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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably could not be present today to vote on the Floor proceedings before the House. Had I been present, I would have voted: NO on Roll Call No. 276, NO on Roll Call No. 277, YEA on Roll Call 278, and NO on Roll Call No. 279.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, my vote was not recorded today. Had it been recorded, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 276, AYE on Roll Call No. 277, YEA on Roll Call No. 278, and NO on Roll Call No. 279.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not able to be present to vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 276, NO on Roll Call No. 277, YEA on Roll Call No. 278, and NO on Roll Call No. 279.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 8070, SERVICEMEMBER QUALITY OF LIFE IMPROVEMENT AND NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Mr. STRONG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 8070, to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section and title numbering, cross-referencing, conforming amendments to the table of contents and short titles, and the insertion of appropriate headings.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 4213

Ms. CARAVEO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 4213, a bill originally introduced by Representative BUCK of Colorado, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

TERRORISTS CROSSING SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, this week, eight suspected terrorists with ISIS ties were arrested in New York City, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia after crossing our southern border from Tajikistan where they supposedly were vetted and then released into our interior.

Since President Biden took office, 340 individuals on the terrorist watch list were caught crossing, and that is just who were caught. Who else is among the 10 million individuals that this administration has allowed to enter after making its 60 different policy changes to undo the border security measures of President Trump?

What we know is that he has allowed in drug traffickers, murderers, robbers, those who have assaulted police officers, and even an individual who shot two police officers in New York City a week ago. How many more before President Biden takes action and undoes his disastrous policies, and how many more until cities like mine undo their dangerous sanctuary policies that not only protect these individuals but force the taxpayers of New York and America to house them and provide all sorts of free services to their benefit.

HIGHLIGHTING UKRAINIAN WOMEN

(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, Ukraine is fighting valiantly to regain its freedom, but today I wish to highlight the heroes of Ukraine, its women.

These Ukrainian women work hard in the fields and farmsteads to feed their families, neighbors, and nation during war and during peace. These women labor day after day in the hot sun. By hand—you should see their hands—they plant precious seeds they carefully saved from last year using worn, simple implements, and small handheld shovels.

They harvest with scythes and use simple pushcarts to pull their harvest by hand back to their small villages. Underequipped, they toil year after year as best they can against the forces of nature of the season of the hard-scrabble circumstances of their dear lives.

Along Ukraine's eastern front where Russia has brutally invaded and is systematically destroying villagers and villages, these courageous women are planting. They are planting between land mines. Who can even fathom their heroism?

They feed their children, their families, their neighbors, their countrymen and -women. Let us celebrate these inspirational women of Ukraine, women of hope. Their extraordinary sheroism

is perseverance. Their grace under pressure is defined by what U.S. President John F. Kennedy called “pure raw courage.”

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REMEMBERING REIS GRAMS AND JESSE HAUGEN

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

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Reis Grams and Jesse Haugen, two outdoorsmen who passed away while canoeing in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

Reis was a beloved husband to his wife, Angie, and a devoted father to his sons, August and Teddy. He grew up in Blaine and was a man of many talents, from his love of the outdoors to becoming a skilled carpenter and businessowner. He was a lifelong learner, a caring family man, and a man of deep faith.

Jesse grew up in Blaine and served our Nation honorably in the U.S. Army. After his military service, Jesse served as a youth leader at his church. A proud father and husband, he owned and operated a business with his wife, Bethany, and cherished every moment spent with their son, Isaac.

Last month, Reis and Jesse's canoes went over the Curtain Falls, leading to their tragic passing.

We are praying for strength and comfort for their families, friends, and all who knew them during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING CADEN McCLURE AS OHIO'S 13th DISTRICT CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

(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, I rise today to recognize Caden McClure as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

Caden is a senior at Green High School, and he became the 2024 Division 1 boys pole vaulting State champion at the State championship meet in Dayton this past weekend.

Several pole vaulters at the meet attempted to jump 16 feet, but after three attempts, Caden was the only one to successfully clear this incredible jump to secure the State title.

The win capped off a very successful season for senior Caden McClure as he is the fourth pole vaulter from Green High School to win the State title.

He also continued his family's history of dominance in this event by winning this year's State title because he followed his brother, Connor, who set the Division I State pole vault record of 17 feet 3 inches back in 2001.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate, once again, Caden McClure for this very impressive victory. He has made his

school, his family, and his community very proud, and I can't wait to see what he does next. He is the reason why Ohio's 13th Congressional District is the birthplace of champions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VALDOSTA STATE MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

(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 the Valdosta State men's tennis team on their recent national championship.

The Blazers tennis team had an impressive season. They finished the year with an overall record of 26-3. In conference play, the team finished 8-1 and were named the Gulf South Conference champions.

At the Division II National Championships Festival in Orlando, Florida, Valdosta State battled for the chance to earn their third national title in school history.

After beating Flagler College 4-3 in the final match, the Blazers earned the title of national champions as well as the number one team ranked in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Boruch Skierkier, Rodrigo Carvalho, Takeshi Taco, and Luca Mack also earned Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division II All-American honors.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Head Coach John Hansen and the entire men's tennis team on an outstanding season and a national championship.

COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

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

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, last week, I traveled with my colleagues to Normandy to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the battle that turned the tide of World War II and led to the defeat of the Nazis.

I met 100-year-old Air Force Tech Sergeant Chuck Richardson from my State of North Carolina, who flew 35 combat missions including on D-Day. He was a real hero.

We saw rows and rows of white crosses and Stars of David marking the graves of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in that terrible battle.

We were reminded of the fragility of democracy and the dangers of tyrants who disregard the rule of law.

Today, democracies around the world are under attack and authoritarian regimes are rising.

D-Day proved that brave Americans working together could save the free world.

We must put partisan divides aside and, once again, provide the leadership the world so desperately needs.

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESSFUL AND IMPACTFUL CAREER OF AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT BROOKS KEEL

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the successful and impactful career of Augusta University President Brooks Keel, who is retiring after more than 14 memorable years in the university system of Georgia.

Dr. Keel arrived at Augusta University during a defining moment for the future of the institution in July 2015, and his tenure has been defined by his steadfast leadership and commitment to the success of the university and its students.

As President, Dr. Keel ushered in 8 straight years of enrollment growth and a 48 percent increase in the University's economic impact on the State of Georgia.

I consider myself blessed to call Dr. Keel a dear friend, and while it saddens us to see this chapter end, I join the community in congratulating him on an extraordinary career and expressing our deepest gratitude for his unwavering dedication.

As Dr. Keel and Tammie embark on a well-deserved retirement, we will continue to follow his example and build on the foundation he established for a brighter future.

In the words of Dr. Keel, go Jags.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

(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, I rise to commemorate National Homeownership Month, a time to reflect on the American Dream of owning a home and what it means for the communities of eastern North Carolina.

Homeownership for communities across the east is the cornerstone of stability and prosperity.

From putting down roots to building wealth, owning a home represents a significant milestone in the lives of Americans.

Through homeownership, we build strong communities and provide stability for families, yet we know there are many challenges.

Affordability remains a concern for many hardworking families. Congress has a duty to ensure that the American Dream of owning a home is alive and well no matter what your background or ZIP Code.

We must double down on our efforts to improve access to affordable housing, especially in rural America.

CELEBRATING PAUL WOJAHN ON HIS 103RD BIRTHDAY

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate Paul Wojahn. Paul is a World War II veteran, beloved New Ulm community member, veteran advocate, neighbor, relative, and friend who will celebrate his 103rd birthday next week on June 19.

Paul grew up on a farm near Comfrey, Minnesota, and when he turned 21, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, answering the call to serve his country like many in his family and like so many in the Greatest Generation.

After completing basic training in San Diego, Paul served aboard the USS *Mount Vernon* and was stationed in various locations throughout the Pacific theater, including Okinawa.

When he returned home from the war, Paul worked as a farmer and an excavator and went on to serve as a conservation officer for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for 25 years before retiring in 1983.

Today, Paul is actively involved in several veterans' groups and community organizations. He volunteers with The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and VFW, as well as the Salvation Army and Lion's Club.

Even at 103 years old, Paul continues to live each day to the fullest and finds time to enjoy the little things like a quiet morning catching crappies.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Paul for the many ways he has made southern Minnesota a better place for all of us to call home. We wish him the happiest of birthdays and many more to come.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF PAMELA RICHARDS

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor one of the Virgin Islands' very own, the recently departed, Pam Richards.

A dedicated public servant, Pam's unwavering service to the Virgin Islands and tireless efforts to enhance our culture and heritage leave behind a legacy and an indelible mark on all us.

Pamela Richards served as Commissioner of Tourism of the Virgin Islands Government, executive director of the 29th legislature of the Virgin Islands, district director of my office, and more recently, she was the interim chief of staff for President David Hall of the University of the Virgin Islands. She served on too many nonprofits and government boards to mention.

Although deeply saddened by her passing, I find comfort in the memories of her: her sarcastic humor, our shared stories of our Virgin Islands ancestors, history, and culture.

Mr. Speaker, I say to Pam, rest well, queen. We will remember her legacy.