

used on March 21, 2024, for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the 23d Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Services Company, known collectively as the "Ghost Army", in recognition of unique and highly distinguished service during World War II.

(b) PREPARATIONS.—Physical preparations for the conduct of the ceremony described in subsection (a) shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER FOR A CEREMONY TO PRESENT THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL COLLECTIVELY TO THE WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES WHO JOINED THE WORKFORCE DURING WORLD WAR II, PROVIDING THE AIRCRAFT, VEHICLES, WEAPONRY, AMMUNITION, AND OTHER MATERIAL TO WIN THE WAR AND WHO WERE REFERRED TO AS ROSIE THE RIVETER, IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE INSPIRATION THEY HAVE PROVIDED TO ENSURING GENERATIONS

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 85, 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:

H. CON. RES. 85

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

SECTION 1. USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR CEREMONY TO PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO "ROSIE THE RIVETER".

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center is authorized to be used on April 10, 2024, for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the women in the United States who joined the workforce during World War II, providing the aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, ammunition, and other material to win the war and who were referred to as "Rosie the Riveter", in recognition of their contributions to the United States and the inspiration they have provided to ensuing generations.

(b) PREPARATIONS.—Physical preparations for the conduct of the ceremony described in subsection (a) shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. STEIL. Mr. 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 Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 793

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 793, a bill originally introduced by Representative BILL JOHNSON of Ohio, to strengthen the American workforce, 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 Delaware?

There was no objection.

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RECOGNIZING DANI KUGLER

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dani Kugler of Kersey, Pennsylvania, Elk County.

Dani currently serves as the city of St. Mary's Parks and Recreation director. She was recently recognized by Parks and Recreation magazine with the National Recreation and Parks Association's "30 under 30" award for young professionals leading the way in 2024.

This award is given to young professionals who raise the bar for the parks and recreation profession. Dani was selected from a pool of over 100 applicants and scored on the impact on the agency's community and service population; contributions to the professional development of the field of parks and recreation; and for innovative ideas, programs, or research in the field of parks and recreation.

Dani was hired as the first year-round and full-time director in June 2019. In her 5 years serving the St. Mary's area, she has established a strong social media presence and increased membership and program participation by 40 percent. She has also successfully increased the city's 15 summer-only program events to 45 year-round programs and events.

This is the first time in St. Mary's history that its park director has been recognized for this award.

I congratulate Dani on this much-deserved recognition. I look forward to seeing continued growth and development of the St. Mary's Parks and Recreation Department.

RIISING COSTS

(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, listening to constituents is the most important thing we can do, and they are telling me back home about the burden of high costs.

One constituent shared: "I have to continue working even after retirement. My husband cannot afford to retire due to rising costs. I also have to assist my mom with her bills, which puts further strain on our finances."

Too many find it challenging to make ends meet while caring for an elderly parent.

Another constituent shared: "My income doesn't cover common life. I can't afford decent housing, meats at the grocery store, or basic life necessities. It is harder now."

Madam Speaker, Congress must take every possible measure to ensure that residents of eastern North Carolina, rural America, and those across America do not feel the financial strain in their pocketbooks and wallets.

CELEBRATING JAMES W. PUTNEY, 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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate James W. Putney, Jr., a veteran, patriot, and grand marshal of the 2023 Savannah Veterans Day Parade.

Mr. Putney proudly led the annual Veterans Day parade in Savannah, which is dedicated to celebrating America's heroes.

His devout service and leadership have been evident since answering the call to join the United States Army at 17 years old. Over two decades of honorable service resulted in his retirement as a staff sergeant at Fort Benning, Georgia.

In his military journey, James played vital roles as a construction and combat engineer. Post-retirement, he returned to his roots in Savannah, transitioning to a career at the Chatham County Courthouse, where he continued his service until 2016.

Even in retirement, James remained actively involved in various local organizations, as he continues to exemplify dedication and leadership to his community and to his country.

I congratulate James and thank him for his service to our country and our community.

CELEBRATING BLACK WOMEN AT THE GRAMMYS

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Black women who won big at the 66th Grammy Awards, which were held in the heart of my district.

Best Album nominee SZA came away with awards for Best Progressive R&B Album, Best R&B Song, and Best Pop Duo/Group Performance.

Victoria Monet became the third Black woman in 4 years to take home the Grammy for Best New Artist, following Samara Joy, who won Best Jazz Performance this year, and Megan Thee Stallion.

At the age of 22, Tyla became the youngest South African artist in history to win the Best African Music Performance award for her mega-hit, "Water."

Coco Jones came away with Best R&B Performance.

Still, the biggest awards—Best Album, Record of the Year, and Song of the Year—are seldom won by Black women. As Jay Z alluded to, a Black woman has not won the top prize, Best Album, in 25 years.

I mean, how much lemonade do we have to make?

NEED FOR ISRAEL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise before the House tonight in support of the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Israel has been our longtime ally, and they need us more than ever at this point with the unwarranted, unprovoked attacks that happened on October 7 to many, many innocent people by the terrorist group Hamas and others that they are surrounded by in their country.

Israel has been under attack since the first moment of its existence in the 1940s, and even going back a millennia.

Israel is a fantastic partner in developing new technologies, improved medical technology, improved medicines, improved drip irrigation, and improved missile defense systems. They are a great partner with us and, indeed, a shining beacon in the Middle East as a representative republic unlike any other there.

Even Arab Israelis would rather live in Israel than in some of those other places because they know it is good, right, and just.

It is our obligation—indeed, it is our privilege—to stand with Israel as an ally in their time of great need.

Madam Speaker, we need to get over ourselves a little bit around here and step forward and get this work done.

FIGHTING TO FUND UKRAINE, TAIWAN, AND HUMANITARIAN AID TO PALESTINIANS

(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 absolute disbelief and genuine disgust with what the Speaker did tonight.

He knowingly allowed a bill to fail that would have provided critical support for our troops fighting terrorism in Iraq and Syria and for critical support for Israel. He did it because he wanted to embarrass Democrats.

He also intentionally left out much-needed humanitarian aid for Palestinians in Gaza, essential support for Ukraine, and essential support for Taiwan. He chose this horrific, dangerous new brand of partisan politics over our troops, our allies, and millions in need.

The fact that Palestinians need humanitarian aid, Ukraine needs to defend itself against Putin, and Taiwan needs support against China is absolutely of no interest to the Speaker.

Representative GOLDMAN and I attempted to amend this bill to include aid for all three, but we were denied.

We will keep fighting to fund Ukraine, Taiwan, and humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza. This is what the American people want. It is what our global partners need. It is what this moment requires of us.

SALUTING CHIEF BOBBY HUGHES OF THE EAST MEADOW FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening to salute the long, storied career of Chief Bobby Hughes of the East Meadow Fire Department. He has been in the Nassau County Fire Service for over 40 years.

He rose through the ranks, becoming the chief of the department from 1997 to 1998. He was instrumental in forming the East Meadow Fire Department Chiefs Association.

He is the current band leader of the Nassau County Firefighters Pipes and Drums and led that very band down Pennsylvania Avenue for the inauguration of President Trump.

He joined the Nassau County Fire Service Academy as an instructor in 2003 and has risen through the ranks.

This week, he will walk out of the Nassau County Fire Service Academy for the last time as the chief instructor. He has made it a beacon of education and training, not just in Nassau County but across the country.

Madam Speaker, I join the Nassau County Fire Service in saluting Chief Bobby Hughes and thanking him for his career in keeping our county safe and training the future of the fire service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FALLEN SERVICEMEMBERS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the ultimate sacrifice made by five of our Nation's most heroic men and women in uniform. Each was defending liberty in dangerous territory, and each possessed raw courage, selflessness, and total dedication to duty for the sake of our Nation. Each of us is privileged to live under liberty's umbrella because of them.

Special Warfare Operator First Class Christopher Chambers and Navy Special Warfare Operator Second Class Nathan Ingram were lost far from home in rough waters on the Red Sea on January 11.

Then, 17 days later, on January 28, an enemy drone targeted Tower 22 in Jordan. The drone operated by Iranian-backed militia terrorists wounded more than 40 U.S. servicemembers, killing 3 of America's finest: Staff Sergeant William Rivers, Specialist Kennedy Sanders, and Specialist Breonna Moffett.

While all five hailed from different hometowns, they served together for one united purpose: liberty, defending America against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

These brave soldiers and sailors were guarding us against the hastening spiderweb of terrorism and tyranny halfway around the world.

Let us pay homage and honor each of these young men and women for their ultimate sacrifice. May they rest in peace.

May God bless America.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD my guest essay.

GUEST ESSAY: ESTABLISHING 'GAZA-PALESTINIAN PROTECTORATE' WOULD GO A LONG WAY

(By U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur)

Halfway around the world, the war between Hamas' terrorist units and Israel is a piercing global tragedy. It demands a global response. Yet, "Peace and Justice" have eluded solution in this troubled region for over a century. It will be even harder to achieve after this conflagration ends. The extraordinary death toll will resound for generations forward. How does one create a lasting peace borne of such fierce, enduring hatreds?

The invasion Hamas' fighters launched from Palestinian Gaza into Israel on Oct. 7, 2023 broke the cease-fire that had tensely hung over that very troubled region. More than 1,200 innocent Israeli civilians were slaughtered in a barbaric attack, with more than 100 Israeli and some American hostages still remaining in captivity. More than 250,000 Israelis were evacuated and displaced from their homes. In Gaza, 1.7 million Gazans have subsequently been displaced with Hamas health officials claiming more than 25,000 civilians dead, and more than 60,000 injured with two-thirds of the victims being women and children.

How does any army defeat a hostile enemy positioned amidst a civilian population and underground in a vast "bunker city" with miles of interconnected tunnels, dug for purposes of war, not peace?

Over 140,000 Hezbollah terrorist forces supplied by Iran, are positioned in southern Lebanon, shooting rockets down on Israel now. It is no accident Yemen's terrorist Houthis