

an intercessory prayer group, and is home to Cub Scout Pack 893.

Vickie and Paul have dedicated their lives to spreading the Word of the Lord and ministering to others, and our communities are better for it. Their tireless work has reached the ears of thousands of listeners and will continue to be heard around the world.

This 20th anniversary milestone is nothing short of remarkable. Thank you for what you are doing, and keep shining His light.

□ 1215

HONORING THE LIFE OF ISAAC LAROCHE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Isaac "Ike" LaRoche.

Ike was born in Darien, Georgia, in 1942 to the late Lawrence "Junior" Edison LaRoche, Sr., and Ethel Ward LaRoche.

He would go on to serve his country in the United States Army. Following his service, he owned and operated Ike LaRoche & Associates.

Ike selflessly served his community by being on the boards of foundations such as the Camp Kicklighter Foundation, the YMCA, the Rape Crisis Center, and the West Chatham Rotary Club.

His work led to the creation of the Pooler Fitness Center, as well as the founding of several YMCAs across the State of Georgia. This work and dedication to his community led him to receive the Robert H. Demere Volunteer Award in 2013, the highest volunteer award given out by the YMCA, having only been presented three times since 2004.

Ike's wife of 56 years, his three children, and the whole community will miss his presence in their lives, but his legacy will live on in the work he accomplished.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF BILL FALLON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank a good friend, Deputy Director Bill Fallon, of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Georgia, for his great service to our district.

Deputy Director Fallon received his bachelor of science degree from Westfield State University and his master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

He joined the United States Marshals Service in 1988 as a deputy U.S. marshal for the State of Massachusetts.

In the summer of 2008, Bill was assigned as the commander of Operation FALCON 2008, which resulted in the arrest of over 19,300 dangerous felons and the seizure of 418 firearms. He was named The Washington Post's Federal employee of the week for his efforts.

Bill has also served as the assistant director for the United States Marshals Service Training Division. At FLETC, Bill has been integral in overseeing all operations related to the development and delivery of collaborative law enforcement training for more than 95 FLETC partner organizations.

Bill has more than earned his retirement. After his retirement, he will go on to be the new county manager for the Glynn County Board of Commissioners, where I look forward to continuing to work with him.

Congratulations on your retirement, Bill, and thanks for all that you have done and will continue to do.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF COACH JESSE CREWS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Coach Jesse Crews at Charlton County High School.

Coach Crews has long been a titan in Georgia high school athletics. Even before he was a coach, he was a Charlton County High School athlete himself.

Jesse was born in Folkston, Georgia, in 1953. He attended Georgia Southern University, receiving a bachelor of science in education, and Valdosta State University, where he received his master's in education.

His life of service earned him a well-deserved induction into the Georgia Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame, class of 2022, and the Dr. Lucia B. Norwood award for athletic director of the year for all classifications in 2021.

Jesse has also been selected to receive the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Dwight Keith State Service Award this year.

When you dedicate your life to the betterment of others, it is hard to avoid these amazing recognitions.

Jesse has served on the Charlton County Board of Commissioners, as well as the Georgia High School Association Board of Trustees Executive Committee and Reclassification Committee.

His passion for education, athletics, and his community has changed the lives of many students that he has mentored over the years.

Jesse, we can't thank you enough for what you have done and what you have accomplished, and I am proud to be a member of the J-Rock Express.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CARBAJAL) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name. All the Earth is filled with

its praise as the seasons change and the winds rise up from the plains to proclaim Your glory. Plants emerge from the silence of the soil and bloom in celebration of Your creative word.

Animals roam the forests and the deserts. Their variety and vulnerability, strength and symbiosis testify to the eternal balance on which You have placed all living things. The driest of riverbeds flood when You open the heavens, and the oceans retreat at the pull of Your power.

O Lord, our Lord, may we, too, magnify Your name. May our lives respond to Your dominion over all. May we reflect Your gracious presence, that everyone we encounter this day would feel the warmth of Your fellowship.

May our words speak the mercy of Your truth, that those whom we engage in debate and discussion would hear what You would have us each understand: Your perfect will.

And may our deeds serve as instruments of Your divine love for the world and all who dwell therein.

In our life, in our speech, in our love, we pray that we praise Your name this day. By the grace of that majestic name, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1320. An act to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 3580. An act to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to prohibited acts by ocean common carriers or marine terminal operators, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3197. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Eunice, Louisiana, certain Federal land in Louisiana, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY OF
FREDERICK "DUKE" SLATER

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the memory and legacy of a glass-shattering athlete from Iowa's Second Congressional District.

Frederick "Duke" Slater's passion for football began when his family moved to Clinton, Iowa, where Duke started playing football at Clinton High.

Duke went on to receive his education at the University of Iowa, where he won a national championship in 1921 and was named an All-American. An incredible athlete, Duke also competed for the Hawkeyes' track and field team, placing third in the hammer throw and fourth in the discus while helping Iowa win the 1921 national title.

When Duke joined the NFL's Rock Island Independents, he became the first Black lineman in NFL history. He went on to become a five-time first-team All-Pro selection, retiring after 10 great years.

Following his retirement, Duke was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1951 and was posthumously selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2020. Last year, the University of Iowa announced that the field at Kinnick Stadium would now be known as Slater Field in honor of Duke.

I am pleased to hear that the local community is planning to erect a statue of Duke at Clinton High School. Duke is the embodiment of hard work and overcoming obstacles, and I cannot wait to see that statue in person.

BIDEN BUDGET BUST

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, President Biden's recently submitted budget for fiscal year 2023 is a literal dumpster fire.

His budget confirms what we have known all along: He does not have the slightest clue what fiscal responsibility means.

Right now, families are facing a \$3,500 yearly inflation tax, but President Biden wants to spend a whopping \$73 trillion over the next decade, a 66 percent increase over the previous 10 years. Over the next 5 years, inflation rates would increase by 2.8 percent.

In fact, this scheme would be the highest sustained government spending endeavor in American history.

Mr. Speaker, President Biden has failed to read the room yet again. The American people do not want another Biden budget bust.

HELP UKRAINE ACHIEVE VICTORY
NOW

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, The Wall Street Journal editorialized: "Let Ukraine Go on Offense Against Russia."

"As Russia's war on Ukraine enters its sixth week, the script has flipped. Russia's advance has stalled, and Ukraine now wants to go on offense to push back Russian forces from the land they have taken. But the country needs U.S. and NATO help to do it."

"Now is the time to help Ukraine take the offensive. Reports of demoralized Russian forces are more frequent, including defectors who have taken equipment with them."

"Throughout this conflict, the Biden administration has been slow. . . . Now 'is the time to keep the pressure on to truly achieve a strategic victory for Ukraine and NATO.'"

I have faith in the Russian people, a great culture betrayed by war criminal Putin. There is legislation for defecting Russian troops, diplomats, and Duma members to be provided immediate refugee status in America and up to \$100,000 for any Russian military equipment turned over to Ukraine.

God bless Ukraine, God save Ukraine, and long live Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

CELEBRATING APRIL AS FAITH
MONTH

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, this month, Americans all over the country are celebrating April as Faith Month. I rise in support of this effort and call on all people of faith to join in prayer and celebration.

As a Member of Congress, I am happy to reaffirm my commitment to our Judeo-Christian values and freedom of religion for all that this country was founded on.

Religious organizations in America have a rich history of charitable engagement, helping the sick, poor, and afflicted. They should be celebrated for their contributions to our way of life.

HONORING THE SALEM LAKES
FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Mr. STEIL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the men and women of the Salem Lakes Fire Department.

As war has ravaged Ukraine, the firefighters in Salem Lakes, Wisconsin, took action. Led by volunteer firefighter Art Stypula, the Salem Lakes Fire Department organized a massive equipment drive. The effort involved fire departments throughout southeast Wisconsin and even the Chicago area.

Turnout gear and other locally collected lifesaving equipment was shipped to Poland to help Ukrainian firefighters do their job and keep people safe.

I am extremely proud of the Salem Lakes Fire Department and the firefighters for organizing desperately needed aid to the Ukrainian people.

I know that Wisconsinites and Americans across our country will join me in thanking them for their efforts. They came up with a creative way to help Ukraine in its fight for freedom.

Ukraine's firefighters and its people will be given important resources because of their charity and their compassion.

Thank you again to the men and women of the Salem Lakes Fire Department for their lifesaving work each and every day.

VOTE AGAINST JUDGE KETANJI
BROWN JACKSON

(Mr. CLYDE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to continue to highlight the abhorrent record of President Biden's U.S. Supreme Court nominee, Ketanji Brown Jackson, commonly known as KBJ.

In a posthearing written question and answer from members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, KBJ refused to comment on whether she believes an individual possesses natural rights.

This is unacceptable. The Declaration of Independence is crystal clear. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Yet, Ketanji Brown Jackson does not hold a position on whether individuals possess natural rights. This is disqualifying, plain and simple.

Any Senator, Republican or Democrat, that votes to confirm KBJ later this week isn't just voting for a soft-on-crime, woke judge. They are also voting for a judge who does not recognize the natural rights, or civil rights which come from the natural rights, given to us by our heavenly creator, dangerously ignoring the fundamental foundation of our American values.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.