

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 64

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43) the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Roger W. Ferguson of Florida on April 25, 2023, is filled by the reappointment of the incumbent. The reappointment is for a term of six years, beginning on the later of April 25, 2023, or the date of enactment of this joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 698

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 698, a bill originally introduced by Representative CICILLINE of Rhode Island, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KEAN of New Jersey).

Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

#### HONORING COLONEL EDMUND "BEAU" MASON RIELY

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, having just honored many fallen veterans at ceremonies across the 17th Congressional District for Memorial Day last week, I rise today to recognize the life of a truly exceptional man, Colonel Edmund "Beau" Mason Riely.

Beau was a man whose dedication to service, family, and faith has left a legacy that will endure far beyond his years.

Born in Fort Bragg and raised in Croton-on-Hudson, New York, Beau was a beacon of strength and leadership from his youth, whether on the football field or in the ROTC program at Georgetown University.

As a distinguished officer in the 82nd Airborne Division, a graduate from the U.S. Army Ranger School, a battalion commander at Fort Benning, and a faculty member at the National War College, Beau exemplified the very best of our Nation's values.

Beau had a propensity for praising others and was reticent to accept credit for his accolades. In Beau's eyes, there was always something greater than himself: his faith, his family, and his commitment to service.

A loving father, he spent much of his time with his beloved wife, Renie, his

cherished children, coaching their sports teams, helping with Scouts, and teaching Sunday school.

He was a husband, a father, a beloved son of Ed and Patricia, and a brother whose love radiated to those around him, leaving a profound impact.

Beau will be missed by all, those whose lives he touched and by a grateful Nation that he served.

#### OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT AMERICANS

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023.

Last week, we passed that bill to raise America's debt ceiling and to avoid an economic catastrophe. The failure to pay our bills would have led to millions of lost jobs and possibly another Great Depression.

The bill protects the healthcare of millions of Americans, including veterans. It invests in education and childcare for American families. It protects student debt relief and supports our country's move to a clean energy economy.

I praise President Biden for his work to raise the debt ceiling, and I thank the Members of Congress from both parties who voted for this bill.

We have a responsibility to protect Americans, and we succeeded in doing so with this bill.

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#### CONGRATULATING NOTRE DAME MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

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

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate excellence in college athletics and a very accomplished group of young men.

One of the many great things the University of Notre Dame is known for is the slogan: "Play Like a Champion Today." That is exactly what the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team did last Monday when they defeated the Duke Blue Devils to win their first national title in program history.

The Fighting Irish had faced the Blue Devils in the championship game twice before, only to fall just short. However, the third time was the charm for the Irish. Their exhilarating 13-9 win came before a Memorial Day crowd of more than 30,000 fans and countless more cheering from around the country.

Notre Dame's defense proved key in taking home the title as the Irish led the Blue Devils to their fewest goals of any game all season.

Congratulations to Head Coach Kevin Corrigan, his entire staff, and all the Irish lacrosse players for bringing a na-

tional championship back to Notre Dame.

God bless, and go Irish.

#### WALSTONBURG BEST OF SMALL-TOWN AMERICA

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Walstonburg, North Carolina, a town of 208 residents in my district, is a shining example of the best of small-town USA.

This past weekend, the Walstonburg American Legion Post 332 hosted the town's 15th annual Proud to be an American Day, a way this tight-knit community uplifts and honors our country's veterans, Active Duty servicemembers, and fallen military members.

This Proud to be an American Day was the first, however, without the late former Representative Walter B. Jones, Jr., and everyone missed his presence.

Mr. Speaker, this community proves making a difference doesn't require size, only passion.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JIM BROWN

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Jim Brown, one of the greatest football players of all time and considered by many to be the greatest lacrosse player of all time.

Born on St. Simons Island, Georgia, Mr. Brown was a powerhouse both on and off the field, bringing the Cleveland Browns three league championship games while also advocating for civil rights.

He spoke out against violence, encouraged young African Americans to get involved in community work, founded the Amer-I-Can Foundation for Social Change to help inner-city youth, and promoted economic opportunities for minority-owned businesses.

In his professional career, Mr. Brown was a Pro Bowl invitee every single season he played and the NFL's most valuable player three times. He carried the ball over 2,000 times for over 12,000 rushing yards, scoring 106 touchdowns. At the time of his retirement, those were all records. To date, he is still the only NFL player in history to average over 100 rushing yards each game he played in.

Mr. Brown's tenacity and dedication throughout all that he did on and off the field should serve as an example for all of us. We mourn the loss of Jim Brown, and I offer my sincere thoughts and prayers to his family.

### CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF PATRICIA CERRO-REEHIL

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patricia Cerro-Reehil on the occasion of her retirement from the New York Water Environment Association.

Since 1929, NYWEA has played a leading role in promoting water quality across our State. Patricia's NYWEA career began in 1987, and 14 years later, she rose to become the first woman to serve as executive director.

Her work over the past 35 years has supported training, education, and advocacy for countless utilities, local governments, system operators, and water-sector businesses. This work has been foundational to protecting and improving water quality throughout New York State.

During her time as executive director, Patricia has also embraced NYWEA's educational mission, helping to distribute over \$700,000 in scholarships to some 240 students pursuing environmental degrees.

I sincerely thank Patricia for her decades of service, which have helped provide so many New Yorkers with more reliable, more affordable, and certainly cleaner water. I congratulate Patricia on her well-deserved retirement.

### BEST OF LUCK TO SOAP BOX DERBY COMPETITORS

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 43, which authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

The All-American Soap Box Derby, which first began in 1934, is the contest of the year in Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the Birthplace of Champions.

Through ingenuity, teamwork, and determination, more than 350 qualifiers from across the globe make their way to the Derby Downs track in Akron, Ohio, for the Soap Box Derby World Championship, supported by more than 1,000 volunteers and 10,000 spectators every year.

The Soap Box Derby supports education and leadership development for youth across the 13th District and the Nation. The competition empowers young people, who build their own gravity-powered and STEAM-driven cars, to learn about the value of STEM and prepare them to succeed in the future.

Again, I am proud to cosponsor this legislation and so glad to see such an important event to our community in the Nation's Capital. I look forward to welcoming everyone to Ohio's 13th Dis-

trict for the world championship in July. Best of luck to all the competitors.

### CELEBRATING CARIBBEAN AMERICANS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to honor Caribbean American Heritage Month and to express my appreciation to the multiples of talent in the Caribbean-American community.

Over the last decade, there have been approximately 4.5 million members of the Caribbean-American community. Of course, two of those who I am most proud of are my late grandmother and grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, who migrated from Jamaica, West Indies.

My grandfather worked on the Panama Canal. What an emotional experience to go to the Panama Canal and see his name, Alfred Jackson, listed with those who have worked on the canal.

I also had the privilege of attending the funeral of one of Jamaica's iconic Prime Ministers, Prime Minister Manley, who is beloved around the nation.

Let me salute the Caribbean-American community in Houston, Texas, rich and inviting with their wonderful culture, cuisine, and, yes, the brilliance that they serve in public service, medicine, education, and business.

This is a great moment to be able to celebrate the richness of our diversity in this country. I can assure you, we have often said that we are a melting pot, but really, we are a mosaic. The pieces fit together where all of us are distinguished but yet part of America—part of America's democracy, part of America's work ethic, and part of America's freedom.

I salute my Caribbean-American friends and kinship. God bless you.

### AMERICANS ARE DEMANDING ACTION

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, Americans are demanding action, and we must deliver. Too many lives are being lost to senseless gun violence. Every day, we are retraumatized by yet another shooting.

In school, our children are learning active shooter drills before their ABCs. When families go to a grocery store or the mall, they scan the crowd for shooters rather than sales.

We know we don't have to live this way, fearful for our kids and our loved ones when they leave the house, furious that gun manufacturers are making billions of dollars marketing weap-

ons of war to irresponsible gun owners, and frustrated by lawmakers who lack the courage to pass commonsense gun safety legislation.

We can change this. There are commonsense, constitutional solutions with broad public support that can stem the carnage. Where leaders in my district and across the country have adopted those solutions, we have seen progress. It is not enough, but it is a start.

Above all, doing nothing is not an option. We cannot sit idly by and allow preventable gun deaths to happen day after day. We need to pass policies that will save lives now.

### HONORING MUJERES LATINAS EN ACCION ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Mujeres Latinas en Accion on their 50th anniversary of serving and empowering Latinas and their families in Chicago.

When it was founded in 1973 to offer support to domestic violence survivors, there were no other services like this for Spanish-speaking women in Chicago. Today, Mujeres Latinas en Accion helps women find pathways to safer and healthier lives by providing wraparound, bilingual, and culturally sensitive domestic violence and sexual assault services, including a 24-hour hotline for crisis counseling and advocacy efforts.

However, the support does not stop there. Their program, Empresarias del Futuro, trains women interested in starting and expanding small businesses. By obtaining financial independence, they can break the cycle of codependency from their abusers.

Mujeres Latinas en Accion is a force of change. I congratulate and thank them for serving our community with compassion, care, and courage these past 50 years.

### SAVING SOCIAL SECURITY

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, for nearly a century, America has made a sacred promise: People who work hard throughout their lives will benefit from the fruits of their labor.

Last week, Congress passed and President Biden signed into law a bipartisan budget agreement. It protects Social Security from harmful Republican-proposed cuts.

That earned benefit brings peace of mind for millions of families, senior citizens, disabled persons, and children who survive a parent's premature death.

Social Security insurance is a compact of trust between generations and