

Lance Corporal Mario Atrian is from Los Angeles and is a resident of my district. Our community is blessed to have such a distinguished, brave, young man. I encourage him to continue to fight for that which he believes with such courage and dignity throughout the rest of his life.

TRIBUTE TO LEROY RICHARDSON:
A LIFE OF SERVICE

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of our community's genuine unsung leaders, the late Leroy Richardson. His untimely passing on December 22, 2005 has truly left a deep void in our midst.

In many ways, this quiet but dignified leader represented the best and the noblest of our community. He was a man of strong faith who was known for his remarkable generosity. He was a dedicated member of the New Shiloh Baptist Church, where he faithfully worshipped and served under the late Rev. Dr. Arthur Jackson, Jr. and under its current pastor, the Rev. D.L. Powell.

Known as a man of limitless passion and dedication to the well-being of his fellow men, Mr. Richardson was a leader who went out of his way to focus on the socioeconomic well-being of countless families that came to know of his caring and compassion. Aside from his interest in the funeral industry, he founded a very successful business known today as the Richardson-Jackson Removal Service, Inc.

He served for many years as President of the #3 Usher Ministry and he was also a member of the Trustee Ministry, Assistant Lead-Servant of the Couples Ministry and the Assistant Director of Operations for the New Shiloh Baptist Church. Though a highly private individual, he dedicated his life to the service of others. In so doing, he symbolized everything that is good and noble about the American spirit of idealism and optimism in serving his fellowmen. Our community truly feels the loss of a decent and caring man in the late Leroy Richardson, and I know my colleagues join with me in celebrating his life and his many good works on behalf of our community.

TRIBUTE TO G. SCOTT HUBBARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. G. Scott Hubbard, who recently stepped down as Director of NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California to become the Carl Sagan Chair for Study of Life in the Universe at the SETI Institute.

Mr. Hubbard began his career at NASA Ames Research Center in 1987, becoming Center Director in 2002. I have had the pleasure of working closely with Mr. Hubbard on many issues since he assumed the Director-

ship. He has been an invaluable public servant, guiding NASA Ames through difficult times and inspiring confidence throughout the organization. I'm proud of our work together on many of the new endeavors at NASA Ames, as well as the work to ensure the long-term future of NASA Ames and Moffett Federal Airfield. Mr. Hubbard has always been a thorough professional . . . responsive, efficient and effective.

NASA Ames Research Center is in the heart of Silicon Valley and has played a crucial role in Silicon Valley's success. Director Hubbard demonstrated an unparalleled ability to use NASA Ames' unique position in the high-end research and development community to forge groundbreaking public-private R&D collaborations. Under his leadership, NASA Ames successfully partnered with Silicon Graphics and Intel Corporation to develop the fastest operational supercomputer in the world, and created the Center for Nanotechnology to lead federal research in this revolutionary technology. Mr. Hubbard was integral to the creation of the NASA Ames Research Park, a world-class R&D and education campus with industry, universities and non-profits all taking part. Today, more than thirty small R&D companies and fourteen universities are on-site. Because of his tireless efforts, high-technology giant Google will soon be adding a new state-of-the-art facility to the Research Park. Under Mr. Hubbard's tenure, NASA Ames established the University Affiliated Research Center with the University of California, which remains the largest R&D partnership ever developed by NASA in our nation.

Beyond his work as Director of NASA Ames, Mr. Hubbard has been a highly respected member of NASA and our country's academic community. He attended Vanderbilt University where he studied physics and astronomy. In 1974 at Lawrence Berkeley Lab, Mr. Hubbard co-developed a new radiation detection technology which is now incorporated in the Mars Odyssey Mission. In March 2000, he served at NASA headquarters as the first Mars Program Director and successfully restructured the entire Mars program in the wake of mission failures. Prior to his appointment as NASA Ames Center Director, he was Deputy Director for Research at NASA Ames. In 2003, he served as the sole NASA representative on the Columbia Accident Investigation Board which established the definitive physical cause of the loss of the Columbia. Director Hubbard has also been the NASA Ames Associate Director for Astrobiology and Space Research, the first director of NASA's Astrobiology Institute, and NASA's mission manager for Lunar Prospector. Director Hubbard is also credited with conceiving the Mars Pathfinder Mission. He recently accepted a visiting scholar appointment in the Electrical Engineering Department of Stanford University, underscoring the deep respect that Mr. Hubbard has earned in the academic community. At Stanford, Mr. Hubbard's research plans will focus on nanotechnology, biotechnology and information technology areas, as well as studying the emergence of the entrepreneurial space industry.

Time and again, Scott Hubbard has proven his commitment to NASA and our nation's space exploration endeavors. That is why, Mr.

Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest gratitude to him for his superb public service. He has served our country exceedingly well, and because he has, we honor him for his work and wish him well in his new position as the Carl Sagan Chair at the SETI Institute.

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 Thursday, March 2, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 6

2:30 p.m.

Finance

International Trade Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine The U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement.

SD-215

MARCH 7

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program.

SD-106

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the goal of energy independence.

SD-366

Environment and Public Works

Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

SD-628

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Randall L. Tobias, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

SD-419

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine defective products relating to criminal penalties ensuring corporate accountability.

SD-226

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine veterans' preference in the Federal government, focusing on the implementation of veterans' preference in the hiring of employees, including an evaluation of the laws designed to protect and promote the employment of veterans, the impact of workforce flexibilities on veterans, and how veterans' redress mechanisms work. SD-342

10 a.m.
 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the current oversight and operation of credit rating agencies. SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine rural telecom. SD-562

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine the response of community-based organizations to the 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes. SD-430

Veterans' Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. SH-216

2:15 p.m.
 Foreign Relations
 Business meeting to consider Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 31, 1994 (Treaty Doc.109-04), Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Dhaka on September 26, 2004 with an exchange of notes enclosed (Treaty Doc.109-05), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Estates, Inheritances, and Gifts signed at Washington on November 24, 1978 (Treaty Doc.109-07), and Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sweden for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Washington on September 30, 2005 (Treaty Doc.109-08). S-116, Capitol

2:45 p.m.
 Armed Services
 Strategic Forces Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the nuclear weapons and defense environmental cleanup activities of the Department of Energy in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years nuclear security program. SR-232A

MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.
 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 To resume hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina, focusing on recommendations for reform. SD-342

10 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Business meeting to consider S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace, S. 1902, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children, and the nominations of Michell C. Clark, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Education, Jean B. Elshtain, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Allen C. Guelzo, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Arlene Holen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, George Perdue, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Anne-Imelda Radice, of Vermont, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Craig T. Ramey, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, Sarah M. Singleton, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Kent D. Talbert, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, Horace A. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and certain nominations in the Public Health Service. SD-430

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 International Trade and Finance Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine export-import bank reauthorization. SD-538

2:30 p.m.
 Armed Services
 To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense quadrennial defense review; to be followed by a closed session in SR-222. SH-216

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine Crime Victims Fund rescission. SD-342

MARCH 9

9:30 a.m.
 Environment and Public Works
 Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. SD-628

Armed Services
 To resume hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program. SD-106

10 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine aviation security and the Transportation Security Administration. SD-562

Small Business and Entrepreneurship
 To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Small Business Administration, and related measures. SR-428A

Veterans' Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Blinded Veterans of America, The Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Jewish War Veterans. SH-216

10:30 a.m.
 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
 To hold hearings to examine the United States Department of Agriculture's management and oversight of the Packers and Stockyards Act. SR-328A

MARCH 10

9:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the roles and missions of the Department of Defense regarding homeland defense and support to civil authorities in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program. SR-222

MARCH 13

3 p.m.
 Armed Services
 To hold a closed briefing on an update from the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization. SR-222

MARCH 14

9:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 To hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program. SH-216

- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine wireless issues spectrum reform. SD-106
- 2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine Wall Street perspective on telecom. SD-106
- MARCH 15
- 10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the the Secretary of the Senate, Architect of the Capitol, and the Capitol Visitor Center. SD-138
- 2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine innovation and competitiveness legislation. SD-562
- MARCH 16
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219. SH-216
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine impacts on aviation regarding volcanic hazards. SD-562
- Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the homeless programs administered by the VA. SR-418
- MARCH 28
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration budget and the long term viability of the Aviation Trust Fund. SD-562
- 2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
National Ocean Policy Study Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine offshore aquaculture. SD-562
- MARCH 29
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the importance of basic research to United States' competitiveness. SD-562
- MARCH 30
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee
To hold an oversight hearing to examine National Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System. SD-562
- Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, the AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and the Vietnam Veterans of America. SD-106
- APRIL 4
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration funding options. SD-562
- APRIL 5
- 10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Sergeant at Arms and U.S. Capitol Police Board. SD-138
- 3 p.m.
Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine improving contractor incentives in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007. SR-222
- APRIL 26
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine fostering innovation in math and science education. Room to be announced
- 10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center. SD-138
- MAY 3
- 10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Government Printing Office, Congressional Budget Office, and Office of Compliance. SD-138
- MAY 17
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine accelerating the adoption of health information technology. Room to be announced
- MAY 24
- 10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center. SD-138
- JUNE 14
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine alternative energy technologies. Room to be announced