praise and admiration of us all. My thanks to them for a job well done.

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING DOUG STERNER ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF COLORADO STATE BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Los Kjarkas, a world-renowned Bolivian folkloric group.

Los Kjarkas was established in 1984 by seven Bolivian youth, and has been recognized by UNESCO and many other international organizations for their contributions to the preserving and promoting of Bolivian musical culture. The group’s performances have been showcased around the world, including in the United States, where they have performed at various venues and events.

Los Kjarkas is also committed to education and social responsibility. They have established a foundation to provide scholarships and other support to Bolivian students and to promote the study of Bolivian music and culture.

In recognition of their exceptional contributions, I would like to commend Los Kjarkas for their dedication to preserving and promoting Bolivian musical heritage and for their commitment to social responsibility. Los Kjarkas continues to inspire and entertain audiences worldwide with their vibrant and dynamic performances, and I look forward to their continued success.

HONORING PAUL ZSCHOKKE
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you to recognize Paul Zschocke. Paul Zschocke is a science teacher at Highland Park Elementary School in Pueblo, Colorado. He has been teaching for over 30 years and has a passion for science education.

Paul Zschocke is known for his creativity and enthusiasm in teaching science. He uses a variety of methods to engage his students, including hands-on experiments, field trips, and the use of technology. His goal is to make science accessible and interesting for all students.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to science education, I would like to commend Paul Zschocke for his dedication to inspiring the next generation of scientists. He is a true inspiration and a true hero, and I am honored to recognize him today.

REPRESENTATIVE MCKINNIS:

Mr. Speaker, Doug Sterner exemplifies patriotism and deserves the praise and admiration of this body. His appointment as Colorado State Board of Veterans Affairs Chairman reflects the huge strides he has made in providing education, support, and recognition for those who fought for our fundamental rights. I would like to thank him on behalf of Congress for his extensive work with our Nation’s veterans.

As Doug begins his new role, he will help direct a new grant program that allows veterans access to direct services. For instance, the program will help provide transportation so that veterans can take advantage of needed services. In addition, he plans on developing a nationwide Operation Recognition Program that will help allow World War II veterans who did not finish high school to go back and receive an honorary diploma.

Doug Sterner, for his commitment to help honor those men and women who have brought honor, freedom, and glory to our Nation. Doug was recently appointed as the new Chairman for the Colorado State Board of Veterans Affairs. A Vietnam War veteran and co-founder of the Home of Heroes campaign in Pueblo, Doug is certainly the right man for the job. I would like to congratulate him, and to thank him for his continued dedication toward bringing services and recognition to America’s heroes.

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Before coming to the United States, Los Kjarkas will begin their international tour in Europe with performance throughout Spain and Switzerland. The tour will conclude in South America.

Los Kjarkas has used its fame and notoriety to positively impact the lives of youths throughout Latin America. In 1994, the group established “la fundacion Kjarkas,” a foundation devoted to teaching children throughout Latin America how to compose and perform Andean music. As a result of their dedication and commitment, Los Kjarkas has inspired many Latin American children to pursue musical endeavors.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Los Kjarkas for their outstanding musical contributions and unparalleled commitment to the children of Latin America.

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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 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, July 24, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 25

9 a.m.

Airborne Services

Strategic Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002