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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 15, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVE WOMACK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Merciful God, with the images of the near tragedy in Butler, Pennsylvania, and the subsequent melee fresh on our minds, we pray, O Lord, for Your forgiveness for our country as a whole. Pardon us, as well, for how we have played a part in contributing to the intolerant attitudes and rash behavior that has caused the polarization of our communities and the division damaging our Nation.

We pray Your mercy and Your guidance in these days fraught with tension and anxiety. Allow Your wisdom to come into our hearts and into the hearts of our compatriots. Teach us with Your knowledge, a knowledge of decency and grace, that Your will would be the desire of our souls.

Grant us Your discretion, that we would turn from our inclination for bitterness, rage, anger, brawling, and slander, and that we would choose not to let these have a place in our lives. Rather, may understanding be our guard and our respect our guide in these tumultuous times.

Would that we then not just silence the rhetoric but love our enemies.

Would that we not just tolerate those with whom we disagree but do good to those who hate us, and would that we not just turn the page on such a horrifying event in our own backyard but pray for those whose cruelty threatens not just us but the ideals of our democracy.

For Your mercy and grace on us and on this Nation, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 12, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 12, 2024, at 11:39 a.m.

That the Senate passed S. 150.
That the Senate passed S. 159.

That the Senate passed S. 412.
That the Senate passed S. 612.
That the Senate passed S. 912.
That the Senate passed S. 3068.
That the Senate passed S. 4351.
That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of the Honorable James M. Inhofe, former United States Senator for the State of Oklahoma S. Res. 765.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1105.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3019.

Appointments:
Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State.

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2024.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-4856. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Derivatives (RIN: 3133-AF29) received July 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4857. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's Major final rule — Registration for Index-Linked Annuities and Registered Market Value Adjustment Annuities; Amendments to Form N-4 for Index-Linked Annuities, Registered Market Value

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Adjustment Annuities, and Variable Annuities; Other Technical Amendments [Release No.: 33-11294; 34-100450; IC-35273; File No.: S7-16-23] (RIN: 3235-AN30) received July 11, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4858. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting The Department's opportunity announcement — Funding Opportunity Announcement for Mine Health and Safety State Grants, received July 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-4859. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting The Department's notice of availability of funds and funding opportunity announcements — Susan Harwood Training Grant Program, FY 2024, received July 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-4860. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits, received July 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-4861. A letter from the Director, Woman's Bureau, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's funding opportunity announcement — FY24 Fostering Access Rights and Equity (FARE) Grant Program [FOA-WB-24-01] received July 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-4862. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of Authorization for Use of Brominated Vegetable Oil in Food [Docket No.: FDA-2023-N-0937] (RIN: 0910-AI81) received July 3, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4863. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-500, "Revised Project Labor Agreement Cost Threshold Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4864. A letter from the Executive Assistant to the Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Alaska; Hunting and Trapping in National Preserves [NPS-AKRO-36475; PPAKAKROZ5, PPMRLE1Y.L00000] (RIN: 1024-AE70) received July 3, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-4865. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Listing Policy and Support, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status for Pearl River Map Turtle with Section 4(d) Rule; and Threatened Species Status for Alabama Map Turtle, Barbour's Map Turtle, Escambia Map Turtle, and Pascagoula Map Turtle Due to Similarity of Appearance with Section 4(d)

Rule [Docket No.: FWS-R4-ES-2021-0097; FXES111090FEDR-245-FF09E21000] (RIN: 1018-BF42) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-4866. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Regulatory Affairs Division, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's correction amendments — Pipeline Safety: Requirement of Valve Installation and Minimum Rupture Detection Standards: Response to Petition for Reconsideration; Additional Technical Corrections [Docket No.: PHMSA-2013-0255; Amdt. No.: 192-136] (RIN: 2137-AF06) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4867. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of Colored Federal Airway Amber 1 (A-1) in Alaska [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2346; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AAL-31] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4868. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Lincoln Airport, Lincoln MT [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0562; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ANM-24] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4869. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Jet Route J-89 and VOR Federal Airway V-161, and Establishment of Canadian RNAV Route Q-834; Northcentral United States [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2493; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AGL-25] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4870. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of VOR Federal Airway V-360; Northcentral United States [Docket No.: FAA-2024-1226; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AGL-40] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4871. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-13, V-133, and V-300, and United States RNAV Route T-331; Establishment of Canadian RNAV Routes Q-924, T-765, T-776, and T-810; and Revocation of Jet Route J-533 and VOR Federal Airway V-348; Northcentral United States [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2326; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AGL-21] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4872. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Yerington Municipal Airport, Yerington, NV [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0635; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AWP-20] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received

July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4873. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Covington, KY [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0543; Airspace Docket No.: 24-ASO-8] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4874. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Cincinnati, OH [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0542; Airspace Docket No.: 24-AGL-8] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4875. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Fort Yates, ND [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0315; Airspace Docket No.: 24-AGL-6] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4876. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of Colored Federal Airway Amber 15 and Amendment of Alaskan Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range Federal Airway V-428 in Alaska [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2363; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AAL-33] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4877. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Greenville, NC [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1004; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ASO-18] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4878. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment and Amendment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Eastern United States [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2040; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AEA-21] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4879. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class C Airspace Description; Manchester Boston Regional Airport, NH [Docket No.: FAA-2024-1457; Airspace Docket No.: 24-AWA-1] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4880. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of VOR Federal Airway V-220 and Revocation of VOR Federal Airways V-79 and V-380 in the Vicinity of Hastings, NE [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2466; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ACE-6] (RIN: 2120-AA66)

received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4881. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-48, V-52, V-216, and V-434, and Revocation of VOR Federal Airway V-206 in the Vicinity of Ottumwa, IA [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2483; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AGL-24] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4882. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0038; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00645-R; Amendment 39-22756; AD 2024-10-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4883. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Restricted Areas R-4201A and R-4201B; Camp Grayling, MI [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1972; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AGL-39] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4884. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31554; Amdt. No. 4120] received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4885. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31553; Amdt. No. 4119] received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4886. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0040; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-01196-T; Amendment 39-22738; AD 2024-08-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4887. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-1471; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00146-T; Amendment 39-22757; AD 2024-10-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4888. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final

rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-1292; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00908-T; Amendment 39-22743; AD 2024-09-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4889. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Leonardo S.p.a. Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0235; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-01376-R; Amendment 39-22747; AD 2024-10-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4890. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2003; Project Identifier AD-2022-01620-T; Amendment 39-22750; AD 2024-10-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4891. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0219; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00764-T; Amendment 39-22755; AD 2024-10-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4892. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-1476; Project Identifier AD-2024-00090-T; Amendment 39-22761; AD 2024-10-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4893. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; GA8 Airvan (Pty) Ltd Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0234; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-01215-A; Amendment 39-22742; AD 2024-08-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4894. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; International Aero Engines, AG Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0041; Project Identifier AD-2024-00032-E; Amendment 39-22764; AD 2024-11-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4895. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's funding opportunity — FY 2025 Airport Terminal Program Notice of Funding Opportunity [FAA-ARP-BIL-G-24-002] received July 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public

Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4896. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of the Upper Cumberland Viticultural Area [Docket No.: TTB-2023-0006; T.D.TTB-194; Re: Notice No. 224] (RIN: 1513-AD02) received July 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-4897. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Section, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Revenue Procedure 2024-28 received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-4898. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Section, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB Only rule — Transitional Relief Under Sections 3403, 3406, 6721, 6722, 6651, and 6656 with Respect to the Reporting of Information and Backup Withholding on Digital Assets by Brokers under Section 6045 [Notice 2024-56] received July 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-4899. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Section, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Reporting and Penalty Relief for Brokers for Certain Digital Asset Transactions Under Section 6045 [Notice 2024-57] received July 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-4900. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Section, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Certain Exceptions to the 10 Percent Additional Tax Under Code Section 72(t) [Notice 2024-55] received July 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[The following action occurred on July 12, 2024]

Mr. HARRIS: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 9027. A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-583). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WOMACK: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 9028. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-584). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ADERHOLT: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 9029. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-585). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Submitted July 15, 2024]

Mr. McHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 7280. A bill to require the Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to testify before the Congress annually, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-586). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ALFORD:

H.R. 9030. A bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the "Regulatory Flexibility Act"), to ensure complete disclosure of an agency's annual regulatory agenda; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STAUBER:

H.R. 9031. A bill to require Federal agency heads to submit a report on the implementation of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. MALOY:

H.R. 9032. A bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the "Regulatory Flexibility Act"), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BEAN of Florida:

H.R. 9033. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to apply regulatory flexibility analysis requirements for the Department of Labor; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. BOEBERT (for herself, Mr. BURCHETT, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Mr. POSEY):

H.R. 9034. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the salary of the Director of the United States Secret Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself and Mr. WALTZ):

H.R. 9035. A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, to expand eligibility for certain benefits that arise from the death of a member of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana:

H.R. 9036. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for cancellation or repay-

ment for Small Business Administration disaster loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. EZELL):

H.R. 9037. A bill to require the development of a workforce plan for the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. COSTA (for himself, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. CORREA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. NICKEL, Mr. VALADAO, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ):

H.R. 9038. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to modernize and enhance the fair distribution of the Postal Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 9039. A bill to require the Interagency Working Group on Toxic Exposure to conduct research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of descendants of individuals exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DONALDS (for himself and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY):

H.R. 9040. A bill to require covered agencies to issue strategy and implementation plans for the transfer of credit, guarantee, and insurance risk to the private sector, to require the implementation of such plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. BACON, and Ms. DELBENE):

H.R. 9041. A bill to amend section 431 of the Social Security Act to include peer mentoring service programs in the provision of certain services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 9042. A bill to provide for civilian agency artificial intelligence watermarks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 9043. A bill to provide for Federal civilian agency laboratory development for testing and certification of artificial intelligence for civilian agency use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 9044. A bill to provide for citizen engagement on the development and adoption of Federal civilian agency use of artificial intelligence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. McCORMICK (for himself, Mr. LOUDERMILK, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H.R. 9045. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to exempt entities subject to taxation under section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 from certain beneficial ownership reporting requirements; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MCGARVEY:

H.R. 9046. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform and enhance the pay

of Board of Veterans' Appeals attorneys for recruitment and retention and to increase the decision quality and claims processing speed of the Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NEHLS (for himself and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 9047. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to kidnapping, sexual abuse, and illicit sexual conduct with respect to minors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 9048. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish an educational assistance program to encourage the enlistment of persons in, and retention of members of, the District of Columbia National Guard by providing to certain such members financial assistance to attend undergraduate, vocational, or technical courses; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Ms. PRESSLEY):

H.R. 9049. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to provide coordinated care through a pregnancy medical home for high-risk pregnant women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. PELTOLA (for herself, Mr. MOYLAN, and Mr. HORSFORD):

H.R. 9050. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program for the transportation of veterans who reside in highly rural areas to medical facilities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. MOULTON, and Ms. JACKSON LEE):

H.R. 9051. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand trauma-informed training for law enforcement personnel related to sexual assault cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself and Mr. LAHOOD):

H.R. 9052. A bill to extend the authority for the joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility demonstration fund; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H. Res. 1359. A resolution condemning the atrocities that occurred in New Orleans, Louisiana, on July 30, 1866, in which a White supremacist mob brutalized, terrorized, and killed dozens of Black Americans, and reaffirming the commitment of the House of Representatives to supporting the fundamental right to vote and to combating hatred, injustice, and White supremacy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MOSKOWITZ (for himself and Mr. GAETZ):

H. Res. 1360. A resolution honoring former fire department chief Corey Comperatore who was killed while shielding his family during the attempted assassination of the former President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

ML-138. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 102, to memorialize the United States Congress to protect consumers from government interference by opposing congressional efforts to prevent surcharges or an extra fee when a customer chooses to pay with a credit card; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

ML-139. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Resolution No. 321, to urge and request the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take action on feral hog toxicant testing and registration; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Agriculture.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. ALFORD:

H.R. 9030.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 "The Congress shall have power to . . . provide for the . . . general welfare of the United States; . . ."

The single subject of this legislation is:

Requires agencies to fully report on the impact of their rules.

By Mr. STAUBER:

H.R. 9031.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 "The Congress shall have power to . . . provide for the . . . general welfare of the United States; . . ."

The single subject of this legislation is:

Requiring agencies to report to Congress how they determine a rule's impact on businesses.

By Ms. MALOY:

H.R. 9032.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 "The Congress shall have power to . . . provide for the . . . general welfare of the United States; . . ."

The single subject of this legislation is:

Requires agencies to include the full impact of their rules in agency analyses of such rules.

By Mr. BEAN of Florida:

H.R. 9033.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 "The Congress shall have power to . . . provide for the . . . general welfare of the United States; . . ."

The single subject of this legislation is:

Expands SBREFA panels to the Department of Labor

By Ms. BOEBERT:

H.R. 9034.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for the salary of the Director of the United States Secret Service, Kimberly Cheatle.

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 9035.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution which provides Congress with the power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises in order to provide for the general Welfare of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill subject is Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and Delayed Entry Program benefits.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana:

H.R. 9036.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (Spending Clause) and Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 (Necessary and Proper Clause)

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Small Business Act to provide for cancellation or repayment for Small Business Administration disaster loans, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana:

H.R. 9037.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (Spending Clause) and Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 (Necessary and Proper Clause)

The single subject of this legislation is:

FEMA Workforce Planning.

By Mr. COSTA:

H.R. 9038.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend title 39, United States Code, to modernize and enhance the fair distribution of the Postal Service, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 9039.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the Interagency Working Group on Toxic Exposure to conduct research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of descendants of individuals exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the * * *

By Mr. DONALDS:

H.R. 9040.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art 1, Sec. 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Instructs federal agencies with credit, guarantee, or insurance risk on their balance sheets to develop and implement strategies to transfer such risk to the private sector to the maximum extent possible.

By Mr. EVANS:

H.R. 9041.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 3 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill promotes the peer mentoring among parents and families throughout the services that may be provided under Title IV-B of the Social Security Act.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 9042.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 . . . "Provide for the common defense and general Welfare of the United States; . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with the Tribes . . . To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill, should it become law, would ensure that civilian agency use of AI is transparent. The measure would combat deceptive or forged AI posing as sourced from a Federal civilian agency.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 9043.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 . . . Provide for the common defense and general Welfare of the United States; . . . To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill, should it become law, would establish the process for building competency and capacity to test and train Artificial Intelligence for use by civil federal agencies.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 9044.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 . . . "Provide for the common defense and general Welfare of the United States, . . . To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution In the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill, should it become law, would establish a process for engaging the American public in a dialogue about Artificial Intelligence and its use by federal civilian agencies. The bill provides for a series of in-person and virtual listening sessions around the nation.

By Mr. MCCORMICK:

H.R. 9045.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Commerce

By Mr. MCGARVEY:

H.R. 9046.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Veterans

By Mr. NEHLS:

H.R. 9047.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend title 18, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to kidnapping, sexual abuse, and illicit sexual conduct with respect to minors.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 9048.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clauses 16 and 17 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would permanently authorize funding for the Major General David F. Wherley, Jr., District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Program, which provides financial assistance for higher education to members of the D.C. National Guard.

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa:
H.R. 9049.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is: To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to provide coordinated care through a pregnancy medical home for high-risk pregnant women, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. PELTOLA:
H.R. 9050.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to Article 1, Congress has the power to enact this legislation.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To establish a grant program for the transportation of veterans for medical appointments.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:
H.R. 9051.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

[The Congress shall have Power . . .] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill expands trauma-informed training for law enforcement personnel related to sexual assault cases by creating a grant program under the Department of Health and Human Services for state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies to establish and expand training to increase understanding and awareness of the impact of trauma on sexual assault cases and develop strategies for trauma-informed responses

By Mr. SCHNEIDER:
H.R. 9052.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: to extend the authorization of the joint DOD-VA medical facility demonstration fund.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 14: Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 20: Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER.
H.R. 235: Ms. SEWELL and Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK.
H.R. 396: Ms. BUSH and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 592: Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 802: Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina.
H.R. 827: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 838: Mr. MOLINARO.
H.R. 871: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
H.R. 926: Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. VARGAS.

H.R. 932: Ms. LEE of Nevada and Mrs. RAMIREZ.
H.R. 1002: Ms. BROWN and Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 1015: Mr. TORRES of New York.
H.R. 1118: Mr. RYAN, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. SEWELL, and Mr. PASCARELL.
H.R. 1507: Mr. HORSFORD and Mr. SHERMAN.
H.R. 1572: Mr. CASAR, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. BERA, Mr. AGUILAR, and Ms. BUSH.
H.R. 1645: Mr. FLOOD.
H.R. 1649: Mr. DELUZZIO.
H.R. 1708: Ms. STANSBURY and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.
H.R. 1757: Ms. SALINAS.
H.R. 1764: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia and Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas.
H.R. 1831: Mr. NICKEL, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. HILL, and Mr. CASTRO of Texas.
H.R. 2422: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.
H.R. 2620: Mr. HARRIS.
H.R. 2742: Mr. EVANS.
H.R. 2821: Mr. CASTEN.
H.R. 2892: Mrs. DINGELL.
H.R. 2923: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois and Mrs. PELTOLA.
H.R. 2941: Mrs. KIM of California.
H.R. 3151: Mr. EVANS.
H.R. 3186: Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 3270: Mr. STEUBE.
H.R. 3611: Mr. MOOLENAAR.
H.R. 3646: Ms. WILD.
H.R. 3773: Mr. GARBARINO.
H.R. 3875: Mrs. TORRES of California.
H.R. 4034: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Ms. ROSS, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 4077: Mr. LEVIN.
H.R. 4170: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
H.R. 4266: Ms. BONAMICI.
H.R. 4333: Mr. GALLEGRO.
H.R. 4335: Mr. COLE and Mr. OBERNOLTE.
H.R. 4363: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, and Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 4587: Mr. BEAN of Florida.
H.R. 4721: Mr. TURNER.
H.R. 4771: Mr. MULLIN.
H.R. 4818: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.
H.R. 4829: Mr. HARDER of California.
H.R. 4878: Mr. HARDER of California.
H.R. 4936: Ms. BONAMICI.
H.R. 4942: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.
H.R. 4965: Mrs. DINGELL.
H.R. 5103: Mr. MULLIN.
H.R. 5290: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
H.R. 5292: Ms. HOULAHAN and Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
H.R. 5293: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
H.R. 5294: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
H.R. 5295: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
H.R. 5387: Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 5435: Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 5566: Mr. FROST and Mr. ESPAILLAT.
H.R. 5646: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H.R. 5741: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.
H.R. 6023: Mrs. TORRES of California.
H.R. 6296: Mr. SMITH of Washington.
H.R. 6348: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.
H.R. 6394: Ms. JACKSON LEE.
H.R. 6504: Mr. OGLE.
H.R. 6600: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
H.R. 6613: Mrs. HINSON and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 6663: Mr. LAWLER.
H.R. 6751: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.
H.R. 6928: Mr. SCHNEIDER.
H.R. 6951: Mr. GAETZ and Mr. WENSTRUP.
H.R. 6957: Mr. MEUSER, Mr. BURCHETT, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.
H.R. 7050: Mr. D'ESPOSITO.
H.R. 7056: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. CASE, and Mr. CORREA.

H.R. 7127: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 7213: Ms. STEVENS and Ms. BUDZINSKI.
H.R. 7274: Mr. MULLIN.
H.R. 7438: Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. BOST, and Mr. MURPHY.
H.R. 7470: Mr. WITTMAN.
H.R. 7479: Mr. NEHLS.
H.R. 7600: Mr. MULLIN.
H.R. 7643: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 7764: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mr. EDWARDS.
H.R. 7770: Mr. ALFORD, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. CAREY, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.
H.R. 7771: Mr. PANETTA.
H.R. 7824: Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 7842: Ms. BROWNLEY and Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 7894: Mr. MFUME.
H.R. 7921: Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 8005: Ms. SPANBERGER and Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 8045: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.
H.R. 8061: Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. COLE, and Mr. LANGWORTHY.
H.R. 8164: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas and Mr. LYNCH.
H.R. 8271: Ms. CHU.
H.R. 8404: Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 8426: Mr. KIM of New Jersey and Mr. SABLAN.
H.R. 8434: Mr. BURGESS and Mr. LUTTRELL.
H.R. 8451: Mr. VALADAO.
H.R. 8489: Ms. MACE, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. LANGWORTHY, and Ms. BUDZINSKI.
H.R. 8560: Ms. NORTON and Mr. THOMPSON of California.
H.R. 8564: Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 8594: Mr. HARRIS.
H.R. 8609: Mr. ESPAILLAT.
H.R. 8639: Mr. MAGAZINER.
H.R. 8641: Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California and Mr. SCHIFF.
H.R. 8693: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas and Mr. BENTZ.
H.R. 8706: Mr. ROSE.
H.R. 8734: Mr. GUEST and Mr. NORMAN.
H.R. 8777: Mr. BARR, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. CLOUD, and Mrs. HOUCHIN.
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H.R. 8811: Mr. PANETTA.
H.R. 8825: Ms. KELLY of Illinois and Mr. MFUME.
H.R. 8842: Mr. CLEAVER.
H.R. 8867: Ms. JACOBS.
H.R. 8912: Mr. PANETTA.
H.R. 8926: Mr. CASTRO of Texas.
H.R. 8936: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 8941: Mr. LANGWORTHY.
H.R. 8942: Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.
H.R. 8961: Mr. MULLIN.
H.R. 8985: Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. GUEST, and Mr. LAMALFA.
H.R. 8988: Mr. DELUZZIO.
H.R. 8995: Mr. EVANS and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.
H.R. 9010: Mr. BURLISON.
H.R. 9013: Ms. BONAMICI and Mr. HUFFMAN.
H.R. 9017: Mr. BRECHEEN.
H.J. Res. 13: Mrs. RAMIREZ.
H.J. Res. 72: Mr. CLEAVER.
H.J. Res. 82: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. DELUZZIO.
H.J. Res. 159: Mr. BENTZ.
H.J. Res. 167: Mr. BURLISON.
H.J. Res. 171: Mr. POSEY.
H. Con. Res. 119: Mr. Cárdenas.
H. Res. 345: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
H. Res. 439: Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.
H. Res. 486: Ms. LOFGREN.
H. Res. 625: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.
H. Res. 1012: Mr. MOYLAN.
H. Res. 1148: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. BURLISON, and Mr. HILL.
H. Res. 1199: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey.
H. Res. 1286: Mr. MAGAZINER.
H. Res. 1305: Mr. MEUSER, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. BABIN.

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H. Res. 1327: Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. NORTON, and
Ms. CHU.
H. Res. 1329: Mr. POCAN.
H. Res. 1348: Ms. HOULAHAN.
H. Res. 1353: Mr. COHEN.
H. Res. 1354: Mr. COHEN.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

PT-17. The SPEAKER presented a petition
of the President and CEO on behalf of the
Board of Directors of Red River Bank, rel-

ative to urging Congress to hold a hearing
regarding the ability for tax-exempt credit
unions to acquire banks; which was referred
to the Committee on Financial Services.



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Senate

The Senate met at 11:16 and 31 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable GARY C. PETERS, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following Letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 15, 2024.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable GARY C. PETERS, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. PETERS thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY,
JULY 18, 2024, at 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 10 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:17 and 4 seconds a.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 10 a.m.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES
"RANDY" SMITH

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of James "Randy" Smith, who passed away on March 12th, at the age of 79. Mr. Smith dedicated his life to public service and the well-being of Virginians.

Mr. Smith was born in Martinsville, Virginia on March 7, 1945. He graduated from Martinsville High School.

His interest in further education led him to Randolph-Macon College and the University of Virginia's School of Law. Upon graduation from the University of Virginia, Mr. Smith began a legal career in Martinsville City's Commonwealth's Attorney office. He served as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney before being elected as Martinsville's Commonwealth's Attorney, through which he served many terms. His masterful development as a legal mind earned him praise from his community, who often referred to him as a walking codebook.

His outstanding service to the Commonwealth would continue under the administration of Governor Jim Gilmore, where Mr. Smith was appointed to work for Virginia's Department of Rail and Public Transportation, as well as the State's Charitable Gaming Commission.

Mr. Smith's love for his community did not wane. He returned to the Martinsville area, working as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Henry County for over a decade. Despite retiring in 2015, he still served in an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney's capacity when needed in Martinsville City, Henry County and Patrick County.

Mr. Smith was a man of profound faith who valued his lifelong membership in the Broad Street Christian Church. He also was a member of the Martinsville Rotary Club.

He is survived by his cousins, Dr. John R. Smith, Jane Clark Moorman and J. Hubert Smith, Jr.

RECOGNIZING MR. DON JOHNSON
AS A LIVING LEGEND

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Don "The Energizer" Johnson, an outstanding and dedicated leader in the South Dallas community. Johnson has dedicated his life to serving and uplifting those around him. As a member of the Dallas South Lions Club and founder of Welcome House, Inc., he has helped those facing difficulty to get the resources they need to acclimate back into society. For more than 50 years, Johnson

has set an example for all members of the community to follow.

As a founder of Welcome House, he brought much needed resources to those battling with alcohol, drug, and HIV/AIDS related issues. Johnson became the first African American president of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions and served in various roles in the Dallas South Lions Club, the Dalclif-Wynnewood Lions Club and associate member of the Duncanville Lions Club. Through the Lions Club he has served on the boards of Lions Youth Camp, Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation, Lions Club's Charities and many other Lions Club activities. He also serves on Duncanville's Citizens on Patrol program, the Duncanville Park Board, and chairman of the Welfare Board, Mr. Johnson has committed his life to being an active community leader. He is vocal about the issues facing our community and ensures that others know that their voice matters too. A member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Johnson teaches classes for deacons and elders, and is a mentor to youth in the community. Mr. Johnson is a family man, and is a proud father to six daughters, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, and a great-great grandfather.

We are indebted to the service that Johnson has provided to the South Dallas community and Texas' 30th Congressional District. I am proud to recognize such an extraordinary constituent who is the embodiment of faith, perseverance, and community. May we all strive to live a life of service like Mr. Don Johnson.

RECOGNIZING THE GRADUATION
OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE
AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT'S
161ST RECRUIT CLASS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the graduates of the 161st Class. As they prepare to join the ranks of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, I encourage the 24 graduates to reflect on the history of the department and the contributions and dedication of the brave men and women who have served before them to protect our community.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Recruit School consists of an extensive and demanding 24-week program. In addition to two weeks of orientation, recruits completed nine weeks of EMT training and eleven weeks of fire suppression training. Upon graduation, these recruits will be certified at the level of Firefighter I/II by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

These recruits have the distinct honor of joining one of the best Fire and Rescue Departments in the United States. The efforts of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Depart-

ment have been recognized across this country. Members from the Department serve on the elite VA Task Force 1, which is among the first units called to disaster zones to provide search and rescue support. Members of that Task Force were recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs with the Benjamin Franklin Award for Valor as a result of their efforts in the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes that struck Nepal in 2015.

Fairfax County is fortunate to have such excellent ambassadors for our community and I commend them for all that they have done to protect lives and property not only here in Fairfax County, but around the world. As the newest members of the Fire and Rescue Department, the 161st Recruit Class graduates join the department as integral parts of our community's emergency response and public safety team. I am confident that this graduating class will serve the residents of Fairfax County with honor and distinction. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 161st Recruit Class:

Ramere S. Bethea
Andre M. Morris
Alex D. Bowers
Marshall E. Neel
Joshua L. Bright
Alex F. Padilla-Aguilar
Emilio C. De Leon
Colin J. Reilly
Ian S. Dingman
Jorge A. Reyna-Guzman
Alexander T. Eiben
Ahmad C. Richardson
Spencer K. Engel-Natzke
Dean A. Rocco
Cody W. Fischer
Jake L. Schoffelen
Angelo J. Gannon
Han E. Tak
Archie L. Haines
Nikita D. Timashev
Stephen J.D. Hayes
Christopher J. Venditti
Margaret E. Leatherland
Andrew R. Wilvert

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newest members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. I thank them for their service to their community and to all members of the Fire and Rescue Department, past and present, I say: "Stay safe."

RECOGNIZING THE KELLAM HIGH
SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Kellam High School Softball Team on winning the Class 5 Region A Championship.

As their Congresswoman, I am proud of these young athletes and their recent achievement.

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Located in Virginia Beach, Virginia, the Kellam High School Knights were able to bring the Class 5 Region A Championship back home to their fellow students, faculty, families, and friends through their hard work and dedication to their team. The Kellam High School Softball Team fought their way to victory, defeating their opponents in a close game ending in a three to two win, and defending their regional championship from last season, defeated their opponents in overtime, finishing the game eight to seven.

As a former athlete myself, I want each of these young women to know Virginia's 2nd District is extremely proud of their accomplishment and applauds them on their well-earned victory. Again, congratulations to the Kellam High School Softball Team on the Class 5 Region A Championship.

WISHING DR. FRANK WALERKO A
VERY HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate and wish a very happy and special 100th birthday to World War II and Korean War veteran Frank Walerko, M.D.

Born on July 28, 1924, Dr. Walerko embodies what it means to be a member of the "Greatest Generation." When the forces of fascism and tyranny threatened the peace, security, and freedom of millions upon millions of people throughout the world, Frank answered the call to serve. Frank served in the Navy during World War II, and later as a Captain in the Army Medical Corp during the Korean War.

President Reagan reminded us that freedom is fragile and must constantly be fought for and guarded by each generation. That noble mission is exactly what Dr. Walerko helped carry out when he wore the uniform of the United States Military. Because of the service and sacrifice of veterans, generations of Americans have been able to experience the blessings of liberty and live in a land that is free. For that, all of us owe Frank and his fellow veterans a debt that we can never fully repay.

In addition to his military service, Dr. Walerko holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Notre Dame, and his Medical Degree from the St. Louis University School of Medicine. He also established a family practice in Mishawaka and South Bend, where he met the specific medical needs of Hoosiers in our area.

As Dr. Walerko celebrates a century of life well lived, I Join Hoosiers throughout Indiana's Second District and beyond in wishing Frank a very happy 100th birthday. I commend him for his loyal service and the many positive contributions he has made to the Second District and our country. May God bless Frank Walerko.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 346 (Dem Motion to Table on H. Res. 1344—Merrick Garland Contempt), and YEA on Roll Call No. 347 (Dem Motion to Refer to the Rules Committee on H. Res. 1344—Merrick Garland Contempt).

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MS. GERTHA LEE STEWART

HON. MICHAEL A. RULLI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. RULLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Gertha Lee Stewart on her 100th birthday. Gertha Lee Stewart is a venerable matriarch who has become the heart and soul of her large family, consisting of 250 members. Her wisdom and love have prospered generations, making her a cherished figure in their lives. Known for her incredible life story, Gertha Lee has been a beacon of strength and resilience.

A devout Christian, Gertha Lee's faith has been the cornerstone of her existence. She has spent countless hours in prayer and service, always ready to lend a helping hand or a listening ear. Her deep spirituality and unwavering commitment to her beliefs have inspired many in her community to find their own paths of faith and devotion.

Beyond her family, Gertha Lee is recognized as a pillar of her community. Her charitable acts, wisdom, and leadership have earned her the respect and admiration of all who know her. Whether organizing community events, supporting local charities, or simply offering sage advice, Gertha Lee Stewart embodies the spirit of kindness and community service, leaving an indelible mark in her wake.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Ms. Gertha Lee Stewart and her family as we congratulate her on 100 years of life. May she continually be a blessing and light to all who know her.

RECOGNIZING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES VIENNA-OAKTON CHAPTER 1116

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Vienna-Oakton Chapter 1116 on its 55th anniversary. The Northern Virginia region is home to tens of thousands of federal employees and many retirees who have chosen to stay in the region. Throughout their careers, these dedicated civil

servants have given their time and effort to serve their fellow Americans, and NARFE has consistently provided them with coordinated support.

Founded in 1921, NARFE is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the earned pay, retirement, and health care benefits of federal employees and retirees as well as their spouses and survivors. Vienna-Oakton Chapter 1116 is one of more than 1,600 NARFE chapters nationwide.

The Charter for Chapter 1116 was signed on June 3, 1969. At that time, the Chapter name was "Vienna," and ended up being changed to "Vienna-Oakton" in 2005. Four of the past presidents are still active in this chapter. Chapter members have had a strong voice in many national and local legislative issues affecting federal retirees, senior citizens, and the public at large. The Board members of Chapter 1116 work to uphold the association's mission and promote the education and welfare of area members and participate in the Virginia Federation of NARFE meetings and conferences.

This chapter's members support and contribute to Alzheimer's Research which had contributions of over \$16 million at the end of April 2024. Chapter 1116 members' contributions helped make Virginia Number One in the nation with a total of over \$37,000 contributed for the last fiscal year. The support of the Vienna-Oakton Chapter, and chapters throughout the country, is vital to the goal of a world without Alzheimer's or dementia.

The Vienna-Oakton Chapter is also very active in the community and has strong ties to civic organizations in the Vienna area. They are a member of the Vienna Business Association, which is the local Chamber of Commerce which promotes growth through professional development, networking, and marketing activities. Chapter 1116 is also active in the local American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180, volunteering at the monthly breakfasts which raise money for scholarships and community activities for children at Easter and Christmas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Vienna-Oakton Chapter 1116 for fifty-five years of dedicated service to Northern Virginia's federal employees. These individuals are the lifeblood of our federal government. I am grateful for their service and proud to represent such outstanding individuals. I wish them the best on their anniversary, and continued success in future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST COLONIAL WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the First Colonial Women's Tennis Team on winning the Class 5 Region A Championship.

As their Congresswoman, I am proud of these young athletes and their recent achievement.

Located in Virginia Beach, Virginia, the First Colonial Patriots were able to bring the Class

5 Region A Championship back home to their fellow students, faculty, families, and friends through their hard work and dedication to their team. The First Colonial Women's Tennis Team fought their way to victory after five hours of play. Coach Diane Deaton continued to encourage her team, even when the odds were not in their favor, and led the team to a five to four victory.

As a former athlete myself, I want each of these young women to know Virginia's 2nd District is extremely proud of their accomplishment and applauds them on their well-earned victory. Again, congratulations to the First Colonial Women's Tennis Team on their Class 5 Region A Championship win.

OPPOSING H.R. 8281—SAVE ACT

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD a letter from the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights that indicates the strong opposition to the SAVE Act of 146 local, state, and national organizations.

MAY 16, 2024.

Hon. BRYAN STEEL,
Chair, Committee on House Administration,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JOE MORELLE,
Ranking Member, Committee on House Administration,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIR STEEL AND RANKING MEMBER MORELLE: On behalf of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a coalition of national organizations committed to promoting and protecting the civil and human rights of all persons in the United States, the Declaration for American Democracy, a coalition of local, state, and national organizations working to strengthen U.S. democracy; and the undersigned 123 organizations, we write in strong opposition to the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act.

Congress has a pivotal constitutional responsibility to safeguard free and fair elections and to ensure all Americans have the freedom to vote. The SAVE Act represents a dangerous departure from fulfilling this vital duty. The bill's requirement of documentary proof of American citizenship to register to vote in federal elections is wholly based on falsehoods and, even worse, seeks to promote fear-mongering and divisive rhetoric. Instead of proceeding with this legislation, Congress should take actions that will help voters and promote democracy such as passing legislation that will strengthen protections against discrimination in voting and expand access to the ballot for all communities.

The SAVE Act is both unnecessary and dangerous. Our electoral system already deploys processes to ensure that our elections are secure and that only eligible voters are participating in our democracy. Voters in every state are already required to affirm or verify their citizenship status when registering to vote. State election officials already have in place existing systems to verify an individual's voter eligibility and ensure voter rolls are accurate.

Moreover, federal law already prohibits noncitizens from voting in federal elections. Every single state bans noncitizens from voting in state elections. These protections have proven very effective, given that there is simply no evidence of widespread noncit-

izen voting in elections. Indeed, it defies logic that non-U.S. citizens would risk their immigration status, the potential of criminal prosecution, future opportunity for naturalization, and freedom for themselves and their families by unlawfully committing an affirmative act to vote in an election in which they are prohibited from participating. The penalties for registering or voting as a non-U.S. citizen include imprisonment or deportation. The risks for any non-U.S. citizen to vote in a federal election are serious and steep, and our laws already effectively prevent significant unlawful voter registration and voting.

Introduction and advancement of this bill is the most recent example of what has been a string of recent efforts to make voter registration and voting more difficult, particularly for voters of color. False claims of non-citizen voting have been disingenuously used to enact more onerous voter identification requirements, limitations on voter assistance in languages other than English, and attempts to spread misinformation about voting. This legislation seeks to intimidate members of immigrant communities and communities of color from exercising their lawful right to vote. It also would make it harder for voters of color and naturalized citizens to register to vote and would prevent their full participation in democracy. These are already communities who are unfairly targeted by anti-immigrant policies at the federal, state, and local level. Congress should be doing everything possible to encourage and promote the political participation of these citizens, rather than seeking to diminish it through threats and fear tactics.

Legislation like the SAVE Act is intended to elicit irrational fear of the growing number of citizens of color. Congress should instead act to ensure that every eligible U.S. citizen has the freedom to vote unimpeded by discriminatory rules rooted in fear and division. We urge you to instead focus on passing real pro-voter reforms to ensure that everyone can fully participate in our democracy. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Proll, senior director of the voting rights program at The Leadership Conference, at proll@civilrights.org.

Sincerely,

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; Declaration for American Democracy; 18by Vote; Accountable US; Advancement Project; AFT; All About The Ballots; All On The Line; All Voting Is Local Action; America's Voice; American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD); American Association of University Women (AAUW); American Civil Liberties Union; American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees; Arab American Institute (AAI); Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF); Asian Americans Advancing Justice—AAJC; Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIA Vote); Autistic Self Advocacy Network.

Baltimore County Progressive Democrats Club; Black Voters Matter Fund; Brennan Center for Justice; Campaign Legal Center; Carolina Jews for Justice; Center for Common Ground; Center for Living & Working, Inc.; Center for Popular Democracy; Chicago Survivors; Chispa LCV; CivicGeorgia; Clean Elections Texas; Coalition on Human Needs; Common Cause; Common Defense; Communications Workers of America; Courage for America; Defend Democracy; DemCast USA; Democracy 21.

Democracy Maine; Democracy Matters; Democracy SENTRY; Demos; Detroit Disability Power; End Citizens United // Let America Vote Action Fund; Fair Elections Center; Faith Commons; Faith in Public Life Action; Fix Democracy First; FLIC Votes; Free Speech For People; Georgia Coalition

for the Peoples Agenda; Get Money Out—Maryland; Government Information Watch; Greenpeace USA; HeadCount; Helping Hands Outreach Services of Mississippi; Hip Hop Caucus; Indivisible Santa Fe.

Interfaith Alliance; Japanese American Citizens League; JustLeadership USA; LDF; League of Conservation Voters; League of Women Voters of the United States; MALDEF; Memphis APRI; Missouri Voter Protection Coalition; MomsRising; MoveOn; Muslims for Community, Action and Support (MCAS); N.C. For the People Action; NALEO Educational Fund; National Action Network; National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA); National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities; National Association of Social Workers; National Community Action Partnership; National Council of Jewish Women.

National Disability Rights Network (NDRN); National Education Association; National Employment Law Project; National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC); National Urban League; Native American Rights Fund; NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice; New Georgia Project Action Fund; Out of Many 1 Advocacy; People For the American Way; People Power United; Pride at Work; Project On Government Oversight; Protect Democracy; Public Citizen; RepresentUs; RespectAbility; Safer Country; Scrutineers; Secure Elections Network; Southern Poverty Law Center Action Fund.

Stand UP Alaska; Stand Up America; State Voices; Storied Analytics LLC; The National Vote; The Workers Circle; Transformative Justice Coalition; Transparency International U.S.; Un-PAC; UnidosUS; Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice; United Church of Christ; Vote.org; Voter Participation Center; Voters Rights and Protection Taskforce; Voto Latino; WALKING TO FIX OUR DEMOCRACY; We Are All America; Westchester for Change; Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center; Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice; Women's March; WV Citizen Action; WV FREE (West Virginia Focus: Reproductive Education and Equity); ZERO TO THREE.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF HUGH ARMSTRONG

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. GOODEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Hugh Armstrong, a dedicated civic leader and former district manager of the Athens office of Texas Power and Light, who passed away on Monday at the age of 84. Hugh Armstrong managed TP&L's Athens office from 1982 to 2002. In 1987, his outstanding contributions to the community were recognized when he was named Athens Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Armstrong served as president of the Athens Chamber of Commerce, the Athens Economic Development Corporation, and the Athens Rotary Club. Hugh was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his substantial contributions to Rotary's humanitarian and educational programs. In 2014, Keep Athens Beautiful awarded Hugh the Margaret Myers Award for his dedicated service. When the city reorganized its Park Board in 2015, Hugh was chosen as Vice Chairman.

Born in Paris, Texas, Hugh graduated from high school in 1958 and earned a bachelor's

degree from North Texas State University, where he met his wife, Carol. After graduation, he served in the Marine Corps from 1962 to 1968 as a long-range artillery specialist. For 42 years, Hugh was a devoted and respected member of Athens Methodist Church.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Hugh's family and friends. His memory will not be soon forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF HERNDON-RESTON FISH AND THE 2024 STARFISH HONOREES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 55th Anniversary of Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. and the 2024 "StarFISH" Honorees.

Since 1969, Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. has provided Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help for neighbors in need in Reston and Herndon. FISH meets immediate critical needs for rental assistance, furniture, utilities, medical care, and other emergencies. FISH also manages a thrift shop, operates an information and referral service, and offers financial workshops to provide clients with the tools necessary to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

During fiscal year 2023, FISH helped with rent, utilities, prescription costs, and more for 1,906 families, or almost 7,000 people, which totaled \$446,448 monthly. During the winter holiday season, FISH provided gift cards totaling almost \$11,000 to 218 families, made up of 894 individuals, of which 57 percent were children 18 and younger. In addition to the gift cards, they provided 510 holiday gifts to children in Herndon and Reston. FISH was also able to purchase \$42,500 in grocery gift cards with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to help with their food assistance programs.

At its annual gala, FISH recognizes individuals and companies who have made extraordinary contributions over the past year. I am pleased to include in the RECORD the names of the 2024 "StarFISH" honorees.

Elliot Wicks is President of the Herndon-Reston FISH Board and their webmaster. He enjoys the comradery with the Board, staff, volunteers, and others. Elliot is impressed and inspired by their dedication and skill and is passionate about FISH's mission of helping people in need.

Renee Boyle, a FISH Emergency Assistance Volunteer and FISH Fling Auction Co-Chair, became interested in FISH five years ago. Renee hopes to honor her mother's work as a social worker through volunteer efforts with FISH. Renee continues to be an advocate for FISH because the need for their services continues to grow in our communities.

Sheila Grooms is a FISH Emergency Assistance Volunteer. When her daughter was two years old, Sheila became a single parent and received help from a church to get herself on her feet. Sheila has been paying this assistance forward in her community and has been with HRFISH since 2022. She is motivated by random acts of kindness to her community and is passionate about teaching her grandsons to help their neighbors.

Paulette Makar was introduced to The Bargain Loft when she was looking for places

that sold recycled things. It wasn't long before she became a volunteer and has been with The Bargain Loft since 2011. Paulette has continued to add to her responsibilities over the years and is an integral part of the team working at the shop. She likes to live by the saying, "Don't count the days or years but make them count."

Rosemary Leonard became a volunteer at The Bargain Loft 11 years ago when she moved to Reston. Rosemary has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to antique and vintage items, so she is a great researcher and pricer at the shop. Rosemary enjoys that FISH brings together a great bunch of people who serve for one purpose: to help people in need—the epitome of volunteerism.

Kurt Rose and Aspen Jewelry Designs is the Corporate StarFISH of the year. Kurt has generously given his time and expertise in helping The Bargain Loft. Over the years, Kurt has graciously evaluated many of the jewelry donations pro bono and has given The Bargain Loft checks for broken jewelry that would not otherwise generate revenue.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Herndon-Reston FISH for 55 years of service. I also extend my personal congratulations to this year's honorees and express my sincere appreciation to these individuals for contributing their time and energy to helping the most vulnerable in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE OCEAN LAKES BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Ocean Lakes Baseball Team on winning the Class 5 Region A Championship.

As their Congresswoman, I am proud of these young athletes and their recent achievement.

Located in Virginia Beach, Virginia, the Ocean Lakes Dolphins were able to bring the Class 5 Region A Championship back home to their fellow students, faculty, families, and friends through their hard work and dedication to their team. Ocean Lakes baseball coach, Pete Zell, led his students to an eight to six victory to take home the regional championship, concluding an amazing season.

As a former athlete myself, I want each of these young men to know Virginia's 2nd District is extremely proud of their accomplishment and applauds them on their well-earned victory. Again, congratulations to the Ocean Lakes Baseball Team on their Class 5 Region A Championship win.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HAROLD SLEMP

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Harold Slemp, who passed away on April 20th, at the age of 89.

Mr. Slemp was born in Sugar Grove, Virginia on October 10, 1934. He mostly grew up in Marion, Virginia.

In 1957, Mr. Slemp graduated with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from Virginia Tech.

The insurance industry welcomed Mr. Slemp's hard work and dedication. He began a business career with Allstate Insurance in Roanoke, Virginia before returning to Marion, where he started as an insurance agent and later became president of Giles and Miles Insurance company. His run as president and a leading insurance voice would last forty years.

As a successful insurance agent, his customers and colleagues appreciated his work and recognized him. The Independent Insurance Agents of Virginia offered Mr. Slemp to serve one term as chairman of their association. He was awarded the "Golden Eagle" for his outstanding contributions to the insurance industry, and named agent of the year.

The well-being of others was of particular interest to Mr. Slemp. He served a term on Smyth County's Board of Supervisors, served as president of the Marion Lions Club, chairman of the Smyth County Chamber of Commerce. Also, Governor George Allen appointed Mr. Slemp to the Charitable Gaming Commission, which included a two-year stint as chairman. His charity and service to his community were well-documented.

Mr. Slemp cared much for serving his country. While at Virginia Tech, he served in the university's Corps of Cadets program. In 2007, he was inducted into the "Old Guard" of the Corps of Cadets.

He is survived by his sons, Christopher Slemp (Heidi) of Marion, VA, David Robinson-Slemp of Washington D.C.; daughter, Amy Slemp (Toby) of Gothenburg, Sweden; his "little sister," Mavis Williams (Roger) of Marion, VA; brother, Scottie Slemp (Robin) of Cartersville, GA; sister, Patty Slemp Mauney of Decatur, GA; sisters-in-law, Thelma Mathena (Don) and Nancy Robinson; grandchildren, Thomas, Jacob, Noah, Emma, Austin, Autumn, Alex and Ashlynn; several accomplished nieces, nephews and cousins; godchildren, Andrea Boone and Jenny Boone; and numerous friends.

Smyth County has produced some of the finest human beings I have ever met, Mr. Slemp being one of them. He had profound impacts on his loved ones as a husband, father and family member, and his community as an insurance agent, public official and friend.

I had the honor of knowing Mr. Slemp for many years. When I was younger, Mr. Slemp and his wife would take my mother, sister and me out to lunch at Bailey's cafeteria. This treat was a gesture I remember fondly. He was very good to my family when there was nothing to gain, except the knowledge that he was doing something nice.

As a student at Emory & Henry College, he offered to assist me in any way. He was a leading Republican figure for years and served as Chairman of the Smyth County Republican Committee. He was a big supporter of mine in politics and a good friend. He will be missed by many.

RECOGNIZING JUDY MARTZ

HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the former governor of Montana, Judy Martz. Governor Martz is having her statue unveiled at the Montana State capitol this month. I want to highlight the incredible legacy that Governor Martz has left on our state.

Judy Martz was born on July 28, 1943, in Big Timber, Montana, left an indelible mark on her state's history. Raised by ranching parents, she embodied the spirit of the American West. Her journey from speed skating champion to Montana's first female governor is a testament to her resilience and leadership.

Judy attended Butte High School, graduating in 1961. Her athletic prowess was evident early on, earning her a spot on the 1963 U.S. World Speed Skating Team and later representing the nation at the 1964 Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria. Beyond the ice rink, her ranch upbringing also led her to claim the title of Miss Rodeo Montana in 1962.

In 1965, Judy married Harry Martz, and together they operated a garbage disposal business in Butte. They raised two children, Stacy and Justin. Judy's commitment to her community was unwavering. She served as vice-chair of the St. James Hospital Board of Directors and as President of the Butte Chamber of Commerce.

From 1989 to 1995, Judy worked as a Field Representative for U.S. Senator Conrad Burns. In 1996, Governor Marc Racicot appointed her as Lieutenant Governor, making her the first woman to hold that office in Montana. In 2000, she ran for Governor, partnering with the Honorable Karl Ohs. Despite being outspent by her opponent, Judy took the oath of office on January 2, 2001, becoming Montana's first, and only, female governor.

During her term, Judy focused on education, economic development, and healthcare. Her impact extended beyond politics. She served on the boards of Maternal Life International, University of Montana Western, and the Big Sky State Games. Sadly, in 2014, she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and on October 17, 2017, Montana lost a trailblazer and a dedicated public servant.

Judy Martz's legacy lives on—woman who broke barriers, served her state, and inspired generations.

Mr. Speaker, my esteemed colleagues, I ask you to join me in recognizing the great legacy of the late Judy Martz.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 8772—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2025.

As with all the additional appropriation bills up for consideration on the House Floor, I

strongly oppose the passage of this bill for a myriad of reasons—including the following.

First, although this bill provides for a 3.5 percent increase over FY24 levels, sadly the underlying text contains many of the same harmful partisan policy riders as last year.

In particular, this bill fails to confront the climate crisis by removing a longstanding provision to eliminate or reduce plastic waste across the Legislative Branch and the requirement for Members to lease low-emission vehicles;

contains the repeated misguided and harmful clause prohibiting discrimination against any person with a "sincerely held religious belief, or moral conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman," opening the door for discrimination against LGBTQI+ Members and staff; and

bars funding for any diversity, equity, and inclusion training or implementation, a clear prohibition on the return of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODI) that was eliminated last year.

Indeed, it is truly unfortunate that this bill, like several others that the House Appropriations Committee recently reported, continues the Republican's obsession with cutting federal funds and eliminating programs that help to grow and diversify our country.

Yes, it is certainly a sad day in our nation's government that where we are at a place in time that backtracks and rolls back critical advances in diversity and inclusion.

It is bad enough that last year's bill eliminated dedicated funding for the House Office of Diversity and Inclusion, an office put in place to diversify and expand access to the House of Representatives.

To continue efforts to prohibit any funding for programs and training aimed at supporting diversity, equity and inclusion is simply an untenable legislative policy within our nation's government.

This House should make every effort to be reflective of the ENTIRE Nation we serve, and the districts Members represent.

Which is why I also put forth the following amendment that was shamefully excluded during the Appropriations Committee markup.

The Jackson Lee Amendment No. 30 if adopted would have stricken from the bill Sec. 212, which seeks to prohibit funding to be used for purposes of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion "DEI".

The Legislative Branch bill should never be a place for divisive politics.

Rather, it should be used to ensure Congress has the tools it needs to legislate and support the constituents we serve.

In my home state of Texas, I proudly represent TX-18, a district that embodies the diverse melting pot of America.

According to the Greater Houston Partnership, Houston is one of the most diverse cities in the nation, with no ethnic majority and where nearly one-in-four residents are foreign-born.

Specifically, according to census data, Houston's population is 46.8 percent White, 44.5 percent Hispanic or Latino, 22.6 percent Black, 10.8 percent two or more races, and 6.8 percent Asian.

Additionally, as one of the fastest growing cities in the nation with increasingly important industries, Houston has the opportunity to set the standard for DEI practices in the workforce and society.

Despite dangerous attempts by the Governor of Texas to roll back and strip out DEI across educational and state-wide agencies, we must continue to push back and fight for what is right for our country and for the future generations of our Nation.

I look forward to contributing to diversity efforts around the nation and in my community in Houston.

Yes, it is important to embrace diversity—and it is good for the economy, too.

Not only have waves of immigration changed the face of the nation, but they have also brought in fresh perspectives, skills, and technologies to help the U.S. develop a strong adaptability to change.

It is no secret that economies generally fare better when they openly embrace and capitalize on new ideas.

Cultural diversity is also a mighty economic engine that powers our city, state, and national economy.

Diversity is important in all industries, as it allows businesses to work with a variety of perspectives, which can lead to best results for more communities.

I am a strong proponent of diversity in all of its forms as a means of advancing opportunity, inclusiveness and quality of life for everyone.

As a society, we have collectively directed a critical eye on the injustices that many Americans unfortunately face due to the color of their skin, gender, sexual orientation, migration status, socioeconomic standing.

We cannot let words like diversity, equity and inclusion become tarnished by extremists talking points.

No, DEI is not anathema to a free society, as it has been so disingenuously portrayed.

This pernicious emergence of a counter-narrative to DEI has spread false and dangerous misnomers that diversity and cultural inclusion is the promotion of racism and discrimination and that acknowledging and aiming to redress disparate impact is somehow inherently racist.

As we all know, "equity" literally means "fairness and justice".

How this term has somehow become a dirty word is symbolic of the dangerous territory we are now entering and must remain vigilant in claiming and reclaiming not only the words, but the meanings and actual and true implementation and realization of what we all know (and should know) words like "justice" "fairness", "equality" and "equity" mean and look like.

For these reasons, it is disappointing that this Jackson Lee Amendment No. 30 did not receive the full and fair consideration it deserves.

I respectfully request that my colleagues vote in opposition to H.R. 8772, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2025.

HONORING THE AWARDEES OF
THE ENGLISH EMPOWERMENT
CENTER'S 2024 RECOGNITION
CEREMONY**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the English Empowerment Center

(EEC) and to congratulate the volunteers, instructors, students, community partners, and others who will be recognized at the 62nd EEC Recognition Ceremony.

The mission of EEC is to teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English in order to empower them to participate more fully and confidently in their communities and in society as a whole.

EEC provides the crucial first steps of language and literacy proficiency for workplace, citizenship, and community integration to help adults make measurable improvements in their lives. This past year, they have served over 2,000 adult learners, with the help of at least 500 volunteers who gave over 20,000 hours of service.

Each year EEC recognizes students and members of the community who have contributed their time, energy, and resources to achieving the mission of EEC. EEC will also recognize the recipient of the Patricia M. Donnelly Merit Scholarship along with the Mid Allen Rees Award. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2024 EEC honorees and scholarship recipient:

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Mainstreet Bank
Fairfax County's DPWES, Solid Waste Management
Philip Graham Fund

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Dan Clancy
Eva Kaplan
Kathleen McCleary

PARICIA M. DONNELLY MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENT

Carminia Zurita

MID-ALLEN REES AWARD

Jackie Corkins

I also want to recognize those volunteers who are celebrating service anniversaries with EEC. Volunteers are being recognized for the service milestones of 20, 15, 10, and 5 years.

20 years: Elizabeth Magee

15 years: Naomi Gittins, Mary Kalfatovic, Kenneth Portnoy, Anne Spear

10 years: Mark Charette, Stan Citron, Pam DiRamio, Cheryl Heidel, Corrie Paeglow, Dennis Shannon, Marie Tibor, Linda Zenker

5 years: Parisa Ashraf, Eric Barboriak, Robert Brown, Ann Therese Carlozza, Madeline Chulumovich, Zoe Danon, Jacqueline Davey, Linda Debrewer, Astrid DeJesus Rivera, Eric Dittmeier, Glen Finland, Harriette Kinberg, Nisha Kumar, Karen Lillard, Mario McMillan-Okuadido, Bill Meara, Elaine Michl, Sandra Olson, Debra Pfaff, Ray Potter, Jennifer Pryor-Abraham, Jane Schulman, Maura Sleevi, Natalie Southwood, Anuradha Srirangarajan, Janet Swanson, Kathleen Utgoff, Joy Yamamoto

I have always believed that education is one of the most fundamental and important skills to have in one's life. As we have learned here in our own community, reading is one of the basic foundations on which to build a young person's education and their career opportunities. I want to extend my personal thanks to the Center and its many volunteers for your tireless efforts to promote literacy as a lifelong skill.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the English Empowerment Center and in thanking and congratulating each of the honorees of the 62nd EEC Rec-

ognition Ceremony. I wish all of them great success in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST
COLONIAL WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the First Colonial Women's Soccer Team on winning the Class 5 Region A Championship.

As their Congresswoman, I am proud of these young athletes and their recent achievement.

Located in Virginia Beach, Virginia, the First Colonial Patriots were able to bring the Class 5 Region A Championship back home to their fellow students, faculty, families, and friends through their hard work and dedication to their team. The First Colonial Women's Soccer Head Coach, Joe Tucia, led this talented team to a two to zero victory.

As a former athlete myself, I want each of these young women to know Virginia's 2nd District is extremely proud of their accomplishment and applauds them on their well-earned victory. Again, congratulations to the First Colonial Women's Soccer Team on winning the Class 5 Region A Championship.

CELEBRATING CHEF BOBBY
ANDERSON

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an incredible member of our community, Chef Bobby Anderson. A trailblazing culinary artist, passionate leader, and dedicated mentor, Mr. Anderson has shaped the futures of countless young people in Western New York.

Born and raised in Niagara Falls, Mr. Anderson studied at the Culinary Institute of America, pursuing his passion for sharing culture through food. After graduating, Mr. Anderson returned to Buffalo to begin his career at the Hyatt Regency's EB Green's Steakhouse. Under his leadership, EB Green's Steakhouse was recognized as the fourth-best steakhouse in the nation. Following this success, Mr. Anderson spearheaded the opening of the Seneca Niagara Casino Restaurant and Buffet, which received a four-star recognition.

Mr. Anderson then entered the national culinary stage, competing on Chef Gordon Ramsay's TV series, Hell's Kitchen. His outstanding performance allowed him to finish in the top four. Gordon Ramsay then extended the rare opportunity for Mr. Anderson to work at two of his restaurants in Manchester and London.

Upon returning home to Niagara Falls after his time abroad, Mr. Anderson wanted to use his skills to give back to our community. In 2009, Mr. Anderson founded his nonprofit, Food Based Interventions with Technology, Science, and Energy, better known as F BITES. By providing students with culinary

training, F BITES equips youth with hard and soft skills necessary for their future success in the industry. Over 85 percent of F BITES program graduates have enrolled in higher education or entered the workforce, improving the youth poverty rates and employment rates in Western New York.

Under Mr. Anderson's stellar leadership, F BITES has become a comet stone of our community, Beginning as an afterschool program in Niagara Falls City School District, F BITES has now expanded to over 60 institutions in the region, ranging from schools, community centers, city programs, and reentry initiatives. From opening the first Barista Training Program in America at Niagara Falls High School, to giving students their first job opportunity at F BITES eateries around Niagara Falls, Mr. Anderson has made our community a more equitable place.

Despite his numerous culinary achievements, Mr. Anderson remains most proud of the transformative impact he has had on countless individuals in our community. Today, we thank Chef Bobby Anderson for his tremendous work in using his culinary talent to bring opportunities and joy to all.

RECOGNIZING THE INCREDIBLE
PUBLIC SERVICE OF MR. GREG
PORTER

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Greg Porter, City Manager for the City of Cedar Hill, TX in my District. Mr. Porter assumed this role in January 2015 and has steadfastly served since then. While he has played a key role in putting Cedar Hill on the map and driving the growth of this rapidly developing City, it is important to acknowledge that Mr. Porter strayed away from his core of being a servant.

Mr. Porter began his career with the City of Cedar Hill as an intern in 1987 and has dedicated the entirety of his 37-year career to the city. I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand his unwavering dedication to our neighbors and his unwavering commitment to building community. Serving in roles with the city's planning, parks & recreation, human resources, economic development, public safety, animal control, emergency management, utilities, and public works departments, it's safe to say that Mr. Porter is well-versed with the ins and outs of the city.

Although Mr. Porter is set to retire from the city at the end of this month, I am confident that he will never cease to be the epitome of a true public servant. Because of him, I know that our communities across Cedar Hill have grown stronger, and many will continue to benefit from his leadership, impact, and foundation of service that he laid. Congratulations to Mr. Greg Porter on a job well done.

HONORING FAIRFAX ACE HARDWARE FOR 100 YEARS SERVING THE COMMUNITY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Fairfax Ace Hardware as a cornerstone of the Fairfax neighborhood and an exemplary example of commitment to service, innovation, and community spirit.

From humble beginnings to becoming a cornerstone of neighborhoods all over the country, Ace Hardware has been a hub for DIY enthusiasts, builders, and neighbors alike and since its opening in 2011, Fairfax Ace Hardware has become a helpful place, in more ways than one, for their Fairfax neighbors.

For 13 years, Fairfax Ace Hardware has been more than just a place to purchase tools and grilling supplies. It has been a gathering place where neighbors connect, share stories, and support one another. The employee-owned store's knowledgeable team, led by CEO Craig Smith, has always gone above and beyond to ensure the consistent delivery of outstanding customer service, a dedication to customer service and a no-hassle return policy.

The dedication of the Fairfax Ace Hardware team has led to multiple instances of being noticed by Ace Hardware's national offices, most recently and most monumentally being chosen as one out of ten stores to host a celebration commemorating 100 years of operation of Ace Hardware. This celebration, aptly named "The Biggest Block Party" and hosted on June 29, 2024, serves as a glowing manifestation of years of superb customer service and community engagement.

In addition to retail success, Fairfax Ace Hardware has been an outstanding corporate citizen sponsoring countless Fairfax events, fairs, and initiatives, supporting youth sports teams, and contributing to numerous charitable causes including raising over \$20,000 over the last two years for Children's National Hospital through a national partnership with Ace Hardware. Their generosity and community spirit have left an indelible mark on our town, fostering a sense of unity and pride among its residents.

As we celebrate this achievement, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and deepest gratitude to the Fairfax Ace Hardware team. Your hard work, dedication, and love for our community have made a lasting impact.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Fairfax Ace Hardware for its outstanding contributions to Fairfax and in being an example of Ace Hardware's century long commitment to fostering community spirit. We look forward to many more years of success and service.

RECOGNIZING THE GRASSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the

Grassfield High School Women's Track team on winning the Class 6 Women's State Track Championship.

As their Congresswoman, I am proud of these young athletes and their recent achievement.

Located in Chesapeake, Virginia, the Grassfield High School Grizzly Bears were able to bring the Class 6 Women's State Track Championship back home to their fellow students, faculty, families, and friends through their hard work and dedication to their team. The Grassfield High School Women's Track team star runner, sophomore Sophie Ranbo, took home three top place positions in the 100 meter, 200 meter, and 400 meter dashes. Head coach, James Nixon, led this group of young women to victory and concluded a great season.

As a former athlete myself, I want each of these young women to know Virginia's 2nd District is extremely proud of their accomplishment and applauds them on their well-earned victory. Again, congratulations to the Grassfield High School Women's Track Team on winning the Class 6 Women's State Track Championship.

CONGRATULATING THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (the "Federation") and to congratulate its recently elected officers who will serve in leadership positions for the 2024–2025 term.

Founded in 1940 and re-incorporated in 1995, the Federation is a coalition of civic and homeowner's associations who work together to promote and support initiatives that will benefit the community as a whole. The Federation realized early in its existence that by joining with other civic and homeowner's associations from every corner of the county and speaking with one unified voice, its influence and contributions would be far more powerful and effective.

The Federation is composed of thousands of volunteers who actively participate in matters of local and state government that impact then communities. Individual members serve on countless task forces, boards and commissions to help preserve the quality of life that is enjoyed by all who call Fairfax County home. As a former two-term President of the Federation, I understand that those who volunteer their time, energies, and talents to civic activities play a vital role in making Fairfax County one of the best places in the nation in which to live, work, and raise a family.

The Federation would not be nearly as successful and effective without the leadership of its officers. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the names of the following newly elected Federation officers:

President: Tim Thompson. Tim is currently a Federation Past President and is co-Chair of the Budget Committee and, as co-Chair of the Legislation Committee, fre-

quently represents Federation issues to Fairfax General Assembly members. He served as the Federation delegate to the Fairfax County Redistricting Committee.

First Vice President: Morgan Jameson. Morgan has served the Federation as Corresponding Secretary and as the Federation representative to and Vice Chair of the Fairfax County Airports Advisory Board. He previously served as the Federation 1st Vice President and has represented Federation legislative issues to the Fairfax delegation to the Virginia General Assembly in Richmond.

Second Vice President: Sue Shuman. Sue has served on the Mantua Citizens Association (MCA) Board as president, vice president, and parks and environment chair. Sue is the Neighbor Network founder and president. She previously served on the Federation board as co-Chair of the Citizen Association Services and as an MCA delegate to the Federation. She was appointed in 2021 to the Fairfax County History Commission and has served as treasurer. Sue served on the county's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance Exception Review Committee.

Treasurer: Jeff Parnes. Jeff has been active in the Federation for 20 years, including the elected offices of Treasurer, First Vice President, and President. Jeff is the Federation webmaster and chairs the Transportation, Resolutions, and Citizen of the Year committees. He has been active in Providence, Hunter Mill, and Sully District Councils over his forty-four years in Fairfax County. He served the Sully District Council as its vice-president, president, land use and transportation chair and webmaster. Jeff served as the Greenbriar Civic Association Land Use Committee chair and as President, Treasurer and Civic Affairs Committee chair for the Chantilly Highlands Homes Association.

Recording Secretary: Bill Barfield. Bill is a Federation Past President and a Past 2nd Vice President. He is currently Chair of the Nominations Committee, the Citizen of the Year Committee, and co-Chair of the Legislation Committee from which he produces the annual Federation Legislative Issues report for the Fairfax delegation to the General Assembly. He has been President of two community associations, Chairman of the Braddock District Council of Community Associations, founding member and Vice Chair of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, and was 1st Vice President of his current community.

Corresponding Secretary: Luann Whittenburg. As a Federation member since 2019, Luann is ready to serve as Federation Corresponding Secretary. In 2023, she served on the Federation's Bylaws Committee. Her other community activities include representing the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corp on the Fairfax Citizens Advisory Council, 2022-present. Her ongoing activities in her community association include creating Neighborhood Watch and supporting the annual Fairfax National Night Out and community emergency and disaster preparedness events.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking all of the members of the Fairfax Federation of Civic Associations and in congratulating the 2024–2025 officers on being elected to lead this dynamic organization. I commend them for their efforts on behalf of the community and wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE CAPE HENRY COLLEGIATE GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Cape Henry Collegiate Girls Lacrosse team on winning the 2024 Tidewater Conference of Independent Schools (TCIS) Championship.

As their Congresswoman, I am proud of these young athletes and their recent achievement.

Located in Virginia Beach, Virginia, the Cape Henry Collegiate Dolphins were able to bring the TCIS Championship back home to their fellow students, faculty, families, and friends through their hard work and dedication to their team. The Cape Henry Collegiate Girls Lacrosse Team defeated their opponents in overtime, finishing the game eight to seven. Coach Ashmore Standing received the TCIS co-coach of the year award, and her student, Madeleine Keogh, won TCIS's Player of the Year.

As a former athlete myself, I want each of these young women to know Virginia's 2nd District is extremely proud of their accomplishment and applauds them on their well-earned victory. Again, congratulations to the Cape Henry Collegiate Girls Lacrosse team on the 2024 TCIS Championship.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN C. ELLIS LODGE NO. 17 BASED IN DECATUR, ILLINOIS

HON. NIKKI BUDZINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of John C. Ellis Lodge No. 17 based in Decatur, Illinois. John C. Ellis lodge, a part of Prince Hall Freemasonry, is the oldest active fraternal organization in the State of Illinois. Since Decatur Lodge No. 17 was founded on July 18, 1874 they have worked to promote service to their community and mankind.

In 1966, Decatur Lodge No. 17 voted to change its name to John C. Ellis Lodge No. 17 after Dr. John C. Ellis, who was a member and one of the longest serving Grand Masters in Illinois history. Dr. Ellis was also the first African American medical doctor in Decatur, Illinois and dedicated his life to serving his community in Central Illinois.

A century and a half after its founding, John C. Ellis Lodge No. 17 is still dedicated to perpetual improvement in their community. They work together to reach the principles of brotherly love, fellowship, and service. I want to thank the generations of Decatur-area residents who have made up John C. Ellis Lodge No. 17 for their dedication to serving Central Illinois and their commitment to bettering their community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336 and YEA on Roll Call No. 337.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF VISIT FAIRFAX

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Visit Fairfax.

Visit Fairfax, established in July 2004, is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization that works in conjunction with their stakeholders to distinguish Fairfax County as a premier tourist destination. Their mission is to promote, market, and sell Fairfax County as a year-round destination for visitors from all market segments including all business travel, leisure, and sports travel.

Tourism is a proven economic development strategy for Fairfax County, bringing in over \$3.3 billion annually. Within the entire Commonwealth of Virginia, Fairfax County is the third largest contributor of expenditures to Virginia's tourism industry. In 2022, visitors to Fairfax County directly supported approximately 22,000 local jobs. While the majority of these jobs were in the leisure and hospitality industries—accommodations, food service, arts, entertainment and recreation—tourism impacts a multitude of businesses and crosses numerous industries.

Those figures are largely due to the work of the talented tourism professionals at Visit Fairfax. Based on the principles of partnership, cooperation and mutually beneficial alliances, their program of work is managed by objectives, and accountable for tangible, measurable results ensuring a significant Return on Investment.

Staff of Visit Fairfax work tirelessly to achieve the mission of the organization throughout the county. This includes sales calls, trade and travel shows, and one-on-one appointments with hospitality partners to increase leisure travel to Fairfax County. They also have to work closely and proactively with meeting planners and event coordinators to bring groups and organizations to Fairfax County, and they actively pursue adult and youth sporting events and activities to maximize the usage of local sports facilities.

Behind the scenes, staff from Visit Fairfax compile events and attractions, update information on restaurants and hotels, and much more to create a comprehensive database for those visiting Fairfax County, as well as residents looking to make the most of their community. With countless activities going on year-round, it is no small undertaking to have everything accessible and organized. Visit Fairfax's website also includes tools that allow people to plan a trip to Fairfax County and has

potential itineraries for everyone. These resources make it easier for people to access all that Fairfax County has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Visit Fairfax on their 20th Anniversary. This milestone would not have been achieved without the dedication of the staff and Board of Directors of the organization. Fairfax County is an incredible place to live, work, and play, and thanks to Visit Fairfax, our residents and visitors have the chance to see that for themselves. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this organization and wishing them the best for their next 20 years.

RECOGNIZING THE GRASSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Grassfield High School Softball team on winning the Class 6 Region A Championship.

As their Congresswoman, I am proud of these young athletes and their recent achievement.

Located in Chesapeake, Virginia, the Grassfield High School Grizzlies were able to bring the Class 6 Region A Championship back home to their fellow students, faculty, families, and friends through their hard work and dedication to their team. They are a group of strong women who had a near-perfect record going into their state championship game. They have not won the regional championship game since 2018 and assistant coach, Larry Murphy, led these women to a four to one victory.

As a former athlete myself, I want each of these young women to know Virginia's 2nd District is extremely proud of their accomplishment and applauds them on their well-earned victory. Again, congratulations to the Grassfield High School Softball team on winning the Class 6 Region A Championship.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL OF WOODBRIDGE, VIRGINIA

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the 19th anniversary of the opening of the Prince William County, Virginia branch of Victory Christian Ministries International. This milestone represents nearly two decades of dedicated service, spiritual guidance, and community support to the Prince William community.

With humble beginnings in Clinton, Maryland, Pastors Tony and Cynthia Brazelton have dedicated themselves to growing and nurturing the Victory Christian Ministries International community. VCM's story began in the Brazeltons' Maryland basement where they hosted simple, yet powerful prayer meetings that rapidly grew. Soon, people from different

parts of the Washington, D.C. metro area began to join. To accommodate their growth, they incorporated Victory Christian Ministries International of Woodbridge, Virginia in July 2005. Over the years, VCMI has grown from a single church to an international ministry with several locations across our nation and in Europe. This growth is a testament to the positive influence and transformative power of their message.

Since its establishment, the Woodbridge branch of VCMI has been a beacon of hope and a source of strength for many in the community. Through their dynamic Sunday services and engaging weekly activities, they have offered spiritual nourishment and guidance to countless individuals and families. VCMI's commitment to youth development is particularly noteworthy. Their Christa Teens program has provided a safe and nurturing environment for our young people from all walks of life to explore their faith, develop leadership skills, and give back to their community.

As we commemorate this 19th anniversary, we celebrate not just the longevity of an institution, but the countless lives that have been touched, the families that have been strengthened, and the communities that have been enriched by their work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Victory Christian Ministries International's Woodbridge branch on their 19th anniversary. I applaud Pastors Tony and Cynthia Brazelton as well as the entire VCMI community for their contributions to Prince William County—guided by the values of love, compassion, and community service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES HATCH

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of James "Jim" Hatch.

Jim was dedicated to serving our community and was always kind and helpful. Included in his long career, he assisted with former Congressman George Miller's campaign and the Youth Fund. Additionally, Jim was incredibly hardworking and was a skilled handyman. He also enjoyed traveling the world and was a proud dog parent to Minnie the Pooch. Jim will be remembered for his optimism, positivity, and the impact he's had on countless lives.

Jim is survived by Carol, his loving wife of 60 years, and his children Suzanne (Rob) and Jill (Steve), grandchildren Sophie (Joshua), Sarah (Rick), Matthew, Lauren, Kristi (Ben) and Sarah (Jason Henry), great grandchildren Olivia and Cameron, his sister Sandra, brother Robert, and bonus daughter and grandsons Tomoko, Hiro, and Akira Tamura.

Please join me in honoring my friend Jim Hatch. He will be remembered for his outstanding character and his commitment to his community.

RECOGNIZING THE GREAT BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER TEAM

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Great Bridge High School Boys' Soccer team on winning the Class 5 Region A Championship.

As their Congresswoman, I am proud of these young athletes and their recent achievement.

Located in Chesapeake, Virginia, the Great Bridge High School Wildcats were able to bring the Class 5 Region A Championship back home to their fellow students, faculty, families, and friends through their hard work and dedication to their team. The Great Bridge Boys' Soccer team is undefeated this season, and goalie, Griffin Thomas, recorded a shutout in the net, and Carson Danner scored the game winning goal to secure their championship.

As a former athlete myself, I want each of these young men to know Virginia's 2nd District is extremely proud of their accomplishment and applauds them on their well-earned victory. Again, congratulations to the Great Bridge High School Boys' Soccer team on winning the Class 5 Region A Championship.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAJOR GENERAL DAVID F. WHERLEY, JR., DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD RETENTION AND COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Major General David F. Wherley, Jr., District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Program Act. This bill would permanently authorize funding for the Major General David F. Wherley, Jr., District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Program, which provides financial assistance for higher education to members of the D.C. National Guard, which is an exclusively federal entity.

This program and bill are named for Major General David F. Wherley, Jr., former Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, who, along with his wife, Ann, and seven others were tragically killed when Metro trains collided on the Red Line on June 22, 2009. I named this bill for Major General Wherley because he worked tirelessly with me for many years to get funding for this program, and because of his devotion to D.C. youth and to the D.C. National Guard.

This program was recommended by Major General Wherley and his successor at the D.C. National Guard, Major General Errol Schwartz, to stem the troublesome loss of D.C. National Guard members to other units, including National Guards in surrounding states that offer financial assistance for higher education to their members. I am grateful that Congress has consistently provided funding for this program, most recently \$600,000 in fis-

cal year 2024. Permanently authorizing this program will help ensure that members of the D.C. National Guard receive the same benefits as members of other National Guards and help the D.C. National Guard recruit and retain members.

This program not only benefits D.C. National Guard members, the great majority of whom live in Maryland or Virginia, but also helps the D.C. National Guard to maintain the force necessary to protect the federal presence in D.C. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING JUDGE ROBERT O. BOWEN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Judge Robert O. Bowen of the Marshall County Superior Court No. 1 as he prepares to retire from serving on the bench.

A 1974 graduate of Indiana University, Judge Bowen obtained his Juris Doctor from Valparaiso University in 1977. In addition to his service on the bench, Robert also served as a Legislative Assistant in the Indiana General Assembly. Since his tenure on the Marshall County Superior Court No. 1 began on January 1, 1995, Judge Bowen has dedicated himself to advancing the principles of justice and ensuring that Hoosiers get a fair shake before the law.

The Rule of Law tradition we have inherited helps secure individual liberty and promotes the conditions necessary for human flourishing. It is incumbent on us to do our part to make sure these principles of justice and Rule of Law precepts are passed seamlessly from one generation to the next. That mission is one Judge Bowen has embraced wholeheartedly and worked tirelessly to advance.

While serving on the Court, Judge Bowen has also demonstrated his steadfast commitment to the local community, most especially in his church membership where he taught adult education over the years. Additionally, the Sagamore of the Wabash Award he has been honored with is another testament to Judge Bowen's leadership abilities and his civic-oriented nature.

As Judge Bowen's career comes to a close, I have no doubt that the Marshall County community is better off because of his service. I know that Robert's wife Patty and their three children—Andrew, Chris, and Betsy—are all very proud of him, and I am too. I join Hoosiers throughout Indiana's Second Congressional District in expressing our gratitude to Judge Robert O. Bowen for his service and in wishing him a very happy retirement and all the best going forward.

RECOGNIZING THE NANSEMOND-SUFFOLK SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the

Nansemond-Suffolk Softball team on winning the 2024 VISAA DII State Championship.

As their Congresswoman, I am proud of these young athletes and their recent achievement.

Located in Suffolk, Virginia, the Nansemond-Suffolk Saints were able to bring the VISAA DII State Championship back home to their fellow students, faculty, families, and friends through their hard work and dedication to their team. The Nansemond-Suffolk Softball Team is celebrating their fifth straight state championship title with their head coach, Britany Thornburg, leading her team to victory.

As a former athlete myself, I want each of these young women to know Virginia's 2nd District is extremely proud of their accomplishment and applauds them on their well-earned victory. Again, congratulations to the Nansemond-Suffolk Softball Team on winning the 2024 VISAA DII State Championship.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on July 8th and 9th as I had an immovable commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on H.R. 5441—Roll Call No. 337; YEA on H.R. 897—Roll Call No. 336; YEA on H.R. 7700—Roll Call No. 343; and YEA on H.R. 7637—Roll Call No. 341.

NEWSLETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on issues surrounding our NATO partners and election integrity.

DEAR FRIEND: As a member of the House Appropriations State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee, I recently traveled with a small delegation to the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, then Poland. There we met with those nations' top military and political leaders and diplomats. Throughout this trip I was constantly reminded of the evil that has reigned our earth for centuries.

In the U.S. we are somewhat isolated geographically. In this volatile region they live under the constant reminder of their struggles for freedom and despicable acts of centuries of occupation, depopulation, repopulation, and genocide. Daily, these critical NATO allies are exposed to Putin's verbal threats as well as living in the fear of regular cyber and terrorist attacks.

More importantly, those in the Baltics are watching the reality of Russian aggression, cruelty, and massacres play out in their own backyard today. They saw the barbaric act of Putin bombing a children's hospital. They saw that over 20,000 Ukrainian children have been kidnapped and moved to Russia as part of their history's reputation for depopulating those they dominate.

The leaders in this region talked with me because of their close proximity to Russia

and Belarus about their constant fear that they could be annihilated within seconds, and might never see it coming. They know that Putin is ruthless enough and has the thirst for power and land to do it.

We don't see these pressures from our secure vantage point in the U.S., outside of our new threats created by Joe Biden's lackadaisical policies over our own border. However, these European partners feel a daily struggle to cling to their democracy and freedom.

Each of these vulnerable countries are doing their part. Each of them contributes well over 2 percent of their GDP toward their own defense, knowing they'll likely have to face another Russian invasion of their homeland some day. Additionally, they are contributing to the military and humanitarian needs in Ukraine.

But one thing became very clear to me on this trip. None of them have the size, the economy, nor the military capability to preserve freedom and democracy on their own. Their existence is dependent on all of our NATO partners.

ONLY U.S. CITIZENS SHOULD HAVE INFLUENCE ON U.S. ELECTIONS.

The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act that I co-sponsored and helped the House pass protects and preserves the right of American citizens to vote. This legislation would require states to obtain proof of citizenship in person when registering an individual to vote in federal elections and requires states to remove non-citizens from existing voter rolls.

Foreign election interference is made possible because of our lax voter registration laws that allow noncitizens to register and vote in federal elections. With the ongoing crisis at our southern border, this piece of legislation is essential to safeguard the integrity of American elections.

The SAVE Act will close the loopholes that allow noncitizen registration, and thereby voting, to improve election security, minimize the risk of foreign interference and restore Americans' confidence in U.S. elections.

"UNPLUGGED" TOWN HALL IN YANCEY COUNTY

Reminder: Join my next in-person town hall in Yancey County on Tuesday, July 16. The town hall will take place from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Yancey County Courthouse, 110 Town Sq., Burnsville, NC.

I'm looking forward to sharing an update about the latest legislative opportunities and challenges in Congress and answering questions about the issues that matter to you.

DC OFFICE'S FIRST GREEN THUMB AWARD WINNER

Congratulations, Jessie Frank, for winning our DC office's first ever Green Thumb Award.

These DC Longworth building offices are drab. To add a little life, spirit, and ambiance to our office, for the past 90 days our team was challenged to keep the area around their workspace green and vibrant. I appreciate my entire team's enthusiasm and light-hearted competition to make our office green and alive. Jessie received the award, but we all benefited with a more pleasant place to work.

With my warmest regards,

CHUCK EDWARDS,
Member of Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE GREENBRIER CHRISTIAN BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Greenbrier Christian Baseball team on winning the 2024 VISAA DII State Championship.

As their Congresswoman, I am proud of these young athletes and their recent achievement.

Located in Chesapeake, Virginia, the Greenbrier Christian Gators were able to bring the VISAA DII State Championship back home to their fellow students, faculty, families, and friends by their hard work and dedication to their team. The Greenbrier Christian Baseball Team has fifteen State Championship titles under their belt. In the beginning of the year this team was unranked and quickly became unstoppable averaging 8.9 runs per game. This reflects not only their athletic capabilities, but also their steadfast determination to excel.

As a former athlete myself, I want each of these young men to know Virginia's 2nd District is extremely proud of their accomplishment and applauds them on their well-earned victory. Again, congratulations to the Greenbrier Christian Baseball Team on winning the 2024 VISAA DII State Championship.

HONORING BISHOP REGINALD THOMAS JACKSON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated husband, loving father, exceptional community leader, faithful servant of God, and friend of longstanding, Bishop Reginald Thomas Jackson. Bishop Jackson was honored for his 8 years of dedicated service in Georgia as the Presiding Prelate of the Sixth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. This event was held at the Saint Phillip AME Church in Decatur, Georgia on July 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

The genesis of the life of Bishop Reginald Jackson began with his birth on April 26, 1954, in Dover, Delaware. He is a product of Dover Public Schools and in 1976 graduated from Delaware State University with a Bachelor's Degree in History. In 1972, he was called to preach the Gospel and licensed under the pastorate of the Rev. Rudolph W. Coleman; was ordained as an Itinerant Deacon in 1975 under the leadership of Bishop Earnest Lawrence Hickman and appointed Supply Pastor at Graham AME Church. Always working to improve his preaching skills and knowledge of the Gospel, Bishop Jackson graduated from the Turner Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center in 1979, was ordained as an Itinerant Elder by Bishop Richard Allen Hildebrand in 1977 and appointed Supply Pastor at St. John AME Church in Atlanta, Georgia in 1978.

Bishop Jackson spent 33 years serving in the state of New Jersey, 2 years as Pastor of

St. John AME Church and 31 years at St. Matthew AME Church. During his long tenure at St. Matthew, he increased the congregation from 75 to over 2,800 members; he instituted more than 30 ministries to meet the spiritual, emotional, educational and physical needs of the church and community; and he increased the church annual budget from \$50,000 to \$2 million. George Washington Carver once said "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Bishop Jackson has used his life's work to advocate for the most vulnerable among us to include minorities, the young, the elderly, and the disenfranchised. He has been a voice for the voiceless and he has given hope to the hopeless.

Bishop Jackson served as Executive Director of the Black Ministers Council of New Jersey, representing over 600 New Jersey Churches; served on the Orange Public School System Board of Education as President for 12 years; and sits on the Board of Trustees of Essex County College, serving as President for 10 years. He was named Man of the Year by New Jersey Monthly Magazine, received the William Ashby Award from the United Way, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award from the Newark North Ward Center, and Honorary Doctorates from Wilberforce University and Payne Theological Seminary. He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and a Life Member of the NAACP.

In 2012, Reginald Thomas Jackson was elected and consecrated the 132nd Bishop of the AME Church at the 49th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference, held in Nashville, Tennessee and was appointed to the 20th Episcopal District (Malawi Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Uganda) as the Ecumenical and Urban Affairs Officer. He has served as Chairman of the Social Action Commission of the AME Church and is the current Chairman of the Commission on Colleges, Universities and Seminaries.

Eight years ago, Bishop Jackson accepted his charge in Georgia as Presiding Prelate of the Sixth Episcopal District of the AME Church. Continuing his longstanding advocacy for social justice, he has been a staunch champion for voter registration, education and turnout. He has ferociously lobbied the Georgia General Assembly for hate crime legislation and gun reform. Following an arrest for a planned attack on an AME Church in Gainesville, Georgia and the murder of Ahamd Arbery in February 2020, Bishop Jackson led the charge for a bill which was signed into law

by Governor Brain Kemp in June 2020. In 2020, Bishop Jackson also collaborated with the leaders of every Georgia State African American religious denomination in conducting massive voter registration and education efforts throughout Georgia, resulting in the election of President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, U.S. Senators Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff, shifting the balance of power in the Senate. Because of this seismic shift, historic legislation to improve lives and communities was signed into law, including the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Inflation Reduction Act, Historic Funding for HBCU's, as well as the appointment of an African American woman to the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2022 and now in 2024, he is leading an historic partnership with the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church to energize and mobilize minority voters for the 2024 elections.

Now, after 8 years in Georgia, Bishop Jackson will be leaving for assignment to another Episcopal District where he will no doubt share his vision and wisdom in service to God's people. While his departure will be a great loss to Georgia, I am certain that his impactful leadership will be a catalytic gain to those in his new region of responsibility.

Bishop Jackson has accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God and the love and support of his wife, Attorney Christy Jackson, who has served along side him as Supervisor of the Sixth Episcopal District, and their children Regina and Seth. Georgia, our Nation and the world, are better because of Bishop Jackson's ministry and service. To God Be the Glory.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District, in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Bishop Reginald Thomas Jackson upon his departure from Georgia as the Presiding Prelate of the Sixth Episcopal District of the AME Church. May God continue to bless his ministry and service on behalf of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY K. WEBER, SR.

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to a scheduled appointment at Walter Reed Med-

ical Center, I missed the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 348; YEA on Roll Call No. 349; YEA on Roll Call No. 350; and YEA on Roll Call No. 351.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 348 (Huizenga: amendment No. 1); NAY on Roll Call No. 349 (Self: amendment No. 3); NAY on Roll Call No. 350 (Jackson (TX): amendment No. 4); YEA on Roll Call No. 351 (MTR to H.R. 8772—Leg Branch Appropriations); NAY on Roll Call No. 352 (Final Passage to H.R. 8772—Leg Branch Appropriations); NAY on Roll Call No. 353 (Adoption of H. Res. 1344—Merrick Garland Contempt); NAY on Roll Call No. 354 (On passage of H.J. Res. 165); and YEA on Roll Call No. 355 (On Passage of H.J. Res. 109, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding).

CELEBRATING THE VILLAGE OF
FRANKLIN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2024

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the Village of Franklin in Michigan's 12th District as they celebrate their bicentennial anniversary.

Established in 1824, the Village of Franklin is a very special place in our community. The village grew out of increased travel through the region after the completion of the Erie Canal, and its first residents were practical tradespeople skilled in smithing, carpentry, and masonry. To this day, Franklin residents embrace and preserve its beautiful, rural landscape, fondly calling it the "Town That Time Forgot." Because of its numerous original 19th-century properties, Franklin was designated as Michigan's first Historic District, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Please join me and the 12th Congressional District in celebrating the Village of Franklin's 200th birthday.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 11:16:31 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:17:04 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2024.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 9030–9052; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1359–1362, were introduced. **Page H4632**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4634–35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed on Friday, July 12, 2024 as follows:

H.R. 9027, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–583);

H.R. 9028, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–584); and

H.R. 9029, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–585).

A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 7280, to require the Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to testify before the Congress annually, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–586).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4629**

Senate Referrals: S. 150 was held at the desk. S. 159 was held at the desk. S. 412 was held at the desk. S. 612 was held at the desk. S. 912 was held at the desk. S. 3068 was held at the desk. S. 4351 was held at the desk. **Page H4629**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4629.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, July 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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