental Health First Aid grant program and was the person who first brought that program's need and impact to my attention. David has been such an effective national voice for this program that he was invited as a Congressional witness in 2014 to share with Members of Congress the need for the Mental Health First Act of 2013.

As one of the original fourteen people trained as Mental Health First Aid instructors in the country, David undoubtedly encouraged and inspired more people to get that training so they could help their family, friends and neighbors in their time of need.

David is willing to boldly lead on the issue of mental health care and advocate for the millions of Americans hiding in the shadows struggling with mental illness.

When it comes to our home State of Kansas, David has made his imprint through undertaking statewide efforts that help create new opportunities for people with mental illness and their families. These initiatives allow more people to discover and receive the care they need while their families are educated on ways to help their loved ones.

I extend my deepest appreciation to David Johnson for his service and commitment to the State of Kansas and while I am sad to hear of his retirement, I wish him and his family all the best in the years ahead.

HONORING LGBTQ LEADERS IN  
THE TWIN CITIES

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the transgender, queer, lesbian, bisexual, and gay members of my community as

we begin celebrating Pride. Every year, Twin Cities Pride recognizes individuals and organizations who have devoted their lives to equality. This year, the Grand Marshal is Jana Shortal, and the Community Champions of Pride are Clare Housing and the Avenues for Homeless Youth GLBT Host Homes Program.

Jana Shortal is a journalist, public figure, and co-anchor of KARE 11's Breaking the News, one of the Twin Cities' most popular evening news programs. Jana has garnered a lot of attention across our city—accolades for her coverage of a mom dying of cancer, criticism in the Star Tribune for wearing skinny jeans, and national awards for telling stories about race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity. Throughout her career, Jana has been guided by an overarching goal: telling the story. Like she's said herself, "The average person's completely-not-average story motivates me." Often times we get lost in statistics or politics and forget to talk about how it's actually impacting people's lives. Jana's drive to humanize the news is more important now than ever—we can't let elected officials control the narrative just because they dislike the facts. I thank Jana for her service to our community, for her realness on screen, and for her devotion to telling the story.

Clare Housing and Avenues for Homeless Youth provide something that can mean the difference between life and death for LGBTQ folks: a place to live. For 30 years, Clare Housing has provided housing for hundreds of people with HIV or AIDS. They manage multiple apartment buildings for people who are independent, as well as nearly a dozen family homes where people can eat regular meals and have a caseworker assist them with doctor's visits and medicine. We have made tremendous progress on HIV treatment, and it is unacceptable that a lack of access to housing or healthcare means it can still be a death sentence. Thanks to Clare Housing's leadership, HIV positive individuals can get the housing stability they need to keep their bodies healthy.

Avenues for Homeless Youth's GLBT Host Home Program is a national model for community and volunteer-driven efforts to end LGBTQ youth homelessness. Nearly 40 percent of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ, and many of them were pushed out of their homes due to their gender or sexuality. This program provides not only a roof over their head, but an environment where their identities are validated and supported. Over their 15 year history, the GLBT Host Home Program has helped hundreds of kids grow into happy and healthy adults. No one should be forced into a life of economic struggles simply because their parents are closed minded. The Host Home Program is a tremendous example of what "It takes a village" looks like in practice.

If the last five months have taught us anything, it's that we still have so much work to do. We can't sit back and watch our federal government walk back protections for trans kids, or school districts lead the charge to be-

little and exclude them. We can't accept the talk that we have to wait because there are more important or less divisive issues. LGBTQ equality is deeply connected to economic inequality, racism, sexism, and every other -ism we're fighting against. We must fight for both social and economic equality, because if we don't fight for both, we won't get either. My deepest thanks to these leaders in our community who are showing how we advance equity on all fronts.

RECOGNIZING OSCAR AMEZCUA

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mariachi Legend Oscar Amezcua who, from his humble beginnings in Jalisco, Mexico, immigrated to San Diego in 1945 and quickly became an icon in Hispanic culture. Oscar's skills earned him a spot on the renowned Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán, which was just the start of his distinguished career. Oscar would go on to establish his own group, Mariachi Guadalajara, all while raising his three sons Carlos, Oscar, Alex, and his daughter Lucia with his wonderful wife Gloria.

Oscar Amezcua has dedicated his life to creating and providing us with music that has made significant contributions to San Diego's music and culture and is credited by many with bringing Mariachi music to San Diego. Recently, at the age of 87, Oscar celebrated this past Cinco de Mayo celebration by performing at a special concert in San Diego's famous Balboa Park and was recognized by San Diego Mayor Kevin Falconer, who declared May 5, 2017, as "Oscar Amezcua Day—The Father of San Diego Mariachi Music."

I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing Oscar's contributions to San Diego's music and Hispanic culture and I look forward to his continued involvement for years to come.

AMANDA ALVARADO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Amanda Alvarado for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Amanda Alvarado is a student at Molholm Elementary School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Amanda Alvarado is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and

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perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Amanda Alvarado for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING JORDAN COFFMAN

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jordan Coffman, an Air Force Academy Appointee from Colorado's Fourth Congressional district I believe our greatest assets are America's brave men and women in uniform. Jordan is making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserves our utmost support for her service. It is with great pleasure that I give her my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Jordan has served in a variety of leadership roles from Co-President of the National Honor Society to Senator-at-Large of the Student Government Association at her school. In addition to her service roles, Jordan has excelled in athletics, receiving the Hoehne Female Athlete award and placing first in several Track and Field races.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend Jordan and her family for their commitment. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Jordan.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Jordan Coffman as an appointee to the Air Force Academy for her commitment to protect and serve our nation.

RECOGNIZING A LETTER TO THE EDITOR: HEY, WHITE HOUSE: LEAVE D.C. ALONE

**HON. JAMIE RASKIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share an excellent Letter to the Editor, urging the Trump administration to respect the political autonomy of American citizens living in Washington, D.C., written by David Jonas Bardin to the Washington Post.

In "Hey, White House: Leave D.C. Alone," David writes:

"The May 28 editorial 'More meddling' said that the White House has joined Congress "in trying to block the District's Death with Dignity law." President Trump's proposed budget would unconstitutionally forbid implementation of that law in the 2018 fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1. The Constitution established federal legislative power over a future federal district as well as future federal installations outside the District of Columbia, such as Fort Bragg, N.C., to safeguard legitimate federal government interests there. The Bill of Rights imme-

diately limited those powers in order to block tyranny.

"Even before statehood and even without D.C. voting rights in Congress, it is high time to recognize that Americans living in the District count as 'the people' under the 10th Amendment, which says: 'The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.' Power to allow, forbid or regulate physician-assisted suicide was never delegated to the federal government.

"Mr. Trump should heed President William Henry Harrison's wise words: 'The people of the District of Columbia are not the subjects of the people of the States, but free American citizens.'"

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ARTHUR SMITH

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Arthur Smith of Chester County, Pennsylvania for his 48 years of service to our community. Dr. Smith will be retiring at the end of this year after an astounding 48 years of service to the Ridley, Delaware County School District.

Dr. Smith has for decades been a fixture in Ridley's schools, serving in both teaching and administrative capacities. It's not uncommon today for Ridley Middle School's "Parents Night" to be packed with parents of current students who themselves had taken classes taught by Dr. Smith years or decades ago.

Dr. Smith brought to his teaching an unmatched commitment to his students and an unwavering desire to see them succeed. But his day as an educator didn't end with the final bell each afternoon. He then drove to West Chester University, where for years he's taught evening classes. His typical days began before 5 a.m. and ended after he got home at 10:30 that night.

Forty-eight years, 9,227 middle school students, 6,700 college students and countless hours spent helping each of them succeed—that's Dr. Smith's legacy. On behalf of our entire community, I thank him for his service and wish him the best in his retirement.

ADALYN LUKOWICZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Adalyn Lukowicz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Adalyn Lukowicz is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Adalyn Lukowicz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all

levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Adalyn Lukowicz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING VICTORIA BERNABEI

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Victoria Bernabei, an Air Force Academy Appointee from Colorado's Fourth Congressional district. I believe our greatest assets are America's brave men and women in uniform. Victoria is making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserves our utmost support for her service. It is with great pleasure that I give her my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Victoria served as Honor Guard Commander as well as Cadet Captain of the Civil Air Patrol for which she received the Earhart Award. She has also received various Academic All-State honors. Additionally, she volunteers as a soccer coach in her community, demonstrating exemplary leadership skills and a heart for service.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend Victoria and her family for their commitment. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Victoria.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Victoria Bernabei as an appointee to the Air Force Academy for her commitment to protect and serve our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF AUBURN HILLS CITY CLERK TERRI KOWAL

**HON. DAVID A. TROTT**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate City Clerk Terri Kowal of Auburn Hills, Michigan, as she receives the prestigious Quill Award from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Recognized for her outstanding contributions in her profession, Clerk Kowal was selected as one of only two recipients for this unparalleled recognition, an incredible honor considering the thousands of municipal clerks across the United States and Canada. With this achievement, Kowal is proclaimed an international champion of her craft.

Having dedicated her life to helping the City of Auburn Hills and her community, Kowal has built her career on serving others. Understanding the responsibility and ethics required to be a municipal clerk, she did not waver in taking on this important task and great responsibility in service of her fellow citizens.

Receiving this award is not only a great honor for Clerk Kowal and a testament to her

hard work, but invokes a great sense of pride for the city of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, and the great State of Michigan. Clerk Kowal should be seen as an example of the ideal public servant—one who puts the needs of the community before her own.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to Terri Kowal as she receives this extraordinary honor and is celebrated as a pillar of the City of Auburn Hills.

HONORING DR. GERARD OAKLEY,  
JR. OF HUNTINGTON, WV

**HON. EVAN H. JENKINS**

OF WEST VIRGINIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Gerard J. Oakley, Jr. of Huntington, West Virginia. Dr. Oakley served his country as a medical officer in the United States Air Force during Operation Desert Storm, retiring after 20 years of service with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

After serving in the armed forces, Dr. Oakley made his home in Huntington with his wife, Tanya, and their four sons to continue his practice as a gynecologic oncologist. Dr. Oakley has spent the last 20 years providing quality cancer care for patients in his community, both through his private practice and with the Mountains of Hope Cancer Coalition.

Dr. Oakley has been recognized as a leader among his peers on numerous occasions, from service as the leader of gynecologic oncology at Marshall University to chief of staff at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Dr. Oakley was instrumental in the founding of the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center in Huntington and has been serving as its medical director.

Dr. Oakley helped the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center obtain its certification as an Academic Comprehensive Cancer Program and brought new technologies in radiation oncology and robot assisted surgery to the cancer center, allowing patients to have cutting-edge cancer care close to home.

I thank Dr. Oakley for his leadership, his service, and all he has done for the people of the great state of West Virginia in the fight against cancer.

ALEX FLORES

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alex Flores for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Alex Flores is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Alex Flores is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Alex Flores for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER  
HAMILTON

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alexander Hamilton, an Air Force Academy Appointee from Colorado's Fourth Congressional district. I believe our greatest assets are America's brave men and women in uniform. Alexander is making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserves our utmost support for his service. It is with great pleasure that I give him my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Alexander has earned a variety of awards for his academic and athletic achievements, including the Ironman Award for football and the Silver Cross Award for academics. He also served as captain of his school's football team, where he was selected for the Academic All State First Team. Additionally, he works as a volunteer for the Special Olympics, demonstrating compassion and a true heart for service.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend Alexander and his family for their commitment. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Alexander.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Alexander Hamilton as an appointee to the Air Force Academy for his commitment to protect and serve our nation.

HONORING THE GETTYSBURG COLLEGE  
WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I proudly honor the Gettysburg College Women's Lacrosse Team on earning the NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship. The Gettysburg College Bullets earned a 6–5 victory over top-ranked The College of New Jersey to earn its second National Championship.

With a record of 21–3, Gettysburg College tied the program record for most victories in a season, and eclipsed the program and conference record for goals against average at 4.79. The Bullets also defeated two number one teams this season for the first time in program history. Their accomplishments have earned the respect of their peers as the Bullets earned the top spot in the final Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Division III Coaches' Poll.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Head Coach Carol Cantele and the school officials, family and friends that supported these young women on their incredible and impressive journey.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate the Gettysburg College Women's Lacrosse Team on earning the NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship. Their work ethic and commitment to excellence serve as the standard for all to follow.

HONORING GREG J. FEERE

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Greg J. Feere upon his retirement after thirty years as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council. Mr. Feere has been a tireless advocate for over 35,000 local skilled trades workers.

Mr. Feere graduated from Clayton Valley High School in 1966. He earned an Associate of Arts degree at Diablo Valley College and a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from Chico State University.

Before becoming CEO of the Council, Mr. Feere worked for ten years in Alaska as a hunting, fishing and photography guide on Kodiak Island and the Arctic Brooks Range. He also worked on the Trans Alaskan Pipeline in Palmer and Point Barrow. Mr. Feere joined the Heat and Frost Insulators Union Local 16 in San Francisco, where they recognized his leadership abilities after just five years by naming him the youngest business manager in their history.

The men and women of the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council elected Mr. Feere to be their CEO nine times. He has fought to protect their interests, create safe working conditions and promote their careers through training and professional development. Mr. Feere has served two terms as the Northern California Vice President of the California State Building Trades, where he worked to represent nearly 500,000 Californians. Mr. Feere's father used to tell him that "there has to be somebody who looks out for the little guy." Greg has become that somebody and has been able to look out for many members of our community.

In addition to his excellent work with the Council, Mr. Feere has served as a commissioner for Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife and a trustee of Contra Costa College.

Mr. Speaker, Greg Feere has led a long career serving the people of our community. He has played a major role in fighting for well-paying middle class jobs. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

ALIYA MOORE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aliya Moore for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Aliya Moore is a student at Peck Elementary and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Aliya Moore is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aliya Moore for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

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TRIAD HS GIRLS SOCCER

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding sports team from southern Illinois. The Triad High School Women's Soccer team won the Illinois Class 2A state championship on June 3, defeating Wheaton Academy 5–4. After 100 minutes of scoreless play, the Lady Knights began to make goals and fight off their competitors' shots, resulting in their State Title.

The Lady Knights, from Troy, Illinois, put together a 22–6 record en route to the championship, defeating rivals and earning one small victory at a time.

My congratulations go to: Madisyn Stauffer, Jody Ellis, Kalie Gibbs, Madison Mell, Madeline Keller, Jordyn Besserman, Hailey Busche, Chelsea Riden, Meaghan Smith (C), Samantha Bassler (C), Ashley Newcombe, Sydney Thomas, Eryn Fanning, Chloe Scott, Erynn Little (C), Sydney Beach, Katie Rogers, Jordan Wilson, Sierra Schlemmer, Rebecca Byrd, Morgan Bohnenstiehl (C), Molly Suess, Mercedes King and coaches and staff Matt Bettlach—Varsity Head Coach, Jim Jackson—Varsity Assistant Coach, Heather Seger—Junior Varsity Coach, and Bailey Stack—Freshman Coach.

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RECOGNIZING PHILIP DALKE

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Philip Dalke, a Naval Academy appointee from Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. I believe our greatest assets are America's brave men and women in uniform. Philip is making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserves our utmost support for his service. It is with great pleasure that I give him my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Philip demonstrated excellent leadership and service as captain of both the Varsity Volleyball and Basketball teams at his school. He received multiple awards recognizing his athletic talents, including the League Defensive Player of the Year and Male Athlete of

the Year awards. He was also inducted into his school's chapter of the National Honor Society and was an active member of Student Government, showing a passion for education and heart for public service.

Our Nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend Philip and his family for their commitment. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Philip.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Philip Dalke as an appointee to the Naval Academy for his commitment to protect and serve our Nation.

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ANTI-BORDER CORRUPTION  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT (H.R. 2213)

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the Anti-Border Corruption Reauthorization Act (H.R. 2213).

The current polygraph requirement was mandated as part of the Anti-Border Corruption Act of 2010 to identify agents who could be corruptible or working with drug traffickers. This bill weakens critical polygraph requirements for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents.

Given CBP's scope of work with organized crime, drug cartels, and corruption, waiving the polygraph requirements would potentially expose the agency to corrupt law enforcement who would use their positions for personal gain.

It is Congress' duty to ensure that CBP is using the most stringent practices when hiring agents. Other federal agencies such as FBI, DEA, ATF, and Secret Service do not exempt polygraph requirements, why should CBP be the exception?

I voted yes on the Lujan Grisham amendment to the Anti-Border Corruption Reauthorization Act. This amendment would have ensured that safety measures were in place to safeguard national security, and protect the integrity of the CBP and its officers.

After the failure of this amendment, it became clear that I cannot support this bill.

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AMANDA PETERS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Amanda Peters for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Amanda Peters is a student at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Amanda Peters is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Amanda Peters for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

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HONORING BRADLEY H. PETERSEN

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Representative JARED HUFFMAN, to honor Mr. Bradley H. Petersen, who is being awarded the Viticulture Award of Excellence by the Sonoma County Winegrape Commission.

Mr. Petersen is a third-generation farmer in the Dry Creek area of Sonoma County, California. He grew up watching his parents harvest wine grapes, and showed an early interest in mechanics. He earned his undergraduate degree from Cal Poly Technical University in Agricultural Mechanics and Engineering, gaining skills that would serve him well throughout his career. Mr. Petersen has been the vineyard manager for Silver Oak Cellars and Twomey Cellars for the past eighteen years.

In addition to his prominence in the agricultural community, Mr. Petersen has demonstrated the same leadership and devotion to our entire region. He is the past President of the Geyserville Kiwanis Club, and he worked as a volunteer firefighter for Geyserville for fifteen years, achieving the rank of Battalion Chief. Mr. Petersen also served two years as Chairman and eight years as a commissioner on the Sonoma County Winegrape Commission Board.

Working alongside his Jack Russell sidekick, Sparky, Mr. Petersen is dedicated to sustainable farming. His colleagues praise his leadership, noting his integrity, honesty, and respect for all around him.

The Sonoma County Winegrape Commission is awarding Mr. Petersen the Viticulture Award of Excellence based on the innovative techniques he practices and his proven leadership. His work in both viticulture and our community has been invaluable to the people of Sonoma County.

Mr. Speaker, Brad Petersen is a hard worker and an expert viticulturist. He has demonstrated a passion for sustainable farming and a commitment to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

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ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S  
150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LEE M. ZELDIN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to St. Mary's Episcopal Church as the congregation celebrates its 150th Anniversary. The church's endurance throughout time matches the ceaseless devotion of its patrons, and is an achievement that must be appropriately recognized and praised.

Constructed shortly after the Civil War, St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Ronkonkoma, New York has stood as a testament to its patrons' religious fervor and tenacity. For a short time following the conclusion of the Civil War, Episcopalians in the area worshipped in a school house until the congregation eagerly decided in June of 1867 to build a church. The church was completed six short months later, and its first service was held on Christmas Eve of 1867. The property for the church, and a sizeable portion of the funds used to construct it, were donated by Welsh Colonel John Henry Puleston, a knight and distinguished Member of Parliament.

Unfortunately, the parish fell on hard times around 1880, when the number of communicants dropped significantly due to a dearth of year-round Protestants in the area. While there were talks about shuttering the church, Reverend Rodney M. Edwards believed the religiosity and love expressed by his parishioners was so resolute that he could not imagine deserting them. Accordingly, the church's ardor attracted more communicants, and the parish began to once again thrive a decade later. Then, in 1920, benefactors joined together to revive and repair the Church in the image of its founders' intentions.

The current St. Mary's Episcopal Church, which was admitted into union with the diocese in 1972, was built with the essence of its predecessor, but with more space to house a growing number of patrons. Today, the rector of the parish is the experienced Reverend Beth O'Callaghan, who leads a congregation of over 200 communicants. This year, the parish remarkably celebrates its 150th anniversary, an apt representation of St. Mary's Episcopal Church's unyielding zeal and devotion.

Mr. Speaker, St. Mary's Episcopal Church's 150th Anniversary is an achievement that serves as a testament to the devotion of the congregation. Their religious zeal cannot be underscored or admired enough, and it is my distinct honor and privilege to represent the church in the First Congressional District of New York.

RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER  
MUELLER

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alexander Mueller, a Merchant Marine Academy Appointee from Colorado's Fourth Congressional district. I believe our greatest assets are America's brave men and women in uniform. Alexander is making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserves our utmost support for his service. It is with great pleasure that I give him my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Alexander has already begun his service to our nation through his participation in the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps. He demonstrated his commitment to public service as an active member of his high school's Student Council and Student Government, and was awarded Academic All State First Team in recognition of his outstanding athletic and academic achievements.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom

and liberty. I commend Alexander and his family for their commitment. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Alexander.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Alexander Mueller as an appointee to the Merchant Marine Academy for his commitment to protect and serve our nation.

ABIGAIL PORTER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Abigail Porter for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Abigail Porter is a student at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Abigail Porter is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Abigail Porter for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF T. DWAYNE MCCAY, PH.D.

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Dwayne McCay who currently serves as the President of Florida Institute of Technology. Dr. McCay is a renowned engineer and research scientist who was recently named Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors class of 2016—a highly prestigious professional distinction.

Dwayne McCay grew up in the cotton fields of northeast Arkansas with a passion for literature. In the late 1950's and early 1960's, as the world witnessed space exploration for the first time with the launch of Sputnik, Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, and Astronaut Alan Shepard, Dwayne found himself looking toward the stars like so many youth at that time, including myself. He and his young friends founded a rocket society in 1961—WOMC (Wike, Oldham, McCay and Crowell)—and they had three successful launches of their homemade rockets with McCay acting as the propellant engineer.

Dwayne went on to achieve a Ph.D. in engineering and mathematics from Auburn University. He pursued a career as a research engineer with ARO, Inc., then as a senior research physical scientist with the Air Force Rocket Propulsion Laboratory. He went on to become a senior engineer at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, being elevated to branch chief, and later division chief.

Prior to serving as President of F.I.T., Dr. McCay served as Provost and Chief Academic Officer at the Florida Institute of Technology and became Florida Tech's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) in January 2011. Dr. McCay was previously at The University of Tennessee Space Institute, where he served as Alumni Distinguished Service Professor of Engineering Science and Program Chair of Engineering Science and Mechanics, and was chosen in a national search in 1993 as the chief executive officer for the campus.

He and his wife, Dr. Mary Helen McCay, also an accomplished inventor and engineer, hold 15 joint U.S. patents in the area of metallurgical engineering. Together they have authored approximately 200 technical publications and, in 1998, achieved the national honor from the U.S. Department of Energy's American Museum of Science and Energy for their technological achievements.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Dwayne McCay, as well as Dr. Mary Helen McCay and the dedicated faculty at F.I.T., for their contributions to science and engineering, and for their commitment to inspiring young minds and future scientists of our nation.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAY  
BEACH AMUSEMENT PARK

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 125th Anniversary of Bay Beach Amusement Park. Bay Beach is an amusement park owned and operated by the City of Green Bay. Bay Beach is the ninth oldest amusement park in the United States. It offers affordable entertainment to visitors across the state of Wisconsin and plays a big role in the city's tourism industry.

Bay Beach was initially established by Mitchell Nejedlo. Mr. Nejedlo purchased the land and began developing the land for a private beach resort. In 1920, the park's owners donated the entire park and its building to the City of Green Bay with the intent that the land was used for park, playground, and entertainment purposes.

The City of Green Bay expanded and developed Bay Beach in a family-focused destination with an emphasis on affordability for all. Today, it offers 22 distinct attractions, including the Zippin Pippin roller coaster.

On June 10, 2017, Bay Beach will celebrate its 125th Birthday. This park is an asset to the community with a unique history and role in the city for five generations.

RECOGNIZING NOLAN  
LAUFENBERG

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nolan Laufenberg, an Air Force Academy Appointee from Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. I believe our greatest assets are America's brave men and women in

uniform. Nolan is making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserves our utmost support for his service. It is with great pleasure that I give him my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend Nolan and his family for their commitment. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Nolan.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Nolan Laufenberg as an appointee to the Air Force Academy for his commitment to protect and serve our nation.

ALEYNA RENEAU

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aleyna Reneau for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Aleyna Reneau is a student at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Aleyna Reneau is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aleyna Reneau for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, on June 7th and June 8th, 2017, I missed the following votes due to a medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have voted:

On Roll Call Number 292, To Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call Number 293, On Agreeing to the Michelle Lujan Grisham Amendment to H.R. 2213, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Number 294, On Final Passage of H.R. 2213, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call Number 295, On Agreeing to the Hensarling Amendment to H.R. 10, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call Number 296, On Agreeing to the Hollingsworth Amendment to H.R. 10, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call Number 297, On Agreeing to the Faso Amendment to H.R. 10, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call Number 298, On Agreeing to the Buck Amendment to H.R. 10, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call Number 299, On Final Passage of H.R. 10, I would have voted No.

ACKNOWLEDGING REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES SARGENT FOR HIS SERVICE

### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, public service is not just a career path, it is a way of life. Many aspire to this role but very few fulfill this profession devoutly. These diligent leaders seek and strive to empower their constituency. They understand the pulse and the needs of their community and give the people their voice. Today, I would like to acknowledge Representative Charles Sargent for his service to our community, state, and nation.

Service is not a foreign term to Representative Sargent. He faithfully served in the United States Navy. His time in the military and as a business leader created the foundation of his life's work as a strong conservative leader in the Tennessee State House. His leadership in business and the insurance industry served as an asset which made him an outstanding and excellent leader as the chairman of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee. Representative Sargent is also generous with his time, energy, and resources. He dedicates himself to multiple charities throughout our state. True leadership is not as it appears but as it performs. His admirable service in making the tough decisions today will make a brighter future for millions of Tennesseans tomorrow. His insight will continue to impact our state and we look forward to his leadership in the future.

RECOGNIZING SHAINA SMIDT

### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shaina Smidt, an Air Force Academy Appointee from Colorado's Fourth Congressional district. I believe our greatest assets are America's brave men and women in uniform. Shaina is making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserves our utmost support for her service. It is with great pleasure that I give her my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Shaina served as the Captain of her school's Varsity Basketball team for most of her high school years, and also worked as a student basketball coach, demonstrating a real gift of leadership and heart for service. Additionally, Shaina received a variety of academic awards and was a member of her high school's chapter of the National Honor Society, showing her commitment to and passion for education.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend Shaina and her family for their commitment. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Shaina.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Shaina Smidt as an appointee to the Air Force Academy for her commitment to protect and serve our nation.

ANAIS RIVERA

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Anais Rivera for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Anais Rivera is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Anais Rivera is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Anais Rivera for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ELKS LODGES

### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Northeast District Elks Lodges in Wisconsin's 8th Congressional district for their strong support of patriotism in their communities. In 1907, the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks designated Flag Day as June 14th. The Elks have paired their traditions and culture with that of our Country and made the American Flag a symbol of self-dedication to God, to Country, and to Fellowmen.

I would like to call attention to their dedication and passion to this nation and the flag that represents it. This year, members of Green Bay Elks Lodge 259 will be celebrating Flag Day for the 108th consecutive year. Members of Appleton Elks Lodge 337 are celebrating their chapter founding the oldest Flag Day parade since 1950.

Citizens from Oconto, Kaukauna, and Marinette are also given the chance to celebrate this important day. Oconto Elks Lodge 887, Kaukauna Elks Lodge 962, and Marinette Elks Lodge 1313 give Americans this opportunity.

Flag Day is a day honoring the symbolism the flag provides to all American citizens. It is my honor to report this type of patriotism displayed by constituents in northeastern Wisconsin.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SIERRA CLUB OF MICHIGAN FOR 50 YEARS OF SAFEGUARDING THE ENVIRONMENT

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sierra Club of Michigan on the organization's 50th Anniversary. The Sierra Club has played a pivotal role in helping protect Michigan's environmental heritage.

Originally founded in 1967 as an all-volunteer organization, the Sierra Club of Michigan is today comprised of 10 different branches that further its mission of grassroots activism in defense of the state's environment. Through its advocacy and efforts, the Sierra Club has secured important protections and environmental safeguards that protect some of Michigan's most well-known landmarks and natural spaces, including the Pictured Rocks and the Sleeping Bear Dunes. Additionally, the organization has been instrumental in spurring Congress to ban drilling for oil under the Great Lakes and promoting environmentally sound resource management of the state's forests and fisheries. The Sierra Club has also played a key role in passing legislation to mandate the use of renewable energy and establish strong energy efficiency standards for the State of Michigan. These policy solutions have had a positive impact on the public health of Michigan's residents and the environment.

Careful stewardship of the environment is critical to the future of Michigan, and the Sierra Club of Michigan's efforts over the past 50 years have helped institute safeguards that protect health and safety for future generations. As the home of the Great Lakes and a wide variety of wildlife, Michigan's environmental legacy is fundamental to its economy and the well-being of its citizens, and it is critical that we continue to protect this important part of our state's identity. Sierra Club of Michigan's actions have been key to raising awareness and driving action to prevent harm to public health and the state's nature resources, and it is my hope that the organization continues its great work in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Sierra Club of Michigan on the 50th Anniversary of its founding. The group and its members have helped safeguard Michigan's environment and wildlife for future generations.

IN RECOGNITION OF TEAM MATHIAS

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituents, Roya and Chris Giordano, and Team Mathias, an extraordinary non-profit organization located in Loudoun County, Virginia, for their work to increase awareness about pediatric cancer and also to support families whose loved ones are struggling with the disease. Team Mathias is

named after Mathias Giordano, whose determination to make a difference in the lives of other pediatric cancer patients resulted in the establishment of the organization, even as he struggled with bone cancer himself. Thirteen year old Mathias Giordano was a radiant light in this world whose optimism and valor gave assurance to young patients and their families that they are not alone in fighting the tragic disease of pediatric cancer that yearly afflicts over 10,000 children and remains the leading cause of death from disease among children in our nation.

Team Mathias, led by Roya and Chris Giordano and in collaboration with enthusiastic and diligent volunteers, annually hosts the Team Mathias Golf Tournament, and the Annual Team Mathias 5k Trail and Family Run that is taking place this year at the Evergreen Sportsplex in Leesburg. The proceeds from these events are used to increase awareness of all childhood cancers, raise funds for research, and make a donation to Special Love, a local non-profit that provides cancer families a community of support, made up of patients and families. In fulfillment of his own wishes, Team Mathias sends wonderful care packages to pediatric patients and their siblings, just as Mathias had specified.

Since my time in the Virginia General Assembly, advocating for those with pediatric cancer and working to find cures have been priorities of mine, and I take great pride in the number of family and community based organizations in Virginia's 10th District, like Team Mathias, that go above and beyond to spread awareness for those suffering from these illnesses. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Roya and Chris Giordano and their team of volunteers, for the incredibly compassionate work of supporting families with loved ones who are fighting pediatric cancer. I also ask my colleagues that we remember Mathias, who faced his battle with cancer with fearless courage, grace, and dignity.

AIDE (IDALY) SABINAS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aide (Idaly) Sabinas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Idaly Sabinas is a student at Arvada K-8 School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Idaly Sabinas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Idaly Sabinas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING SPENCER ROHLWING

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Spencer Rohlwing, an Air Force Academy Appointee from Colorado's Fourth Congressional district. I believe our greatest assets are America's brave men and women in uniform. Spencer is making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserves our utmost support for his service. It is with great pleasure that I give him my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Spencer has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, graduating Maxima Cum Laude and receiving a variety of awards during high school, including Highest Honors and the Gold Cross Award, both of which are given only to students who attain a GPA of 4.0 or higher. Additionally, Spencer was captain of both the Varsity Soccer team and the Varsity Track and Field team, showing his excellence in leadership and service.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend Spencer and his family for their commitment. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Spencer.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Spencer Rohlwing as an appointee to the Air Force Academy for his commitment to protect and serve our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF SOUTHWEST AIRLINES' FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHIEF PILOT LOUIS "LOU" FREEMAN

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Southwest Airlines' first African-American Chief Pilot Lou Freeman. On June 8, 2017, after 37 years of service, Captain Freeman announced his retirement. Captain Freeman will forever be remembered as the first African-American chief pilot for any airline.

Captain Freeman served our amazing country in the Air Force for six years, and will forever be the model of a modern Chief Pilot. His desire to be perfect was personified by his unwavering commitment to the skies and his passengers. His most famous trip might have been when he flew Rosa Parks' remains to her funeral, but the one that meant the most was his last which was full of family and friends.

Today, Captain Freeman is set to celebrate his 65th birthday, and he deserves to be honored for his dedication to our country. Since joining Southwest in 1980, Captain Freeman has been an example for so many Americans. In life, there are many successes and failures, but to strive for perfection and to do so every day is what separated Captain Freeman from his contemporaries.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Captain Freeman on such a groundbreaking as well as barrier breaking career. More so, I wish Captain

Freeman and his wife the best during retirement.

Mr. Speaker, the retirement of one of America's first and finest, one of Dallas' own, is worthy of placing these sentiments in the permanent record of the United States Congress.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Nos. 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, and 299 I was absent due to personal illness. Had I been present, I would have voted yes. On roll call No. 293 I was also absent due to personal illness. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

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RECOGNIZING SCOTT JOHNSON

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scott Johnson, an Air Force Academy Appointee from Colorado's Fourth Congressional district. I believe our greatest assets are America's brave men and women in uniform. Scott is making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserves our utmost support for his service. It is with great pleasure that I give him my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Scott has proven himself to be an outstanding athlete, earning a variety of awards for his many achievements, including the Navy Outstanding Titan Award as well as the Underclassmen Athlete of the Year Award. He also served as captain of his school's Cross Country and Track and Field teams. Additionally, Scott was elected Vice President and President of his class during his freshman and senior years of high school, respectively, demonstrating his commitment to leadership and passion for public service.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend Scott and his family for their commitment. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Scott.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Scott Johnson as an appointee to the Air Force Academy for his commitment to protect and serve our nation.

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ANGELA SIERRA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Angela Sierra

for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Angela Sierra is a student at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Angela Sierra is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Angela Sierra for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

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HONORING JIM VOLZ

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Jim Volz, a public servant widely admired and respected, who retired on June 9, 2017, after 32 years of public service for the people of the State of Vermont.

Jim served as Chair of the Vermont Public Service Board, a challenging and demanding role, guiding Vermont through a period of dramatic change in the State's energy policy. His reputation as thorough and fair, considerate and wise, was essential to the progress Vermont made during challenging times.

As evidence of the high esteem Jim enjoys, he was first appointed by a Republican governor and then reappointed by a Democratic governor. Jim was seen by all as nonpartisan and scrupulously fair, with an incisive mind, even temperament, and gracious disposition.

Before being appointed Chair of the Public Service Board, Jim served 20 years at the Vermont Department of Public Service—sixteen of those as Director of Public Advocacy. That totals 32 consequential years in the regulatory arena.

Vermont's good fortune began in 1981 when Jim came to Vermont to clerk for Justice Franklin Billings on the Vermont Supreme Court.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the grateful State of Vermont, I say thank you to Jim Volz for his career of dedicated service to the people of Vermont.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE PARIS ACT

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, the president announced that he would withdraw from the non-binding Paris Agreement, undermining the credibility of the United States and displaying a complete disregard for the effects of climate change. This is unacceptable.

Climate change is real. We are already experiencing rising sea levels and harsher storms at an accelerated pace, and without action, they are only going to get worse. Poll after poll show that the majority of American people support staying in the Paris Agreement, and the scientific community has reached a clear consensus that climate change is largely caused by human activity. In the face of these facts, the president continues to undermine environmental protections and reject the science of climate change.

The American people should not be responsible for bailing out leaders who ignore science to gain political points, while subjecting the United States—and the rest of the world—to the catastrophic effects of climate change. That's why today I am introducing the Prohibiting Aid for Recipients Ignoring Science Act, or the PARIS Act, to ensure that any president has a stake in the catastrophic consequences of ignoring climate science.

The PARIS Act would prevent properties owned by the president's family from receiving federally subsidized flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program. The president should not be able to shift costs to taxpayers as he does business in flood-prone areas while withdrawing from efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

I urge my colleagues to join me in working to give the president a stake in this fight and to take serious action on addressing climate change. The fate of our children, our grandchildren, and the planet depends on it.

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RECOGNIZING GIANNI ORLANDO

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gianni Orlando, an Air Force Academy Appointee from Colorado's Fourth Congressional district. I believe our greatest assets are America's brave men and women in uniform. Gianni is making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserves our utmost support for his service. It is with great pleasure that I give him my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Gianni has demonstrated excellent leadership and athleticism serving as captain of his school's lacrosse team, and helping lead both the football and lacrosse teams to victory in the Colorado State Championships. Additionally, he was inducted into his school's chapter of the National Honor Society and earned summa cum laude as a junior, showing his dedication to and passion for education.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend Gianni and his family for their commitment. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Gianni.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Gianni Orlando as an appointee to the Air Force Academy for his commitment to protect and serve our nation.

HONORING THE TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE APACHES, 2017 NJCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONS

**HON. LOUIE GOHMERT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with enormous pride that I recognize and congratulate the Tyler Junior College Apaches Women's Tennis Team on winning the 2017 NJCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championship.

This is the 18th national championship in the women's tennis program's outstanding history and the 55th national title for Tyler Junior College.

The TJC Apaches won their 2017 championship in a hard-fought victory against ASA Miami (FL), winning with 46 points to ASA Miami's 44, at the Reffkin Tennis Center in Tucson, Arizona. The Apache's victory capped off an undefeated 21–0 regular season.

Aside from winning the overall tournament, several team members excelled individually as well. Three TJC freshmen, Jasmine Asghar, Kalani Soli, and Yuna Ito each earned a singles title. Ms. Soli and Montana Moore also brought home a doubles championship, winning 6–2; 6–2 in straight sets.

Congratulations should also be extended to team members Mekeila Erspamer, Oceane Garibal, Elena Tendero, and Michelle Walker for their significant roles in bringing the entire team to victory.

This recognition of their accomplishment is extended to all of the athletic staff including Head Coach John-Paul Connell, Assistant Coaches Kimm Ketelson and Brent Krivokapich. We must also extend accolades to TJC President Dr. L. Michael Metke, Assistant VP/Athletics and Student Life Dr. Tim Drain, Assistant Athletic Director Kelsi Weeks, Associate Athletic Director Chuck Smith, and Administrative Assistant Sherry Harwood.

The faculty, staff, and friends of Tyler Junior College and the entire community of Tyler have devoted countless hours to support and encourage these outstanding young athletes in the pursuit of their dreams.

It is my most esteemed honor to acknowledge everyone involved with this endeavor. May God continue to bless these students, their families and friends, and all those individuals who call Tyler, Texas their home.

Congratulations to the 2017 NJCAA Division I Women's Tennis Champions, the Tyler Junior College Apaches, as their championship legacy is now recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

CELEBRATING BARRY COOPER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barry Cooper, who has dedicated 41 years to federal service. His work in the Federal Aviation Administration

has ensured safer, more efficient travel for all Americans; and he is worthy of every recognition he has received.

Barry is retiring as the Regional Administrator of the Great Lakes Region in Region and Property Operations in Des Plaines, Illinois. He began his career in federal service in 1976, working for 12 years as a civil engineer. Barry then became an Associate Program Manager in 1988 of Airway Facilities, now Technical Operations. He continued to move up in the FAA; and with each position he took on, the word “manager” was a recurrence in his title. This is indicative of Barry's incredible leadership skills, showing a clear trust from his peers to grant Barry greater responsibility.

Barry spearheaded the establishment of the Chicago Area Modernization Program Office in 2003. Nearly 15 years later, the office is still active. He created a team of people, each with diverse goals, and united them to build a coalition with the City of Chicago as operator of O'Hare International Airport. Through this office, Barry facilitated a process in which the City of Chicago, through a reimbursement process, paid salaries for the extra employees needed to meet a shortened deadline for the Environmental Impact Statement.

It has been a pleasure to work with Barry for the last 10 plus years. My office and I have worked closely with the FAA on many issues regarding O'Hare Airport, mainly as it relates to the O'Hare Modernization Program. Barry was our “go to” expert with any questions we had and he was always responsive and easy to reach. Even if he was travelling, he would call me or my staff back as soon as he landed. Over the years, my office has requested several meetings or briefings on different matters and it was very easy to set up a meeting with Barry or his staff.

Barry also had a way of taking complex technical matters and making them easy to understand. I recall attending the FAA workshops at William Howard Taft High School in 2015 regarding the 2015 Re-Evaluation of the O'Hare Modernization Environmental Impact Statement. Barry walked around the auditorium with me explaining the different poster boards displayed around the room. Barry's knowledge was so vast and he was always so kind, with that infectious smile on his face. I will miss working with him.

Please join me in recognizing all the contributions Barry Cooper has made over the last 41 years. I extend my best wishes to Barry as he enters this new stage in life and makes many more wonderful memories with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

CELEBRATING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF FORMER NHTSA ADMINISTRATOR AND CONSUMER ADVOCATE JOAN B. CLAYBROOK

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2017*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 80th birthday of an outstanding consumer advocate and dear friend, Joan B. Claybrook.

Joan has championed consumer safety both inside and outside of government. She started her public service as an analyst at the Social

Security Administration. In 1966, Congress created the National Traffic Safety Bureau—now the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Joan joined the new agency early on, helping to set the foundation for auto safety policy in this country. She left NHTSA to work at U.S. Public Interest Research Group and Public Citizen before returning in 1977 to serve as NHTSA Administrator under President Jimmy Carter.

Joan's post-government career is equally distinguished. For 27 years, she served as President of Public Citizen, a leading advocacy organization for health, safety, accountability, and fairness. As ranking member of the subcommittee with jurisdiction over auto safety, I have worked with Joan many times over the years on issues from requiring rear backup cameras to stopping the sale of cars under recall. She testifies frequently before my subcommittee, and I always value her insight.

Even after she retired as President of Public Citizen, Joan remains a strong advocate for consumers. She continues to serve on the Public Citizen board and as Co-Chair of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. When a pressing auto safety issue arises, I know it is only a matter of time before I hear from Joan.

People owe their lives to Joan Claybrook's public service and advocacy. That is why her extraordinary work has been recognized by prominent institutions, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, Consumer Federation of America, and Georgetown Law Center. As Joan celebrates her 80th birthday, I want to celebrate her enormous contribution to consumer safety. Every American goes through the day a little safer because of Joan.

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, June 13, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 14

9:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the Romanian anti-corruption process, focusing on successes and excesses.

SVC-212-210

9:45 a.m.

## Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Kenneth Bush, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Kevin Christopher Newsom, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and Damien Michael Schiff, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

SD-226

10 a.m.

## Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine paving the way for self-driving vehicles.

SR-253

## Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine S. 517, to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for Reid vapor pressure limitations under such Act.

SD-406

## Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Eric D. Hargan, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and David Malpass, of New York, to be an Under Secretary, Andrew K. Maloney, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of the Treasury.

SD-215

## Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine ideology and terror, focusing on understanding the tools, tactics, and techniques of violent extremism.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

## Committee on Appropriations

## Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

11 a.m.

## Committee on Appropriations

## Subcommittee on Legislative Branch

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the Capitol Police.

SD-124

2 p.m.

## Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

## Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine S. 440, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, S. 677, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, S. 685, to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System in the States of Montana and North Dakota, S. 930, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for cus-

tomers, S. 1012, to provide for drought preparedness measures in the State of New Mexico, S. 1029, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to exempt certain small hydroelectric power projects that are applying for relicensing under the Federal Power Act from the licensing requirements of that Act, and S. 1030, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to submit to Congress a report on certain hydropower projects.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

## Committee on Appropriations

## Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the National Nuclear Security Administration.

SD-138

## Committee on Foreign Relations

## Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation

To hold hearings to examine southeast Europe, focusing on strengthening democracy and countering malign foreign influence.

SD-419

## Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 for veterans' programs and fiscal year 2019 advance appropriations requests.

SR-418

## Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine military caregivers, focusing on families serving for the long run.

SD-106

3 p.m.

## Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine tax reform, focusing on removing barriers to small business growth.

SR-428A

JUNE 15

9:30 a.m.

## Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine agricultural research, focusing on perspectives on past and future successes for the 2018 Farm Bill.

SR-328A

## Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2018 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

## Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management

To hold hearings to examine agency approaches to reorganization, focusing on the Office of Management and Budget's memorandum on the Federal workforce.

SD-342

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 proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-138

## Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine fostering economic growth, focusing on midsized, regional, and large institution perspective.

SD-538

## Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 for the Forest Service.

SD-366

## Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

## Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of David C. Nye, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho, Scott L. Palk, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Vishal J. Amin, of Michigan, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, Stephen Elliott Boyd, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Lee Francis Cissna, of Maryland, to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

## Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark Andrew Green, of Wisconsin, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

SD-419

11 a.m.

## Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 75, to provide for the reconsideration of claims for disability compensation for veterans who were the subjects of experiments by the Department of Defense during World War II that were conducted to assess the effects of mustard gas or lewisite on people, S. 111, to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List, S. 410, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the transfer of unused Post-9/11 Educational Assistance benefits to additional dependents upon the death of the originally designated dependent, S. 473, the amend title 38, United States Code, to make qualification requirements for entitlement to Post-9/11 Education Assistance more equitable, to improve support of veterans receiving such educational assistance, S. 758, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's review and publication of illness and conditions relating to veterans stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and their family members, S. 798, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to apply to individuals pursuing programs of education while on active duty, to recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and to programs of education pursued on half-time basis or less, S. 844, to amend

title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, S. 882, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the entitlement to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs for members of the Armed Forces awarded the Purple Heart, S. 1192, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for pro-rated charges to entitlement to educational assistance under Department of Veterans Affairs Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program for certain licensure and certification tests and national tests, S. 1209, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients, S. 1218, to promote Federal employment for veterans, S. 1277, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a high technology education pilot program, and an original bill to authorize a dependent to transfer Post-9/11 Educational Assistance in cases in which

the dependent received entitlement from an individual who subsequently died.

SR-418

1:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence  
To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JUNE 20

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining  
To hold hearings to examine collaborative initiatives, focusing on restoring

watersheds and large landscapes across boundaries through state and Federal partnerships.

SD-366

JUNE 22

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

JUNE 27

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Labor.

SD-138