

I wish Ms. Adams the best of luck with all her future endeavors, and I urge my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her as she completes her service as a 2016–2017 Hyundai Hope On Wheels National Youth Ambassador.

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TRIBUTE TO TRUDY CALDWELL

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2017*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring best wishes and birthday greetings to Trudy Caldwell as she celebrates her 50th Birthday.

She is an inspirational role model for those who aspire to accomplish goals that may seem impossible. She has shown a passion for public service as demonstrated through her committed and dedicated military career of 20 years. Further, Trudy has continued service to our country as a civilian employee in the Department of the Army. Trudy is one of the few individuals to have served both as an enlisted soldier and an Officer, ultimately retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. This is quite an achievement; she has no doubt, overcome barriers to realize these accomplishments as both an African American and a woman. Trudy's academic achievements include completing both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree. Additionally, she has been awarded numerous civic honors.

Trudy Caldwell's military assignments have taken her all over the United States and the world. She has taken command on various levels including teaching newly commissioned officers at the Quartermaster Center and School, served on the Joint Staff which is the highest level staff in the Defense Department, served with a team of staff officers to work directly with members of the Joint Staff 9–11 Commission, and served on the staff of the Army's Congressional Liaison Office. I am pleased to say this is where I met Trudy Caldwell during my first term in office. Shortly afterward while Trudy was attending graduate school at Georgetown University, I was fortunate enough to have Trudy spend a few days a week as a "Graduate Intern" working in my Washington, D.C. Office.

I am proud to call Trudy Caldwell my friend and I am proud that she originally comes from my district where her mother and other family members still reside. I know that this is only the beginning for Trudy; she has a prosperous life ahead of her. I know that she will continue to enrich the lives of future generations by bringing new experiences and renewed hope for those who aspire and dream of a better tomorrow through the nonprofit she has formed to assist youth.

May Trudy continue to bring joy to the countless lives she has touched throughout her life. She has been a true blessing to the 4th Congressional District and this nation. Mr. Speaker, for these reasons I rise to give tribute to Trudy Caldwell. I wish her a wonderful celebration on her birthday and many more years filled with good health and happiness. It is a privilege to have this opportunity to celebrate and congratulate her on this special day.

TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF THE  
CIVIL AIR PATROL

**HON. ROBIN L. KELLY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2017*

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, members of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), founded in December of 1941, have honorably served our country for 76 years;

Whereas, CAP has moved its Illinois Wing Headquarters to the Illinois Second Congressional District at Bult Field in Will County;

Whereas, in all 50 states, as well as in the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, CAP serves the American Air Force in times of need;

Whereas, CAP's 57,000 members not only protect the American people, but build and support American's next generation of leaders through scholarships, education, and training;

Whereas, CAP diligently strives toward its three main initiatives: aerospace education, cadet training, and emergency services for the U.S. Air Force. Through state and local offices, CAP fosters an ethos of civil aviation and public service in local communities;

Whereas, the Civil Air Patrol volunteers perform 90 percent of the country's inland search and rescue missions;

Whereas, CAP's Illinois Wing received an overall "excellent" rating in its biannual U.S. Air Force evaluation and rescue mission;

Whereas, the Illinois Wing operates out of 35 locations statewide, and hosts 622 adult volunteer members, 543 cadets, 686 voting-age members, 673 emergency responders and 124 aircrew members;

Whereas, the Illinois Wing's volunteer members conducted 2,147 hours flown in 2015;

Whereas, the Illinois Wing flew 399 real-world sorties and conducted 71 ground sorties during 2015. In addition, its members led two missing aircraft finds, four tornado or flooding disaster relief missions, and 20 counterdrug reconnaissance missions;

Whereas, the Illinois Wing hosts the Johnson Flight Academy, which attracts aspiring pilots from all corners of this country; and

Whereas, the Illinois Wing conducted 62 training missions in 2015, which consisted of 357 flights and 229 ground sorties: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the United States of America,* That the contributions of the Illinois Civil Air Patrol be recognized and honored.

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SPECIAL TRIBUTE CELEBRATING  
THE UNVEILING OF PONSIE B.  
HILLMAN WAY

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2017*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, the newly-christened Ponsie B. Hillman Way in Manhattan's Upper West Side celebrates a woman who dedicated her life to social justice. This well-deserving recognition will honor the indelible impact Mrs. Hillman left on New York and underserved communities around the country.

Having faced personal discrimination as a young African-American teacher in Maryland, Mrs. Hillman's earliest activism in the 1940s and 1950s focused on education equity. After Prince Edward County, Virginia closed its schools in an attempt to evade desegregation orders following the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education ruling, Mrs. Hillman traveled to Virginia with the American Federation of Teachers to teach students without pay.

After moving to New York City in 1965, Mrs. Hillman immediately stepped into multiple community organizing roles. She was elected to the Executive Board of the NAACP in Manhattan, and worked on affordable housing, education, and health projects. Mrs. Hillman also served as a leader of the local labor movement. As a member of the New York City Central Labor Council's Black Trade Unionist Leader Committee, Mrs. Hillman dedicated many years of hard work to increasing leadership opportunities for African-Americans in their union branches. Over the course of her life, Mrs. Hillman was recognized for her activism by the U.S. Secretary of Labor, American Federation of Teachers, and the New York City Central Labor Council, among others.

I am incredibly proud to represent so many institutions and community groups that were the recipients of Mrs. Hillman's service. The renaming of West 71st Street and Columbus Avenue on the Upper West Side, Mrs. Hillman's long-time neighborhood, will stand as a testament to her important work as an educator, civil rights activist, and New York communal leader. I wish her family heartfelt congratulations on this special occasion.

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CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT  
OF DEBORAH HEARN SMITH  
AFTER 47 YEARS OF SERVICE TO  
THE GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL  
INDIANA

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2017*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Deborah Hearn Smith of the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana. For over four decades Smith facilitated the opportunity for our daughters in Central Indiana to become confident young leaders through engaging the world around them and building positive relationships with their peers and themselves. Smith's exemplary leadership and dedication to the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana has enriched the lives of over one million young women in our community, building generations of confident, courageous, and principled Hoosiers. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Deborah Hearn Smith's commitment to making Central Indiana, a welcoming place of opportunity for our young women.

A life-long Hoosier from Indianapolis, Smith attended IPS 60, then went on to Shortridge High School. She graduated in the class of 1966. And she was later inducted into the IPS Alumni Hall of Fame in 2015 for her outstanding leadership. Following graduation from high school she attended Kentucky State University to study English, History, and Political Science. There she met her husband Ebenezer Smith. She went on to later earn her

MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University and a Nonprofit Management Certificate from Harvard University. She has been a part of Girl Scouts on a professional level since the early 1970's; but, became involved in Girl Scouts much earlier in life. She became a Brownie at age 5 and then a Girl Scout at age 7. As a young adult, she served as a day camp counselor and director. At 17, she earned the Curved Bar (now known as the Gold Award) which is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn.

Smith's professional career with the Girl Scouts began after graduation from Kentucky. Initially only intending to help out that summer for camping trips, the opportunity arose to be a permanent member of the organization as a field executive. She soon became the director of camping services after two short years later, a position she held until 1991. In 1991 she was promoted to Director of Facilities and Technology. Smith was named CEO of the Girl Scouts of Hoosier Capital Council in 2001 and became CEO of Girl Scouts of Central Indiana in 2007, the first African American in the Indianapolis region to be named to this position, after the reorganization and merger of five local Girl Scouts councils into one. The merger, overseen by Smith, saves over \$1 million dollars annually in administrative costs and has made possible more program opportunities, greater community outreach, as well as maintaining the tools necessary for adult volunteers to ensure the girls continue to grow and develop within the Girl Scouts. She leads an organization that employs 200 permanent and seasonal staff and operates on a \$10 million budget. In September of 2016, Smith moved the headquarters to a permanent home on the west side of Indianapolis. The 7-million-dollar Leadership and Learning Center boasts over 30,000 square feet and is located on the Camp Dellwood campus. It provides space for permanent staff and administrative offices as well as room for leadership training events and a dedicated annual cookie distribution location. This new facility will serve nearly 40,000 Girl Scouts and 18,000 adult volunteers and staff, annually.

During her time as CEO of the largest girl serving non-profit in the state, Smith has focused on prioritizing diversity and inclusion. Through initiatives such as Latinas Taking the Lead, Smith sought to foster a culture of inclusion and to further the Girl Scouts' mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Her work has taken the Girls Scouts to create dedicated relationships with local housing projects and often offers the only outlet for the young women who live there. She has been dedicated to providing any interested girl the chance to experience the benefits of Girl Scouts, regardless of their circumstances by adhering to her philosophy that all girls, regardless of ability or background, should have a chance to succeed. As of 2011, in Indiana thanks to her leadership, one in six Hispanic girls and one in eight African American girls are involved in Girls Scouts.

In 2014, Smith earned the Women of Influence Award from the Indianapolis Business Journal for her work in removing barriers and reaching out to poor and underserved communities. This award was given to only 20 women to recognize them for their outstanding contributions to business, the arts and community and public service in central Indiana.

Other awards include the Indiana Commission for Women Torchbearer Award, Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis Civic Award, Martin University's President's Award, Black Police Association's Community Service Award, and Women's Empowerment Leadership Award.

Deborah Hearn Smith has impacted the lives of nearly one million girls through the Girl Scouts. Smith has dedicated her life to fostering courage, confidence and character in the young women of our community. Thanks to Smith, many generations of Hoosier girls are prepared for their future as well-educated, civically engaged, and philanthropic women. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to Deborah Hearn Smith for her 47 years of service. I wish the very best to Smith, her husband, two children Lawrence and Jason, and her four grandchildren in her well-deserved retirement as well as in the next exciting chapter of her life.

#### PRAY FOR BRECKLYNN

### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2017*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, I rise today to recognize Ms. Brecklynn Allgood, a young neighbor of mine from Gainesville who has been battling cancer since 2015.

Since her initial diagnosis, Brecklynn has endured multiple surgeries and dozens of radiation treatments. Each day that she spends inside the hospital deprives her of the normal life that she has longed for—a life that includes simple joys like playing with her friends and learning at preschool.

Despite her limitations, Brecklynn is a fighter who welcomes each oncoming battle with a smile on her face. I know this because her positive attitude and determination have inspired thousands of Georgians, who now regularly send their love through Facebook and show their support through "Pray for Breck" yard signs and bumper stickers.

Mr. Speaker, I voted in favor of the Gabriella Miller Kids First Act in 2014, a bill that supports pediatric cancer research, and I will continue to commit myself to supporting legislation that brings our nation closer to a cure.

For now, I ask that we pray for Brecklynn and all other children battling cancer, for their steadfast recovery and for their bright futures. Brecklynn's courage and persistence remain an example for us all, and she will be in my thoughts and prayers as she fights to beat her cancer.

#### RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

### HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2017*

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month this September and the es-

timated 26,000 men who will die from this disease by year's end.

Prostate cancer is a disease that develops in the male reproductive system located in the prostate. Among American males, prostate cancer is the most diagnosed cancer and has the second highest cancer-related cause of death. My own father died of prostate cancer. However, like many other forms of cancer, early detection is vital to successful treatment.

As a nation, we have a duty and responsibility to serve and save the American public. Federal funding for prostate cancer research has accounted for, on average, only 5 percent of our nation's annual cancer research budget even though it is responsible for about 26 percent of all cancer cases and about 9 percent of cancer deaths in men. I encourage my fellow Members of Congress in joining me to make prostate cancer awareness, research, and early detection a national health care priority by ensuring adequate resources are readily available to save American lives. When it comes to saving Americans, we must see to that everyone has a clean bill of health.

Our efforts to bring awareness to prostate cancer must continue beyond the month of September. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to help raise and maintain awareness for this humane cause and invite my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in this fight. Though the number of American men diagnosed with prostate cancer has fallen by nearly 6 percent each year over the past decade, we still have a long ways until a cure can be found.

#### 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, September 14, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen Censky, of Missouri, to be Deputy Secretary, and Ted McKinney, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, both of the Department of Agriculture.