

She knew when to listen. She knew when to speak. She knew when to give you some tough love, and she knew when you needed a hug.

She will forever be our loving oldest daughter and the best big sister and role model a parent could ask for.

We will not rest until we ensure justice for her and her family.

Colleagues, will you please join in a moment of silence for Laken Hope Riley, a wonderful young woman taken from her family and this world much too soon.

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AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER FOR A CEREMONY AS PART OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 89, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California). 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. 89

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

SECTION 1. USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR A CEREMONY AS PART OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center is authorized to be used on May 7, 2024, for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

(b) PREPARATIONS.—Physical preparations for 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.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 7056

Ms. LUNA. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 7056.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is granted.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 7298

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 7298.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is granted.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1634

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 1634, a bill originally introduced by Representative JOHNSON of Ohio, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

RECOGNIZING PRIVATE CHARLES D. STALEY

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Private Charles D. Staley, an American hero who served during the Korean war.

Private Staley was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, and moved to Blount County in the sixth grade. His family owned and operated Maryville Monument, which played a large role in placing many veterans' headstones and markers throughout the county.

Private Staley was also drafted in the Army on May 11, 1953. He served his country with honor and an unflinching sense of duty as a military policeman at Fort Jackson.

Private Staley volunteered for overseas duty in March 1954 where he served behind the Iron Curtain during the Berlin Crisis. He was discharged from the Army on April 30, 1955.

He then served as the Blount County veterans service officer for 30 years. During that time, Private Staley demonstrated incredible professionalism and integrity. He has won the respect and admiration of his colleagues, his fellow veterans, and people all over our community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Private Charles Staley as the Tennessee Second District's February 2024 Veteran of the Month.

REPUBLICANS' FAILED FOCUS

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the continued Republican leadership crisis.

Here we go again—2 days away from a government shutdown due to a lack of funding. Republican leadership is so poor that it can only achieve stopgap funding measures. There is no long-term solution because MAGA Republicans have no long-term goals.

They have no long-term goals because there is no long-term vision to better the country. They do not see

how a lack of humanitarian care for innocent Palestinian families causes more instability and extremism in the Middle East.

They do not understand how a lack of funding for Ukraine creates more political and economic instability across the globe. They deny that their rejection of an incredibly popular border security bill allows more fentanyl and illegal drugs to threaten American communities. They do not see because they do not care.

BIDEN'S BORDER CRISIS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, since Biden took office, there have been nearly 10 million illegal aliens entering America, with over 340 on the terrorist watch list. Sadly, this includes thousands of unaccompanied military-aged young men from dictatorships, as confirmed last night by Senator MARCO RUBIO with Sean Hannity.

Last month, I joined Speaker MIKE JOHNSON at Eagle Pass, Texas, and witnessed the madness. It is intentional irresponsibility thinking potential mass murderers will be low-information voters for a permanent, one-party Democrat, Big Government, as violent criminals cross to murder more Americans on our streets.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism moves from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

We do not need new border laws. We need to enforce the laws that we have. Biden safely opened borders for dictators as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as warned by the FBI.

War criminal Putin will face trial for the assassination of Alexei Navalny. His widow, Yulia, is a hero for the oppressed people of Russia.

VISIT TO WAR-TORN UKRAINE

(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, as a result of intense fighting on the front line, a Ukrainian soldier's leg was blown off. However, he lived to share his story with me. He now uses a prosthetic leg to stand.

February 24 marked 2 years that Ukraine has successfully resisted Russia's unprovoked invasion.

During my recent visit to war-torn Ukraine, I witnessed the undeniable resilience of its people. While Ukrainian soldiers have given so much, including life and limbs, much like this soldier, we must not ignore their urgent plea for assistance to finish the fight.

Democracies around the world look to us, and the eyes of the world are on

us, including Putin's. Ukrainians are fighting tirelessly on the front lines, not just for their nation, but for democracy.

Mr. Speaker, in the face of these threats, the time to act is now.

CONGRATULATING MARK BURNS ON RECEIVING LIFETIME AVIATION INDUSTRY LEADER AWARD

(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 Mark Burns, who recently received the Lifetime Aviation Industry Leader Award.

The Living Legends of Aviation Awards was founded in 2003 by the Kiddie Hawk Air Academy to recognize notable individuals who contributed to the aviation industry.

Prior to being named Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation's president in July of 2015, Burns worked in various areas spanning the company, including engineering and customer support. While president, Burns has guided Gulfstream during a time of rapid growth, innovation, and investment.

Additionally, Burns sits on the board of directors for the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, Georgia Power, and the Corporate Angel. He is a board member of the National Air and Space Museum, and he is a member of the National Committee for the Performing Arts, amongst others.

Burns is also a proud alumnus of Georgia Southern University, where he received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, and from there, built a career worth applause and appreciation by Georgia residents.

Congratulations, Mark.

ATTACKS ON REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

(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, after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, we knew extreme MAGA Republicans wouldn't stop with attacking abortion rights. We knew they would come for birth control.

I introduced the Right to Contraception Act to codify the right to use all forms of FDA-approved birth control.

We also knew they would come for IVF. Last week, the Alabama Supreme Court decided frozen embryos are children, forcing clinics in Alabama to stop IVF treatments.

Republicans are now scrambling to claim they support contraception and IVF. Actions speak louder than words.

Mr. Speaker, 195 House Republicans voted against my bill to protect the right to contraception, and over 120 Republicans cosponsored the Life at Conception Act, a bill that uses the same reasoning as the Alabama court, that

includes no protection for IVF or birth control, and would decimate IVF and abortion access nationwide.

Earlier today, Senate Republicans blocked a bill to protect the right to access IVF. They don't care about protecting reproductive rights, they care about controlling women's bodies.

RECOGNIZING COMMAND SERGEANT CORY M. BELL

(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 a Pennsylvania 15th District native, Command Sergeant Cory M. Bell for his service to the United States of America.

Command Sergeant Bell is retiring as a master sergeant after 24 years of serving in the United States Army. He was raised in Eldred, McKean County, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the Army on August 24, 2000.

After completing his One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he became a 12B combat engineer. Over the next 24 years, Command Sergeant Bell's service took him around the United States and the world in a variety of posts and positions. He is currently serving in the 3-393rd Brigade Engineer Battalion at Fort Cavazos, Texas.

Regardless of location, Command Sergeant Bell consistently provided leadership and guidance to his fellow soldiers.

Following his retirement, he will return to Kane, Pennsylvania, with his loving wife, Kristen, and three daughters.

Mr. Speaker, we owe Command Sergeant Bell a sincere debt of gratitude for his sacrifice, dedication, and courage to our country. On behalf of a grateful Nation, we thank him for his service to the United States of America. His dedication to our country is admirable. Enjoy retirement, you deserve it.

CRIMINALIZING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, recently Speaker JOHNSON and most House Republicans cosponsored a bill that could ban IVF nationwide and criminalize reproductive healthcare. The Alabama Supreme Court's anti-IVF ruling is consistent with these extreme attempts to steal women's freedom to decide when, how, and if to have a family.

Trump and the MAGA extremists want a Federal abortion ban. Packing the Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade* wasn't enough for them. Every State law and constitutional amend-

ment protecting women's reproductive freedoms from New Mexico to Kansas to Ohio could be overturned if Donald Trump and Republicans win in 2024.

Criminalizing pregnancies, outlawing IVF and birth control, and forcing pregnancies on children who have been raped—that is the nightmare we face unless women and those that love them act now to defeat this extremism. Women need healthcare, not handcuffs.

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UNLEASHING FULL POTENTIAL OF DOMESTIC NUCLEAR ENERGY

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

Mr. FULCHER. Mr. Speaker, nuclear energy development has made tremendous strides to become one of the most carbon-free, safe, and reliable sources of energy.

Beyond powering cities, the nuclear industry provides jobs to Americans and fuels the economy. For example, the Idaho National Laboratory, in my home State of Idaho, is a major economic driver, bringing an economic impact of nearly \$4 billion just last year.

The Atomic Energy Advancement Act provides a clear pathway for industry leaders such as INL to continue the production of affordable and sustainable energy by removing barriers that hinder the development of nuclear power, unleashing the full potential of our domestic nuclear energy, and taking away the need to rely on foreign adversaries.

This legislation will streamline the licensing process, accelerate the development of nuclear power, and expedite the regulatory process for advanced reactors while building the nuclear workforce at the NRC.

For this and many other reasons, I voted in support of H.R. 6544 to bolster our energy security and drive innovation through the atomic energy industry.

HONORING TOM SKILLING

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

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, as the only meteorologist in Congress, I rise today to honor one of the best in the history of local television: Tom Skilling of Chicago's Very Own WGN-TV. He retires tonight after 45 years in Chicago, tracking storms, blizzards, and tornadoes.

It wasn't just being a trusted resource on television. He mentored hundreds of interns, setting the bar high for generations of local meteorologists now serving all over the country.

For more than 20 years, I have known Tom to be a man of intense character with no limitation to his focus on perfecting the craft of analyzing, forecasting, and communicating.