

TRIBUTE TO AMY PAGE OF GIRL
SCOUT TROOP 395

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 8, 1999

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by the Cahaba Girl Scout Council in Birmingham, Alabama. She is Amy Page of Girl Scout Troop 395. She has been honored for earning the highest achievement award in U.S. Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. The award can be earned by a girl aged fourteen through seventeen, or in grades ninth through twelfth.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than twenty thousand Girl Scout Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, as well as design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the Senior Girl Scout and carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout Volunteer.

As a member of the Cahaba Girl Scout Council, Amy Page began working toward the Girl Scout Gold Award on August 13, 1998. She completed her project, Dora's first Intertribal Pow-Wow and Education Day, and I believe she should receive the public recognition due her for this significant service to her community and her country.

TRIBUTE TO A PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT
OF COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 8, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate and honor two outstanding Alaskan students who have achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in their community. Frank Cyra-Korsgaard and Esther Perman, both of Anchorage, have just been named one of my state's top honorees in The 1999 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Cyra-Korsgaard is being recognized for his organization of "Run for the Books" which provided reading materials for homeless teens at Covenant House Alaska. Frank worked with Covenant House, identified adult mentors, solicited sponsors such as Barnes and Noble bookstore, promoted the event and organized the logistics. Eighty-two people ran in the event, including the Mayor of Anchorage and

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another 40 contributed, resulting in donations of more than 200 books and \$3,600. Frank has been invited to speak about community service at a national education conference and wants to host another run next year.

Ms. Perman is being recognized for her organization of replacing the "Rocket", a much loved piece of equipment that had been removed from a local playground because it failed to meet safety regulations. Esther learned that the city was going to update the playground, but spend most of the allocated funds on a new parking lot. She was appalled and began to rally the support of other kids and adults. Esther conducted a survey of the city's young people and presented the results, along with the request for a new Rocket, at a city council meeting. Over the course of many meetings, Esther convinced the council to overturn its original plan and spend more money updating the playground and less on the parking lot. The council also agreed to work with the kids in town to design a new Rocket.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contributions these young citizens made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Mr. Cyra-Korsgaard and Ms. Perman are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

IN HONOR OF JOSE AND LEONOR
RODRIGUEZ ON THEIR 69TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT MENEDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 8, 1999

Mr. MENEDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jose and Leonor Rodriguez on the 69th anniversary of their marriage.

Jose Domingo Rodriguez and Leonor Rojas Perez were born in Remedios, Las Villas, Cuba. After marrying as teenagers, they were anxious to establish themselves as business owners in their hometown. Through their hard work and entrepreneurial spirit the couple opened "La Fe" bar/cafe/teria, which quickly became the most popular establishment in the area. Through his success, Mr. Rodriguez became a respected community leader.

In December, 1968, the couple left Cuba to live in New Jersey. Once here, they worked hard and made many sacrifices to ensure that their sons, Roberto and Rene, flourished in their new country. Despite having limited formal education, Jose and Leonor Rodriguez taught their children the importance of learning and achievement at school. Today, Roberto is a successful banker in Union City and Rene is an accomplished physician in Washington, D.C.

I am sure my colleagues join me in giving Jose and Leonor hearty congratulations on their 69th wedding anniversary. I commend

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them and wish them many more happy years together.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE FIFTY
STATE COMMEMORATIVE COIN
PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 8, 1999

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I reintroduce a bill to give the District of Columbia and the four insular areas a privilege the 50 states achieved last year: to choose a design for the reverse side of the quarter coin in order to commemorate our history as part of the United States. This program was authorized in the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act, which passed overwhelmingly in the 105th Congress. However, the bill unintentionally excluded the District of Columbia and the four territories. My bill would correct that oversight by extending the 10-year commemorative coin program for an additional year to include the District of Columbia and the four insular areas—American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

I objected to the exclusion of D.C. and the four territories when the original bill came to the House floor. In order not to impede passage of an otherwise worthy bill, however, I deferred my protest. In turn, Congressman MIKE CASTLE, the former Chair of the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, agreed to cosponsor my bill to allow the District and the four insular areas to participate. Although Mr. CASTLE no longer chairs the subcommittee, I want to thank him for his continued support. The new Chair, SPENCER BACHUS, has promised his full support and cooperation in helping with this effort, and he is an original cosponsor of the bill I reintroduce today. I also want to thank the Delegates from the four insular areas who have worked on this bill from the beginning.

Although the residents of the District and the insular areas are American citizens, there are some differences between us and the states. However, qualification to be part of a program to redesign quarters to commemorate Members' home districts is surely not one of them. There is no legal or constitutional reason to exclude D.C. and the territories from this bill. Congress should be at great pains to avoid any appearance of treating the District and the insular areas as colonies. The Commemorative Coin Program may seem like a minor activity, but the ability to participate in this program is an important recognition to my constituents.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily

Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 10

- 8 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine crop insurance and risk management strategies.
SR-328A
- 9:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Joint Committee on Taxation.
SD-116
- Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the condition of the services' infrastructure and real property maintenance programs for fiscal year 2000.
SR-232A
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on how the Office of Education Research and Improvement, and the National Center of Research Statistics disseminates education research information to schools and how that research impacts education reform.
SD-430
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to markup S.303, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems.
SR-253
- 10 a.m.
Finance
To hold hearings to examine issues of the federal recovery of a portion of the tobacco settlement funds attributable to Medicaid.
SD-215
- Foreign Relations
To hold hearings on the current human rights situation in Cuba.
SD-419
- Appropriations
Transportation Subcommittee
To hold hearings on Amtrak finance and operational issues.
SD-124
- Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Navy and Marine Corps programs.
SD-192

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- 2:30 p.m.
Armed Services
SeaPower Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine strategic and tactical lift requirements versus capabilities.
SR-232A
- Intelligence
To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.
SH-219
- Armed Services
Airland Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on tactical modernization, and the future years defense program.
SR-222
- 9:30 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings on S.507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States.
SD-406
- Appropriations
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, focusing on defense programs, materials disposition, and non-proliferation.
SD-124
- Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Corporation for National and Community Service.
SD-116
- YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM
To hold hearings to examine Y2K information technology readiness within the court system.
SD-106
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on S.383, to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers.
SR-253
- 10 a.m.
Finance
To hold hearings to explore the ramifications of the changing world economy and the reforms that are needed in the international tax area.
SD-215
- Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine embassy security for a new millennium.
SD-419
- Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Commerce.
S-146, Capitol
- Judiciary
Business meeting to markup S.461, to assure that innocent users and businesses gain access to solutions to the year 2000 problem-related failures through fostering an incentive to settle year 2000 lawsuits that may disrupt signifi-

- cant sectors of the American economy, and other pending calendar business.
SD-226
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine patients' health protections.
SD-430
- Armed Services
Strategic Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on ballistic missile defense programs and management, and the future years defense program.
SR-222
- 2 p.m.
Armed Services
Personnel Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on the defense health program, and the future years defense program.
SR-222
- Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.
SD-628
- Judiciary
Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law on bankruptcy reform issues.
2237, Rayburn Building
- 3 p.m.
Armed Services
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
To hold hearings on.
SR-232A

MARCH 12

- 9 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings on President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Justice.
SD-226

MARCH 16

- 10 a.m.
Small Business
To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Small Business Administration.
SR-428A

- 2 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee to resume oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.
SD-366

MARCH 17

- 9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S.399, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.
SR-485

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Veterans Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans.

345, Cannon Building

Energy and Natural Resources

Foreign Relations

To hold joint hearings on proposals to expand Iraqi oil for food.

SD-419

MARCH 18

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the readiness of the United States Air Force and Army operating forces.

SH-216

MARCH 22

1 p.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine the quality of care in nursing homes.

SH-216

MARCH 23

9 a.m.

Aging

To hold hearings on a proposal to support family care givers.

SD-106

MARCH 24

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on the implementation of welfare reform.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Veterans Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Ex-Prisoners of War,

AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Retired Officers Association.

345, Cannon Building

APRIL 14

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the published scandals plaguing the Olympics.

SR-253

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on the implementation of welfare reform for Indians.

SR-485

SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.

Veterans Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion.

345, Cannon Building