

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was not present in the House Chamber today. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 388, "nay" on rollcall No. 389, "yea" on rollcall No. 390, and "nay" on rollcall No. 391.

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Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to participate in voting. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 388, "yea" on rollcall No. 389, "nay" on rollcall No. 390, and "yea" on rollcall No. 391.

TREATING TRIBES AND COUNTIES AS GOOD NEIGHBORS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 1450) to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to modify the treatment of revenue from timber sale contracts and certain payments made by counties to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior under good neighbor agreements, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023, TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Mr. FULCHER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, September 18, 2023, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Idaho?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 5081

Mrs. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 5081.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VICTIMS OF COOK'S CORNER SHOOTING

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, first built in 1884 in south Orange County, Cook's Corner has become a historic and iconic staple in Califor-

nia's 40th Congressional District in Trabuco Canyon for local residents, motorcycle enthusiasts, and for tourists from all over southern California and from all over the Nation.

On August 23, 2023, our community was rocked by a horrific shooting at Cook's Corner that resulted in three deaths and six wounded.

We are grateful for our local law enforcement, especially the Orange County Sheriff deputies and first responders who responded quickly at the scene.

As our community mourns and picks up the pieces, we also know we are stronger together.

Today, I rise with bipartisan Members of our California delegation and ask all Members to join me in a moment of silence in the memory of the victims: Tonya Clark of Arizona; Glen Sprowl, Jr., of Stanton; and John Leehey of Irvine; and in solidarity with the communities that I represent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the many friends who hold him dear, we rise today to honor a beloved lifetime public servant, Governor Bill Richardson.

I first want to acknowledge his wife, Barbara Richardson, a woman of incredible grace who is leading a State, a Nation, and a world in mourning the Governor today in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

I thank Chairwoman NANETTE BARRAGÁN for her leadership in organizing this moment of silence for our colleague, who like you, also served as chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

I say Governor and chair, but Bill had many other titles during his illustrious career: U.S. Congressman, House Deputy Majority Whip, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, U.S. Secretary of Energy, candidate for President, hostage negotiator, and professor.

We are all humbled by his achievements, and most importantly, by the people he helped along the way.

Guided by an unflinching sense of duty, service, and justice, Bill opened the door for countless people throughout his career. He opened the door of opportunity for Americans seeking a better future. He unlocked the jail cells of political prisoners imprisoned by the most dangerous dictators. He never hesitated to seek dialogue with those he knew had the power to release the powerless, and he opened the doors of service, inspiring Latino leaders working tirelessly to improve their communities.

I am honored to stand shoulder to shoulder with my Hispanic Caucus "hermanos y hermanas," "brothers and sisters," and all of the colleagues who

have joined us today. We are sharing with each other in these last 2 weeks and hearing from so many of our colleagues moving and also fun stories of those who now serve in the people's House, either as Members or as staff who have come up to me and told me the stories of how they are in America today and serving in this House because of Governor Richardson.

Bill, we do not merely stand in this well of the people's House, as you did for over 14 years; we stand on your shoulders. We stand because giants like you blazed the trail for countless Latinos to serve their country in our Nation's highest offices.

From 12 members, when you served as chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, to 42 members today, including Representative VELÁZQUEZ who served with you, the CHC traces our lineage back to you and others who "caminando hicieron el camino," "walking we make the road," who built the trail with each bold step you took forward.

Whether it is a minimum-wage worker who earned a bit more because of your work, a hostage who saw the sun again, or a young leader inspired to serve, you created hope in many of the most overlooked places and overlooked people.

Please join all of us as we bow our heads in a moment of silence honoring the legacy of former Congressman, Governor, Ambassador, and Secretary, Bill Richardson.

Governor, "que descansa en paz," "may you rest in peace," and God bless you.

CONGRATULATING STATE REPRESENTATIVE DANNY PEREZ

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

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate State Representative Danny Perez on being formally selected as the next Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

Most importantly to me and all of my fellow explorers, Danny Perez will be the first Christopher Columbus High School graduate to serve as Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

Senator MARCO RUBIO paved the way as the very first Cuban-American Speaker of the Florida House, and now Speaker-Designate Perez will be just the third Cuban American to ever serve in that role.

Speaker-Designate Perez is happily married to his wife, Stephanie, and has two beautiful children, Camila Lucia and Matias Daniel. He is an attorney by trade and a passionate advocate for children. He also serves as national chair of the American Legislative Exchange Council.

I look forward to continuing to work with Speaker-Designate Perez. I am confident that he will continue to be a champion for Miami-Dade County and

for the State of Florida and a responsible steward of our taxpayer dollars.

"Adelante," "onwards," Danny, "adelante," "onwards." We are all so very proud of you.

STANDING WITH AUTO WORKERS

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of our workers, specifically our autoworkers. Right now, they are doing what many of us came here to do, which is to get wages up. They want to get their wages up. It is really important for this Congress to stand with them, not just for their families but for our economy.

They work for companies, great American companies, that have made tens of billions of dollars in profit. If we allow the profit to just be concentrated among a few, our economy won't grow as fast. If we say to the hundreds of thousands of autoworkers, yes, you deserve a very big raise, that means that the spending power will be distributed in a way that will grow our economy much faster.

I stand with our autoworkers. I believe in what they are doing, and I wish them the best luck as they continue to negotiate for better wages and better working conditions.

REMEMBERING JERRY WILLIS KEITH

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Jerry Willis Keith.

Jerry was born on March 28, 1937, in Waycross, Georgia, to Warren Lott Keith and Mary Emma Corbett Keith. He was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church of Jesup and a member of the Golden Rulers Sunday School Class.

He spent his adult life managing and operating retail grocery stores for several national food chains. There, he was always praised by many local employees as the best boss they ever had.

He was a very active member of many community organizations, including the Elks Club, Pine Forest Men's Golf Association, a Jaycee member, and an elite member of the Pond House crew.

He was a loving husband; a caring father of 7; a doting grandfather of 15; and great-grandfather of 6.

Mr. Keith's legacy will live on in the positive impact that he had on his community. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

CONGRATULATING JEREMIAS CASTILLO

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jeremias Castillo, this year's \$25,000 National Honor Society Scholarship winner.

Castillo, a senior at Technology High School in Newark, was chosen from a pool of 13,000 applicants. He won because his commitment to enacting positive change in the country's healthcare system is what he is all about.

When his father passed away, Jeremias witnessed the health disparities that affect underrepresented groups, so he decided to do something about it.

He volunteered weekly at a local medical center, he collected medical supplies from the Newark Department of Health and Welfare, and he spoke about his passion to improve healthcare at a symposium that reached more than 3.6 million people.

Jeremias will use this scholarship to study neuroscience and political science at Harvard University, and he will continue to help create more equitable healthcare systems in America.

Again, I congratulate Jeremias for his dedication to his family, his community, and his country.

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HONORING LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JIM GIBSON

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to speak about the passing of a very good friend and an American hero, Lieutenant Commander Jim Gibson of Redding, California.

Pictured here at an Honor Flight here in Washington, D.C., I got to accompany him that day. It was a lot of fun and very gratifying.

Jim was a career Navy officer for 26 years. He joined the Navy as an engine man right out of high school and rose to the rank of ensign before becoming a commissioned officer.

After working his way through the ranks to captain, he was assigned command of a submarine rescue ship in the 7th Fleet. This vessel, the USS *Coucal*, had the worst reputation in the entire U.S. 7th Fleet. When Jim took command, he turned things around and made it the premier submarine rescue vessel in the entire U.S. 7th Fleet.

After retiring from active service, Jim remained devoted to the ideal of duty. He was very active in veterans' affairs, founding a submarine veterans group in northern California and serving as its president. He was instrumental in raising money for the Veterans Memorial in Anderson River Park. I was proud to have him as a member of my congressional advisory committee on academy appointments, where he did a great job of helping us screen the best new and brightest.

Jim was faithful to his fellow veterans to the last, working faithfully out of the Igo Veterans Cemetery. He was always there to ring the bell for the last watch when a Navy veteran was laid to rest.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou. My heart goes out to her and their family at this time of grief. They will be in our prayers.

We will miss him dearly. Fair winds and following seas, Jim.

SUPPORTING UAW

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

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, organized labor is a beautiful thing, and it is incredibly evident today in the final hours of the UAW contract negotiations.

I want all of my UAW friends, neighbors, and hardworking men and women of Michigan to know that I have their back from the Halls of Congress to the well of this very floor.

While working in the Obama administration during the auto rescue, while working on that auto rescue, we saw the union take concessions.

Madam Speaker, 14 years later, the companies have rebounded. They have record profits, and now is the time to deal workers back in.

That is what is being negotiated. That is what our friends in organized labor are pushing for—dignity and justice.

I stand with them today, tomorrow, and the tomorrow after that.

We will see you in Michigan, friends.

REMEMBERING CORPORAL JOHNATHAN LEE BENSON

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

Mr. LAWLER. Madam Speaker, on September 9, 2006, Corporal Johnathan Lee Benson from North Branch, Minnesota, succumbed to his injuries sustained in a roadside bombing during his second tour of duty in Iraq. He was 21 years old.

By all measures, Johnathan was a courageous and enthusiastic young man with an infectious smile, a prankster's heart, and a love for adventure.

He was dedicated to our country and to the Marines. Tattooed on his back was the Bible verse: Greater love knows no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Madam Speaker, Johnathan not only laid down his life for our country, but he gave up his hopes, his dreams, and his future to preserve, protect, and defend ours.

For 15 years, I have worn this bracelet in his memory, and today, I am honored to enter his name into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and to recognize his wonderful parents, a Gold Star family, Marjorie and Steve Benson.