

To be considered for acceptance a delegate, applicants must be recommended by either a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Students must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and represent all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Students like Park, who qualify for this incredibly selective honor, exemplify top-tier diligence and academic talent.

Mr. Speaker, Junwon Park has proven that he is not only an excellent student, but also passionate about science and technology. Junwon will soon be representing the future of the state of Missouri at this conference, and I have the utmost confidence that he will do an excellent job. I would like to extend my personal congratulations for his achievement, and on behalf of the 7th District of Missouri, I would like to thank him for representing our community.

RECOGNIZING THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 10354

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10354, locally known as the Madrid-McLaughlin-Navarrete Post, located in the Mission Valley of El Paso, Texas. I am pleased to recognize them as a distinguished Veteran Service Organization.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10354 was founded on April 15, 1952 and named after three outstanding El Pasoans: Daniel Madrid, an Airborne Trooper with the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment who died while serving in Europe during World War II; Francis J. McLaughlin, a service member with the U.S. Army who died while serving in the South Pacific theater during World War II; and Manny Navarrete, a U.S. Army retiree who returned to El Paso after transitioning out of the military and continued his service to our country through his active participation and advocacy with Post 10354.

Since its inception, Post 10354 has dedicated itself to serving veterans, current service members and their families, and community members throughout the El Paso community. Today, the Post is made up of 143 members. Collectively, these members contribute 3,000 volunteer hours a year as a Veterans Service Organization, mainly focused on assisting veterans file their benefits claims, appeals, and other medical requests with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Other examples of Post 10354's service to the El Paso community includes their biannual picnics with food, music, and youth activities; food drives during the holiday season; and partnerships with El Paso schools, including the Ysleta Independent School District, where they encourage and work with students to identify opportunities to give back to the El Paso community.

I thank the VFW and the Madrid-McLaughlin-Navarrete Post 10354 for their commitment to honoring our veterans and helping to strengthen the El Paso community's dedication to public service. I am glad that Veteran Services Organizations like these exist in my district, and I thank them for their selfless service.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

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 \$19,197,497,243,132.16. We've added \$8,570,620,194,219.08 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, on May 10, 2016 I was not present to vote on H.R. 4957. I wish to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for roll call No. 180, I would have voted "YEA."

CONGRATULATING ANGIE LEE ON BEING NAMED ONE OF THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to recognize Jungin "Angie" Lee, an exceptional and accomplished young woman from Naperville, Illinois. Angie was recently named one of the top ten youth volunteers in the nation by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

When Angie was just 15 months old, her family learned she had an autosomal recessive disease called spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). This genetic disorder causes debilitating and often fatal muscle weakness. Yet this disease did not stop Angie from helping people. Nine years ago, at the ripe age of 8, Angie and her friend, Kyra Scadden, started a nonprofit called "Angie's Hope" to raise money for SMA research.

Since its inception, Angie's Hope has gone from raising \$200, literally one penny at a time through a penny collection drive, to raising \$40,000 in 2015. Through it all, Angie has never lost sight of the fact that individual efforts can change lives. Angie has helped raise over 200,000 dollars for SMA research with no plans to stop anytime soon. She is planning "something big" for the charity's 10th anniversary and would eventually like to expand the nonprofit to multiple states. Angie truly is an inspiration for all of us.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Angie Lee on receiving her award and thanking her for the dedication and commitment she has displayed in her work.

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, May 12, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 13

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-222

MAY 17

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the status of advanced nuclear technologies.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife

To hold hearings to examine marine debris and wildlife, focusing on impacts, sources, and solutions.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine integrating the corporate and individual tax systems, focusing on the dividends paid deduction considered.

SD-215

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine National Foster Care Month, focusing on supporting youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems.

SD-226

11 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the War in Syria, focusing on next steps to mitigate the crisis.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine S. 2524, to insure adequate use and access to the existing Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment within the Holy Cross Wilderness in Eagle County, Colorado, S. 2533, to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California and provide for long-term investments in drought resiliency throughout the Western United States, S. 2616, to modify certain cost-sharing and revenue