

CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE UNITED STATES CITIZEN PAUL WHELAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of Rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution (H. Res. 272) calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to immediately release United States citizen Paul Whelan.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. McCAUL) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CHANGING AGE-DETERMINED ELIGIBILITY TO STUDENT INCENTIVE PAYMENTS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (S. 467) to modify the age requirement for the Student Incentive Payment Program of the State maritime academies.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BERGMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1761

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Madam Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 1761.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is granted.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VICTIMS OF PULSE NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

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

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, 7 years ago this week, on June 12, 2016, our happy town of Orlando was the site of an act of gun violence and terrorism. We lost 49 angels and 53 were injured at the Pulse nightclub shooting.

While that was a terrible and violent act, we will always remember those we lost. We also came together to reject

hate and to speak to those across the Nation about both preventing gun violence, about LGBTQ rights, and about making sure that we have love define our region.

For the 49 angels we lost and the 53 who were injured, the first responders, their families, and so many others in the Orlando community, I ask for a moment of silence.

RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND INDIA

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

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, last year marked the 75th anniversary of India's independence. The growing importance of the relationship between India and the United States cannot be overstated.

Our shared commitment to democracy and economic freedom serves to build peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region and challenge an increasingly aggressive China.

Robust cultural, educational, and professional programs play a key role in strengthening our partnership in science, technology, education, medicine, cybersecurity, civil nuclear energy, and so much more.

Americans of Indian descent are an important part of the fabric of American life, including friends like Mike Shaw, who immigrated decades ago with less than \$100 in his pocket. Today, Mike is a very successful entrepreneur who has created a strong business and thousands of jobs.

This is a relationship to be celebrated as we welcome India's Prime Minister to Washington, D.C., next week.

CELEBRATING CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

(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 celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month. It is a great time to celebrate the contributions of Caribbean Americans to this country.

It is a culture known for delicious food and drinks, such as Jamaican jerk chicken and the Cuban mojito, which is a drink that is wonderfully tasty. Caribbean artists brought influential music to America, such as reggae and calypso.

Some of our greatest Americans have Caribbean roots. Alexander Hamilton, America's first Treasury Secretary, was born in the Caribbean. Former Secretary of State Colin Powell was the son of Jamaican immigrants. Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman to be elected to Congress and run for President, was the daughter of an immigrant from Barbados.

Today, Caribbean Americans are making a difference across the country, and we celebrate all of them this month.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT CESAR SANDOVAL

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay a heartfelt tribute to Sergeant Cesar Sandoval of Willows, California.

Sergeant Sandoval's sudden and unexpected passing in April was a devastating blow not only to his family but also to the communities of Willows and Chico and all who knew him where he faithfully served as a law enforcement officer for 29 years.

His loss reverberated through the hearts of all those who knew him, leaving an indelible mark on his town, his neighbors, and the countless lives he touched.

Throughout his career, he displayed an unwavering dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens he swore to protect. His commitment to service was outstanding, and his love for his people shone through every action he took as an officer and as an individual.

He worked diligently with Chico officials to tackle the issue of homelessness in northern California, helping lead the Chico Police Department's TARGET TEAM that worked closely with local resources to assist those with mental illness, drug, and alcohol issues.

While Sergeant Sandoval's life was tragically cut short, his legacy lives on in the hearts of his family, friends, colleagues, and the countless lives he touched in his years of service.

As we mark his 51st birthday today, June 14, Flag Day, we honor his memory and celebrate the legacy he left for the people in northern California with his service. God bless him and his family.

CELEBRATING 95TH BIRTHDAY OF DAVID DE LA CRUZ

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 95th birthday of David De La Cruz. He is 95 years old. His loving family and friends will gather to celebrate this Saturday.

Mr. De La Cruz is one of our district's last surviving World War II veterans. At the age of 17, David volunteered for the Army, leaving behind his family in the east end of Pasadena, Texas. He fought in World War II for 3 years, stationed in Germany. He returned to technical school for electronics and then was stationed in Korea to serve in the Korean war from 1950 to 1951.

David had a 57-year career in electronics, both in the Army and as a

local businessowner. David is an advocate for Latinos, a businessowner, and a lifetime member of The American Legion.

As David likes to say, "When people see a veteran, they should thank them." Today we thank David and celebrate his birthday.

"Happy birthday"; "Feliz cumpleaños."

"May God bless you"; "Que Dios te bendiga."

SOUNDING THE ALARM ON NATIONAL DEBT

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss America's debt crisis.

We are in the exact same position today that we have been in for years. Our national debt is ballooning, and wasteful spending continues. In early 2025, we will hit the debt ceiling again and run out of money.

Congress must commit to ending the wasteful government spending that is causing this debt crisis in the first place.

America is bleeding out financially, and I am sounding the alarm. We must stop governing from crisis to crisis because all we are doing is organizing deck chairs on the Titanic. Our ship is sinking, and if we don't act fast, our economy, the value of the dollar, our children's future, and the future of this great Nation are going to be forgotten relics at the bottom of the sea.

Kansas and the Big First sent me to D.C. to stop the borrowing and spending spree. They sent me to pass legislation like this week's REINS Act, which would block costly rules and regulations. Today, America is \$31 trillion in debt, and soon we will be at \$34 trillion in debt. This must end.

We must work together now to create a real solution to this crisis, which means coming to the table, having the hard conversations, and getting this right for the future of the country.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS

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

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the new Stanley Cup champions, the Las Vegas Golden Knights.

As many of our local fans know, the story of the Golden Knights starts long before last night's victory. Six years ago, our Las Vegas community was forever changed. On October 1, 2017, a gunman opened fire on the Route 91 concert, killing 60 and wounding hundreds more.

We were shaken to our core. We were resilient. We were united. We were Vegas Strong.

Something that captured that spirit so clearly was when, just days later, the Golden Knights stood shoulder to shoulder with the Las Vegas community and honored the victims of this tragedy at their very first home game, showing the true meaning of Vegas Strong.

With the whole city behind them, the Knights proceeded to win that home opener and became the first expansion team in NHL history to start their inaugural season with a 3-0 record.

The Golden Knights have always been more than just a sports team for our community. Now, for the first time, they are world champions.

Our unlikely heroes—6 years ago, a hockey team just getting to know their city—helped us heal in ways we never imagined.

I congratulate the Stanley Cup's Battle Born champs, the Las Vegas Golden Knights.

RECOGNIZING BRAVE FIRST RESPONDERS

(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, today, I rise to recognize the extraordinary acts of a few of our first responders, law enforcement officers, and brave residents.

On Saturday, May 20, a 911 call was received for an 8-year-old suffering from cardiac arrest.

Thanks to the swift response and unwavering commitment of the Carmel Police Department, particularly Police Officer Thomas Eagan, who arrived on the scene within 2 minutes and initiated the lifesaving application of an AED, the 8-year-old's life was saved.

Also assisting were Sergeant Laura Whitten, Officer Michelle Yeager, and Officer Brian Detz, who provided CPR, maintained scene control, and assisted medics, while Detective Daniel Shea also helped.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department, with a special mention to Assistant Fire Chief Rivera, who provided CPR, and to the Putnam County ambulance, medic, and EMS teams that stabilized the child and swiftly transported him to the Westchester Medical Center.

The immediate actions of Good Samaritans Laura Spallina, Judith Schoen, and Karen Tubman made a vital difference.

I also recognize Mircea Bors, who recognized cardiac arrest and began CPR. His fast thinking set the stage for the rescue efforts.

I thank the other law enforcement agencies that assisted with the safe transport of the child: Yorktown PD, Westchester County Police Department, New York State troopers, and the town of Mount Pleasant Police Department.

Through their combined efforts, an 8-year-old child's life was saved, a family was spared epic grief, and the commu-

nity was reminded of the importance of our brave law enforcement officers and first responders.

CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am excited this week to introduce H. Res. 505, a bill to again commemorate and honor Juneteenth.

Juneteenth should be a holiday that brings all Americans together because it is about freedom, freedom of a people. It was when General Granger came to Galveston, Texas, with General Order No. 3, to release the slaves who had been held an extra 2 years because a State would not listen.

It is a holiday that brings us together. There will be commemorations in Galveston. There will be commemorations in Houston, Texas, proudly bringing people from all ethnic backgrounds together, from Friday all the way to the Juneteenth holiday.

I am very proud to acknowledge Opal Lee, the grandmother of Juneteenth, who brought a million petitions here to say that we need a Federal holiday.

I am proud to honor the late Representative Al Edwards, who introduced the first bill to make it a State holiday in Texas. I was very glad to be inspired by him and mentored by him to introduce the Federal legislation, introducing the resolution for 10 years and then finally achieving my goal, our goal, to have a Federal holiday.

It is a holiday for all people. Let us celebrate Juneteenth on June 19. Do something in your community that heals, welcomes, and joins each community together.

It is about freedom of a people, freedom of America, and our wonderful democracy.

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CONGRATULATING GRIFF LYNCH

(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 congratulate Griff Lynch on his induction into the International Maritime Hall of Fame.

Mr. Lynch has been in the terminal operations industry for 34 years, leaving his mark on many ports along the East Coast. He currently serves as executive director of the Georgia Ports Authority, leading 1,800 employees in Savannah, Brunswick, Bainbridge, and Chatsworth.

Mr. Lynch carries a great passion for his team and community, prioritizing motivation and support for those who work with him. Under his leadership, the Georgia Ports Authority team has continuously broken cargo volume records, leading them to be recognized as one of the most successful ports in the country.