

of my constituents and an American hero, Corporal Virgil Hanks. Corporal Hanks passed away last week at the age of 96, just a few days before Veterans Day.

Corporal Hanks joined the United States Army Air Corps in 1942 and was honorably discharged from the military at the end of World War II following four years of service. In 2015, in his hometown of Social Circle, Georgia, I had the distinct honor of presenting Corporal Hanks with a certificate of Congressional Recognition and a World War II Victory Medal for his valuable and selfless contribution to our Nation's wartime efforts.

Virgil Hanks will be remembered as an incredibly kind and humble man, dedicated to his late wife, siblings, and children, whom he loved fiercely. His legacy of service survives to this day throughout Georgia's 10th Congressional District, and he will be buried at the Georgia National Cemetery with his other brothers and sisters in arms.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in a moment of silence to honor the life of Corporal Virgil Hanks, a hero who deserves the respect of all Americans and will be sorely missed by so many in the community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HONOR BANK

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Honor Bank upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Through its trusted services, reliable staff, and community engagement, Honor Bank has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

Founded in 1917 as Honor State Bank, just \$20,000 in capital and a determined staff built the bank into the community institution it is today. Over the course of 100 years, Honor Bank forged its path to success through World Wars and financial crises, all while maintaining its commitment to the community it was built upon. Today, the bank's capital has grown, yet it still promotes its ideals of independent community banking.

The bank's Honor Code of integrity, hard work, responsibility, teamwork, and reliability is illustrated through its Giving Back to our Communities program. During each month of this year's anniversary celebrations, Honor Bank is highlighting the work of a local non-profit agency chosen by the bank's employees. Through this Agency Spotlight, customers and employees are encouraged to donate needed items, and employees volunteer on average 100 minutes per month to the selected agency. These charities have included the Betsie Valley District Library, Michigan Blood, and the Benzie Food Pantry. Honor Bank continues to set a positive example of what can be achieved when a company is built around a community.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Honor Bank and its staff for 100 years of success, service, and community investments. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Honor Bank all the best in its future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BLUE STAR MOTHERS

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Blue Star Mothers in honor of Military Family Appreciation Month. Blue Star Mothers are mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, Guard or Reserve, or who are veterans. These women provide support for the service members that make up our military, the veterans on the homefront, and the families of our service members and veterans.

The Blue Star Mothers started in the United States 75 years ago during World War II in Flint, Michigan. On January 22, 1942, the Flint News Advertiser printed a coupon asking mothers of servicemen to return the coupon after filling it out. The following February, 300 mothers came together for their first meeting and decided to form a permanent organization. They started working in hospitals and train stations, packed care packages for soldiers, and became a working part of homeland security during times of war.

Today, Blue Star Mothers have a presence in 40 states consisting of almost 300 chapters nationwide. In the State of Indiana, we have seven chapters that I would like to recognize directly. These chapters are the Blue Star Mothers of Indiana out of Monticello, the Blue Star Hoosier Mothers out of Crawfordsville, the North Central Indiana Blue Star Mothers out of Kokomo, the St. Joe Valley Blue Star Mothers out of South Bend, the Fort Wayne Area Blue Star Mothers out of Fort Wayne, the Hoosier Heartland Blue Star Mothers out of Kokomo, and the Indy Blue Star Mothers out of Indianapolis. Each of these groups has had an incredible impact on our community and on the Hoosier service members and their families.

These women know what it means to serve our country. They live it each and every day. It is with their help and strength that we are able to have the greatest military the world has ever seen. Behind each of our heroes, both at home and abroad, you will likely find a Blue Star Mother providing them the support, encouragement, and courage they need to fight our foes. Mr. Speaker, we need more Americans like the Blue Star Mothers.

TRIBUTE TO MARTIN ALDRICH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Martin Aldrich of Clarinda, Iowa for being selected as the 2016-17 Educator of the Year by Schmitt Music Company. The Schmitt Music Company operates music stores in 7 Midwest states, offering help to over 13,000 students per year with music lessons, and employing nearly 400 people, many who are professional musicians. They are dedicated to recognizing teachers who go above and beyond in their musical careers.

Martin is the Band Director at Clarinda Middle School in Clarinda, Iowa. He has served in that position since 2003. A graduate of Morningside College and the University of Kansas, he serves as the Southwest Iowa Bandmaster's Association representative for middle school affairs and has served as district president of the Southwest Iowa Bandmaster's Association. He also fills a leadership role in the Journey of Excellence Mentor Program for first year teachers and is a member of the District Leadership Team, which focuses on teacher professional development activities for visual arts, music, and physical education.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Martin for earning this award. He is an excellent example of how hard work and dedication can affect the future of our youth and their education. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Martin for this outstanding recognition and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

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, November 9, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 14

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine hurricane recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.

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10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anthony Kurta, of Montana, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary, and James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, both of the Department of Defense, and Gregory E. Maggs, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

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