

brotherhood of freedom can be stronger than the brotherhood of ethnicity or nationality, as Tejanos proved at Gonzalez, Bexar, Goliad, the Alamo, along the banks of the San Jacinto River, and in the government of the Republic of Texas.

People sometimes wonder what makes Texas and Texans so different, and I believe part of that answer is that the desire for freedom that gave us the first Texas Independence Day is still alive today.

Madam Speaker, I hope that Congress and this whole country join all Texans in honoring these brave men who stood up for liberty and freedom 172 years ago. God Bless Texas and God Bless America.

TO COMMEND RIPON COLLEGE FOR ITS INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO PROMOTING THE USE OF BICYCLING ON CAMPUS

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Ripon College for the exciting, innovative approach it is implementing to tackle transportation needs on their campus. Ripon College, a liberal arts college in Wisconsin, last year faced for the first time a greater number of applications for parking permits than they had available spaces. In today's car-centric society, most people would have addressed this problem by laying more asphalt.

But the Ripon College president, David Joyce, refused to consider the idea of paving over any more of Ripon's beautiful and historic campus. Instead, he championed the school's new "Velorution" program, which provides free bicycles for incoming freshman who pledge not to bring a car to campus.

With contributions from trustees and alumni, the university teamed up with several bike retailers to provide each car-free freshman with a Wisconsin-built Trek 820 mountain bike, a helmet, and a bicycle lock.

For too long, our transportation planning and decision-making have focused solely on the automobile. It's time we support non-motorized transportation for the many benefits it can bring. This program provides a fun and easy way for students to incorporate exercise into their daily routines, and can encourage a lifetime of healthy, active transportation choices. The program will also take cars off the road, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the negative impact our transportation system has on the environment.

Ripon College is following in the footsteps of their representative, the gentleman from Wisconsin, Mr. PETRI, who is a leading cycling advocate in Congress. Mr. PETRI co-chairs the Congressional Bicycle Caucus, previously served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and has been a leader in the development of the Non-motorized Pilot Program, which has shown early success in promoting walking and cycling as important modes of transportation in

his district. Ripon College is fortunate to be led by the gentleman's vision and understanding of the necessity of making sustainable transportation choices.

I commend President Joyce and Ripon College for their fresh vision for meeting the transportation needs of students, and hope that their program will be an inspiration for colleges and universities across the country to develop sustainable communities.

HONORING KNOXVILLE COLLEGE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Knoxville College, a predominantly African-American institution in my hometown.

On March the 6th, Knoxville College will hold its 110th Founder's Day Celebration.

The school was founded by Reverend Joseph Gillespie McKee, a Presbyterian minister who came to the United States from Ireland in 1852.

It was during the American Civil War that Mr. McKee settled in Nashville, Tennessee and organized the school for black people.

East Tennessee was settled primarily by very poor Irish and Scots-Irish immigrants and in 1875 the school was moved from Nashville to Knoxville, Tennessee, where it stands today.

Thousands of graduates have gone on to serve our country and communities well in their chosen fields.

Today, many young people come from all over the United States and several other countries to receive the special attention that Knoxville College can give.

I am very proud to have this College in my hometown, and I am sure they will continue to serve its students well for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BETTY SEMBLER

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Mrs. Betty Sembler as she receives the Drug Enforcement Agency Museum Foundation "2008 Lifetime Achievement Award." It is certainly well-deserved as she has dedicated her life to helping prevent and mitigate drug use among our Nation's younger generation.

Most notably, Mrs. Sembler helped found the Drug Free America Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to developing, promoting and sustaining global strategies, policies and laws that will reduce illegal drug use, drug addiction, drug-related injury and death.

Through her efforts, the Drug Free America Foundation has helped raise awareness about

drug use and its harmful effects to kids across Florida, our Nation and the world. Having received Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, Mrs. Sembler has worked collaboratively with other non-governmental organizations globally to support international efforts to sustain sound drug policy. In fact, the Foundation convened the International Task Force on Strategic Drug Policy in 2001 which is now composed of more than 20 member nations who help advise governments to effect change in their nations.

Her accomplishments do not stop there. Mrs. Sembler helped re-launch the "Students Taking Action Not Drugs," or STAND, which has launched several public-service campaigns regarding drug use and help youth with addiction problems find help. Their mission is to use science-based principles to educate college students about the danger of drugs and reduce drug use among 18- to 25-year olds. She has also been instrumental in working with and combining forces with other related organizations, including the National Drug-Free Workplace Alliance, which was merged with the Drug-Free Workplaces if Tampa Bay project in 2006.

In short, Mrs. Sembler has led an active life of public service that has greatly benefited her state and Nation, and I am so pleased she is receiving this prestigious award. Congratulations Betty, I wish you and your family continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, on October 23, 2007 the House passed H.R. 1955, the Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007. My vote in support of this bill was an error. I am concerned that this legislation creates the appearance that our constitutional rights could be undermined or that peaceful dissent and protest could be discouraged. I would like the RECORD to reflect that I stand in opposition to this legislation.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MATTHEW SEGAL FOR HIS SELECTION AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR OHIO'S 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN MOBILIZE.ORG'S PARTY FOR THE PRESIDENCY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Matthew Segal is a sociology major at Kenyon College and resident of Gambier, Ohio; and

Whereas, he is the founder and executive director of the Student Association for Voter Empowerment (SAVE), a student-led, non-profit, non-partisan organization aimed at increasing young voter participation and increasing civic awareness for young people; and

Whereas, Mr. Segal is a senior fellow and national challenge coordinator with the Roosevelt Institution, the nation's first student think-tank; and

Whereas, representatives at the Party for the Presidency will develop and implement strategies to inspire a stronger connection between elected officials and underrepresented American citizens; and

Whereas, Matthew Segal will honorably represent Ohio's 18th Congressional District in the Party for the Presidency; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Matthew Segal for his service to Kenyon College and the 18th District of Ohio. Congratulations to Matthew Segal on his selection as the 18th Congressional District of Ohio's representative for the Party for the Presidency.

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 6, 2008 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 7

9:30 a.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the current employment situation of 2008. SD-628

MARCH 11

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces in Korea, and the future years defense program. SH-216

Veterans' Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration, focusing on caring for families of wounded warriors. SR-418

10 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fis-

cal year 2009 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program, and the implementation of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 (Public Law 110-114). SD-406

Appropriations
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Interior. SD-124

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Innovation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 to support U.S. basic research. SR-253

10:15 a.m.
Foreign Relations
African Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine evaluating United States policy options on the Horn of Africa. SD-419

10:30 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the condition of the nation's infrastructure, focusing on proposals for needed improvements. SD-538

11 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the broken pipeline, focusing on losing opportunities in the life sciences. SD-430

2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation's Cross-Truck pilot program. SR-253

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on enlargement and effectiveness. SD-419

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Grace C. Becker, of New York, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice. SD-226

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

MARCH 12

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
To receive a briefing on the current readiness of the armed forces of the United States. SH-219

10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and conduct oversight. SD-538

Rules and Administration
To hold hearings to examine issues relative to in-person voter fraud and voter disenfranchisement. SR-301

Armed Services
Strategic Forces Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 and the future years defense program. SR-232A

10:30 a.m.
Aging
To hold hearings relative to doctors and prescription drug information and reviews. SD-562

1:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the gross domestic product as a measurement of national strength. SR-253

2 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine Generation Rx, focusing on the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. SD-226

Armed Services
SeaPower Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the strategic lift programs, and the future years defense program. SR-222

2:15 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine hardrock mining, focusing on issues relating to abandoned mine lands and uranium mining. SD-366

2:30 p.m.
Foreign Relations
East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the United States and Vietnam, focusing on the bilateral relationship. SD-419

Armed Services
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine technologies to combat weapons of mass destruction. SD-106

Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, the future years defense program, and military installation, environmental, and base closure programs. SR-232A

Intelligence
Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SH-219

3 p.m.
Appropriations
Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Federal Judiciary. SD-138