

As a matter of fact, in those years, I also represented part of Douglas County, Colorado, where Parker is located. It was the fastest growing county in America for 8 years in a row.

Following his time as mayor, Representative LOPEZ not only owned and operated a small business selling medical supplies, but he also served in the Small Business Administration as the State director for Colorado from 2008 to 2014.

Throughout his career, Representative LOPEZ has been blessed with his lovely wife, Lisa, as well as their two children, Michael and Christina.

Mr. Speaker, I welcome Representative GREG LOPEZ to the United States House of Representatives not only as a friend but now as a colleague.

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Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LOPEZ).

Mr. LOPEZ. “Mr. Speaker, le agradezco por este distinguido honor de dirigirme a los Miembros del Congreso esta noche.” “Mr. Speaker, thank you for this distinguished honor to address the Members of Congress this evening.”

Four days ago, Americans across our Nation celebrated the Fourth of July, our day of independence from the British Empire. It was on July 4, 1776, that the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. I am proud to carry the Constitution and Declaration of Independence in my pocket.

As I stand in this prestigious Chamber, I am filled with a sense of gratitude: Gratitude for being given an opportunity by my Lord and Savior and the good people of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District to join you, my brothers and sisters, in the 118th Congress;

Gratitude for my parents, Gregorio Beltran Lopez and Victoria Barron Lopez, who grew up working in the fields, believing in the American Dream. They always spoke of how America always allows everyone to live the American Dream regardless of wealth or educational achievements;

Gratitude for my wife, Lisa, of 36 years and our children, Michael and Christina, for always believing in me and standing by my side. My son was not able to join us here tonight, but my wife and daughter are.

My time with you is short, as I will not be serving in the 119th Congress. However, in that short time, I vow to stay true to the virtues of respect, collaboration, friendship, unity, and most importantly, statesmanship.

My brothers and sisters, these are the virtues the American people thirst to see once again in our national, State, and local representatives.

Together, let us be that beacon that people seek. Together, let us restore hope back into the American Dream for the younger generation. Together, let us put people over politics.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentleman from Colorado, the whole number of the House is 433.

## LONG ISLAND SOUND RESTORATION AND STEWARDSHIP REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2023

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5441) to reauthorize Long Island Sound programs, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 333, nays 51, not voting 49, as follows:

[Roll No. 337]

YEAS—333

Adams  
Aderholt  
Aguilar  
Alford  
Allred  
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Armstrong  
Auchincloss  
Bacon  
Baird  
Balderson  
Balint  
Barr  
Barragán  
Bean (FL)  
Beatty  
Bentz  
Bera  
Bergman  
Beyer  
Bice  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Blumenauer  
Bonamici  
Bost  
Boyle (PA)  
Brown  
Brownley  
Bucshon  
Budzinski  
Burgess  
Burlison  
Bush  
Calvert  
Caraveo  
Carbajal  
Cárdenas  
Carey  
Carl  
Carson  
Carter (GA)  
Carter (LA)  
Cartwright  
Casar  
Case  
Casten  
Castor (FL)  
Castro (TX)  
Chavez-DeRemer  
Cherfilus-  
McCormick  
Chu  
Ciscomani  
Clark (MA)  
Clarke (NY)  
Cleaver

Cline  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Cole  
Connolly  
Correa  
Costa  
Courtney  
Craig  
Crawford  
Crockett  
Crow  
Cuellar  
Curtis  
D'Esposito  
Davids (KS)  
Davis (NC)  
Dean (PA)  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
DelBene  
Deluzio  
DesJarlais  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Duarte  
Edwards  
Ellzey  
Emmer  
Escobar  
Eshoo  
Espallat  
Estes  
Ezell  
Fallon  
Feenstra  
Ferguson  
Finstad  
Fischbach  
Fitzgerald  
Fitzpatrick  
Fleischmann  
Fletcher  
Flood  
Fong  
Foster  
Foushee  
Frankel, Lois  
Franklin, Scott  
Frost  
Fry  
Garbarino  
Garcia (IL)  
Garcia, Mike  
Garcia, Robert  
Gimenez  
Golden (ME)  
Goldman (NY)

Gomez  
Gonzales, Tony  
Gonzalez,  
Vicente  
Gooden (TX)  
Gotthelmer  
Graves (LA)  
Guthrie  
Harder (CA)  
Harris  
Hayes  
Higgins (LA)  
Hill  
Hinson  
Horsford  
Houchin  
Houlahan  
Hoyer  
Hoyle (OR)  
Hudson  
Huffman  
Huizenga  
Ivey  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson (NC)  
Jacobs  
James  
Jayapal  
Jeffries  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson (LA)  
Johnson (SD)  
Joyce (OH)  
Kamlager-Dove  
Kaptur  
Kean (NJ)  
Keating  
Kelly (IL)  
Kelly (MS)  
Kelly (PA)  
Kennedy  
Khanna  
Kiggans (VA)  
Kildee  
Kiley  
Kilmer  
Kim (CA)  
Kim (NJ)  
Krishnamoorthi  
Kuster  
LaHood  
LaLota  
Lamborn  
Landsman  
Langworthy  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Latta

LaTurner  
Lawler  
Lee (CA)  
Lee (FL)  
Lee (NV)  
Lee (PA)  
Leger Fernandez  
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Lofgren  
Lopez  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Luna  
Lynch  
Mace  
Magaziner  
Malliotakis  
Maloy  
Manning  
Matsui  
McBath  
McCaul  
McClain  
McClellan  
McCollum  
McGarvey  
McGovern  
McHenry  
Meeks  
Menendez  
Meng  
Meuser  
Mfume  
Miller (OH)  
Miller-Meeks  
Molinaro  
Moolenaar  
Moore (UT)  
Moran  
Morelle  
Moulton  
Mrvan  
Mullin  
Murphy  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Neguse  
Newhouse  
Nickel  
Norcross  
Nunn (IA)

Obernolte  
Ocasio-Cortez  
Omar  
Owens  
Pallone  
Palmer  
Panetta  
Pappas  
Pascarell  
Pelosi  
Perez  
Peters  
Pettersen  
Pfluger  
Pingree  
Pocan  
Porter  
Pressley  
Quigley  
Ramirez  
Raskin  
Reschenthaler  
Rodgers (WA)  
Rogers (AL)  
Ross  
Rouzer  
Ruiz  
Rulli  
Ruppersberger  
Ryan  
Salinas  
Sánchez  
Scalise  
Scanlon  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schneider  
Scholten  
Schrier  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, Austin  
Scott, David  
Sewell  
Sherman  
Sherrill  
Simpson  
Slotkin  
Smith (MO)  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (WA)  
Smucker  
Sorensen  
Soto  
Spanberger

Spartz  
Stansbury  
Stanton  
Stauber  
Steel  
Stefanik  
Steil  
Stevens  
Strickland  
Strong  
Suozi  
Sykes  
Takano  
Tenney  
Thanedar  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thompson (PA)  
Timmons  
Titus  
Tlaib  
Tonko  
Torres (CA)  
Torres (NY)  
Trahan  
Trone  
Turner  
Underwood  
Valadao  
Van Drew  
Van Dyne  
Van Orden  
Vargas  
Vasquez  
Veasey  
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Wagner  
Walberg  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Watson Coleman  
Webster (FL)  
Wenstrup  
Westerman  
Wild  
Williams (GA)  
Williams (NY)  
Williams (TX)  
Wilson (FL)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Womack  
Yakym

NAYS—51

Allen  
Arrington  
Banks  
Biggs  
Bishop (NC)  
Boebert  
Brecheen  
Burchett  
Clyde  
Collins  
Comer  
Crane  
Davidson  
Donalds  
Duncan  
Foxy  
Fulcher

Gaetz  
Good (VA)  
Gosar  
Green (TN)  
Greene (GA)  
Grothman  
Hageman  
Harshbarger  
Hern  
Jordan  
Joyce (PA)  
Kustoff  
Lesko  
Loudermilk  
McClintock  
McCormick  
Miller (IL)

Miller (WV)  
Mills  
Mooney  
Nehls  
Norman  
Ogles  
Posey  
Rose  
Rosendale  
Roy  
Rutherford  
Schweikert  
Self  
Sessions  
Steube  
Tiffany  
Waltz

NOT VOTING—49

Babin  
Blunt Rochester  
Bowman  
Buchanan  
Cammack  
Carter (TX)  
Cloud  
Crenshaw  
Davis (IL)  
De La Cruz  
DeSaulnier  
Diaz-Balart  
Dunn (FL)  
Evans  
Gallego  
Garamendi  
Garcia (TX)

Granger  
Graves (MO)  
Green, Al (TX)  
Griffith  
Grijalva  
Guest  
Himes  
Hunt  
Issa  
Jackson (TX)  
Jackson Lee  
LaMalfa  
Luttrell  
Mann  
Massie  
Mast  
Moore (AL)

Moore (WI)  
Moskowitz  
Peltola  
Pence  
Perry  
Phillips  
Rogers (KY)  
Salazar  
Sarbanes  
Smith (NJ)  
Swallow  
Tokuda  
Weber (TX)  
Wexton  
Zinke

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on Roll Call No. 337, the Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act (H.R. 5441).

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend the vote series today, due to an unexpected absence. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336 and YEA on Roll Call No. 337.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I missed all votes today due to a doctor's appointment. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336 and YEA on Roll Call No. 337.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to travel cancellations relating to Hurricane Beryl today, I was unable to vote during today's vote series. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted YEA on H.R. 897, the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act, and YEA on H.R. 5441, the Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I missed two Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336 and YEA on Roll Call No. 337.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.J. RES. 148

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. KELLY) as cosponsor of H.J. Res. 148.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. VAN ORDEN). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from West Virginia?

There was no objection.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF OFFICER JAMIESON RITTER

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

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues from the Ohio delegation to pay tribute to Cleveland Officer Jamieson Ritter, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our community last week.

Officer Ritter honorably served his country in the National Guard and Army Reserve and served his community for 4 years as a police officer. Facing the terrible risk law enforcement officers deal with every day, officer Ritter lived the motto, "Protect and Serve." For example, he provided he-

roic emergency assistance multiple times this year, including saving the life of a gunshot victim wounded just weeks ago.

For his consistently selfless service, he was named Officer of the Month in May. Officer Ritter exemplified the best of law enforcement, and for that we are profoundly grateful.

May God hold Officer Ritter in the palm of His hand and give strength to his family and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all in the Chamber to rise for a moment of silence in remembrance of Cleveland Police Officer Jamieson Ritter.

#### RECOGNIZING CLINTON COUNTY'S CAMP CADET

(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 today to recognize Clinton County's Camp Cadet program.

Emergency first responder positions are in-demand jobs, and this camp mimics the disciplined atmosphere at a police academy. Participants are exposed to various detectives, police officers, rescuers, emergency medical technicians, and other emergency first responders. They will engage with the participants and teach them valuable skills such as CPR. The kids learn how to march in step under command and do so to and from the various venues during the week.

The Clinton County District Attorney's Office creates a mock crime scene, which is explained by detectives who also go over investigative techniques. This year, approximately 58 kids between the ages of 11 and 15 are participating in the Camp Cadet program at Commonwealth University—Lock Haven.

There will also be a 1-day program called the Lacy Day Camp, which is free to special needs kids who want to participate.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all the volunteers and departments who made this camp possible. They provide an opportunity to teach our young community members that law enforcement are their friends.

#### NORTH CAROLINA DROUGHT

(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, the current drought situation has reached a critical point. It is hitting hard, and many farmers have told me they have never seen anything like this in a lifetime.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 16 counties in North Carolina's First Congressional District are currently at a D1 drought level, and three are at a D2.

I have witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of this drought on

crops such as withered cornfields and parched tobacco plants.

Every State from Georgia to Maryland faces similar damaging drought levels. Our farmers have had enough to deal with, and a drought makes everything more challenging.

It also affects local businesses that rely on the agriculture industry, creating a ripple effect across many rural communities.

Today I sent a letter to Secretary Vilsack calling for an immediate disaster designation. I strongly urge the USDA to get Federal assistance out the door.

#### HONORING DEPUTY WILLIAM HENRY BUTLER, JR.

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Hillsdale County Sheriff's Deputy William Henry Butler, Jr., who was shot and killed in the line of duty while assisting a fellow officer during a traffic stop.

Deputy Butler served our country in the National Guard for 26 years, including deployments overseas during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He then served our community in the sheriff's office for the past 12 years.

Deputy Butler enjoyed spending time with his family, boating, and fishing. He will be remembered as a model deputy, a protector, a giver, a helper, and a family man.

In a clear display of the impact he left, over 2,500 law enforcement officers and hundreds of community members attended his funeral this past week to remember Deputy Butler and honor his service.

Our hearts are broken for his wife, Sarah, their five children, and two grandchildren. He will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

#### CELEBRATING THE NATO ALLIANCE FOR LIBERTY

(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 recognize the historic 2024 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit being held here in Washington, D.C.

We recognize 75 years of this indispensable NATO alliance for liberty, founded in the wake of the free world's great victory over tyranny in World War II.

This week, 32 world leaders gather in Washington to demonstrate NATO's unity and strength, facing greater threats to our shared security from the likes of Russia, Iran, China, and North Korea.

The Biden administration, along with bipartisan support in Congress, have strengthened NATO, including the important addition of Finland and Sweden.