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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JACK).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 18, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN JACK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

In You, O Lord, do we take refuge. Though our enemies arm themselves to wage war against the righteous, we find our assurance in knowing that You, O Lord, remain on Your throne, fully aware of and supreme over all that seeks to overwhelm us.

Lord, You test both the righteous and the wicked. May we withstand Your examination and be found in the right. May our behavior stand in stark contrast to that of the wicked, whose souls love violence, and may the evildoers receive their due. May the devastation they seek be the portion of their own cup.

You, O Lord, are righteous, and You love righteous deeds. May we live our lives in anticipation that the upright shall behold Your face.

In Your eternal name, we pray.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### 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, March 14, 2025.

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 March 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1077.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 17.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. McCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*

### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker on Friday, March 14th, 2025:

H.R. 1968. An act making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, March 21, 2025, at 4 p.m.

This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g.,  1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
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Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-555. A letter from the President, transmitting initial rescissions of harmful Executive Orders and Actions, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1621(a); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 201(a); (90 Stat. 1255) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 119—28); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-556. A letter from the President, transmitting initial rescissions of harmful Executive Orders and Actions, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1621(a); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 201(a); (90 Stat. 1255) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 119—29); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-557. A letter from the Chairman of the Board, Chairman of Audit Committee, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's report to the President addressing the requirements of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-558. A letter from the Secretary and Treasurer, Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting the 2024 management reports of the Resolution Funding Corporation, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1441b(i)(3); July 22, 1932, ch. 522, Sec. 21B (as amended by Public Law 102-233, Sec. 302(b)); (105 Stat. 1767); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-559. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting notification of the online release of the four most recent reports summarizing the activities of the International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program for the period Fiscal Years 2020 — 2023, pursuant to 34 U.S.C. 20106(c); Public Law 98-473, Sec. 1404C(c) (as added by Public Law 106-386, Sec. 2003(c)(1)); (114 Stat. 1545); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-560. A letter from the President, transmitting an amendment to duties to address the flow of illicit drugs across our northern border, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(b); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(b); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 119—26); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

EC-561. A letter from the President, transmitting an amendment to duties to address the flow of illicit drugs across our southern border, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(b); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(b); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 119—27); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

EC-562. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification that Executive Order 13224 was amended by Executive Order 14157 of January 20, 2025, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 119—30); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON  
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. STEIL: Committee on House Administration. House Resolution 198. Resolution providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; with an amendment (Rept. 119-17). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. House Resolution 127. Resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the Department of Government Efficiency's access to the Treasury payment systems and confidential taxpayer information, adversely (Rept. 119-18). Referred to the House Calendar.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BARRETT (for himself and Mr. MEEKS):

H.R. 2169. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day shall be observed separately from Inauguration Day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. KEAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. POU, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. SHERRILL, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 2170. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Toms River, New Jersey, the Leonard G. 'Bud' Lomell, VA Clinic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BALDERSON (for himself and Ms. LEE of Nevada):

H.R. 2171. A bill to improve Federal coordination with respect to spectrum management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself, Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, and Ms. SEWELL):

H.R. 2172. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify congressional intent and preserve patient access to home infusion therapy under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. BUDZINSKI (for herself and Mr. GARBARINO):

H.R. 2173. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for deductions for the performance of certain services by a taxpayer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BURLISON (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Ms. MACE):

H.R. 2174. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that agencies may not deduct labor organization dues from the pay of Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 2175. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 South Patterson Avenue in Santa Barbara, California, as the "Brigadier General Frederick R. Lopez Post Office Building"; to

the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CASE (for himself and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 2176. A bill to prohibit certain actions with respect to certain marine reef species, and for other purposes; to the Committees on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CASTEN:

H.R. 2177. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a tradeable energy performance standard for large electricity generators and thermal energy users, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CLEAVER, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 2178. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a program of research related to cerebral palsy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 2179. A bill to prohibit certain assistance to Russia and related actions with respect to Russia; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 2180. A bill to authorize Inspectors General to continue operations during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. MFUME, Ms. BROWN, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. FROST, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CASAR, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. BELL, Ms. SIMON, Mr. MIN, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Ms. TLAIB):

H.R. 2181. A bill to amend chapter 4 of title 5, United States Code, to establish a for-cause removal standard for Inspectors General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. DONALDS (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. NEHLS):

H.R. 2182. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish an apprenticeship program for students at flight training providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. EMMER:

H.R. 2183. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to update the purpose of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. EMMER (for himself, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. BOST, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. ESTES, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. NORMAN, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. RESCHENTHALER):

H.R. 2184. A bill to enforce the requirement that the National Instant Criminal Background Check System make a final disposition of requests to correct its records within 60 days, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. FROST, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 2185. A bill to protect public health and human safety by prohibiting the farming of mink for their fur, to compensate farmers as they transition out of the industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ESTES (for himself and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin):

H.R. 2186. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the limitation on downward attribution of stock ownership in applying constructive ownership rules; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FALLON (for himself, Mr. GOODEN, Ms. HAGEMAN, and Mr. GILL of Texas):

H.R. 2187. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow the production tax credit and investment tax credit for offshore wind facilities placed in service in the inland navigable waters of the United States or the coastal waters of the United States; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FEENSTRA (for himself, Mr. FINSTAD, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 2188. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an analysis of the costs of converting light-duty vehicles in the Federal fleet to electric vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself and Mr. CORREA):

H.R. 2189. A bill to modernize Federal firearms laws to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FOSTER (for himself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Mr. HIMES):

H.R. 2190. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require reporting of certain expenditures for political activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GRIFFITH (for himself, Mr. HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CORREA, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia):

H.R. 2191. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise certain physician self-referral exemptions relating to physician-owned hospitals; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GROTHMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. TONKO, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. TRAN, Mr. STEIL, Mr. VALADAO, Ms. TITUS, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CISCOMANI, Ms. BROWNLEY,

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. POCAN, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. MVRAN, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. CHU, Mr. TIMMONS, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. MEUSER, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. FEENSTRA, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. COSTA, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MC CORMICK, Mr. WESTERMAN, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. HIMES, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. DELUZIO, Ms. PETTERSEN, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. KEATING, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. BROWN, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Mr. FROST, Mr. TAKANO, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. LANDSMAN, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. FALLON, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. HUDSON, and Ms. KAPTUR):

H.R. 2192. A bill to award payments to employees of Air America who provided support to the United States from 1950 to 1976, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).

By Mr. GROTHMAN:

H.R. 2193. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to take certain actions with respect to the health insurance program carried out under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. HARDER of California (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

H.R. 2194. A bill to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 to reauthorize the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program and modify the Program with respect to promising practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. HAYES (for herself, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BROWN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASAR, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MC CORMICK, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Mr. McGARVEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NEAL, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. POCAN, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. RILEY of New York, Ms. ROSS, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. SMITH of Washington,

Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. VARGAS):

H.R. 2195. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to expand the eligibility of disabled veterans to receive supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. HUDSON (for himself and Mr. LYNCH):

H.R. 2196. A bill to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. RULLI, Mr. EZELL, Mrs. BICE, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Mr. ROSE):

H.R. 2197. A bill to prevent 340B covered entities from using savings derived for sex reassignment surgeries, hormonal therapies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, and Mr. ESTES):

H.R. 2198. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the taxable REIT subsidiary asset test; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. RUIZ):

H.R. 2199. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify and preserve the breadth of the protections under the Medicare Secondary Payer Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 2200. A bill to amend title 14, United States Code, to require the retention of certain enlisted members of the Coast Guard who have completed 18 or more, but less than 20, years of service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. KIM (for herself, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. BACON, and Ms. HOULAHAN):

H.R. 2201. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve claims, made under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, regarding military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LAMALFA:

H.R. 2202. A bill to prohibit taxpayer-funded gender transition procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LANGWORTHY (for himself, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. PINGREE, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. RILEY

of New York, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. LATTA, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. BALDERSO, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, and Mr. FONG:

H.R. 2203. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the regulation of zootechnical animal food substances; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LANGWORTHY (for himself, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida):

H.R. 2204. A bill to require an institution of higher education that becomes aware that a student having nonimmigrant status under subparagraph (F)(i) or (J) of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)) has endorsed or supported a foreign terrorist organization to notify the SEVIS, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. LEE of Nevada (for herself, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. PALMER):

H.R. 2205. A bill to exempt the Secretary of Energy of certain prohibitions with respect to an unmanned aircraft system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LIEU (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois):

H.R. 2206. A bill to establish a Housing Stabilization Fund to provide emergency housing assistance to extremely low-income renters and homeowners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. LOFGREN (for herself and Ms. ROSS):

H.R. 2207. A bill to institute a reduction in force moratorium at the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. LOFGREN (for herself and Ms. STEVENS):

H.R. 2208. A bill to institute a reduction in force moratorium at the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Ms. LOFGREN (for herself and Ms. STEVENS):

H.R. 2209. A bill to institute a reduction in force moratorium at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Ms. LOFGREN (for herself and Mrs. FOUSHEE):

H.R. 2210. A bill to institute a reduction in force moratorium at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Ms. LOFGREN (for herself and Mr. AMO):

H.R. 2211. A bill to institute a reduction in force moratorium at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MACKENZIE (for himself and Mr. GUEST):

H.R. 2212. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. MALLIOTAKIS (for herself and Mr. SCHNEIDER):

H.R. 2213. A bill to authorize the President to enter into trade agreements for the reciprocal elimination of duties or other import restrictions with respect to medical goods to contribute to the national security and public health of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS (for herself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. NORCROSS):

H.R. 2214. A bill to improve services provided by pharmacy benefit managers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MOULTON:

H.R. 2215. A bill to redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site as the "Salem Maritime National Historical Park", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MOYLAN (for himself and Ms. KING-HINDS):

H.R. 2216. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to except from certain requirements relating to eligibility for essential air service Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. ROSS, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. FOXX, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. KNOTT, and Mr. MOORE of North Carolina):

H.R. 2217. A bill to designate six creeks in North Carolina in honor of the lives lost in a plane crash in Carteret County, North Carolina, on February 13, 2022, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. NEHLS (for himself, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. OGLES, and Mr. VANDERDEN):

H.R. 2218. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate a waiver under that Act, to eliminate an authorization for States to use new motor vehicle emission and new motor vehicle engine emissions standards identical to standards adopted in California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 2219. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit certain practices by employers relating to restrictions on discussion of employees' and prospective employees' salary and benefit his-

tory, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. PEREZ (for herself, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. FEENSTRA, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. HARDER of California):

H.R. 2220. A bill to preserve access to emergency medical services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. RANDALL (for herself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. STANTON, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H.R. 2221. A bill to amend chapter 4 of title 5, United States Code, to establish the Office of Inspector General for the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. RILEY of New York (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. McDONALD RIVET, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. WIED, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. PALMER, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. SALINAS, and Ms. MCBRIDE):

H.R. 2222. A bill to make inapplicable to surplus broiler hatching eggs certain regulations relating to shell eggs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SALINAS (for herself and Ms. BALINT):

H.R. 2223. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make loans, loan guarantees, and grants for purchasing, planning, constructing, or renovating pediatric or adult mental health treatment facilities and pediatric or adult substance use disorder treatment facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. COHEN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. TLAIB, and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 2224. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that products derived from tar sands are crude oil for purposes of the Federal excise tax on petroleum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. GARBARINO, and Ms. BYNUM):

H.R. 2225. A bill to permit a registered investment company to omit certain fees from the calculation of Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. ADERHOLT):

H.R. 2226. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit discrimination against entities that do not participate in abortion and to strengthen implementation and enforcement of Federal conscience laws; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. STANTON (for himself, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, and Mr. PFLUGER):

H.R. 2227. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to provide emergency relief to producers of livestock with herds adversely affected by Mexican gray wolves, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. STEIL:

H.R. 2228. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to adjust the effective date of

certain reductions and discontinuances of compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, and pension under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. STEIL:

H.R. 2229. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve the ability of veterans to make appointments for mental health care furnished by the Secretary; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. SOTO, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. VEASEY, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. GIMENEZ, and Mr. VALADAO):

H.R. 2230. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax credits for carriage of independent programmers by certain multichannel video programming distributors; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. HUDSON, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. YAKYM, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 2231. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the 7-year recovery period for motorsports entertainment complexes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. TONKO, Mr. CAREY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, and Ms. PEREZ):

H.R. 2232. A bill to amend title XVIII to protect patient access to ground ambulance services under part B of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. EZELL, and Mr. CORREA):

H.R. 2233. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the information reporting threshold for slot winnings; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. UNDERWOOD (for herself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 2234. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update certain standards regarding anesthesia and pain management services in the Veterans Health Administration; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself, Mr. ZINKE, and Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ):

H.R. 2235. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to improve wildlife habitat connectivity and wildlife migration corridors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. VASQUEZ:

H.R. 2236. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a demonstration project to allow Tribal entities to purchase agricultural commodities under the commodity supplemental food program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself and Mr. CISCOMANI):

H.R. 2237. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to report on the H-2A program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself, Ms. MALOY, and Mr. ZINKE):

H.R. 2238. A bill to allow holders of certain grazing permits to make minor range improvements and to require that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior respond to requests for range improvements within 30 days, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. YAKYM (for himself and Mr. COSTA):

H.R. 2239. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to ensure fair enforcement of such Act; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. BACON, Mr. HOYER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Ms. KAPTRU):

H.J. Res. 77. A joint resolution establishing that it shall be the policy of the Government of the United States to recognize the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Ukraine within that nation's internationally recognized borders as established in 1991; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. ALFORD (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. BOST, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. RULLI, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. GILL of Texas, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. MANN, Ms. McDONALD RIVET, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. BACON, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. MOORE of West Virginia, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, Mr. FEENSTRA, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. WIED, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. ROSE, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, and Mr. RILEY of New York):

H. Res. 227. A resolution expressing support for the designation of March 18, 2025, as "National Agriculture Day" and celebrating the importance of agriculture as one of the most impactful industries in the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Ms. NORTON):

H. Res. 228. A resolution Expressing support for the designation of the third week of March 2025 as "National CACFP Week"; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. GILL of Texas (for himself, Mr. CRANE, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Mr. CLYDE):

H. Res. 229. A resolution impeaching James E. Boasberg, United States District Court Chief Judge for the District of Columbia, for high crimes and misdemeanors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. COSTA, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. BACON, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. MIL-

LER of Ohio, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Mr. THANEDAR):

H. Res. 230. A resolution expressing the sense that Congress and the administration must work together, with urgency, to pursue effective food and agricultural trade policies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin (for herself, Ms. ADAMS, and Ms. UNDERWOOD):

H. Res. 231. A resolution recognizing the longstanding and invaluable contributions of Black midwives to maternal and infant health in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying or joint resolution.

By Mr. DONALDS:

H.R. 2112.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art. 1, Sec. 8

By Mr. BARRETT:

H.R. 2169.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 2170.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution

By Mr. BALDERSON:

H.R. 2171.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. BUCHANAN:

H.R. 2172.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 section 8

By Ms. BUDZINSKI:

H.R. 2173.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. BURLISON:

H.R. 2174.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 2175.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

By Mr. CASTEN:

H.R. 2177.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 2178.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution  
 By Mr. COHEN:  
 H.R. 2179.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States  
 By Mr. CONNOLLY:  
 H.R. 2180.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8  
 By Mr. CONNOLLY:  
 H.R. 2181.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8  
 By Mr. DONALDS:  
 H.R. 2182.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Art. I, Sec. 8 of the U.S. Constitution  
 By Mr. EMMER:  
 H.R. 2183.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8  
 By Mr. EMMER:  
 H.R. 2184.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution  
 By Mr. ESPAILLAT:  
 H.R. 2185.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8, Clause 1  
 The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States; . . .  
 By Mr. ESTES:  
 H.R. 2186.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;  
 By Mr. FALLON:  
 H.R. 2187.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1  
 By Mr. FEENSTRA:  
 H.R. 2188.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution  
 By Mr. FITZGERALD:  
 H.R. 2189.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.  
 By Mr. FOSTER:  
 H.R. 2190.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.  
 By Mr. GRIFFITH:  
 H.R. 2191.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution as well as Amendment XVI  
 By Mr. GROTHMAN:  
 H.R. 2192.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8  
 By Mr. GROTHMAN:  
 H.R. 2193.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8  
 By Mr. HARDER of California:  
 H.R. 2194.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution  
 By Mrs. HAYES:  
 H.R. 2195.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, "To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."  
 By Mr. HUDSON:  
 H.R. 2196.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article IV, Section 3, clause 2  
 By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:  
 H.R. 2197.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution  
 By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:  
 H.R. 2198.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution  
 By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:  
 H.R. 2199.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8  
 By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia:  
 H.R. 2200.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Art. I, Sec. 8  
 By Mrs. KIM:  
 H.R. 2201.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8  
 By Mr. LAMALFA:  
 H.R. 2202.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8, clause 1  
 By Mr. LANGWORTHY:  
 H.R. 2203.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1 Section 8 Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution  
 By Mr. LANGWORTHY:  
 H.R. 2204.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution  
 By Ms. LEE of Nevada:  
 H.R. 2205.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 provides Congress with the power to "lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises" in order to "provide for the. . . general Welfare of the United States."  
 By Mr. LIEU:  
 H.R. 2206.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8  
 By Ms. LOFGREN:  
 H.R. 2207.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.  
 By Ms. LOFGREN:  
 H.R. 2208.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.  
 By Ms. LOFGREN:  
 H.R. 2209.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.  
 By Ms. LOFGREN:  
 H.R. 2210.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.  
 By Ms. LOFGREN:  
 H.R. 2211.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.  
 By Mr. MACKENZIE:  
 H.R. 2212.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8  
 By Ms. MALLIOTAKIS:  
 H.R. 2213.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1 Section 8  
 By Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS:  
 H.R. 2214.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.  
 By Mr. MOULTON:  
 H.R. 2215.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8  
 By Mr. MOYLAN:  
 H.R. 2216.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1  
 By Mr. MURPHY:  
 H.R. 2217.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section VIII.  
 By Mr. NEHLS:  
 H.R. 2218.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8 of the US Constitution  
 By Ms. NORTON:  
 H.R. 2219.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution  
 By Ms. PEREZ:  
 H.R. 2220.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution  
 By Ms. RANDALL:  
 H.R. 2221.  
 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
 Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution  
 By Ms. RANDALL:  
 H.R. 2222.

By Mr. RILEY of New York:  
H.R. 2222.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I Section VIII  
By Ms. SALINAS:  
H.R. 2223.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 3  
By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:  
H.R. 2224.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Clauses 3 and 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution  
By Mr. SHERMAN:  
H.R. 2225.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I Section 8 Clause 3 of the US Constitution  
By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:  
H.R. 2226.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.  
By Mr. STANTON:  
H.R. 2227.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8.  
By Mr. STEIL:  
H.R. 2228.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.  
By Mr. STEIL:  
H.R. 2229.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.  
By Mr. STEUBE:  
H.R. 2230.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I Section 8  
By Ms. TENNEY:  
H.R. 2231.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I  
By Ms. TENNEY:  
H.R. 2232.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I  
By Ms. TITUS:  
H.R. 2233.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1  
By Ms. UNDERWOOD:  
H.R. 2234.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.  
By Mr. VASQUEZ:  
H.R. 2235.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United State Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of the Congress.  
By Mr. VASQUEZ:  
H.R. 2236.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United State Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of the Congress.

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By Mr. VASQUEZ:  
H.R. 2237.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United State Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of the Congress.  
By Mr. VASQUEZ:  
H.R. 2238.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United State Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of the Congress.  
By Mr. VASQUEZ:  
H.R. 2239.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.  
By Mr. FITZPATRICK:  
H.J. Res. 77.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section VIII, Clause 18

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ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 34: Mr. WIED.  
H.R. 47: Mr. GILL of Texas.  
H.R. 51: Mrs. FLETCHER.  
H.R. 139: Mr. MOORE of Alabama.  
H.R. 210: Mr. MORELLE.  
H.R. 211: Mr. AMO and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.  
H.R. 220: Mr. AMO and Mr. STANTON.  
H.R. 286: Mr. GILL of Texas.  
H.R. 298: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.  
H.R. 309: Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. CASE, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, and Mr. CAREY.  
H.R. 323: Mr. CAREY.  
H.R. 345: Mr. PETERS.  
H.R. 349: Mr. HUFFMAN and Mr. BELL.  
H.R. 360: Ms. ELFRETH and Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 369: Mr. KNOTT.  
H.R. 378: Mr. DIAZ-BALART.  
H.R. 425: MR. BRECHEEN, MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS, MR. ALFORD, AND MR. TURNER OF OHIO.  
H.R. 429: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Mr. FULCHER.  
H.R. 433: Mr. CORREA.  
H.R. 439: Ms. SALAZAR.  
H.R. 446: Mr. JACKSON of Texas.  
H.R. 452: Mr. LATIMER, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. VINDMAN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. SEWELL.  
H.R. 472: Ms. TENNEY.  
H.R. 482: Mr. COLLINS.  
H.R. 507: Mr. OWENS and Mr. McGOVERN.  
H.R. 516: Mr. RILEY of New York, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.  
H.R. 539: Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia.  
H.R. 542: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 584: Mr. VAN DREW and Mr. McCaul.  
H.R. 588: Mr. LIEU, Ms. DELBENE, and Mr. LEVIN.  
H.R. 630: Ms. DEXTER, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. GARAMENDI.  
H.R. 640: Mr. KUSTOFF.  
H.R. 645: Mr. DESJARLAIS.  
H.R. 657: Mr. AMO.

H.R. 687: Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina.  
H.R. 721: Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BACON, Ms. BROWNLEY, and Mr. TURNER of Ohio.  
H.R. 728: Mr. CASTRO of Texas.  
H.R. 742: Mr. SESSIONS.  
H.R. 761: Mr. DOGGETT.  
H.R. 778: Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina.  
H.R. 795: Mr. GREEN of Tennessee.  
H.R. 829: Mr. LAWLER and Ms. CRAIG.  
H.R. 833: Mr. MCCORMICK and Mr. ROUZER.  
H.R. 854: Mr. LEVIN.  
H.R. 858: Mr. MILLER of Ohio.  
H.R. 861: Ms. BROWNLEY.  
H.R. 880: Mr. BRESNAHAN.  
H.R. 899: Mr. GREEN of Tennessee.  
H.R. 909: Mr. VEASEY, Mr. FROST, and Ms. JAYAPAL.  
H.R. 914: Mr. FITZGERALD.  
H.R. 939: Mr. MEUSER.  
H.R. 944: Mr. CARBAJAL.  
H.R. 945: Mr. CARBAJAL, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. CORREA, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, and Ms. STANSBURY.  
H.R. 979: Mr. ZINKE, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. BENTZ, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. KEAN, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. SALAZAR, and Ms. MCBRIDE.  
H.R. 1037: Mr. SHREVE.  
H.R. 1046: Mr. VAN ORDEN and Mr. VEASEY.  
H.R. 1055: Mr. ALFORD.  
H.R. 1056: Mr. FLOOD.  
H.R. 1065: Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 1078: Mr. PALMER.  
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 H.R. 1509: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. MANN, and Mr. YAKYM.  
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## Senate

The Senate met at 12:15 and 19 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable RAND PAUL, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, March 18, 2025.

*To the Senate:*

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RAND PAUL, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,  
*President pro tempore.*

Mr. PAUL thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

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### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025, AT 12 NOON

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 12 noon.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:15 and 52 seconds p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 12 noon.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MAUREEN “MOLLY” FERGUSON AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Maureen “Molly” Ferguson is the director of government relations and grant management for Community Health Centers, Inc.

Guided by Community Health Centers (CHC) leadership and the mentorship received throughout her career, Molly has developed 20 years of healthcare advocacy experience, working with state and federal legislators, legislative aides, and key stakeholders to shape policies and funding opportunities that support Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). She collaborates with state and national associations to strengthen the collective voice of FQHCs and expand healthcare access. Since joining CHC in 2018, Molly has focused on building partnerships with government agencies, community organizations, and healthcare associations. Her experience in public and private funding has helped secure critical resources for healthcare services. She values strong relationships with grantor agencies, foundations, and corporate partners, ensuring sustainable support for FQHCs.

Molly’s dedication to advocacy is evident in her work. Along with CHC leadership, she collaborated with Congressman DARREN SOTO’s office to host former Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra at CHC-Meadow Woods Center and coordinated with federal staff for former Centers for Disease Control Director Mandy Cohen’s visit to CHC-Pine Hills Center. She is an active member of the National Association of Community Health Centers, Florida Association of Community Health Centers, Central Florida Health and Hunger Task Force, Orange County Health Equity Task Force, and serves on the boards of Central Florida Area Health Education Centers and the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition.

A proud Pennsylvania native, Molly is one of seven children and part of a large extended family, including 20 nieces, nephews, and great-nieces. In 1979, her parents moved to Florida in search of greater opportunities. Their work ethic and dedication deeply inspired Molly, shaping her lifelong passion for advocacy, service, and expanding healthcare access for those in need.

CELEBRATING THE 65TH BIRTHDAY OF ROBERT D. FUNDERBURG

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 65th birthday of Robert D. Funderburg, a champion for the City of Buffalo, great supporter and advocate, and dear friend.

Robert D. Funderburg grew up on the East Side of Buffalo, New York, attending Bennett High School, where he played basketball. At Bennett, Robert’s 1978 Basketball team won the Section VI, Class B Championship, besting the likes of other Buffalo and regional public high schools. After graduating from Bennett with honors, Robert demonstrated determination and initiative from an early age. Robert spent time working for the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority in transportation and claims investigations. As an investigator, Robert spent six years polishing his skills in contract review and project management.

After moving to California, Robert continued his work as an insurance investigator at Schifrin, Gagnon, and Dickey in Chatsworth, where he walked for seven years. As someone who has thrived on personal agency, Robert founded Funderburg Entertainment International in Los Angeles, providing personal management services for various musicians, tour management services, and contract negotiation. Leveraging his extensive background in investigations, Robert provided a leg up for artists, ensuring fair and beneficial contracts and broad exposure to audiences.

Returning to Buffalo, Robert worked in sales management at Hard Manufacturing, utilizing his skills as a marketer, manager, and salesman. Robert worked at Hard Manufacturing for six years, rising through the ranks to Regional Sales Manager by the end of his tenure. Robert is now an investigator for the City of Buffalo’s Legal Department, continuing to serve his community to this day.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Robert has had an undeniable impact on Western New York. As a devoted volunteer, Robert has dedicated his life to empowering underrepresented individuals and creating an even playing field for Buffalonians. As Chairman of the Buffalo Black Achievers Entertainment Committee, he has worked to amplify young African-American voices in our community and the entertainment industry. Robert’s co-founding of the Ron Brown Scholarship Foundation is a further testament to his work in creating an equitable and inclusive environment for Western New Yorkers, providing scholarships to the “most talented and economically challenged high school seniors” with involvement in public service and community engagement.

Beyond his volunteer work and professional career, above all else, Robert is a man of faith. Throughout his life, he has embodied

what it means to be a loving neighbor. With faith as his driving force, Robert’s life has been demonstrative of what it means to be a child of God. An integral piece to our “City of Good Neighbors,” Robert has enriched the Buffalo community and is indicative of years of hard work and selflessness. Please join me in wishing Robert D. Funderburg the happiest of birthdays, with many more to come.

RECOGNIZING MR. BILL ELLIS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO LONG ISLAND

**HON. ANDREW R. GARBARINO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. GARBARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William “Bill” Ellis for his years of dedicated service to his community. In his long career in public service, Mr. Ellis has made immense contributions to keeping Suffolk County safe and prosperous.

Soon after moving to Long Island from Brooklyn as a child, Mr. Ellis followed the example of service set by his father, who saw combat in the South Pacific while serving in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Ellis was first elected to be a State Committeeman at 21 years old and worked alongside elected officials and stakeholders to reach a fair contract for Correctional Officers. Mr. Ellis’s years of hard work have made Smithtown a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Alongside Patricia, his wife of 51 years and a State Committeewoman, Mr. Ellis has shown an unwavering commitment to doing what is best for his community.

During his 25 years serving as Chairman of the Smithtown Republican Committee, Mr. Ellis has utilized his vast institutional knowledge and experience to lead the party to unprecedented levels of success. Smithtown residents have benefited from the town’s tremendous growth and improvement thanks to Mr. Ellis’s stewardship and advocacy. Some of the projects his leadership has made possible include investment in community and educational facilities, transportation infrastructure, and initiatives to protect the environment and access to clean drinking water, all while ensuring accountability and preventing waste of taxpayer funds.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the lifetime of work that Mr. Ellis has accomplished and wish him many more years of continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF EDWARD JOHNSON

**HON. ZACHARY NUNN**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Johnson, a distinguished

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World War II Army combat veteran and cherished member of our Bedford community, who recently passed away at the age of 98.

Like so many others, Edward answered the call to serve our Nation during one of the most pivotal times in history. He was part of the Greatest Generation—a generation of patriotic Americans who put service above self every day. Through bravery, resilience, and unwavering dedication, Edward contributed to the defense of democracy and fought for the freedoms we continue to enjoy today.

For one year, three months, and sixteen days Edward operated in the European Theater of Operations during WWII. During his service to this country, Edward earned the World War II Victory Medal, the Army Occupation Medal and Germany Clasp, the Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. In January 2025, I had the distinct honor to present Edward with the Battle Participation Star also known as the Bronze Battle Star, which was awarded to him in May 1945 but never received.

Following his military service, Edward continued a life of service to his family, community, and country. Through a blind date, he met his wife, Mildred, who blessed him with six children. Edward lived and worked on the family farm where he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren riding in the Case tractor and building fences, served as a founding member of the Gravity Legion where he helped build the Legion Hall, and volunteered with the Gravity Community Fire Department.

We owe a profound debt of gratitude to Edward and all those of the Greatest Generation who sacrificed so much to secure the freedoms we cherish today. Let us ensure that their legacy endures, and their contributions are never forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to Edward's family and loved ones. May we forever honor Edward's service and memory.

**HONORING JULIA DUBOIS AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, for over two decades, the halls of several Florida elementary schools have echoed with the enthusiasm of exceptional educator Julie DuBois. Two Orlando schools in particular—Hillcrest and Hunter's Creek. She was twice honored as Teacher of the Year. This dedicated professional has spent her career nurturing the minds and hearts of Florida's young learners. Her passion for early childhood education is evident in every lesson plan and classroom activity they design.

At the heart of Julie's teaching philosophy is a commitment to developing young readers. Believing that literacy is the cornerstone of all learning, she has implemented innovative strategies to engage students with books from an early age. Through storytelling, phonics play, and interactive reading sessions, she has created a classroom environment where

reading is not just a skill to be learned but a joy to be experienced.

The influence of this talented teacher extends well beyond her classroom walls. Colleagues frequently seek her advice on best practices for fostering literacy and creating inclusive learning spaces. Her dedication to continuous professional development ensures that they are always at the forefront of educational trends, ready to inspire both students and peers alike.

In an era when educators' roles are more critical than ever, this Orlando-based teacher stands out as a beacon of dedication and passion. Her two decades of service to Florida's elementary students have left an indelible mark on countless young lives, cultivating a love for learning that will last a lifetime. As she continues to shape the future of education, she remains a testament to the profound impact one teacher can have in the world.

**CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF DR. NELLIE B. KING**

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and lasting legacy of Dr. Nellie B. King, a trailblazer in education, a steadfast advocate for youth, and a devoted public servant to Western New York. Dr King's remarkable contributions, both in and out of the classroom, have left an enduring impact on generations and continue to serve as a powerful source of inspiration for those dedicated to empowering others.

With more than thirty-five years of service in education, Dr. King made history as the first African American Superintendent of the Lackawanna City School District. During her nine-year tenure, she spearheaded innovative programs such as the Kids in Spotlight Program, the Lackawanna Center for Family Achievement, and the District Model Aids Program, all of which brought meaningful and lasting change to the community.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Dr. King was a passionate community leader, guided by her strong faith and commitment to service. She was an active member of Calvary Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Women's Missionary Council of the CME Church, and the World Federation of Methodist Women. Through her involvement in these organizations, Dr. King became a staunch advocate for social justice, equality, and empowerment, particularly for women and underrepresented groups.

Dr. King's exceptional contributions to education and community service were recognized with several prestigious awards. She received the National Association of Counties Achievement Award, the Buffalo Ambassador Award, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Education, reflecting her impact in both local and national spheres. In 2019, it was my privilege to name her a New York State Senate Woman of Distinction, a well-deserved honor that celebrated her decades of commitment to education, leadership, and community empowerment.

Today, we celebrate Dr. Nellie B. King—a pioneering educator, mentor, and visionary whose tireless efforts transformed not only the lives of her students but also the entire community. Her legacy is a testament to the profound influence one individual can have in creating hope, opportunity, and innovation for future generations.

**IMPACT OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S DISASTEROUS TARIFFS ON CANADA**

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, in the last election, then-candidate Trump ran on lowering costs for American families. He owned the issue on the campaign trail, and he won. I had hoped that he would follow through on his promise to "lower costs on day one." But instead of working to lower costs, the President has waged an unprompted trade war with Canada that will cost Americans when they heat their homes, feed their families, run their small businesses, or tend to their farm.

It's been one week since President Trump imposed twenty-five percent tariffs on Canada. In retaliation, Ontario imposed a twenty-five percent surcharge on electricity exported to Minnesota, Michigan, and New York. This will directly impact Minnesotans' energy bills. Minnesotans and consumers across this country will feel the impact of Trump's tariffs at the grocery stores when they buy products like pork, produce, or eggs.

With the uncertainty of Trump's tariffs, small business owners aren't able to plan ahead for their businesses. Trump has small business owners on a rollercoaster, trying to predict the extra costs they will pay in this escalating trade war. Last week, my office met with Traci Tapani, a Co-President of Wyoming Machine, a small family-owned sheet metal fabricator in Stacy, MN who relies on Canadian aluminum for their operations. The past few weeks have been filled with uncertainty for their business, not knowing if Trump would roll back or increase the tariffs. And just today, Trump imposed additional tariffs on imported aluminum, bringing the total tariffs on Canadian aluminum up to fifty percent. This will force small businesses like Wyoming Machine to adjust their operations once again. Trump isn't hurting Canada or Ontario with this trade war. He is hurting small business owners.

Trump's tariffs are also hurting farmers across this country who will incur greater costs when purchasing potash, a soil fertilizer often imported from Canada. And by inciting these trade wars, Trump is cutting off essential export markets for our farmers.

Americans know these tariffs are going to hit us hard. Our financial markets are in free fall because Americans fear this trade war will push us into a recession. Dr. John Spry, an economist at the University of St Thomas, has estimated that as long as the Trump tariffs are in place, Americans will spend one-hundred dollars more on everyday goods each month. In my district, I'm hearing that working families and seniors on fixed incomes need relief from the high cost of living. They can't afford to add money for tariffs to their already tight monthly budgets.

Not only are the President's tariffs hurting my constituents, but he is also damaging our relationship with Canada: an ally, a partner, and for many—a good neighbor. Other than oil and electricity, Canada imports more goods from the United States than we import from Canada. They are our best customer, and we should not alienate our best customer. I'm a former social studies teacher. I know that tariffs can be a useful tool. But these tariffs on Canada are unprompted, unnecessary, and make no sense at all.

As a Minnesotan, the only thing I want to fight with Canadians about is who has the better hockey team and who can catch the most fish in the others' waters.

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**HON. HERBERT C. CONAWAY, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 71, H.J. Res 25, during the Legislative Day of March 11, 2025. Had I been present for the Roll Call Vote on the Passage of H.J. Res. 25, I would have cast the following vote: Roll Call No. 71: YEA.

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HONORING DR. CAROLINA CRUZ-NEIRA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY

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**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Carolina Cruz-Neira, a University of Central Florida faculty member and member of the National Academy of Engineering, is a pioneer in the areas of virtual reality (VR), interactive visualization, and digital twins. Her innovations have been instrumental in facilitating data analysis, decision-making, design reviews, and training and education. Her work evolved into standard tools used in industry, government, and academia. She is known worldwide for being the creator of the CAVE VR system, for transferring research into practice by spearheading Open-Source initiatives, and for supporting entrepreneurial initiatives to commercialize research. She is recognized for founding successful applied research centers: the Virtual Reality Applications Center at Iowa State University, the Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise, and the Emerging Analytics Center at the University of Arkansas. Her research leadership has received recognition from major companies for increasing product safety and improving design and production processes that have saved time, lives, and millions of dollars. She enjoys intersecting her research with the arts and the humanities through dance performances and museum installations. She has been named among the top innovators in virtual reality and one of the top three greatest women visionaries in VR. She is the first person inducted into the National Academy of Engineering for immersive technologies and virtual reality, she is a member of the IEEE VR Academy, an IEEE Fellow,

an ACM Computer Pioneer, an AWE XR Hall of Fame member, and a Modeling and Simulation Hall of Famer. She received the IEEE VR Achievement Award and the International Digital Media & Arts Society Distinguished Career Award, among many national and international recognitions. She serves on national and international technology boards as well as government technology advisory committees. Her life's work addressing large problems through interdisciplinary teams has become a key to innovation and is considered standard practice in driving American competitiveness in the global economy.

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CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY FOR ALL AND PARADE GRAND MARSHALL JUDY COLLINS

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**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Judy Collins, whose artistry and social activism have long inspired audiences worldwide. In the 1960s, she evoked both the idealism and steely determination of a generation united against social and environmental injustices. Five decades later, her luminescent presence shines brightly as new generations enjoy her iconic 55-album body of work, drawing inspiration from her spiritual discipline and her ability to thrive in the music industry for half a century.

Judy Collins has long been esteemed for her imaginative interpretations of traditional and contemporary folk standards, as well as her own poetically poignant original compositions. Throughout her career, she has garnered several top-ten hits and gold- and platinum-selling albums. Judy has long used her platform to advocate for the marginalized and the underserved, making her the ideal choice to lead as the Grand Marshal for the St. Pat's for All Parade, which celebrates the beauty of our shared humanity.

Established on March 5, 2000, the parade takes place in Queens' Sunnyside and Woodside neighborhoods, historically home to Irish Americans in New York. The St. Pat's for All Parade offers a welcoming space for all and highlights Irish American heritage while promoting diversity, equality, and inclusion, bringing together people of all backgrounds in a shared celebration of love and unity.

Mr. Speaker, Judy Collins' appointment as Grand Marshal for the St. Pat's for All Parade is a fitting tribute to her lifelong commitment to inclusivity, justice, and the celebration of diverse voices. Her presence as Grand Marshal not only honors the rich Irish heritage of the parade, but also reinforces the values of unity and equality that she has championed throughout her career. By leading this remarkable event, Judy continues to inspire us all to embrace our differences, stand up for what is right, and celebrate the strength found in our shared humanity.

RECOGNIZING RANDY GORBMAN'S RETIREMENT

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**HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the distinguished career of Randy Gorbman, the News Director of WXXI, who will retire at the end of March. With over 45 years in journalism, he is leaving an indelible mark on the industry and our community as one of the longest-serving news directors in all of New York State.

Randy oversees WXXI's daily news operations across radio and digital platforms, all while reporting on local issues himself. Over his career, his work has covered historic moments including Y2K, the tragedy of 9/11, the changes in Rochester's economy and iconic businesses such as Kodak and Bausch + Lomb, and the local jazz festival every year. A steadfast leader in journalism, he has continually upheld the principle that every story matters.

I have had the privilege of knowing Randy since my time in the New York State Assembly, and I have always admired his keen ability to delve into complex legislative issues with both thoughtfulness and precision. Those who know him often describe him as insightful, sharp-witted, and deeply dedicated to his craft. His contributions to journalism and our community have been invaluable, leaving behind a remarkable legacy that will be difficult to replicate.

As he embarks on this well-earned retirement, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and gratitude for his many years of service. On behalf of the WXXI community and all those who have benefited from his journalism, I wish Randy Gorbman all the best in his next chapter.

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HONORING THE EDUARDO PEDREGON VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM IN SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS

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**HON. TONY GONZALES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Eduardo Pedregon Veterans Memorial Museum, an extraordinary museum in my district that embodies the highest ideals of patriotism, sacrifice, and service to our Nation.

Located in San Elizario, Texas—a historic border community founded in 1598—the Eduardo Pedregon Veterans Memorial Museum stands as a lasting tribute to the brave men and women from El Paso's Mission Valley who answered the call to serve in the United States Armed Forces. The museum commemorates the sacrifices of veterans from World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the Global War on Terror, ensuring that their service and valor are never forgotten. It houses memorials dedicated to 20 fallen heroes and displays over 373 photographs of local veterans who have served with distinction.

Opened in 2010 and dedicated in 2011, the San Elizario Veterans Memorial Museum is named after Corporal Eduardo Pedregon, who enlisted in the United States Army at the age of seventeen and was assigned to the Heavy Mortar Company, 31st Infantry Regiment. Corporal Pedregon fought in the Korean War where he was killed in action—receiving the Purple Heart, Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and other recognitions.

Beyond its role as a historical archive, the San Elizario Veterans Memorial Museum plays an integral role in organizing veteran recognition events—including the Annual Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony, the Memorial Brick Walk, and the Honor Salute.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of a remarkable group of volunteers, including Ray Borrego, Norma Reyes, Carmen Cruz, Pat Cruz, Martin Medina, Tony Grijalva, Al Borrego, and all the members of the San Elizario Veterans Committee. Their commitment to preserving the stories of our veterans ensures that future generations understand and appreciate the sacrifices made by those who served.

Mr. Speaker, as a 20-year Navy veteran, I am incredibly proud to recognize this treasured museum and the volunteers who sustain its mission. It is an honor to represent such a vital landmark in Texas' 23rd Congressional District.

**HONORING LIZBETH WALKER AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Lizbeth Walker is the CEO of Qwalifize, LLC, the first technology staffing and consulting firm headquartered in Kissimmee, Florida. Her journey from a telemarketer to CEO is a testament to resilience, determination, and faith.

Before founding Qwalifize, Ms. Walker held various roles—selling magazines, cleaning facilities, and working in multiple facets of human resources and operations. These included managing thousands of workers across multiple divisions, helping decision-makers stay in compliance, and fulfilling hundreds of technology roles nationwide.

A layoff drove her to be bold, creative, and fully committed to her passion for staffing, and she transformed adversity into an opportunity to make a huge impact.

In 2018, Ms. Walker established Qwalifize, officially taking it full-time in February 2020. Despite the challenges of entrepreneurship, she remained steadfast in her vision, expanding her firm's offerings into government contracting.

Her leadership continues to drive innovation in staffing and consulting, ensuring businesses connect with the right talent for success. Beyond her professional achievements, Ms. Walker is deeply committed to philanthropy, particularly in youth personal and professional development. She dedicates her time to empowering the next generation through mentorship and community initiatives. As a

proud mother of twin sons, she understands the importance of fostering opportunities for growth and education.

Ms. Walker is also a sought-after speaker, providing workshops on operations infrastructure, data-for-decisions, and niche recruitment strategies. Her expertise and passion have positioned her as a leader in workforce development, making a lasting impact on businesses and job seekers alike.

**CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY FOR ALL AND PARADE GRAND MARSHAL LORD MAYOR OF BELFAST, IRELAND COUNCILLOR MICKY MURRAY**

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Right Honorable, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Micky Murray, who has been serving as the Lord Mayor of Belfast since June 3, 2024. Representing the Balmoral electoral area in South Belfast, Councillor Murray has been a member of Belfast council since 2022.

Councillor Murray made history as the first openly gay individual to hold the position of Lord Mayor of Belfast, a significant achievement for both the city and the LGBTQ+ community. Before entering politics, he worked in the housing sector, where he specialized in supporting individuals facing homelessness and addiction challenges—a testament to his commitment to serving the most vulnerable in society.

As Lord Mayor, Councillor Murray has been an outspoken advocate for inclusivity and representation, particularly for the LGBTQ+ community. His participation in events such as the Belfast Pride march and his support for LGBTQ+ veterans highlight his ongoing efforts to ensure that all voices are heard and valued in Belfast.

This year, Councillor Murray's leadership will be celebrated as he serves as Grand Marshal of the St. Pat's for All Parade. Established on March 5, 2000, the parade takes place in Queens' Sunnyside and Woodside neighborhoods, historically home to Irish Americans in New York. The St. Pat's for All Parade offers a welcoming space for all and highlights Irish American heritage while promoting diversity, equality, and inclusion, bringing together people of all backgrounds in a shared celebration of love and unity.

Mr. Speaker, Councillor Micky Murray's groundbreaking leadership as the first openly gay Lord Mayor of Belfast stands as a powerful symbol of progress and inclusivity. His steadfast advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community and his dedication to creating a more compassionate Belfast resonate deeply with the spirit of the St. Pat's for All Parade. Councillor Murray's work embodies justice and unity, highlighting the importance of representation and support for all. His efforts inspire us to embrace diversity and work toward a brighter, more united future for everyone.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALAN M. SCHWARTZ

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of my friend, Alan M. Schwartz who passed away on Thursday, September 26, 2024, surrounded by his loved ones. Alan was a business and civic leader in the South Bay region of Los Angeles County.

Alan Schwartz was born in Torrance, California on June 20, 1947, to Ella (Levy) Schwartz. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and went on to obtain his Juris Doctorate from the University of West Los Angeles School of Law, and a Certificate of Merit in International Jurisprudence from McGeorge School of Law.

Alan had illustrious careers in both business and the entertainment industry. He was the head of Asset Management Solutions, a firm built upon the legacy of his grandfather, philanthropist Sam Levy. His career in entertainment boasts 25 long years, wherein he brushed shoulders with the likes of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Bernadette Peters, and Cher.

Alan also upheld an unwavering dedication to civic affairs and education. He served four years as President of Royce Center Circle at the University of California, Los Angeles, and was a member of the Advisory Board of the School of Arts and Architecture. With a strong proclivity for the arts, Alan served as a Trustee of the California Summer School of the Arts, a position appointed by the Governor of California.

Long active in the Jewish community, Alan served on the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University and was a member of the International Board of Trustees of the Moshe Dayan Institute of Middle Eastern and African Studies. Since running for a Congressional seat in 1998, Alan stayed involved in state, national, and international politics.

Alan kept to his Torrance roots through his commitments to the South Bay community. Alan served as President of the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce and was honored as Torrance Chamber 60th Anniversary Businessman of the Year. He served as a Trustee of Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital, a member of the Harbor-UCLA Community Advisory Board of the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute, and in many other roles supporting underserved communities in Los Angeles County.

Amongst Alan's many achievements, his proudest was his son, Adam Schwartz. Alan and Adam shared a great love for travel that led to many worldly adventures, such as savoring a dinner in the Eiffel Tower and kayaking the Amazon River. Alan is survived by Adam, his daughter-in-law, Isabel Schwartz, as well as his beloved Australian Shepard, Lady. Adam and Isabel wish their future children had the chance to meet their Papa Alan, but they will have many stories to share about him. May his memory be a blessing to all that knew him.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
OUR VIETNAM VETERANSHON. PAT FALCON  
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. FALCON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of the men and women who fought for our Nation during the Vietnam War.

During the Vietnam War, 8.7 million Americans served in our Nation's Armed Forces, with over 2.7 million being deployed to Vietnam. Tragically, 58,281 servicemembers would lose their lives in the conflict, and many more were wounded in action. Moreover, there are nearly 1,600 Americans who are still classified as missing in action or having died in captivity as a prisoner of war. I am thankful for our Department of Defense's continued commitment to searching for our missing soldiers, and I am very hopeful that we can one day bring closure to each and every family member and friend of our POW/MIA servicemembers in this conflict.

At present, it's estimated there are just over 5 million Vietnam veterans still alive today. Many have experienced hardships with little recognition. Despite this, they have persevered and served our country in other ways. A great number of Vietnam veterans have become fast responders, industrial workers, farmers, truck drivers, and public servants. We are exceptionally grateful for their continued selfless service to our great Nation. Since the conflict, the relationship between the United States and Vietnam has also progressed to remarkable milestones. Vietnam has emerged to become one of our closest allies in the Pacific and is a strategic partner in our efforts to account for missing servicemembers.

On this occasion, I would also like to thank Captain Dave Carey for his special keynote address. Capt. Carey is a distinguished American patriot and aviator who served as a U.S. Navy pilot in Vietnam. After enduring nearly six years as a prisoner of war, Capt. Carey served in key leadership positions in the Navy and became a passionate motivational speaker and author.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to commemorate and honor our Vietnam Veterans to ensure their heroism and sacrifices will never be forgotten.

HONORING DR. LYUDMILA SARDER  
AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN  
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Lyudmila Sarder, M.D., is a highly esteemed internal medicine resident physician who has made remarkable contributions to the healthcare field across nine districts of Florida and the greater Central Florida region.

With years of experience treating patients for a variety of conditions in both hospital and clinical settings, she has dedicated her career

to serving underserved populations with compassion and commitment. Through hands-on rotations at prestigious healthcare institutions, including HCA Florida Osceola Hospital, AdventHealth Cancer Institute, Winter Haven Hospital, and Lakeland Regional Health, Dr. Lyudmila Sarder has gained invaluable expertise and national recognition for her dedication to advancing medical research. Her commendable efforts in addressing the financial barriers associated with cancer treatment have provided hope to countless patients and their families. She remains steadfast in her mission to pave the way for a more equitable healthcare system, ensuring that cost-effective treatments are accessible to those who need them most. The AdventHealth Cancer Institute has proudly unveiled findings marking a significant milestone in the field of cancer research, with Dr. Lyudmila Sarder playing a pivotal role in these advancements. As a dedicated health advocate, Dr. Lyudmila Sarder leads initiatives to expand healthcare access for uninsured and underserved populations. She works tirelessly to reduce health disparities by improving social determinants of health and enhancing community resources. She volunteers at Kissimmee Women's Health Center and Osceola Cancer Center, providing vital medical care to underserved populations in need. Additionally, she continues to serve as a resident physician for uninsured patients throughout Central Florida. Dr. Lyudmila Sarder co-authored the Amazon bestselling book, "Intern Mastery: A Roadmap from Med School to PGY-1 Internal Medicine Excellence," a crucial guide for medical students transitioning into residency. She is also a member of the American College of Physicians (ACP) and serves as a judge for ACP student presentations.

Beyond her contributions to medicine and education, Dr. Lyudmila Sarder actively promotes sports and public health by participating in and volunteering as a physician for marathons such as the Hollis Cancer Marathon and Disney marathons. She is a core member of the Internal Medicine Academic Curriculum Board and Resident Recruitment and Selection Committee, mentoring medical students and shaping innovative educational strategies. Despite her demanding career, Dr. Lyudmila Sarder is also a devoted mother to two boys, balancing her professional and personal responsibilities with grace and determination. Her unwavering commitment to medicine, education, and advocacy continues to inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals while improving the lives of countless patients in her community.

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF  
JAMES DOHERTY

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of James Doherty—a remarkable public servant and family man whose perseverance and loyalty will continue to serve as an example for all those hoping to make a change in the world. A graduate of Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School and Buffalo State University, Mr.

Doherty went into the world wanting to make a difference. Upon graduation, he worked as a special education teacher at South Park High School until he ran for office.

Mr. Doherty was the youngest elected At-Large Councilman in the Buffalo Common Council. During his tenure, he was a fierce advocate for the people he represented, especially the most vulnerable in our community, including women, people of color, and anyone who was disenfranchised. He always kept a picture of his two beloved daughters, Brigid and Leah, behind his desk. Whenever someone came in with a request, he would point to the photo and say: "I do everything for those two, so make sure whatever you're asking of me I can be proud to share with them."

Mr. Doherty would go on to be a mentor and a friend to many and remained active in city policymaking, inspiring generations of civic-minded Buffalonians. After retiring from politics, Jimmy led a selfless career in student transportation, holding executive roles at National School Bus, Laidlaw Education Service, and later First Student. Each Fall, Western New Yorkers could rely on Jimmy to help them usher in a safe return to school. A president of the Wanakah Country Club, Jimmy was an avid golfer and passionate sports fan.

When he wasn't helping others, he could be found on the green with his favorite golf partner and best friend, his brother Jerry. Jimmy is survived by his beloved wife Marleah, his devoted children Brigid Doherty and Leah Roberts, his loving grandchildren, Haley and Sophia Jones, and Anna and Harrison Roberts, as well as countless other nieces, nephews, family members, and friends. Jimmy's loyalty to his family and devotion to his city made him a model leader—one whom all Buffalonians can look up to with pride and admiration.

PROCLAMATION FOR DEFIANCE  
COLLEGE'S  
DEMISEMISEPTCENTENNIAL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

I have the honor of representing Ohio's 9th Congressional District, a region that embodies the industrious spirit, deep-rooted history, and rich educational traditions of our great state. Today, I am privileged to join in commemorating an extraordinary milestone in our community—the 175th anniversary of Defiance College.

Whereas, Defiance College, founded in 1850 as Defiance Female Seminary, has served as a beacon of higher education for 175 years, fostering a tradition of academic excellence, service, and leadership; and

Whereas, the institution has remained steadfast in its commitment to scholarship, social responsibility, and inclusion, evolving over the decades to meet the needs of a changing world while preserving its core values; and

Whereas, Defiance College has played a vital role in the development of Northwest Ohio and beyond, shaping generations of students into leaders in their professions and communities, and providing a rigorous education rooted in the liberal arts and experiential learning; and

Whereas, during the presidency of Kevin McCann, Defiance College experienced significant growth, expanding its campus, enhancing academic facilities, and welcoming national figures, including President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who laid the cornerstone for the Anthony Wayne Library of American Study in 1953 and returned in 1963 to deliver a commencement address; and

Whereas, Defiance College remains a distinguished institution dedicated to the betterment of society, housing the Thoreau Wildlife Sanctuary, supporting service initiatives, and providing an education that encourages critical thinking, ethical leadership, and civic engagement; and

Whereas, the college's commitment to its students, alumni, faculty, and staff has created a legacy of intellectual curiosity, innovation, and community engagement that continues to inspire future generations; and

Whereas, on this occasion of its demisemiseptcentennial, we celebrate Defiance College's enduring legacy, its significant contributions to the educational and civic landscape, and its bright future in the years ahead;

Now, therefore, I, Congresswoman MARCY KAPTUR, proudly recognize and commend Defiance College on its 175th anniversary. May this milestone serve as a testament to its remarkable history, its commitment to academic and community excellence, and the enduring impact it has had on Northwest Ohio and beyond.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand to honor Defiance College and its distinguished history on this momentous occasion.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF  
LORRAINE SALAZAR**

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lorraine Salazar a third-generation partner of Sal's Mexican Restaurants, a cherished institution and "A Valley Tradition Since 1942." Her family's entrepreneurial spirit has been a beacon of perseverance and success in our community.

From an early age, Lorraine embraced the values of hard work and dedication, learning restaurant operations alongside her parents and grandparents. She contributed in every way possible, from preparing her grandmother's signature recipes to working the cook line to serve guests.

Understanding the importance of education, her father encouraged Lorraine to pursue her studies. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from UCLA in 1982 and returned in 1991 to manage the family business. Lorraine's passion for Mexican culinary heritage has led her to travel extensively, studying regional specialties from renowned chefs. These experiences have influenced the seasonal menu items offered at Sal's.

Sal's Mexican Restaurants received the 2001 California Small Business Award and multiple "Best of the Valley" and "People's Choice" awards. Lorraine's impact reaches well beyond her restaurant. In recognition of her dedication, she was awarded the 2017 California Faces of Diversity honor by the Cali-

fornia Restaurant Association. Additionally, in 2022, the Marjaree Mason Center recognized her as one of the "Top Ten Professional Women."

Lorraine has also been a distinguished public servant. In 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed her to The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, where she served as co-convenor of its Higher Education and Workforce Development Group. In 2015, Lorraine served as the Chairwoman for the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce.

Currently, Lorraine serves on the California Office of Small Business Advocate's Entrepreneurship and Economic Mobility Task Force and has been a member of the California State University, Fresno Foundation Board of Governors since 2017. She has dedicated over 28 years to the California and Fresno Restaurant Associations and served as Chairperson of the California Restaurant Association State Board.

Today, celebrating 83 years in business in 2024, Sal's Mexican Restaurants employ over 150 dedicated team members across three locations. The next generation, including Lorraine's son Aaron and her brother Karl's children—sons Sal and Roman and daughter Karly—are also continuing the family legacy.

Beyond her professional and civic achievements, Lorraine finds joy in culinary and wine travel, beachside relaxation, concerts, movies, and professional sports. Above all, she cherishes time spent with her husband Tom, son Aaron, and beloved grandsons, Ethan, Tyler, and Landon.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lorraine Salazar for her incredible contributions to the culinary industry, small business community, and public service. Her dedication is an inspiration, and her legacy will continue to enrich our community for generations to come.

**HONORING BETH KNIGHT AS A  
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CEN-  
TRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S  
HISTORY MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Beth Knight is a driving force behind Osceola County, Florida's progress, with almost 38 years of unwavering dedication to public service.

As chief operating officer for Osceola County, she oversees daily operations, leading a workforce of more than 1,800 employees who serve a rapidly growing population of over 450,000 residents that hosts another 10 million visitors annually.

Ms. Knight's passion for public service was inspired by her father, Gordon Hedley, a World War II veteran who later served as a police officer in Detroit and Winter Haven. His commitment to duty and community instilled in her a profound sense of responsibility, which continues to guide her today.

Beginning her tenure with Osceola County in 1988 as a crime scene technician with the Sheriff's Office, Ms. Knight transitioned to the county government in 1997 as communications director. Her extensive experience in

government operations has made her a transformative leader, driving initiatives that enhance efficiency, sustainability, and innovation in areas such as workforce development, public safety, transportation, and education—ultimately improving the quality of life for residents. Ms. Knight has played a pivotal role in carrying out landmark projects, including Osceola Prosper, a one-of-a-kind program that catapulted the county from 61st to 4th in Florida for college-going graduates.

She has been a key staff member supporting the advancement of NeoCity, a 500-acre technology district poised to revolutionize high-tech manufacturing. A respected figure in the community, Ms. Knight, served on numerous community boards, including the Osceola Chamber Foundation and Experience Kissimmee. She and her husband, Terry, have raised three children in Osceola County and have five grandchildren. A lifelong learner, Ms. Knight holds a master's degree from the University of Central Florida, cementing her legacy as a leader shaping Osceola County's future and its mission to "Be First to What's Next!"

**CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
FOR ALL AND PARADE SPECIAL  
GUEST CONSUL GENERAL OF  
IRELAND HELENA NOLAN**

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Consul General Helena Nolan, who has been serving as the Consul General of Ireland in New York since August 2021. Consul General Nolan's career is a testament to her unwavering commitment to public service and diplomacy. She joined Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs in 1990, after an initial seven years in the Department of Education, where she worked on educational policy. Her passion for international relations and public service led her to transition to diplomacy, where she has achieved a remarkable career.

Throughout her career, Consul General Nolan has held a wide variety of roles both at home and abroad, showcasing her versatility and dedication. Most recently, she served as Ireland's Ambassador to Belgium from 2017 to 2021, a role that was critical in strengthening Ireland's ties with the European Union and NATO. During this time, she also headed the Partnership for Peace Liaison Office, representing Ireland's interests in international security and peacekeeping. This diverse range of experience has made her a well-rounded and insightful leader in Ireland's foreign service, committed to advancing Ireland's role in global diplomacy and international relations.

Established on March 5, 2000, the parade takes place in Queens' Sunnyside and Woodside neighborhoods, historically home to Irish Americans in New York. The St. Pat's for All Parade offers a welcoming space for all and highlights Irish American heritage while promoting diversity, equality, and inclusion, bringing together people of all backgrounds in a shared celebration of love and unity.

Mr. Speaker, Consul General Helena Nolan's distinguished career is a testament to

her lifelong dedication to diplomacy, cultural exchange, and public service. Her leadership not only strengthens the relationship between Ireland and the United States, but also exemplifies the values of unity, inclusivity, and mutual respect. Consul General Nolan's work continues to inspire us all to embrace our shared heritage, stand up for the causes that matter, and celebrate the power of international cooperation. Through her unwavering commitment to her country and her role in fostering stronger global connections, she reminds us of the importance of service, community, and the bonds that unite us across borders and, we are all better for it.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE SALARY HISTORY QUESTION PROHIBITION ACT OF 2025

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**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Salary History Question Prohibition Act of 2025, which would help reduce the gender and racial pay gap by prohibiting employers from asking job applicants for their salary history before making a job or salary offer. Even though many employers may not intentionally discriminate against applicants based on gender or race, setting pay based on salary history can reinforce the pay gap. Members of historically disadvantaged groups often start their careers with unfair and artificially low pay compared to their white male counterparts, and these disparities compound throughout their careers. The House passed this bill as part of the Paycheck Fairness Act in the 116th and 117th Congresses.

There is much work to do to end the pay gap. This bill represents a crucial step towards that goal. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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HONORING ETHEL MIERS ON HER 99TH BIRTHDAY

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**HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 99th birthday of Ethel Miers. Ms. Miers is a dedicated resident from the town of Milford in New Jersey's 7th Congressional District who is committed to preserving American values and strengthening our Nation's future. As we celebrate her birthday, we recognize her contributions and take this opportunity to reflect on the many blessings we share as a community. It is my honor to represent her, and I extend my warmest wishes for a joyous 99th birthday.

HONORING ANGELIQUE L. PERRY AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Angelique L. Perry, who prefers to be called Angel, is originally from Brooklyn, New York, but moved to Orlando, Florida, in October of 2009.

Since she was a little girl, she has always wanted to serve in public office. Both of her parents were New York State employees who were proud union members. The union experience put her on the path to "always wanting to help others."

Community advocacy was part of her childhood. She volunteered with her parents, tagged in with projects in college, and even opened her home in Watertown, New York, to any newly enlisted Army recruits who did not have a family of their own. She was happy to provide meals, someone to practice PT with, and much more.

In 2014, CWA Local 3108 President Steve Wisniewski offered her the opportunity to become a shop steward. After completing her certification training, she was asked to take on more responsibilities.

In 2015, she attended additional training by the Central Florida Labor Council, which helped cement her knowledge of the political and electoral process. CWA extended an offer for Angel to become an AFL-CIO labor delegate, and she was sworn in by the Central Florida Labor Council in May of that same year.

Once certified in organizing and teaching, her role included educating on civics, constitutional law, contract negotiations, labor rights, and how unions work on a day-to-day. As an AFL-CIO delegate, she completes screenings of political candidates who are seeking labor's endorsement, attends the Family Lobby Corps in Tallahassee, and participates in grassroots campaigning for candidates who passed labor's assessment. Even with all those tasks, she was not satisfied and desired to do even more. Angel volunteered to become a chief steward for CWA Local 3108, which she happily included in her responsibilities of representing several departments for her employer.

In 2016, realizing an overwhelming need for care, Angel created a charity dedicated to helping veterans adjust to civilian life. No matter the task, she does whatever she can to help whoever needs it. This was a passion in honor of her grandfather, Charles R. Hibbler Sr., who was a WWII veteran. It is important to her for veterans to have every advantage they are entitled to. This work must continue with military individuals as she had done when she lived in New York.

After a few years of labor advocacy, she decided to run for office within CWA Local 3108. Her campaign was successful, and the members elected her as their executive vice president in 2017. Angel is currently on her third term and continues to serve on over 20 contracts and help veterans as part of her daily work.

CELEBRATING JOE KIRCHMYER, RECIPIENT OF THE SPOTLIGHT AWARD FROM THE WEST SENeca, NEW YORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Joe Kirchmyer, a lifelong resident of West Seneca, New York, and a passionate advocate for the growth and well-being of his community. Mr. Kirchmyer's dedication to his hometown has been evident for many years, and his contributions continue to make a profound impact.

In 2017, Mr. Kirchmyer was named Citizen of the Year by the West Seneca Chamber of Commerce, highlighting his long-standing commitment to the community. The following year, he stepped into the role of Executive Director of the Chamber, where he has been a catalyst for positive change.

Mr. Kirchmyer has led various community initiatives to unite people and enrich the town's cultural and social fabric. He was instrumental in establishing the West Seneca Farmers' Market, a staple for local produce and small businesses. He also played a key role in organizing events such as the annual BurchFest Celebration of the Arts and the Holiday Auction at the Community Center, both of which have become beloved traditions in the town. Additionally, Mr. Kirchmyer's biannual food drives are a vital source of support for local organizations, ensuring families in need are never overlooked.

Beyond these efforts, Mr. Kirchmyer is also a passionate advocate for the town's future, working tirelessly to ensure that West Seneca remains a vibrant and thriving place for all. He has been deeply involved with the redevelopment of underused sites, ensuring the town's interests are considered as plans for the future take shape.

Mr. Joe Kirchmyer's commitment to West Seneca serves as a shining example of the power of leadership and community spirit. His contributions inspire and strengthen our community. His work has made a significant difference, and we are all the better for his efforts. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Joe Kirchmyer and thanking him for his lifetime of public service.

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SAVING NEMO ACT

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**HON. ED CASE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge support for my Saving Natural Ecosystems and Marine Organisms (NEMO) Act to protect the ornamental reef species living in the fragile and invaluable ecosystems of our world's endangered coral reefs.

Our oceans, teeming with life and rich biodiversity, depend on the health of coral reefs, some of the most biologically diverse ecosystems on Earth. Nearly 25 percent of the ocean's fish rely on coral reefs for shelter, food and breeding grounds. These reefs and

the species that inhabit them are critical to the balance and vitality of our oceans.

Unfortunately, coral reefs and the marine life living in them are under threat due to the high demand for ornamental reef species. This has resulted in unsustainable and harmful collection practices, such as overcollection of species, particularly younger specimens; reef-dredging; the use of harmful gill nets, explosives, or poisons; and excessive mortality of specimens during transit.

These practices not only deplete species populations but also cause irreversible damage to the coral ecosystems themselves. In some cases, this damage has led to the extirpation of species from specific areas and the introduction of invasive species, which further disrupts the ecological balance. The long-term consequences of these practices are the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of habitats that are vital to the health of our oceans.

Many of these harmful collection practices occur in international waters, particularly in regions such as Southeast Asia, where most of the world's coral reefs are located. In many of these countries, there are weak or insufficient regulations to prevent destructive collection methods. As the largest importer of ornamental reef fish and corals, the United States bears a significant responsibility in perpetuating the demand for these species, which drives destructive practices in coral reef ecosystems worldwide.

We have an opportunity to take decisive action. My Saving NEMO Act would prohibit the importation into the United States of protected reef species taken through unsustainable or destructive practices. Going beyond complementing the Lacey Act, CITES and the Endangered Species Act, my bill will also fill a critical gap by addressing those species that, while not endangered, are still collected through methods that harm marine ecosystems. It also includes a process for delisting a species if the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce determine that its collection no longer poses a substantial risk to its sustainability, providing an incentive for the industry to adopt responsible practices.

Furthermore, the Saving NEMO Act would support industries that focus on sustainability and environmentally friendly practices, which is the future of the industry. In doing so, this bill will ensure that the aquarium trade evolves in a way that protects our oceans and promotes long-term ecological balance.

I urge my colleagues to support this critical legislation to help safeguard our coral reefs and the diverse marine life they support. By restricting the importation of ornamental reef species collected through harmful practices, we can protect these vital ecosystems for future generations.

Mahalo.

#### HONORING PABLO H. CATAÑO

#### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a beloved public servant from the 43rd Congressional District of California, and a favorite son of the City of Hawthorne, the Honorable Pablo H. Cataño.

Pablo Cataño was born in Texas on June 29, 1939, and moved to California with his high school sweetheart in 1954. They raised three children, two daughters and a son, Pablo, Jr., who tragically passed away in 1985. Pablo worked as a machinist at Rockwell International, where he contributed to the development of the escape hatch on the Apollo 11 spacecraft. His time at Rockwell also ignited his passion for social justice and political involvement through his active role in the union.

Pablo later became a political activist. He was proud of having marched with labor leader Cesar Chavez, and he worked with local politicians and various community organizations. He was admired by elected leaders for his activism and knowledge of city politics in Hawthorne and surrounding communities. This led to Pablo being hired as a District Representative for both California State Senators Teresa Hughes and Edward Vincent.

A pillar of the community, Pablo was supportive of and served on the board of several organizations in Hawthorne, which included Moneta Gardens Improvement, Behavioral Health Services, Hawthorne Lions Club, and the Hawthorne Moose Lodge 1746, just to name a few.

In 2001, Pablo Cataño was elected to the Hawthorne City Council, becoming the first Chicano/Latino elected official in the city. His leadership was recognized when he assumed the role of mayor pro tempore, and after serving two terms on the city council, he retired in 2009 to focus on his health following a stroke.

Pablo Hernandez Cataño passed away on November 3, 2024, leaving behind to cherish his memory, his daughters Sylvia and Cynthia, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and many close friends. On March 20, 2025, I will join Pablo's family, friends, and the entire Hawthorne community when the City of Hawthorne hosts a celebration of life for a great public servant, a devoted family man, and my friend, the Honorable Pablo Cataño.

#### HONORING MELANIE THOMAS AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Melanie Thomas of Saint Cloud, Florida is the public affairs officer for the Orlando VA Health Care System (OVAHCS), where she leads strategic communication efforts to enhance public awareness and engagement for Veteran healthcare services.

With a strong background in public relations, media relations, and strategic communication, Melanie plays a vital role in shaping the organization's messaging, fostering transparency and strengthening connections with Veterans, stakeholders, and the broader community.

In her role, Melanie oversees media outreach, crisis communication, and community engagement initiatives, ensuring that Veterans and their families are well-informed about the services and resources available to them. She collaborates with leadership, government

agencies, and community partners to promote the mission of serving those who've served.

Driven by her servant leader approach and her commitment to effective communication, Melanie works diligently to amplify the voices of Veterans and highlight the impactful work of the Orlando VA Healthcare System. Her expertise in storytelling, branding, and stakeholder relations makes her an invaluable asset to advancing programming for Veterans and healthcare services.

Prior to her current role, she served as the public affairs officer for the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System (NF/SGVHS), was a public affairs specialist and TCF intern for the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, and held a voluntary service assistant position with public affairs collateral duties at the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Thomas holds a master's degree in business administration and an undergraduate degree in organizational communication with concentrations in public relations and rhetoric from Wilkes University located in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

#### CELEBRATING THE 75TH BIRTHDAY OF GLADYS DIJI

#### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 75th birthday of Ms. Gladys Diji, who is a shining example of resilience, grace, and unwavering dedication to her family, community, and profession. Her life's journey has been dedicated to bettering the lives of those around her.

Born on February 14, 1950, in Clarion, Pennsylvania, Ms. Diji has spent a lifetime inspiring others with her strength and compassion. She is the proud mother of three daughters and one stepson, and the cherished grandmother of twelve grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Beyond her impressive professional and community contributions, Ms. Diji is known for her deep love of family and her passion for hosting family gatherings. Her matriarchal role is the cornerstone of her family's unity, and her wisdom continues to guide them across five generations.

A registered professional nurse and clinical nursing instructor, Ms. Diji's career is a testament to her love of healthcare and education. She earned her Master of Science degree in Community Health Nursing from D'Youville University in Buffalo, New York, and has served in numerous roles, including as an adjunct clinical professor at D'Youville University. Throughout her career, she has impacted the lives of many through her work in mental health, substance abuse, and chronic illness care, as well as her contributions to nursing education. In her retirement, she also served as a Community Liaison for my office in the New York State Senate, where she helped the constituents of the 63rd Senate District with various issues they were facing and attended many community events and meetings as my representative.

Ms. Diji's dedication to community service is equally impressive. She has served on

boards, supported initiatives for cultural diversity, and been an active member of organizations such as the National Black Nurses Association and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Ms. Gladys Diji, a woman of poise and resilience, whose influence extends to her beloved family and community. On this milestone birthday, we celebrate her extraordinary life, her enduring legacy, and the profound impact she has made on all who know her.

**CONGRATULATING THE GRAND  
OLE OPRY ON 100 YEARS**

**HON. JOHN W. ROSE**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true American treasure that I have the privilege to represent in Congress. This year marks 100 years since the Grand Ole Opry first introduced audiences around the world to country music and to Nashville.

My home state of Tennessee is known for many things. If you had to list some of the most prominent, you might think of the Great Smoky Mountains of Elvis Presley, but you would most certainly include the Grand Ole Opry.

Nashville is known around the world as Music City USA. That would not be the case had it not been for the Opry. But the longtime show isn't exclusive to Tennessee's story. No, it's part of American culture.

The Opry was around before the Great Depression and World War II. It has seen a lot, endured a lot, and served as a beacon of hope decade after decade.

The program's venue has moved within Nashville a few times, but it is primarily known for two locations the Ryman Auditorium off Broadway and its current location on Opry Mills Drive. Both locations enjoy hundreds of thousands of visitors every year.

Without the Grand Ole Opry, we would likely not know the names Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, or Willie Nelson. Heaven-forbid, we might not even know Dolly Parton had it not been for the show.

WSM, those are its call letters, was one of the first radio stations to connect urban and rural culture. The Opry was also a first to transform a hobby into a marketable and lucrative industry.

Crossover artists are not uncommon today. But they were virtually nonexistent before 1925. The Opry hosted honky-tonk, bluegrass, gospel, and rockabilly performers. This paved the way for what we know today as country music.

From music legends to up-and-comers, musicians around the world rightfully revere the Grand Ole Opry as a place of prestige, history, and continued relevance.

There are fewer than 100 members of the Grand Ole Opry. It is indeed an elite crowd of men and women who made the world better, who embody country music, and who are part of our shared heritage as Americans. In fact, that membership sits at the top of dozens of obituaries among some of our nation's finest performers.

This year, TripAdvisor ranked Nashville 6th among the best American travel destinations.

More than 17 million people visited last year. That is in large part because of the influence of the Grand Ole Opry over the last 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, any seat in the house will do at the Grand Ole Opry. To beat witness to the iconic barn background behind the stage, the lights that look like stars above you, and the acoustics around you makes for an unforgettable evening. No matter how many chances I get to see a show in person, I always sense the history, the importance, and the joy that the Grand Ole Opry represents.

As the United States Representative of Tennessee's 6th Congressional District, I rise today to enthusiastically congratulate the Grand Ole Opry on a century of entertainment and a century of significance. I am confident the man or woman in my shoes 100 years from now will feel compelled to do the same.

**RECOGNIZING JANETTE GIBB FOR  
HER SERVICE AT THE MAN-  
CHESTER VA MEDICAL CENTER**

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of APRN Janette Gibb of the Manchester VA Medical Center. Her commitment to going the extra mile and providing the highest standard of healthcare to veterans in Manchester exemplifies the virtue of service to community and country.

One story in particular highlights Janette's positive impact. In August, 2021, a veteran was at the Manchester VA for routine cardiac tests, administered by Janette. During the tests, the veteran entered sudden cardiac arrest and collapsed in the hallway. A MERT team was called, but Janette immediately took action. She understood what the veteran was experiencing and administered CPR until the veteran started responding and the MERT team arrived. This veteran credits Janette with saving their life.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I thank Janette Gibb for her selflessness and dedication to the veterans she has cared for. By giving so much to those who served our Nation, she has made her community a better place. Granite staters are grateful that our brave veterans may receive care from professionals like Janette, and I wish her all the best in the years to come.

**HONORING DANIELLE McCARTHY  
AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN  
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOM-  
EN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in 2016, a neurosurgeon removed an invasive meningioma—an aggressive, grapefruit-sized tumor—from Danielle McCarthy's brain. The tumor, lovingly named Loretta, formed on her brain's temporal lobe, and she was told she would never walk or speak again. However, her post-surgery

condition was deemed a miracle by her doctors, and she began her slow recovery. Danielle would endure multiple major surgeries unrelated to her tumor over the next six years. During the height of COVID-19, destiny struck. Joey Perfito, her best friend and instrumental in Danielle's recovery, helped adopt a rescue puppy, already named Loretta. With the support of Joey and her strong-willed puppy, now named Loretta Josephine, Danielle relearned how to live and adapt to her new life. Together, they turned Danielle's hardships into triumphs. Danielle was determined to give back to those who saved her life: neuroscience and pet adoption. One thing Danielle remembered from her old life was fashion. Danielle and Joey created Loretta Josephine Boutique, an online shopping experience for women that gives back to the community. Through the boutique, Danielle donates her time to support those with brain trauma and pet rescue.

Both animal and health initiatives drive their vision daily as they continue to uplift and inspire others through community engagement. This prompted Danielle and Joey to start a nonprofit called Brain Warriors Foundation of America. The duo's budding nonprofit focuses on fundraising to further neuroscience research and give financial support to caregivers and patients suffering brain-related injuries. Danielle recognizes she's on borrowed time. She's grateful to be a voice for those who have lost their own battle and those who are currently struggling during their recovery. They encourage all to join Team Loretta Josephine Boutique as they continue to make a difference in Central Florida—the place they call home.

**CELEBRATING THE CHINESE CLUB  
OF WESTERN NEW YORK**

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the incredible legacy and ongoing contributions of the Chinese Club of Western New York, a cornerstone of our community that has played an essential role in preserving and promoting Chinese culture for over six decades. Originally founded as the Chinese Club of Buffalo in 1954, this vibrant organization has grown into a vital part of our region, bringing together hundreds of active members, including families, professionals, and youth, all united in a shared purpose of cultural exchange and community building.

Under the leadership of President Beiyang Liu and Director of External Affairs Yanhong Na Baranski, the Chinese Club of Western New York continues to thrive and has consistently demonstrated its commitment to charitable service, cultural preservation, and the enhancement of social bonds among its members. Through endeavours like the Buffalo Chinese School, the Western New York Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Buffalo Chinese Health Professionals, and various youth and senior clubs, the Chinese Club of Western New York has created spaces for learning, networking, and mutual support across generations.

The Chinese Club of Western New York's efforts go far beyond just serving its members.

It plays an important role in fostering connections with the greater community, celebrating cultural diversity, and promoting fellowship through community events and initiatives. As we mark the occasion of Chinese New Year, we not only celebrate the rich traditions and heritage of the Chinese community, but we also honor the spirit of unity, resilience, and the shared values that bind us together.

Today, let us continue to support and grow organizations like the Chinese Club of Western New York, as they continue to enrich the lives of so many through their vibrant community, past accomplishments, and the exciting future that lies ahead. Please join me in celebrating the Chinese Club of Western New York, and wishing them great success as they remain a source of strength, inspiration, and cultural pride for generations to come.

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EXPOSING BIDEN LAWFARE  
PERSECUTION

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**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to former Congressman Bob Livingston for courageously exposing the shocking mistakes and abusive lawfare of former Attorney General, Merrick Garland. Innocent Americans have been persecuted by the subversion of the Justice Department under the Biden Administration, beginning with the deranged, maniacal persecution of President Donald Trump.

Under the Republican trifecta of the House, Senate, and Presidency, the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation will work on behalf of the people, not against them. American families can trust Attorney General Pam Bondi and FBI Director Kash Patel, both with proven records of professional competence.

I include in the RECORD the following letter below, written by Bob Livingston to the Wall Street Journal, regarding his own experiences with former Attorney General, Merrick Garland and the Justice Department:

“Dear Mr. Attorney General, Your time in office won’t run out a moment too soon. You will be remembered as a tool in the Democratic Party’s strategy of misusing the Justice Department to visit injustice on innocent people with differing political views. I am a victim of your dysfunctional leadership, but unlike many of your targets, I have survived unscathed.

I am 81. At the outset of my career, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on active duty for two years, followed by an additional four in the reserves. When I returned to civilian life, I completed my undergraduate studies and law school. After some years of private practice, I successfully served as a prosecutor in three separate government offices.

I was then elected to Congress, where I served for 22 years. Shortly thereafter I created and ran the Livingston Group, a lobbying firm. For 25 years we represented defense, education, energy, health and corporate clients of all kinds. We also represented international clients, private and sovereign, but only if we were assured their interests coincided with those of the U.S.

In 2022 two Federal Bureau of Investigation agents came to my home in New Orleans and

questioned me about incidents involving our representation of an international client in 2018. Having nothing to hide, I spoke with them for 2½ hours.

I told them everything I could remember. I told them the truth. They quibbled with me about facts and reminded me of incidents that for whatever reason I couldn’t recall. I have been interviewed by FBI agents in the past about varying matters under investigation, never about me, and I thought this no different. I was given to believe that they were looking only for background information.

At the end of the interview, the agents presented me with a search warrant for all my company’s records related to their questions. As the lead agent left, she thanked me for my service to the country. But as I read the search warrant, I realized that this meeting was neither benign nor simply for background. The next day, with my wife listening, I called the agent and asked directly: “Am I a target?” To my great shock, the agent said yes.

In all my years as a lobbyist, I have bent over backward to comply with the Foreign Agents Registration Act. My company has always filed reports pursuant to the law when we thought they were due. I have repeatedly told my clients that we must comply with FARA to avoid any possibility of transgressing the law. The company has employed a full-time officer to assure compliance.

Yet Justice Department prosecutors said on several occasions that I was the target of felony charges. Every day and night for 20 months, I lived with the possibility that the hammer could drop at any moment. Everything I worked for would be tarnished. My firm would collapse, my employees would lose their jobs, all of us would be ruined in the press, and I could go to prison.

The conduct of law enforcement was torturous. In January 2024, a prosecutor interviewed a member of my staff, using curse words and accusing her of lying. In December 2023 an FBI agent harassed our FARA compliance officer, David Lonie, who had been a congressional staffer on the House Rules Committee before working with us for many years.

Lonie was an honorable and decent man, the epitome of integrity and honor. The agent nevertheless told him that if he knew what was good for him, he would talk. Dave was scared to death. He went to bed on Dec. 31, 2023, and didn’t wake the next day. His family is devastated.

My company and I were innocent of all charges, and while I am pleased this Kafkaesque harassment is over, I am not content to simply shrug my shoulders and move on. We spent incredible amounts of money on legal counsel, more than three times what we earned by representing the client at issue. Our attorneys prepared an 88-page brief rebutting all charges. They succeeded in backing prosecutors down, but I am convinced the department’s actions were political and malicious, targeting me as a lobbyist who has supported Donald Trump and been critical of President Biden.

Under your leadership, Mr. Garland, the Justice Department has been guilty of lopsided enforcement. Hunter Biden was nearly given a sweetheart immunity deal following receipt of millions of dollars from foreign sources for which he didn’t file income tax returns or acknowledge his probable obligations under FARA. He was subsequently convicted for only a few of his crimes but has now been given a blanket pardon by his father. Members of the Trump administration and Mr. Trump himself have been hounded and arrested. They’ve had their lives ruined for minor white-collar infractions. Mr.

Trump has prevailed over attempts to destroy him, but others have been less fortunate.

As for our case, as we detailed in our brief, a Democratic firm wasn’t as compliant regarding similar facts over a much longer period and to my knowledge was never investigated. If we had been charged and tried for six-year-old incidents despite our constant efforts to comply with the law, our case would have become additional evidence that you have led a department that has overtly ignored its obligation to provide justice.

The statute of limitations expired on our case in November, and prosecutors have said they are no longer interested in pursuing charges. That’s nice but hardly satisfactory. As a matter of justice, Mr. Garland, you owe us and the American people a profuse apology.”

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HONORING CHENAVIA SMITH AS A  
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CEN-  
TRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN’S  
HISTORY MONTH

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**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, as a member of Laborers’ Local 517 for 13 years, Chenavia Smith, affectionately known as Che Smith, is a proud LiJUNA DEROCK organizer. She has served as a member and in leadership positions with the NAACP and CBTU CFL Chapter.

She was also the first and formerly the youngest Black woman auditor for her local, a member of APRI, the E board, COPE Committee, and delegate member of her CLC, as well as an activist, advocate, and political advisor throughout the state of Florida and beyond.

She has collaborated with numerous resilient communities to bring to fruition economic catalysts like apprenticeship ordinances and Community Benefits Agreements.

She is an especially gratefully gifted wife and mother who believes that all families should have family-supporting wages, great benefits, the opportunity for advancement, and the ability to retire with respect and dignity.

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CELEBRATING SISTER BETH  
BROSMER

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**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Sister Beth Brosmer, whose leadership at Heart, Love & Soul Food Pantry, and Dining Room in Niagara Falls, New York has helped to transform lives and greatly contribute to the community for nearly a decade. Since her appointment in 2010 as Executive Director at Heart, Love & Soul Food Pantry and Dining Room, until her retirement in 2020, Sister Beth has been a force for compassionate and collaborative action—a leader who mobilized her community to transform the way it addresses poverty and inspired long-term positive change in those she faithfully served with dignity and respect.

Sister Beth's gift of making people feel welcome, listened to, and cared for has blessed thousands of guests who used Heart & Soul's services. Additionally, it has touched people from all walks of life—including business leaders, community organizations, and faith communities. Living out her Franciscan values in all aspects of life, Sister Beth's influence grew as she empowered others to join her in the transformative work of serving those in need.

Early in her tenure, Sister Beth became a key figure in a collective effort to better ad-

dress entrenched poverty in Niagara Falls. She collaborated with leaders from Community Missions, YWCA of the Niagara Frontier, ReNU Niagara, Catholic Charities, the Niagara Falls Housing Authority, and many others, all working toward greater community impact.

Sister Beth's influence extended beyond direct service to the creation of a critical community resource. She was instrumental in forming the DePaul Taskforce, which focused on developing a one-stop center for those in need. In 2016, Sister Beth empowered the

Heart & Soul board to take ownership of the center, Daybreak, which officially opened in 2020, ensuring long-term support for the community long after her retirement.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Sister Beth Brosmer, a woman whose legacy of compassion, advocacy, and empowerment continues to inspire change. Her work has touched the lives of countless individuals and families in Niagara Falls and beyond. Sister Beth's leadership has left an indelible mark on our region, and we are all the better for it.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate met at 12:15:19 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 12:15:52 p.m. until 12 noon on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

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### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 71 public bills, H.R. 2169–2239; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 77; and H. Res. 227–231, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H1173–74**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 198, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–17); and

H. Res. 127, inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the Department of Government Efficiency's access to the Treasury payment systems and confidential taxpayer information, adversely (H. Rept. 119–18).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Senate Referrals:** S. 331 was held at the desk. S. 1077 was held at the desk.

**Page H1167**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1167.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
12 noon, Thursday, March 20

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
4 p.m., Friday, March 21

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

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