

DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF THE BILL H.R. 5009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a concurrent resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 134

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring).* That in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5009, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following correction: Amend the long title so as to read: "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes."

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS OF FORMER MEMBERS PROGRAM

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings during the former Members program be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the proceedings have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

#### HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. 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 Alabama?

There was no objection.

#### CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE AND CORRUPTION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-183)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622 (d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017, is to continue in effect beyond December 20, 2024.

The prevalence and severity of human rights abuse and corruption that have their source, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States, continue to threaten the stability of international political and economic systems. Human rights abuse and corruption undermine the values that form an essential foundation of stable, secure, and functioning societies; have devastating impacts on individuals; weaken democratic institutions; degrade the rule of law; perpetuate violent conflicts; facilitate the activities of dangerous persons; undermine economic markets; and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13818 with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE, December 11, 2024.

#### CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE GLOBAL ILLICIT DRUG TRADE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-184)

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2021, is to continue in effect beyond December 15, 2024.

The trafficking into the United States of illicit drugs, including fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, is causing the deaths of tens of thousands of Americans annually, as well as countless more non-fatal overdoses with their own tragic human toll. Drug cartels, transnational criminal organizations, and their facilitators are the primary sources of illicit drugs and precursor chemicals that fuel the current opioid epidemic, as well as drug-related violence that harms our communities. International drug trafficking—including the illicit production, global sale, and widespread distribution of illegal drugs; the rise of extremely potent drugs such as fentanyl and other synthetic opioids; as well as the growing role of Internet-based drug sales—continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14059 with respect to global illicit drug trafficking.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.

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#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, December 11, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 43.

That the Senate passed S. 4776.

That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of the Honorable Fred R. Harris, former United States Senator from the State of Oklahoma S. Res. 925.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1097.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3254.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3797.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3801.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6829.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6960.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7872.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,

Acting Clerk.

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#### HONORING THE LIFE OF BOB HOLT

(Mr. WESTERMAN asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of renowned Arkansas Democrat-Gazette sports reporter Bob Holt, who passed away December 4 after collapsing following the Arkansas football game against the Missouri Tigers, his alma mater.

Since 1981, Bob covered the Razorbacks and sports across Arkansas, bringing every game to life in a unique way that only Bob Holt could.

He was a titan of the media industry, revered for his ability to get an answer to any question, all while maintaining the utmost respect from coaches, players, and his fellow reporters.

Bob leaves a resounding legacy in his wake, and his mark in the Arkansas sports community will go down in history. Not only was Bob an unparalleled reporter, he was a faithful and loyal friend.

Matt Jones, a friend and colleague of Bob's for many years, said that if the world was full of Bob Holts, it would be a lot better world, a lot kinder world, a lot more peaceful world. It would be a world that laughs a lot more, and it would be a much, much better place.

My prayers go out to his family, friends, and all Arkansans mourning our loss.

#### RECOGNIZING THE KILOHANA TEMPORARY GROUP HOUSING SITE

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, for millions of our fellow Americans, Thanksgiving is about returning home, a time to gather with loved ones in a place both familiar and safe.

On my way back to Hawaii for the Thanksgiving recess, with long delays and packed airports and planes, it hit me for too many of our Maui "family," "ohana," this is but a sliver of what they have been trying to do for the past 16 months. They are just trying to go home.

A week before Thanksgiving, I joined the Folaumoeloa "family," "ohana" as they became the first family to move into the new Kilohana Temporary Group Housing Site in Lahaina. By this spring, 167 modular units will house survivors and their families.

While these housing units can never replace what was lost, we hope they will soon be made homes by the people, the love, and the hopes and dreams that will fill the space between these walls.

A big "thank you," "mahalo" to FEMA, the Army Corps of Engineers, the State of Hawaii, Maui County, and all our contractors and community partners for their hard work and dedication.

Thanks to them, families like the Folaumoeloa are moving in months ahead of schedule to a place where they

can look ahead to the future and to what this community will one day be.

#### HONORING AVON MARCHING BLACK AND GOLD

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

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Avon Marching Black and Gold, Avon High School's marching band who won both the 2024 Bands of America Grand National Championship and the ISSMA State finals for the second year in a row.

Avon High School's marching band also won all three special award categories at the 2024 Bands of America Championship, taking home awards for Outstanding Music Performance, Outstanding Visual Performance, and Outstanding General Effect Performance.

I congratulate the students on their two big wins this year, and I am proud of their outstanding talent and perseverance that has led to their continued successes and national dominance.

I also thank the parents, teachers, directors, and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to this program. They couldn't have done it without you.

Congratulations again to the Avon Marching Black and Gold.

#### SUPPORTING SERVICEMEMBERS AT HOME AND ABROAD

(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, today the House passed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025.

I voted for the legislation, as this body upholds again the over 60-year bipartisan tradition, ensuring partisan politics does not put America's national security at risk.

As a senior Member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, I greatly appreciate the bipartisan work of the defense authorizing committee. Their collaboration has resulted in a bill that supports our patriotic servicemembers at home and abroad, and the legislation meets that call through its 14.5 percent pay raise for junior enlisted servicemembers and a 4.5 percent increase for all other members of our military.

Our State of Ohio is home to over 31,000 servicemembers including those on Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard duty. They have earned this much-needed increase in pay at a time when too many of our citizens are struggling to afford basic needs.

This legislation also authorizes \$121 million for defense-related upgrades in Ohio to further strengthen avenues of collaboration between the Department of Defense and Ohio's installations.

Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and Kwanzaa to our dear servicemem-

bers who are serving liberty at home and abroad.

#### CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA FOOTBALL

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

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2024 SEC champions, my MBA alma mater, the University of Georgia Bulldogs.

During a thrilling overtime game last Saturday, the Dawgs defeated the University of Texas Longhorns 22-19. This exciting win marks the 15th time the University of Georgia will bring home the SEC championship trophy to Athens.

Congratulations to all the talented young men who put their everything into the game but especially to the Ninth District's own quarterback, Gunner Stockton, from Rabun County, who came off the bench to help lead the Georgia Bulldogs to victory.

I also want to recognize the other incredibly talented Dawgs from Georgia's Ninth District who helped clinch another SEC title. Well done to Buford's K.J. Bolden, Jake Pope, and Marek Briley, as well as to Gainesville's own Dan Jackson.

Congratulations to the entire University of Georgia football team and coaching staff led by the legendary Coach Kirby Smart.

Go Dawgs. Let's bring home another national championship.

#### SUPPORTING BARTON HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING INITIATIVE

(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 strongly support Barton College's initiative to construct a new health sciences building on their Wilson campus.

The initial funding phase is estimated at \$19 million, and it will be a wonderful investment.

It is essential to ensure a more robust talent pipeline for North Carolina's healthcare industry. Given the health disparities across eastern North Carolina, Barton College aims to ensure a brighter future for our State's healthcare system and the residents who rely on it daily for their mental and physical well-being.

A new health sciences building will provide additional labs, research space, and improved technology for students which will yield huge dividends for Wilson County and eastern North Carolina.

#### CONGRATULATING DELEGATE ERIC HOUSEHOLDER ON HIS RE- TIREMENT

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