

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## RETAIL INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, on October 27, 2015 the House of Representatives considered H.R. 1090, the Retail Investor Protection Act. This legislation prohibits the Department of Labor (the Department) from issuing updated retirement investment advice rules until the Securities and Exchange Commission completes its rule governing standards of conduct for brokers and dealers.

In light of the ongoing rulemaking at the Department and the fact that this legislation does not address any of my concerns regarding the Department's proposed rule, I oppose this bill.

While I oppose this bill, I remain concerned by the multiple unanswered questions related to the proposed rule and the potential impact the rule will have on the affordability and accessibility of financial information for investors.

For example, I am concerned that there may be practical problems for providers to implement the Best Interest Contract Exemption as proposed. The Department should implement the exemption using a less prescriptive and more principles-based approach.

I am also concerned by the potential impact the proposed rule would have on consumers' access to important retirement education information. The Department should maintain flexibility for advisors to provide investment education, and take steps to clarify that the proposed rule does not disadvantage lifetime income options.

Given the complexity of the proposed rule and the many outstanding questions regarding a final rule, the Department should consider options for convening a small working group of industry professionals and consumer advocates to aid with implementation, and provide a safe harbor for "good faith implementation."

In order to have a successfully implemented rule, it is vital that the proposal does not limit consumer choice and access to advice, disproportionately impact lower- or middle-income communities, or raise the costs of saving for retirement.

I recently joined a number of my colleagues in sending a letter to the Department expressing concerns with specific provisions of the proposed rule that may cause market disruptions and limit the ability of segments of the market to reasonably access advice.

Unfortunately, H.R. 1090 is neither constructive nor relevant at this time, which is why I will vote against this bill. I will continue to work in a bipartisan way with my colleagues on the House Financial Services Committee and House Education and the Workforce Committee to address the many concerns that remain with this proposed rule.

## HONORING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN AND CONNIE RUMBAUGH

### HON. BRAD ASHFORD

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Mr. ASHFORD. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize and congratulate two of my constituents, John and Connie Rumbaugh, who this past Friday celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Both come from small towns, John from Bassett, Nebraska and Connie from Hinton, Iowa. John served in the Army, including in Korea following the war, and later worked for Boeing in Seattle before moving to Omaha in 1958. Connie came to Omaha in 1960 to attend business school. They met in 1962, and three years later—or 50 years ago Friday—they married.

The next year they built their own home as part of the burgeoning west Omaha development of the times, and as newlyweds moved into the home in Millard where they still live today. In that home, they raised three children, Marti, Tracy and Kevin.

I want to honor today their great accomplishment together, which to me represents one of the best qualities of the people I represent here in Congress.

## 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUREKA MAIN LIBRARY

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20th anniversary of the Eureka Main Library in Humboldt, which is a community centerpiece for learning.

In 1988, then California 2nd District State Senator Barry Keene sponsored the Construction and Renovation Bond Act, which approved \$75 million for library construction in the state. Between 1988 and 1991, the Library Construction Committee and the Friends of the Redwood Libraries raised more than \$1.5 million locally to match state funds.

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors pledged funds in 1989 toward funding of a new library. In 1991, Humboldt County's project was one of only 16 grant applications chosen by the state for approval. From the bond act, the county received 65 percent of the funds needed to construct the Eureka Main Library. In September 2013, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the Eureka Main Library at 1313 Third Street in Eureka.

The Library Construction Advisory Committee has demonstrated to all Californians its dedication, perseverance and commitment to the greater good of the community. I urge my

colleagues to join me in acknowledging and celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Eureka Main Library's construction.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on October 28, 2015, I was absent from the House and missed Roll Call Vote 577 and Roll Call Vote 578.

Had I been present for Roll Call Vote 577, on ordering the previous question, I would have voted "Yes."

Had I been present for Roll Call Vote 578, on agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 495, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 1314, I would have voted "Yes."

## RETAIL INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I will vote against H.R. 1090, which would gravely slow development of new rules designed to better protect individual investors.

While I have been sympathetic to some industry concerns—in particular expressing an interest in further refinements with regard to exemptions relating to Best Interest Contracts, education, and lifetime income options—I have also made clear my strong support for rules barring the provision of advice subject to real or potential conflicts of interest. The Department of Labor has demonstrated an attempt to put forth a balanced rule that accommodates concerns from industry with protections for individual investors. The bill I will vote against, however, would bury this effort behind years of tertiary regulatory and congressional action.

It is clear that Americans badly need to save more for their retirement. As savings policies have evolved to place the decision-making burden on the individual, our rules must be updated to ensure that information is adequately shared and presented. Under the present system, estimates of value lost to these investors as a result of conflicted advice are unconscionably high. While the proposed federal rule is not perfect, it marks an important step forward and I look forward to working with the administration to continue to improve their effort.

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CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF THE  
CONNECTICUT BUSINESS AND IN-  
DUSTRY ASSOCIATION

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate 200 years of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA).

Today, we recognize CBIA for serving as an advocate for businesses in Connecticut. For two hundred years, CBIA has tirelessly worked to promote policies and provide services to support businesses—both large and small—in our state. Today, CBIA continues to act as a strong advocate for local businesses in the 5th Congressional District and throughout Connecticut.

The State of Connecticut boasts a highly-skilled workforce, a strong tradition of manufacturing, and good old-fashioned Yankee ingenuity. These qualities make Connecticut an ideal place for innovation and entrepreneurship.

Joe Brennan began his tenure at CBIA in 1988 as a staff attorney. Since 2014, he has led the organization as its President and CEO. Throughout his time at CBIA, he has maintained his focus on CBIA members, and he continues to strive to promote a sound business environment and improve workforce readiness in Connecticut.

Congratulations to Mr. Brennan, the Board of Directors, staff, and members of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association on the organization's 200th anniversary. I look forward to many more years of your continued dedication to our state.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE MICHIGAN  
ADVOCACY PROGRAM

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Michigan Advocacy Program on their 50th anniversary.

Since 1965, the Michigan Advocacy Program has worked to make legal representation and aid accessible to low income individuals across Michigan. Every single day they are fighting to keep people in their homes, pushing back against unfair workforce practices, and working to ensure the safety for women and children across the state of Michigan. Each year they provide free representation for over ten thousand low income individuals that would not otherwise have been able to afford a lawyer and could have been denied access to the courts.

Through their focus and dedication, the Michigan Advocacy Program has given a voice to low income families by providing free civil legal representation. Over the past 50 years, we have had the pleasure of watching the Michigan Advocacy Program grow from the Legal Services of South Central Michigan into a flourishing organization that works to support families across the state of Michigan.

Equal access to our system of justice and the judicial system is a key tenet of our de-

mocracy. Courts and the legal system should not be reserved only for those who have the most resources. The Michigan Advocacy Program has helped promote fairness and equality in our society by increasing access to legal aid and representation to low income individuals across Michigan. They have an incredibly successful track record and years of hard work is certainly worthy of our praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor the Michigan Advocacy Program on their 50th Anniversary and wish them many more years of success.

THE CRYSTAL GLOBE AWARDS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Asian American Medical Association, which will host its 39th Annual Gala on Saturday, November 14, 2015, at Avalon Manor in Hobart, Indiana. Each year, the Asian American Medical Association pays tribute to prominent, outstanding citizens and organizations for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their efforts, these honorees are awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award.

The Asian American Medical Association has been a tremendous asset to Northwest Indiana. Its members have selflessly dedicated themselves to providing quality medical services to the residents of Northwest Indiana and have served their communities through many cultural, scholastic, and charitable endeavors.

At this year's Annual Gala, the Asian American Medical Association will present the Crystal Globe Award to one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens and my dear friend, David Bochnowski. Dave serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Northwest Indiana Bancorp, and its operating subsidiary, Peoples Bank. For his exceptional leadership and his outstanding contributions to his country, state, and community, he is worthy of the highest praise.

Dave received his undergraduate and law degrees from Georgetown University and earned a master's degree from Howard University. Additionally, he is a Vietnam veteran and earned the Bronze Star during his time of service to our country. Prior to his banking career, Dave served as a Special Assistant to Senator Birch Bayh and was a law clerk for United States District Court Judge James Noland.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Bochnowski has been a leader in state and national banking associations, testifying before Congress, the Federal Reserve, and the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) on issues related to banking and small business. Since 1981, Dave has been the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Northwest Indiana Bancorp and Peoples Bank, which is headquartered in Munster, Indiana, and operates sixteen locations throughout Lake and Porter counties. Under Dave's leadership, Peoples Bank continues to provide exceptional customer service, following the same principles his grandfather implemented when he founded the bank in 1910. Peoples Bank has consistently thrived and has been listed

among the top 200 community banks in America by US Banker magazine, from 2007 through 2015, based on a key banking industry performance indicator.

Additionally, Mr. Bochnowski has selflessly served his community through his involvement in various organizations and civic activities, including the Legacy Foundation, Quality of Life Council, Purdue University Technology Center, Gary YWCA, and the Community Hospital System. He also serves as a member of One Region and the SEC Advisory Committee for Small and Emerging Companies and is a past board member of the Gary/Chicago International Airport Authority. Due to his outstanding leadership and dedication to his community, in 2001, Dave was appointed Chairman of the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions by Governor Frank O'Bannon. In addition, he has been inducted into the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana's highest citizen award.

Dave's excellence in his field and commitment to charitable endeavors throughout the community is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. Dave and his wife, Ann, have four beloved children: Benjamin, Julia, James, and John.

My father has always stressed that it takes a strong man to be a gentleman. David Bochnowski is that gentleman. A gentleman whose strength of character, wish to leave the world improved, and sense of service, are traits we should all attempt to emulate. I've been blessed to have Dave as a friend, but we have all been blessed to know him. To quote Homer: "He [is] a friend to man."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the members of the Asian American Medical Association, as well as this year's Crystal Globe Award recipient, David Bochnowski, for their outstanding contributions to their community and beyond. Their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana is truly inspirational, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, D.C.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
MAJOR GENERAL EDWARD W.  
TONINI

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service of a very distinguished Kentuckian, Major General Edward Tonini. He currently serves the Commonwealth as the 51st Adjutant General and retires in 2015.

General Tonini's career began as an enlisted member of the 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing of the Kentucky Air National Guard. He received a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Guard in 1970. He earned many awards and decorations for his service in the Air National Guard, including the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), and an Air Force Commendation Medal. He rose through the ranks to become Chief of Staff of the Kentucky Air National Guard. In 2001, he went on

to serve as Director of Your Guardians of Freedom at the Pentagon and later served at the Air Force Personnel Center in Denver, Colorado.

Tonini was appointed by Governor Steve Beshear as Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky on December 11, 2007. As the Adjutant General, he serves as the Commanding General of both the Kentucky Army and Air National Guard and as the Executive Director of the Department of Military Affairs. He is responsible for Federal and State missions, including responding in times of emergency. He serves on the Governor's cabinet and is the Governor's advisor on all military matters.

General Tonini has served the Commonwealth of Kentucky and this nation with honor. He is to be commended on his long and distinguished military career and his life of service and sacrifice. Major General Edward Tonini is an outstanding American, a true patriot, and a hero to us all. Along with a grateful nation, I honor him for his service.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BE- LOVED DAVE DAUGHTRY

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to honor the life and legacy of Northwest Florida's beloved Dave Daughtry. For over thirty years, Dave dedicated his broadcasting career to serving the people of the Gulf Coast community, and Northwest Florida mourns his passing.

From what began at a small radio station in Andalusia, Alabama, Dave's successful broadcasting career and love of writing would take him to Huntsville, Alabama; Nashville, Knoxville, and Memphis, Tennessee; and Washington, D.C. before making his way to Pensacola, Florida—a community that would welcome him with open arms, and remain his home until his passing.

Dave quickly became a known figure over the local television airwaves as news anchor at WEAR-TV in Pensacola and then as reporter-anchor with WALA-TV in Mobile, Alabama. According to Denise, his bride of 26 years, radio was what he loved most, however, and it is radio where he dedicated his career for the last 14 years of his life. This love was demonstrated by the fact that he would arrive at 5 a.m. every morning to host the WEBY-AM morning show, "Wake up with Dave."

To many, Dave will be remembered and appreciated for his company and entertainment on their morning commute; however, to those closest to him, including his dogs Peaches and Pal, Dave will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather and will greatly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents in Florida's First Congressional District, I am proud to honor and commemorate the life and legacy of Dave Daughtry. Vicki and I offer his entire family, especially his wife, Denise; children, Bonnie, Michael, and Patrick; seven grandchildren, Lindsey, Shannon, Evan, Patrick, Amanda, Shelby, and Benjamin; and the

entire Daughtry family our deepest condolences and prayers. May God continue to bless them all during this difficult time.

#### TRIBUTE TO THOMAS HARR

#### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise to salute my constituent, Thomas E. Harr, as he steps down as Executive Director of Family Services, Inc.

Under Mr. Harr's visionary leadership, FSI, which is based in Gaithersburg, Maryland, has developed into an agency that cares for vulnerable clients from cradle to grave, becoming, in essence, a caring, secondary family—giving true meaning to the organization's name. FSI provides high-quality service to foster health and well-being in the home, school and community as it serves more than 25,000 residents in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Mr. Harr has overseen this organization through a period of extraordinary growth, enabling the organization to be an effective safety net for the most vulnerable members of our community.

Mr. Harr's tenure has been distinguished by his tireless efforts to make Family Services treat the "whole" person throughout their entire lifespan. His vision encompasses a holistic philosophy of human services. Long an opponent of fragmented silos of care and the lack of coordination between them, he encouraged his mental health clinic to integrate mental health, substance abuse and primary care services, including the treatment and management of co-occurring conditions. He spearheaded the partnership of his organization with a primary care provider and a reproductive health specialty clinic to address the then-unappreciated somatic consequences of having a mental illness. He reached out to another historic provider, GUIDE, which later merged with Family Services and brought with it an impressive array of youth services. The Family Services of today encompasses 31 programs and touches every sector of vulnerable residents in Montgomery County. Its excellence has recently been recognized by its receiving the first CARF accreditation in the County.

Under Mr. Harr's leadership, FSI has seen the addition of a new child development center in 2000, an outpatient mental health clinic in 2001, a family multi-service center in 2002, and a hospital neonatal screening program in 2004, to name a few major projects. In addition, Mr. Harr oversaw the doubling of the agency's Head Start program, the opening of an additional child care center in another region of the County, and the creation of one of the County's first integrated care clinics.

Mr. Harr has also been deeply involved with the needs of our vulnerable elderly population. Under his leadership, FSI opened a medical day program, an outpatient substance abuse clinic, an adolescent recovery club house, expansion of the adult psychiatric day program, and a school mental health and social service program. And, finally, he facilitated FSI's assuming a major role in the County's implementation of the Affordable Care Act, accepting a contract to run our region's health insurance navigator program.

Prior to joining FSI, Mr. Harr served as the Chief of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services and Deputy Director of the Department of Addiction, Victim and Mental Health Services. Mr. Harr also had distinguished service in the United States Air Force.

Mr. Speaker, Thom Harr is an extraordinary and exceptional leader whose pioneering spirit, passion and drive led him to fight for those who are unable to fight for themselves. His influence in our region is profound. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude and appreciation to him for his outstanding service to our community. He has truly made a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families, and his impact will be felt, with grateful appreciation, for many years to come.

#### SUGAR LAND MIDDLE SCHOOL TURNS 40

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Sugar Land Middle School in my hometown of Sugar Land, Texas on its 40th anniversary.

This year marks 40 years of educating, learning, and helping our children succeed. A lot has changed since this school opened its doors in 1975 but one thing has remained the same—Sugar Land Middle School's commitment to excellence. It has remained a great place for our future leaders to learn and grow. Thank you to the many teachers and faculty members who've worked so hard to make SLMS great throughout the years. Without a dedicated team, our Sugar Land Titans wouldn't be thriving like they are today.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Sugar Land Middle School on 40 successful years of educating our leaders of tomorrow.

#### HONORING ED SARFATY

#### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edmond Sarfaty, a dear friend who served with my late father Bernard Deutch during World War II. Their 84th Infantry Division fought valiantly at the Battle of the Bulge, where Mr. Sarfaty was wounded three times.

I am privileged to represent a district that is home to a large number of World War II veterans, veterans to whom I am tremendously grateful for their heroic service. The legacy of service and self-sacrifice from this generation of Americans, exemplified by Mr. Sarfaty and so many others, is humbling. Our country owes all servicemembers an enormous debt of gratitude. It is also vital that we recognize and remember the outstanding sacrifices of their families. Their invaluable support is a gift to our Nation, and one that is too often overlooked.

Throughout his life, Ed Sarfaty has been defined by his dedication, willingness to serve, and patriotism. From his military service during World War II to his endless community involvement in Florida today, Mr. Sarfaty has exemplified selflessness and patriotism. I am grateful for the continued friendship of Ed and his wife, Sydelle. I am proud to join the Lake Worth West Democratic Club in honoring Mr. Sarfaty and in thanking him and all those who gave so much to ensure our freedom.

#### HONORING MS. TEOLA SANDERS

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and service of Ms. Teola Sanders, and I commend her fifty years of impassioned leadership and unyielding volunteerism to the East Bay community. Ms. Sanders' dedication to Bay Area women's rights, horticulture, arts and humanities, reflects the lasting legacy of her service.

Ms. Sanders was born in Mansfield, Louisiana in 1931 and was the oldest of four children. In 1938, the family relocated to Oakland, California. Ms. Sanders attended Oakland Public Schools and was a proud graduate of Oakland Technical High School. In 1951, she met Jeff Sanders and from this union three children were born: Tori, Andre, and Jay.

Ms. Sanders completed community college courses before obtaining her Real Estate License. For 27 years, she worked for the Shorenstein Company (formerly Milton Meyer and Company), one of the country's oldest and most respected real estate organizations. Her tremendous leadership led to her appointment as the company's lead organizer for political and humanitarian events throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Extremely passionate about local politics, Ms. Sanders was a founding member of Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA). One of BWOPA's first major successes was helping elect Ronald V. Dellums to the United States Congress in 1971. Ms. Sanders' passion for political activism continued and she was appointed to serve on numerous boards, including the Commission of the Deputy Chief of Protocol by Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris, and the Horticultural Commission by Governor Jerry Brown. She was also the Founding President of Today's Women, Inc., and a founding member of the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame.

Ms. Sanders' life was dedicated to the service of others. She generously donated her time to the Oakland Museum, the Oakland Symphony, the African American Museum and Library Coalition, the American Red Cross and many other humanitarian organizations.

Ultimately, Ms. Sanders was blessed to live a full life with no regrets. A loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, Ms. Sanders will truly be missed. But we can rest assured knowing her lasting memory of love and wisdom will continue to guide all those who knew and loved her.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes the legacy of Ms. Teola Sanders, and her contributions which have truly impacted countless lives throughout the Bay Area. I join all of Ms. Sanders' loved ones in celebrating her incredible life and offer my most sincere condolences.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DANIEL R. JENSEN

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Daniel R. Jensen. As president of DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Dan Jensen has been responsible for overseeing lodging, food service, retail, transportation and guest services for Yosemite's 4+ million visitors each year. Representing the single largest concession contract in the National Park System, the Yosemite operation includes such diverse locations as The Ahwahnee and the High Sierra Camps, and activities from Nordic and downhill skiing at Badger Pass to interpretative services.

Dan returned to Yosemite in 2006 after having worked for Yosemite Park & Curry Co. from 1979 to 1992. In addition to his 22 years of Yosemite experience, he has served as a consultant/owner engaged in development of themed concepts domestically and internationally. He also has an extensive career in theme parks, serving as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Universal Studios Japan. Prior to joining Universal Studios Japan, Dan served as Executive Vice President of Universal Orlando.

Dan began his career with Price Waterhouse, headquartered in Los Angeles, where he had a large number of Fortune 500 clients and spent part of his career in South Africa. Dan holds an MBA from UCLA and a BA in Economics from UC Riverside, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

He is on the Board of Trustees and the Council of the Yosemite Conservancy, president of the Yosemite/Mariposa Tourism Bureau, a member of the UC Merced Board of Trustees, an active supporter of NatureBridge and a frequent participant in board meetings and other activities and a member of numerous partner groups in support of Yosemite.

Dan and his wife Suzanne were born and raised in the central California town of Visalia. They have a lifelong attachment to Yosemite that they share with their two children, having raised them in Yosemite before moving to Orlando, FL in 1992. Dan's enthusiasm for Yosemite has been a recurring theme throughout his career and his interest in park challenges insures an insightful and compassionate voice on issues affecting Yosemite's visitors and the people who serve them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Daniel R. Jensen in the celebration of his hard work and achievements. It is with great pride that I thank him for his service and lasting contributions to Yosemite National Park.

#### HONORING THE LA VERNE/SAN DIMAS VFW POST 12034

### HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the dedicated and selfless work of the distinguished La Verne/San Dimas Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12034. VFW Post 12034, known as the "Band of Brothers," provides Honor Guard service for Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and other civic ceremonies in my district.

Post 12034's Honor Guard helps us to recognize and pay solemn tribute to our veterans by providing Honor Guard for over one hundred military funerals every year. VFW Post 12034's Honor Guard has travelled thousands of miles to honor the sacrifice of servicemembers—men and women—who preserved the freedoms we too often take for granted.

Because of VFW 12034 Band of Brothers' enduring service and sacrifice to honor a debt we can never fully repay, but a debt we must honor, these distinguished patriots have been recognized as an "All-State" and an "All-American" Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me and the residents of the 32nd District of California in acknowledging and thanking VFW Post 12034 for their commitment to the values that drive our brave men and women in uniform—the noble values of honor, respect, courage, and selflessness.

#### MISSOURI CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL TURNS 40

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Missouri City Middle School, a great Texas school, on its 40th anniversary.

This year marks 40 years of educating, learning, and helping our children succeed. A lot has changed since this school opened its doors in 1975 but one thing has remained the same—Missouri City Middle School's commitment to excellence. It has remained a great place for our future leaders to learn and grow. Thank you to the many teachers and faculty members who've worked so hard to make MCMS great throughout the years. Without a dedicated team, our Missouri City Cougars wouldn't be thriving like they are today.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Missouri City Middle School on 40 successful years of educating our leaders of tomorrow.

THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REFORM AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT (H.R. 597)

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Export-Import Bank Reform and Reauthorization Act, and I applaud the triumph of democracy over ideology that it represents.

The Export-Import Bank is, and always has been, about jobs. It's about the ability of U.S. companies of all sizes to grow their business by exporting their products, and to compete on a level playing field with their foreign competitors in global markets—many of whom continue to receive export financing from any one of the 85 foreign export credit agencies still operating around the world. The only companies hurt by the far right's crusade against the Export-Import Bank are our own companies, employing American workers, manufacturing products stamped "Made in the USA."

That didn't make sense in July, when the Export-Import Bank's charter was allowed to expire—and it doesn't make sense now. Which is why I am very pleased that a bipartisan majority in the House of Representatives is at long last saying "enough is enough." I'm proud to be a part of that bipartisan majority, and I call on the Senate to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank without delay.

IN HONOR OF NOW-NYC'S 35TH ANNUAL SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARDS

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the women who are receiving the 2015 Susan B. Anthony award from the New York City chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW-NYC) for their efforts in promoting equal rights for women. Each year, NOW-NYC recognizes grassroots activists who have worked to improve the lives of women and girls in New York City. This year's honorees are Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw, Krystal C., and Tamar Kraft-Stolar.

Committed to giving women a voice, NOW-NYC strives to promote reproductive rights, empower women economically, and end the violence and discrimination that women face. The organization provides a myriad of resources for issues relating to housing, police misconduct, and child-custody. NOW-NYC is a leading advocate of women's rights and a force for justice. Among other things, their volunteers escort women to reproductive health clinics, advocate for legislation such as anti-trafficking provisions and lead open discussions on the status of women in politics today. As the largest NOW chapter in the country, NOW-NYC plays a fundamental role in shaping the local and national debate on women's issues.

Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw, author of four groundbreaking reports on African American

women and the unique struggles they face in America, has received national acclaim for the attention she draws to the challenges women of color face. Professor Crenshaw, a law professor at UCLA and Columbia, is a leading theorist on Black feminism and civil rights. An advocate for a gender-inclusive approach to racial justice, she is also the co-founder and Executive Director of the African American Policy Forum, a gender and racial justice think tank. Professor Crenshaw is co-author of the groundbreaking reports, *Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Overpoliced and Underprotected*, and *Say Her Name: Resisting Police Brutality Against Black Women*.

Former New York Jets cheerleader turned women's rights activist, Krystal C., is taking a stand against unfair wage practices by professional football teams. As a Jets cheerleader, she was paid just \$150 per game and \$100 per special event, and was not compensated for practice time, training camp and other appearances. Based on hours actually worked, she was receiving only \$3.77 an hour, significantly below the state's minimum wage. She was also required to incur out-of-pocket expenses for motivational gifts, uniform maintenance and hair straightening. Krystal filed a class action lawsuit against the Jets.

Tamar Kraft-Stolar, Co-Director of the Women and Justice Project (WJP), is committed to advocating on behalf of women who are imprisoned. WJP is dedicated to ending the mass incarceration of women. Before joining WJP, she managed the Correctional Association of New York's Women in Prison Project for over a decade. As a leader on incarceration reform, Ms. Kraft-Stolar spearheaded the very successful campaign to pass legislation ending the shackling of incarcerated women during childbirth.

Additionally Miyhosi Benton, Bridgette Gibbs, Ursulina Miranda, Tina Tinen, and Maria Ventura are being recognized for their efforts to end the inhumane practice of shackling incarcerated pregnant women in New York.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring NOW-NYC and the 2015 Susan B. Anthony Award recipients for their perseverance and advocacy in the fight to end injustice and ensure equality for women.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JUAN FELIPE HERRERA

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and celebrate the achievements of United States Poet Laureate, Juan Felipe Herrera. Mr. Herrera is a California native and the first Latino in history to become a Poet Laureate. He took up his duties of Poet Laureate this fall by opening Hispanic Heritage Month at the Library of Congress with a reading of one of his works.

Mr. Herrera succeeds Charles Wright as the 21st Poet Laureate and joins a long line of distinguished poets who have served in the position, including the late Philip Levine who was a Fresno native and former professor at the California State University, Fresno. Mr. Herrera was previously appointed as California

Poet Laureate by Governor Jerry Brown and served from 2012–2015.

Born in Fowler, California in 1948 to migrant farmworker parents, Mr. Herrera spent his early life living in tents and trailers with his family throughout the San Joaquin Valley and the Salinas Valley following the seasonal crops. His experience as a campesino has strongly influenced his works. Traveling from the San Joaquin Valley to San Diego's Logan Heights and San Francisco's Mission District gave him three distinct California experiences, which is where he draws his inspiration from. Growing up in the '60s and attending college in the '70s during the Chicano Movement inspired Mr. Herrera and his writing style, which fuses wide-ranging experimentalism with reflections on Mexican-American identity.

Mr. Herrera graduated from San Diego High School in 1967 and was one of the first waves of Latinos to receive the Educational Opportunity Program scholarship to attend the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He received a Bachelor's degree in Social Anthropology from UCLA, a Master's degree in Social Anthropology from Stanford University, and a Master's of Fine Arts degree at the University of Iowa Writer's Workshop. He has worked as a poet for over 40 years throughout California at various colleges, universities, migrant camps, continuation high schools, juvenile halls, and prisons.

Among his many works Mr. Herrera is the author of 28 books of poetry, novels for young adults, and collections for children. He published his first collection of poems, *Rebozos of Love* in 1974 and some of his subsequent work includes *Exiles of Desire* (1985), *Border-Crosser* with a Lamorghini Dream (1999), and *Senegal Taxi* (2013). Mr. Herrera has also published 11 young adult and children's books, including *The Upside Down Boy* (2000), which was adopted into a musical and most recently *Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes* (2014), a picture book showcasing inspiring Hispanic and Latino Americans.

Mr. Herrera's honors include fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, two Latino Hall of Fame Poetry Awards, and a PEN Open Book Award. He has also received the PEN USA National Poetry Award, PEN Oakland Josephine Miles Award, two Américas Awards, two Pura Belpré Author Honor Awards, the Independent Publisher Book Award, the Ezra Jack Keats Award, and fellowships from the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and the Stanford University Chicano Fellows.

Among his writing and social activism, Mr. Herrera also served as Chancellor for the Academy of American Poets in 2011. He has served as the Chair of the Chicano and Latin American Studies Department at California State University, Fresno, and also held the Tomás Rivera Endowed Chair in the Creative Writing Department at the University of California, Riverside, where he taught until retiring in 2015.

Since his retirement, Mr. Herrera has become a visiting professor in the Department of American Ethnic Studies at the University of Washington-Seattle. He currently resides in Fresno, with his five children and his partner, fellow poet, and performance artist, Margarita Robles.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me as we honor and celebrate

Juan Felipe Herrera for his dedication to poetry, his community, and education.

QUAIL VALLEY ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL TURNS 40

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Quail Valley Elementary School in Missouri City, Texas on its 40th anniversary.

This year marks 40 years of educating, learning, and helping our children succeed. A lot has changed since this school opened its doors in 1975 but one thing has remained the same—Quail Valley Elementary School's commitment to excellence. It has remained a great place for our future leaders to learn and grow. Thank you to the many teachers and faculty members who've worked so hard to make QVE great throughout the years. Without a dedicated team, our Quail Valley Eagles wouldn't be thriving like they are today.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Quail Valley Elementary School on 40 successful years of educating our leaders of tomorrow.

HONORING MR. CONNIE ENGLISH,  
JR.

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Connie English, Jr. for his service to the labor movement as the State Legislative Director for the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART) and Vice President of Texas AFL-CIO. Mr. English's retirement comes after a thirty-three year tenure in organized labor. For the last three decades, Mr. English has dedicated his work to the labor movement, ensuring that railroad, bus, and transit workers' needs are being recognized.

During his years of work with the labor movement, Mr. English has made a direct impact on his community through his numerous roles at SMART, formerly known as the United Transportation Union, and with the Texas AFL-CIO. Mr. English began his labor career in 1982, where he served as Legislative Representative from 1982–1999, Delegate from 1984–1994, Local Chairman from 1984–1996, Vice General from 1985–1996, Secretary to the UTU Texas Legislative Board from 1986–1996, and Assistant State Legislative Director from 1996–1999.

Aside from his work with SMART and AFL-CIO, English continued to be a community leader as a member on the Bexar County Rail District Board. Mr. English is also a well-known advocate for transportation workers, working to organize statewide support on legislative issues and fighting for working people against tough odds, by serving as a labor caucus leader on numerous Texas campaigns. Mr. English has been happily married to his wife, Donna, for forty-nine years, and together

they have two children, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

In honor of Mr. English's retirement and his dedication and leadership within the public service community, this statement is submitted.

IN RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER AS  
NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME  
AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of October as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

During the month of October, we celebrate the abilities of the more than 400,000 Americans who have Down syndrome and raise awareness of their accomplishments. We also recognize the difficulties that their families often face and the many opportunities that exist to support them.

Individuals born with Down syndrome face more natural and societal challenges than others, including barriers in access to quality education. We, as Americans, have made great strides over the years in better understanding the difficulties these individuals, and their families, face. Given that 1 in every 691 babies in this country is born with Down syndrome, it is imperative we continue our efforts.

Good work is being done all across this country to improve the health and quality of life for people with Down syndrome, but I want to give special attention to the efforts of the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress. The MDSC is an organization I have had the honor and pleasure of working with in recent years, and can attest that it has worked tirelessly for over thirty years to improve the educational and employment opportunities for children and adults with Down syndrome. To this end, I want to highlight the MDSC's annual Buddy Walk in Falmouth, which this past July brought people from all over the Commonwealth to advocate for heightened awareness, inclusion, and acceptance of people with Down syndrome. MDSC also held its annual National Buddy Walk on Washington, bringing over 150 people from more than 25 states together to Capitol Hill to advocate for legislation that positively impacts the lives of people with Down syndrome.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in continuing our efforts by recognizing October as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month. There is much work yet to be done. But, as our steadfast Massachusetts and national partners have demonstrated, together, we can make a difference for people with Down syndrome.

HONORING THE TOWN OF  
KINGSTON SPRINGS

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the town of Kingston Springs on its 50th anniversary.

In December of 1965, a group of residents sought to incorporate and form a new municipality for this tight-knit community in Cheatham County, Tennessee. The original town serviced 290 residents with an annual budget of just over \$2,000. The very first election produced the town's first group of commissioners, Raymond Mays, John Frey and Terry Moore—who remained public servants in the community for decades to come.

Today, Kingston Springs is home to 2,771 residents and is thriving. With a walkable and historic downtown, 173 acres of parks and trails, a vibrant business community, adventurous outdoor recreation and a highly-rated fire protection service, its charm and character appeal to both residents and the entire Middle Tennessee community. In fact, Kingston Springs was recently named one of the safest cities in Tennessee and one of the top Nashville suburbs.

It's a privilege to represent the people of Kingston Springs. I congratulate the entire community on a successful 50 years, and wish them even more success to come.

HONORING THE GREATEST  
GENERATION

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Paul Shinsky of Alvin, Texas for bravely serving the United States during World War II.

Mr. Shinsky valiantly served in the Army Air Corps as a co-pilot of a B-17 in the 384th Bomber Group during World War II. During the war, Mr. Shinsky's plane was taken down by German fire and he became a German prisoner of war. He says he survived his two years as a POW through God's grace and praying the Rosary. Recently, members from the 384th BG NexGen's veterans signing project came to Mr. Shinsky and asked him to sign a wing from an original B-17. This wing, with the signatures of Mr. Shinsky and other living members of the 384th Bomber Group, will be put in the Hill Aerospace Museum at Hill Air Force Base near Ogden, Utah. As a former Navy pilot, I am humbled by Paul's noble service to our country. He truly embodies the Greatest Generation.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas and all the brave men and women who have served our country, we thank Paul for his service.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,152,590,112,385.69. We've added \$7,525,713,063,472.61 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could

have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S  
RECIPIENTS OF OPERATION RECOGNITION

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of individuals—heroes—who are receiving the recognition and honor they deserve for their service to our country. Operation Recognition is operated by the Riverside County Office of Education with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services. The program awards high school diplomas to veterans who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or for those who were interned in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

A recognition ceremony will be held on November 10, 2015, for the following individuals who received their high school diplomas through Operation Recognition:

David Beaudoin; Robert Michael Coe; Benjamin John Cusumano; Harvey Robert Harris; James Esco Lenon, Jr.; Joe Pena, Jr.; Juan Pena, Jr.; Ruben Martinez Peters; Richard Rosenthal; Jacinto Reyes Salinas; Ralph Hamilton Wolfe, Jr.

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to all the above recipients for their service and sacrifice. I salute all of these individuals and congratulate them on receiving their high school diploma.

HONORING MILITARY VETERANS  
FROM NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor eighty-eight military veterans who reside in my Congressional District in Nassau County, Florida and recognize them with a special medal in honor of their military service and in gratitude of our country. The veterans' ceremony carries special significance as it falls during Northeast Florida's Week of Valor and in light of the fact that brave American military members continue to serve across the globe.

Veterans in Nassau County have always taken part in our Nation's battles dating back to the Seminole-Indian Wars, Civil War, World War I and II, Korea, Vietnam and operations in the Middle East. These citizens have served with distinction and courage no matter their assignments. Each veteran accepted the call to serve and take his or her turn on the watch. The secret of our outstanding military is the citizens from communities, like Nassau County, stepping forward to serve. The faces of America's military can be found right here in Bryceville, Callahan, Fernandina Beach, Hilliard and Yulee, Florida.

The veterans we honor were nurses, doctors and aircraft mechanics. During World War

II, one sat in a ball turret as a gunner; one was a P-17 pilot. In Korea, they called in air strikes as forward air controllers and worked in MASH units. In Vietnam, they were on the ground as infantrymen or in the air in helicopters. One of them helped develop the assault amphibious vehicle still used by the Marine Corps today. Some saw fierce combat in Iraq and worked counter drug operations in South and Central America. Several earned Bronze Stars and other service medals. Some wear Purple Hearts. All of them served with distinction, dedication and devotion to our country.

Over the years I have had the honor of recognizing over two thousand veterans in Florida's Fourth Congressional District. This year, I am honored to commend the following men and women for their service to our country and to salute them for a job well done: John W. Ashmead; Emily Jo Baumgartner; George P. "Pat" Beamer; Ula E. Bennett; John S. Billings; Thomas Blackwelder; Robert S. Bolan, Jr.; Joseph H. Bottoni; Harry E. Bowman; Paul Henry Brown; Stanley R. Bunch; Gerald B. Burford, M.D.; G. Kyle Burford; Robert R. Capps; Edward M. Coop; William Larry Cravey; Noah S. Crawford; Steven John Crounse; Andrew J. Curtin; Cara A. Curtin; Robert J. De Angelo; Harry Duccilli, Jr., M.D.; Samuel O. Entriken; M. Daniel Fullwood; Erving Gilyard; Thomas J. Gora; Leo Green; Eugene Rawson Griffin, III; John Halliday; James W. Hendricks; Walter A. Hickey; Thomas J. Higginbotham; Henry L. Hines, Jr.; Roy Holland; Darryl J. Hooper; Roger L. Horton; James II. Jones; Gordon E. Jonsrud; Edward Lee Kaywork; Conrad Kohlman; Gene A. Kyzer; Erik Larsen; Joseph R. Laspina; Andrea E.I. Latza-Meires; Leonard L. Lyons; Susan L. Marden; William J. Marsh; Paul N. Massing; William G. McKeown; Patrick A. Meires; Gerald R. Miller; Presley K. Mitchell; W. Patrick Monaghan; Victor X. Monroy; Alva Barry Moody; Cynthia J. Morley; John D. Morley; Albert F. Nelson; Mary A. Nuttall; Alice Faye Overstreet; Kenneth B. Overstreet; Albert D. Owens; LeRoy Owens; Kenneth W. Pennington; George T. Pippin III; Gordon A. Plugge, Jr.; John D. Pruitt; Francis R. Quattre; Josef I. Reece; Charles E. Revels; Sylvester Ross; Henry M. Rothschild; John W. Scherer; Eddie W. Shepherd; Edwin C. Sherer; Cleo F. Smith; John W. Stephens, Jr.; Dale C. Stickrath; Rick Traum; Jerry A. Tyner; James Bruce Underwood; Dumas J. Vines, Jr.; Willie F. Watson; Ralph L. Wickson; Thomas T. Workman; Jesse L. Wright; Edward A. Zack; and Nello R. Zortea.

ALAA ALY RECEIVES THE GIRL  
SCOUT GOLD AWARD

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Alaa Aly, for earning the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award, their most prestigious honor.

Alaa, a graduate of Cinco Ranch High School, was recognized for her extraordinary leadership and efforts to raise Alzheimer's awareness. She volunteered with the Cinco Ranch Alzheimer's Center and Foundations

Academy, a preschool and after school program, where she hosted an entertainment drive. Alaa has been a member of the San Jacinto Council since she was in second grade and previously earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards for her other contributions to her community. What an accomplished young woman.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Alaa Aly for receiving the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

HONORING OZARK ACTION

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ozark Action for the 50 years of outstanding service that they have provided to Missourians. Ozark Action is a non-profit community action agency whose impact stretches across six counties in Missouri by providing life-saving services for people in need.

Ozark Action was formed in 1965 to ensure that people had their basic needs met, including food and clothing. The agency is led by executive director Bryan Adcock and contains three main departments and ranges of services. Angie Berry directs the community services department, which conducts a range of important activities to provide direct assistance to our citizens. The Head Start program, led by Kathleen Simonson, is an integral component of Ozark Action that provides a preschool experience to children from low-income families and children with disabilities. The Housing and Weather Department is supervised by Terry Sanders, whose staff has assisted numerous people in our area to find affordable housing and improve the cost efficiency of their homes.

It is my pleasure to recognize Ozark Action before the United States House of Representatives for improving the lives of others throughout Missouri.

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 Monday, November 2, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.



## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 3

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the future of warfare.

SD-G50

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Deborah R. Malac, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Lisa J. Peterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, and H. Dean Pittman, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Adam J. Szubin, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury.

SD-538

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation

To hold hearings to examine Putin's invasion of Ukraine and the propaganda in Europe.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law

To hold hearings to examine data brokers, focusing on whether consumers' information is secure.

SD-226

NOVEMBER 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine how gagging honest reviews harms consumers and the economy.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine United States policy in North Africa.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the value of education choices for low-income families, focusing on reauthorizing the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stuart F. Delery, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine reforming the Federal budget process, focusing on a biennial approach to better budgeting.

SD-608

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts

To hold hearings to examine the American victims of Iranian and Palestinian terrorism.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine ensuring success for the Social Security Dis-

ability Insurance program and its beneficiaries.

SD-106

NOVEMBER 5

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management

To hold hearings to examine agency progress in retrospective review of existing regulations.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine wildfire, focusing on stakeholder perspectives on budgetary impacts and threats to natural resources on Federal, state, and private lands.

SR-328A

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the rule of law and civil society in Azerbaijan.

CHOB-311

NOVEMBER 17

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine past wildfire seasons to inform and improve future Federal wildland fire management strategies.

SD-366

NOVEMBER 19

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Well Control Rule and other regulations related to offshore oil and gas production.

SD-366