

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to vote on the two bills considered under suspension of the rules today. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted YEA on roll call No. 177, H.R. 7219—Information Quality Assurance Act and YEA on roll call No. 178, H.R. 7525—Special District Grant Accessibility Act.

ESTABLISHING THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT AND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE UNITED STATES ON JANUARY 20, 2025

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 34) establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 20, 2025, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BEAN of Florida). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 34

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

There is established a Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (in this resolution referred to as the "joint committee") consisting of 3 Senators and 3 Members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively. The joint committee is authorized to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 20, 2025.

SEC. 2. SUPPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

The joint committee—

(1) is authorized to utilize appropriate equipment and the services of appropriate personnel of departments and agencies of the Federal Government, under arrangements between the joint committee and the heads of those departments and agencies, in connection with the inaugural proceedings and ceremonies; and

(2) may accept gifts and donations of goods and services to carry out its responsibilities.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA AND EMANCIPATION HALL OF THE CAPITOL BY THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROCEEDINGS AND CEREMONIES CONDUCTED FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 35) authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 35

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF THE ROTUNDA AND EMANCIPATION HALL OF THE CAPITOL.

The rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol are authorized to be used on January 20, 2025, by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF SERGEANT BILL HOOSER

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

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today with a heavy heart as I mourn the loss of a true American hero, Sergeant Bill Hooser.

In the line of duty, Sergeant Hooser demonstrated unparalleled courage and commitment to serving our community. His dedication to protecting and serving the people of Santaquin, Utah, was unwavering. Yet, his life was cut short in a senseless act of violence, a tragedy that took him from us far too soon.

Sergeant Hooser's sacrifice serves as a stark reminder of the dangers our law enforcement officers face each and every day. They put their lives on the line to keep us safe, to uphold justice, and to maintain law and order. Sergeant Hooser exemplified the very best of that high and noble calling.

Let's remember his bravery, integrity, and selflessness. We owe it to Sergeant Hooser, his family, and all those who wear the uniform to ensure that their sacrifices are never forgotten. We must stand together as Utahns and as Americans in support of our law enforcement officers.

May God bless Sergeant Hooser. May He comfort his family in their time of grief, and may He watch over all those who continue to serve on the front lines of law enforcement.

I ask that the House observe a moment of silence.

ONE MISSING PERSON IS TOO MANY

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, this May is National Missing Persons Month. Over 600,000 people go missing in the United States every year. Tens of thousands of these folks remain missing every year.

Law enforcement officers work hard to solve these cases as quickly as possible. I thank them for all they do to find these people and try to ensure their safety.

Congress should do everything it can, though, to help the men and women in law enforcement do their jobs and bring these people home.

That is why I joined Congressman JOE NEGUSE in leading a bipartisan bill to improve reporting requirements for individuals who go missing on public lands.

This bill, called the TRACE Act, enhances reporting requirements of the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System so investigators across multiple agencies have access to all the important information to catch criminals behind people's disappearances.

No missing persons case should go unsolved just because investigators couldn't easily access the information they need. Improving the way our agencies record and share case details could save lives.

Mr. Speaker, 600,000 missing persons is too many. One missing person is too many. We should do all we can to find them and help them get home safely.

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CONGRATULATING THE MONTEREY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the Monterey High School Boys' Basketball Team for winning the 2024 Division 4 California State championship.

The Toreadors are the second basketball team ever from Monterey County

to win a State title, and, Mr. Speaker, this one was special.

Throughout their season, the Toreadors were determined to be victorious. However, after winning their league title, they actually lost in the sectional playoffs.

Nevertheless, due to their overall performance during the year, the Toreadors were given an at-large invitation to the State playoffs and the 14th seed.

Although they weren't happy with that ranking, they were thrilled with the opportunity to show that they were better than that and played with a huge chip on their shoulders.

They beat the third seed. They beat the sixth seed. They beat the second seed. They beat the fourth seed, and, yes, eventually, the Monterey High Toreadors beat the number one seed to capture the State championship.

It is historic wins like that, it is teams like this, and it is the attitude that they had that defines determination.

Congratulations to Coach Daniels and the determined Toreadors for their historic victory and for making California's 19th Congressional District very proud.

HONORING DONALD M. LEEBERN, JR.

(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 of Donald Leebern, Jr.

Don, a native of Columbus, Georgia, graduated from Columbus High School and went on to attend the University of Georgia. Don played football for the Bulldogs, winning an SEC championship in 1959 and the Orange Bowl in 1960.

After his impressive career at Georgia, Don joined the family business, Georgia Crown Distributing Company. Don worked his way up to become the president of Georgia Crown where the company saw continued success under his leadership. In 1992, he became chairman of the board of the company.

Don also served five consecutive terms on the University System Board of Regents after he was appointed by former Georgia Governor Zell Miller. This included time as regents chairman from 1994 to 1995.

Outside of his professional career, Don was known as a generous and kind man. He was a founding member of the University System of Georgia Foundation, as well as a member of numerous professional, civic, and social organizations.

Don was larger than life. He positively impacted everyone he met, and he will be sorely missed by all.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL NURSES DAY

(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, on National Nurses Day, let us honor the unsung healthcare heroes. They hold hands, wipe tears, and offer comfort to our families during the most difficult times.

Nurses are the heart and soul of our healthcare system, dedicating themselves tirelessly to the well-being of others.

They work long hours, sacrificing time from their own families to ensure that ours are taken care of. Their commitment goes beyond the confines of the hospital walls.

Today, let us take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to these remarkable healthcare professionals. Nurses, you are the backbone of our communities, and on this National Nurses Day, we honor and celebrate you.

To the nurses of eastern North Carolina, thank you for your selflessness, courage, and unwavering commitment.

POLITICAL PRISONER

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

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to alert this House of the actions of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, which seem to be vindicating the claim made by Peter Navarro that he is being held as a political prisoner.

I have been trying for 5 weeks to be able to interview Mr. Navarro. There are provisions that ought to allow this, and I was informed directly by Director Peters, who runs the bureau, that that request would be denied.

The reason it is being denied is because Peter Navarro is too notorious to be interviewed by a Member of Congress.

John Gotti was interviewed when he was in prison. The QAnon Shaman was interviewed in prison. Director Peters herself brought NBC News through prisons to showcase the work of corrections that is being done.

I think there is something else afoot here. Mr. Navarro, I am being told, is not being allowed to access his attorney, and it is because it is shameful what has been done to Peter Navarro based on a sham January 6 committee and a sham indictment and a sham conviction that we ought to work to remediate immediately upon President Trump's rightful and righteous return to office.

HONORING BARRON LAMONT JONES

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Barron Lamont Jones of Albuquerque, New Mex-

ico, a cherished son, brother, friend, and determined advocate.

For those who knew Barron, they know his story and the unimaginable adversity and indomitable spirit and sense of humor that lit up a room and the life that he built committed to advocacy and lifting up the voices of those who were formerly incarcerated in our community.

Barron's work advancing the fight for justice and equality in the criminal justice system while working at the ACLU was instrumental in the passage of the New Mexico Civil Rights Act and the New Mexico Voting Rights Act, among many other legislative victories.

I join Barron's family, and especially Heather, his partner of 32 years, his many friends, ACLU New Mexico, and so many others who are grieving and celebrating his life.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the men and women in the nursing profession. This week is National Nurses Week, and every year from May 6 through May 12, we celebrate the work and contributions nurses make in the healthcare field. National Nurses Week ends on Florence Nightingale's birthday, the founder of modern-day nursing.

Prior to serving in Congress, I spent nearly three decades in the healthcare profession, and there I worked closely with nurses and saw firsthand the care and the compassion that they showed their patients.

Nursing is a science and an art, reserved for those who are the most caring, giving, and passionate about helping others. Nurses provide their patients and families with comfort, compassion, guidance, and care.

Mr. Speaker, we should always thank our nurses for their hard work and dedication, and please join me in recognizing the nursing community this week. We should all be grateful for their commitment to caring for others, especially during these trying times.

CONGRATULATING QUINYON MITCHELL

(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, I rise to celebrate and recognize Quynon Mitchell, a cornerback from the University of Toledo. Quynon was recently selected by the Philadelphia Eagles with the 22nd overall pick in the 2024 NFL draft.

Northwest Ohio is undeniably proud of Mr. MITCHELL. He became the first