

from my formal membership on the Small Business Committee, I will never stop being a champion for American small businesses.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KWEISI MFUME,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE AND TECHNOLOGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Science, Space and Technology:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 4, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON, I write to inform you that effective immediately I resign from my position on the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology. I have enjoyed my time on the Committee under the leadership of Chairman FRANK LUCAS and wish all my colleagues the best carrying out the People's agenda.

For God and Country,

RYAN ZINKE,
Congressman, MT-01,
52nd U.S. Secretary
of the Interior, Com-
mander, U.S. Navy
SEALs (ret).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

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ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1275

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. Higgins of Louisiana.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Mr. Zinke and Mr. Moylan.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Fong.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Fong.

Mrs. MCCLAIN (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1276

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET: Mr. Suozzi.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Mr. Mfume (to rank immediately after Mr. Amo).

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Deluzio.

Mr. AGUILAR (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING ROBERT J. CASTELLI

(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, today, I rise to honor the memory of Robert J. Castelli, a dedicated public servant who passed away at the age of 74.

Robert's remarkable life journey began at 17 when he left high school to serve in the Vietnam war. As a member of the 7th Cavalry Regiment, he displayed extraordinary bravery during major battles, earning multiple commendations, including the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Following his military service, Robert embarked on a 21-year career with the New York State Police and later distinguished himself in academia, teaching at institutions like the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. His commitment to public service continued in the New York State Assembly, where he was a staunch advocate for veterans' affairs.

Beyond his professional life, Robert was a passionate outdoorsman and a member of the Camp Fire Club of America.

Robert is remembered as a soldier, scholar, and statesman. His legacy is cherished by all who knew him.

Robert leaves behind his wife, Jeanette; children, Christian and Paul; and grandchildren. His life of service and leadership will not be forgotten. I cherished the friendship that he and I had over the past many years.

HONORING KIM VAN WIE

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

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Kim Van Wie, who retires after 28 years of being the executive director of STARBASE Minnesota.

The Department of Defense's STARBASE program spans across 80 bases, providing world-class STEM programming to underserved fifth graders. Under Kim's outstanding leadership, STARBASE Minnesota grew from 2 classrooms to 11 and from 900 students per year to almost 7,000.

I met Kim in 2019 at the STARBASE in St. Paul, where I had the opportunity to witness her inspiration to young scientists and engineers. It is no surprise that two previous graduates served on my constituent staff.

Kim's commitment extends beyond title I students. During COVID, she propelled funding to provide 120,000 STEM kits for students across the region. Kim's selfless service and excellence will forever be celebrated.

It is my privilege and honor to thank Ms. Kim Van Wie for her distinguished career and celebrate her well-deserved retirement.

HONORING PATRICIA "TRICIA" BENNETT ARMSTRONG

(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 to honor the life of Tricia Armstrong, who passed away on May 26 at the age of 75 years old.

Tricia was a photographer for over 40 years, capturing special moments for people with her smile and boundless energy. She was a member of the Professional Photographers Association of Georgia and would travel the country taking photos and teaching seminars on camera methods.

Tricia was also very involved in bettering her community. She served as president of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, and she was a trailblazer in the Jesup Kiwanis Club and a founding member of the board of directors for Wayne National Bank, all while serving her church.

Beloved by her community, Tricia will always be cherished the most by her family, whom she loved dearly.

Madam Speaker, I offer my heartfelt condolences to her family. Her positive influence will be felt for generations to come.

CLOSURE OF MARTIN GENERAL HOSPITAL

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise to reiterate my unwavering commitment to the people of eastern North Carolina, where healthcare is a pressing concern.

Unfortunately, our region faces notable healthcare disparities, and the closure of Martin General Hospital in Martin County has only amplified these challenges.

We recently convened a listening session to hear the community's thoughts on the future of healthcare in Martin County. I expressed my sincere gratitude to all who participated and shared their experiences. The stories shared at the listening session truly underscored the profound impact of the hospital closure.

I want to assure Martin County that I am fully committed to working alongside the county and local residents to establish a new, sustainable healthcare system for this resilient community.

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION BORDER POLICY

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, we finally have it. The Biden administration today finally said they have a border policy. I hope the press does a good job of explaining what is going on here.

First of all, it is apparent when you put together the 2,500 illegals a day threshold, then 1,500 migrants a day entering the U.S. via the CBP One app, and the 30,000 migrants per month arriving through a mass parole program for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans, we are already up to about 150,000 people a month.

What I am going to focus on here is there used to be some concern about keeping families together. Under this program, we will continue to have 5,000 to 10,000 unaccompanied minors enter this country every month, and nothing will be done to turn them around.

In other words, we are going to continue the Biden policy of weak families, continue the policy of not requiring the parents to be here. I hope the press pays attention to this horrific policy.

DOJ CONDEMNING INSULAR CASES

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on the decision by the U.S. Department of Justice to condemn the use of the Insular Cases.

Last month, I co-led a bipartisan, bicameral letter signed by 43 Members of Congress, from both the House and the Senate, urging the U.S. Department of Justice to condemn and cease relying on the racist rulings of the Insular Cases that continue to negatively impact Americans living in U.S. territories.

The Department of Justice has finally agreed that the language is, in fact, racist and that the logic of the Insular Cases deserves no place in the law of the United States.

Residents of U.S. territories deserve fair treatment and the opportunity to determine their own political future. I am proud to see that our efforts have come to some fruition and have the Department of Justice clarify and denounce their position on those cases.

We are one step closer. We still have so much work to go to be equitable, to be treated fairly. I am asking all Virgin Islanders and all members of U.S. territories to continue the fight.

I will also continue to advocate for the reversal of the Insular Cases at the Supreme Court level and ensure the fair treatment of all residents living in U.S. territories.

CONGRATULATING TEACHER OF THE YEAR KELLY ACKERMAN

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

Mr. FRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Kelly Ackerman for being named the 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year for Seaside Elementary School in Horry County.

I am a little bit biased. While her colleagues chose her amongst dozens at this particular school, she is also the teacher of my first grade son, James.

Ms. Ackerman has taught various ages, including kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade. She has 16 total years of teaching, including 11 in Horry County Schools.

Horry County Schools is massive. There are 3,000 teachers, and they teach nearly 50,000 students. At Seaside Elementary, they are lucky to have somebody like Ms. Ackerman who is so passionate about teaching the next generation of American students.

I thank Ms. Ackerman for her role in fostering a culture of learning. My son certainly appreciates it. From a grateful family in the Fry household, we appreciate Ms. Ackerman engaging with our son.

I asked my son last night on FaceTime what he was going to remember most or miss most about Ms. Ackerman. He said: "She is beautiful. I will miss everything about her. She helped me learn 3D shapes. She appreciates me. She makes me feel special. She makes us do performances in class."

On behalf of my colleagues in the House and on behalf of the Fry family, I thank Ms. Ackerman for her selfless

dedication to the students of Seaside Elementary.

CELEBRATING IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, during Immigrant Heritage Month, I rise to honor my constituent Maria Barahona, a shining example of the resilience and contributions of our immigrant community.

Maria, a home-care provider and TPS recipient from El Salvador, embodies the American spirit through her unwavering commitment to serving others. TPS gives Maria the ability to work and care for her community.

Her story is not just one of personal triumph but a testament to the invaluable impact of immigrants to our Nation. Foreign-born workers drove a staggering 50 percent of the U.S. labor market growth last year.

Maria's story is a call to action. We must support and uplift our immigrant community and expand TPS.

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ONE BARRIER TO PEACE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LANDSMAN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. LANDSMAN. Madam Speaker, I am one of only a few Jewish Members of the House, and I am leading this Special Order hour to help provide some clarity in this time of challenge and confusion. It has been said that there are four barriers to peace in the Middle East, but we are here tonight because there is only one barrier to peace, and that is the Government of Iran.

This war in the Middle East has impacted two historically traumatized people who share a history. They share land, and unfortunately, they share this reality that no one in the world wants either one of them.

Watching this trauma and this history unfold has had a deep impact on caring people all over the world. We want this war to end. We want the hostages returned, and we want a future peace for Israelis and Palestinians. We may be nearing a cease-fire, and I pray Hamas agrees to the proposal that is on the table now. That won't resolve the larger issue of Iran.

Before October 7, we were nearing peace in the region. In fact, over the past several decades there have been major efforts to bring peace between Israel and Arab nations. Historically, Arab nations were united against Israel, launching frequent attacks with the intent of destroying the Jewish state, but things slowly changed, one