

whereupon he entered into a Senior Judgeship within the County of Bucks. Judge Rufe was dedicated to serving the residents of Bucks County, and during his years of service he always looked forward to a day's work at the bench. During his tenure as a Senior Judge presiding over drug court, Judge Rufe fully supported and advocated for efforts to meaningfully help the rehabilitation of those suffering from addiction throughout Bucks County.

Judge Rufe left the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas in December 2018, leaving behind a profound legacy that touched so many lives. Judge Rufe will be remembered for his commitment to serving the residents of Bucks County and for his dedication to learning from the past and to confronting the challenges that our community will face in the future.

Judge Rufe will always be remembered as a loving Husband, Father, and Grandfather and we are all incredibly grateful for the positive impact he has had on our community. Let us continue his legacy of public service each and every day.

COMMEMORATING THE 6TH ANNIVERSARY OF BORICUACTIVATED

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, when most people imagine American democracy, they picture the House, Senate, or the President and the work that we do as lawmakers to enact critical legislation to carry out the Nation's business. Or maybe they imagine themselves and their friends and neighbors in the voting booth, casting ballots that will determine the make-up of government at the state, local, and federal levels.

To me, however, American democracy also takes another form: the ongoing dialogue between citizens and public servants like us they elect to represent them. In these conversations we learn our constituents' hopes and dreams for the future, learn to make their priorities our priorities, and live up to our founders' ideal that the people should be allowed—and encouraged—to petition their government.

That is true civic engagement; and that idea is at the heart of BoricuActivatEd, a stellar, Philadelphia-based volunteer-run organization that is now celebrating its 6th year.

The organization was created during the tragedies of Hurricanes Maria and Irma which struck Puerto Rico in 2017, killing an estimated 3,000 people and leading to the longest power blackout in U.S. history. The group was created to mobilize people across the country to advocate for needed disaster aid and was immediately successful in marshaling the combined voice of the Puerto Rican Diaspora. They made their power felt and demonstrated that civic engagement works.

Through their civic engagement workshops, BoricuActivatEd has provided over 4,000 individuals with the tools they need to make their voices heard. Thanks to BoricuActivatEd's tireless efforts, countless more high school students, former juvenile offenders, and community members from across the country will have the opportunity and ability to advocate for the issues important to them. And their elected officials are listening. Indeed, I can personally attest, having participated in their workshops, how effective and valuable these sessions can be.

As it enters its seventh year, BoricuActivatEd continues to grow its programs, developing new curricula for high school students—including the Esperanza Academy in my district—and expanding their programs into new cities, to empower the next generation of Americans.

By training people of all ages and securing the participation of elected officials at all levels

of government, BoricuActivatEd embodies civic engagement and community empowerment at its finest.

I am proud to congratulate BoricuActivatEd on their 6th anniversary and wish them every success as they embark on new accomplishments in the years ahead.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of 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, December 14, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 20

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the future of arms control and deterrence.

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