

proclaimed the Word of God with every opportunity. It is Ed's fondest wish that we continue to convey the Gospel throughout the world.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela Chapman; his parents, Malcolm and Jessie Chapman; his children, Darlene, Kimberly, Darrin, and Jamal; his brother, Arnold; his sisters, Deborah and Diane; his five grandchildren, Olivia, Austin, Karl, Lauryn, and Xavier; and a host of family and friends.

Ed's giving and loving spirit lives on through all who survive him and his presence though never forgotten will often be missed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN KNAPP

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to John Knapp on his retirement from the city of Roseville.

Occasionally, we hear of people who are described as "fixtures of their communities." John Knapp is a good example of what is meant by this term. For all the years that I have had the pleasure of serving in Congress, John Knapp has been serving the people of Roseville, Michigan. Since I began representing the city of Roseville a few years ago, John Knapp and the city of Roseville have always seemed to be a perfect match—they both epitomize the best in the definition of "community."

John Knapp has held the position of City Manager in Roseville since April 11, 2000. He came to Roseville in 1984, where he held the position of City Controller for over 15 years. Thereafter, John served as Interim City Manager, in addition to his duties as City Controller, from December 31, 1999, until his formal appointment in April, 2000. John's life of public service began long before this in the Wayne County Treasurer's Office, where he served for over 22 years.

During John's years as City Manager of Roseville, he oversaw the completion of the building addition to the Roseville Police and Court Building. He was also instrumental in the development of Veteran's Memorial Park.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding John Knapp for his years of effective service to the city of Roseville and for his tireless commitment to the well-being of its citizens. My best wishes to John with whom I have been privileged to develop a personal friendship, and to his wife of 40 years, Karen, for a healthy and happy retirement.

THE SHUTTLE WILL FLY

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the victims of the space shuttle *Columbia* disaster, and also to honor the survivors here on the ground, who have worked without interruption

for two years to see that the legacy of those seven explorers lives on.

Against a striking blue sky that Saturday morning, the shuttle burst like a star, and our friends, our astronauts—who, as President Bush said, faced their dangers willingly because they knew they had a "high and noble purpose in life"—were gone.

That day our Nation mourned their loss and gave thanks that such men and women lived.

And that day, our space program, brought low by tragedy, began a new ascent in the hard, hard work of discovery.

Because no organization works with higher stakes, no organization has ever had to be as good as NASA at recovering from mistakes and adapting to new and more dangerous challenges.

That is why, as we remember the *Columbia* seven, those of us still inspired by America's mission in space joined our sorrow with hope when we heard the news that the shuttle could soon return to flight.

NASA's "Return to Flight Task Force" reported this week that the space shuttle *Discovery* could be cleared to fly again as early as this summer.

This news is not only great, Mr. Speaker, but noble.

The legacy of the *Columbia* seven was a legacy of exploration and discovery not despite the risks, but, in a way, because of the risks—because knowledge has no price.

Every astronaut who has ever suited up for NASA is driven by the same spirit that drew early man out of his cave and into the light.

We crossed an ocean, then a continent, and walked the surface of the moon, not in search of profit but knowledge.

America's mission in space is nothing less than the answering of ancient questions, on behalf of all the nations and all people who have ever stared into the night sky and wondered.

Intrepid, wise, and good, the *Columbia* seven—sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, parents and friends—left us that day two years ago, but their souls echo still in the brave and brilliant they left behind at NASA.

The shuttle will fly, Mr. Speaker, and the *Columbia* seven wouldn't have it any other way.

So today, we remember, we mourn, and we hope, confident as Americans always are, that those who died in a quest to conquer ignorance can never die in vain.

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 infor-

mation, 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 Thursday, February 3, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 7

Time to be announced
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, and Allen Weinstein, of Maryland, to be Archivist of the United States.

Room to be announced

FEBRUARY 8

9:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine stabilization and reconstruction regarding building peace in a hostile environment.

SD-419

10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the role of credit rating agencies in capital markets.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the implementation of Titles I through III of P.L. 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

SD-366

2 p.m.
Finance
To hold hearings to examine revenue proposals in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006.

SD-215

FEBRUARY 9

11:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.
Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

FEBRUARY 10

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine lessons learned regarding the tsunami response.

SD-419