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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 21, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADDISON P. McDOWELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Dr. Edrees Bridges, Chaplain, United States Capitol Police, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O merciful benefactor, merciful redeemer, ground us in this solemn moment.

Bestow clarity upon our congressional leaders. May their voices and votes strengthen the pillars of democracy.

Remain present in their hearts and minds, even when the path diverges, and allow their presence to reflect the strength of principled conviction. Grant them ears for active listening to the calls for collaboration and the voices of the people whom they serve.

Let them carry their responsibilities with humility, for within these walls resides the weight of a nation's will.

May they be a symbol of hope through triumph and trial.

Grant them strength amid uncertainty and creativity to shape a more perfect union.

O merciful, You fashioned us differently to inspire a shared purpose, so let unity be our highest pursuit.

Unite us as we humbly submit to Your eternal guidance for the good of our country and good for humanity.

We ask this with Your name.  
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.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 11 a.m.

### 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 Ms. ANSARI (for herself, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Ms. MATSUI):

H.R. 2971. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a youth biodiversity monitoring grant program; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CAREY (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 2972. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the upper age limit on eligibility for the earned income tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 2973. A bill to amend the Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act of 2016 to apply to members of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Department of the Navy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. ESPAILLAT (for himself, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 2974. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to exempt workforce training dollars as income for supplemental nutrition assistance program beneficiaries; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 2975. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish a competitive grant program to assist local governments in providing efficient review and approval of zoning and permitting applications that facilitate the deployment of broadband infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 2976. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to include cold-blooded species as animals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 2977. A bill to establish the Mississippi River Restoration and Resilience Initiative to carry out projects for the protection and restoration of the Mississippi River Corridor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. NUNN of Iowa (for himself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Mr. FITZGERALD):

H.R. 2978. A bill to permit State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies that receive eligible Federal grant funds to use such funds for investigating elder financial fraud, pig butchering, and general financial fraud, and to clarify that Federal law enforcement agencies may assist State, local, and Tribal

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law enforcement agencies in the use of tracing tools for blockchain and related technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Financial 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.

By Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Ms. LETLOW, and Mr. KEAN):

H.R. 2979. A bill to support infrastructure investment in small law enforcement agencies and small fire departments; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and 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 Ms. ROSS (for herself and Mr. CAREY):

H.R. 2980. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to provide financial assistance to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers pursuing certain courses of study relating to cybersecurity and energy infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. TAYLOR:

H.R. 2981. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified automobile interest; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Mrs. RAMIREZ):

H.R. 2982. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the application of the sourcing rules for digital asset income of Puerto Rican residents; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARR (for himself and Mr. MOORE of West Virginia):

H. Con. Res. 29. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Agreement; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. BELL, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. KING-HINDS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. RANDALL, and Mrs. MCBATH):

H. Res. 340. A resolution recognizing the significance of "Community College Month" in April 2025 as a celebration of the more than 1,000 community colleges throughout the United States that support access to higher education, workforce training, and more, and broadly sustain and advance the economic prosperity of the United States; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. McCLELLAN, Mr. COHEN, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CASE, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CHU, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. GOMEZ, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MIN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H. Res. 341. A resolution expressing support for honoring Earth Day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. MCGOVERN:

H. Res. 342. A resolution recognizing the history of the drug diethylstilbestrol and the harm it has caused, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. SELF, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H. Res. 343. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of San Jacinto Day in recognition of April 21, 1836, the date on which General Sam Houston and the Texan Army defeated the Mexican Army winning Texas independence from Mexico; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

### 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 bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. ANSARI:

H.R. 2971.

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

Article I Section VIII

By Mr. CAREY:

H.R. 2972.

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

Article I Section 8

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina:

H.R. 2973.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 2974.

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

The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States; . . .

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 2975.

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. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 2976.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Ms. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 2977.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa:

H.R. 2978.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

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. PAPPAS:

H.R. 2979.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution states that "Congress shall have the authority to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Ms. ROSS:

H.R. 2980.

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

Article I, 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. TAYLOR:

H.R. 2981.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 2982.

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

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; . . .

### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 142: Mr. MCDOWELL.

H.R. 206: Mr. ESPAILLAT.

H.R. 484: Ms. SEWELL, Mr. DOGGETT, and Mr. CLEAVER.

H.R. 599: Mr. BURCHETT.

H.R. 833: Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 911: Ms. KING-HINDS.

H.R. 929: Mr. RILEY of New York.

H.R. 945: Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 956: Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 970: Mr. RUIZ.

H.R. 979: Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina and Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 1046: Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. GROTHMAN.

H.R. 1065: Mr. RILEY of New York.

H.R. 1151: Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 1254: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 1423: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 1440: Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 1479: Mr. CARSON.

H.R. 1523: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 1524: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 1540: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina and Mr. MURPHY.

H.R. 1548: Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Ms. BROWN.

H.R. 1610: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. GOMEZ.

H.R. 1674: Mr. BELL.

H.R. 1733: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 1734: Mr. COSTA, Mr. SCHNEIDER, and Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 1793: Ms. MCBRIDE.

H.R. 1827: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 1876: Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. COURTNEY, and Ms. MCBRIDE.

H.R. 1877: Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. COURTNEY, and Ms. MCBRIDE.

H.R. 1933: Mrs. KIM.	H.R. 2377: Mr. MOORE of Alabama and Mr. LAWLER.	H.R. 2804: Mr. CISNEROS.
H.R. 1939: Mr. SUBRAMANYAM.	H.R. 2383: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.	H.R. 2808: Mr. EZELL.
H.R. 1947: Ms. HOULAHAN.	H.R. 2398: Mr. SUOZZI.	H.R. 2820: Ms. MATSUI and Mr. LIEU.
H.R. 2036: Mr. MILLER of Ohio and Mr. VINDMAN.	H.R. 2459: Mr. COSTA and Mr. QUIGLEY.	H.R. 2833: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 2047: Ms. MORRISON.	H.R. 2464: Mr. COSTA.	H.R. 2891: Ms. TENNEY.
H.R. 2059: Mr. CASAR and Mr. CLEAVER.	H.R. 2489: Ms. SCHOLTEN.	H.R. 2902: Mr. VASQUEZ.
H.R. 2086: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut and Mr. MRVAN.	H.R. 2497: Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, and Ms. SCANLON.	H.R. 2909: Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 2105: Ms. MCBRIDE.	H.R. 2528: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.	H.R. 2913: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. LANDSMAN, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H.R. 2106: Mr. HARDER of California and Mr. COHEN.	H.R. 2550: Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. HOYER, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. ROSS, Ms. SALINAS, and Mr. CORREA.	H.R. 2933: Mr. BACON, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 2117: Mr. PANETTA and Mr. NUNN of Iowa.	H.R. 2570: Mr. SMUCKER and Mr. FEENSTRA.	H.R. 2942: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 2118: Ms. PEREZ.	H.R. 2588: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Ms. CHU.	H.R. 2944: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 2125: Mr. LALOTA.	H.R. 2627: Ms. GARCIA of Texas and Ms. STANSBURY.	H.R. 2964: Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 2192: Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. VINDMAN, Mr. CROW, Ms. BUDZINSKI, and Mrs. DINGELL.	H.R. 2642: Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona.	H.J. Res. 67: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.
H.R. 2225: Mr. CASTEN.	H.R. 2643: Mr. BELL.	H.J. Res. 87: Mr. LANGWORTHY.
H.R. 2226: Mr. VAN DREW.	H.R. 2679: Ms. SALINAS.	H. Con. Res. 25: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
H.R. 2253: Mr. MOULTON and Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY.	H.R. 2717: Ms. SALINAS.	H. Res. 64: Mr. CORREA, Ms. KING-HINDS, and Mr. CLINE.
H.R. 2259: Mr. PFLUGER.	H.R. 2743: Ms. RANDALL.	H. Res. 328: Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 2363: Mr. QUIGLEY.	H.R. 2799: Mr. PALLONE, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.	H. Res. 339: Mr. MOOLENAAR and Mr. PFLUGER.



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## Senate

The Senate met at 6:45 and 02 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DAN SULLIVAN, a Senator from the State of Alaska.

### 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 clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, April 21, 2025.

*To the Senate:*

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DAN SULLIVAN, a Senator from the State of Alaska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,  
*President pro tempore.*

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY,  
APRIL 24, 2025, AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:45 and 35 seconds a.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 10 a.m.

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# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## CELEBRATING THE 101ST BIRTHDAY OF GENEVA GIVENS

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 101st birthday of an extraordinary woman, Mrs. Geneva Givens—a remarkable milestone in a life defined by faith, family, and resilience.

Mrs. Givens was born on March 2, 1924, in Caruthersville, Missouri, during the presidency of Calvin Coolidge and in the same year as President Jimmy Carter. Over more than a century of life, she has lived through some of the most defining moments in our nation's history—including the Great Depression, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Gulf War.

In March of 1939, she married Robert Givens, and together they raised five children: Mary Ann Cramer, Louise Givens, Charles Givens, Tony Givens, and Jessie Givens. Her family has grown to include 7 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren—each a living testament to her enduring love and legacy. In 1951, she made Buffalo, New York her home and began building a life rooted in faith and service.

Mrs. Givens became an active member of Calvary Baptist Church, where she served faithfully on the Number 1 Usher Board. Later, she joined Elim Christian Fellowship and was consecrated as a church mother under the leadership of Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Bronner—a role she embraced with grace and wisdom.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Givens served her community with care and diligence. She worked at the Fisher Price Toy Company, Child and Family Services, and ultimately the Department of Veterans Affairs, where she retired from Building Management in 1994. Her contributions helped shape the lives of countless individuals and families.

A woman of deep faith and vibrant spirit, Mrs. Givens finds joy in simple pleasures—walking during the warmer seasons, listening to gospel music, reading her Bible, watching television, and cooking for her loved ones. Her signature dishes—sweet potato pie, biscuits from scratch, and fried chicken—continue to bring joy to all who gather at her table. Even at 101 years old, her heart remains full of dreams: she plans to travel to Las Vegas to visit her sister and attend a New York Knicks game to cheer on her favorite players, Jalen Brunson and Josh Hart.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor and thank Mrs. Geneva Givens for being a truly remarkable woman—an embodiment of strength, grace, and unwavering love. Her life continues to inspire all who know her, and her legacy is a profound blessing to her family, her community, and generations to come. We celebrate Mrs. Geneva Givens on her 101st birthday and honor a life that continues to be richly and faithfully lived.

## ALARM AT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S DANGEROUS ATTACK ON EDUCATION

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Henry Peter Brougham once said, "Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern but impossible to enslave." The Trump Administration's deliberate evisceration of education—from preschool to higher education—is a dangerous attack on our democracy that will damage our people, communities, and country.

Given that education is a key factor in economic well-being, federal education law promotes equity and access so that students from various backgrounds can thrive. President Trump, with the help of Elon Musk, is gutting the Department of Education under the false pretense of returning power to the states which already have the primary responsibility for public education.

In addition to cutting federal workers that oversee Head Start, President Trump reportedly plans to eliminate Head Start in his FY26 Budget. Head Start reduces educational disparities so that lower-income children enter school ready to learn. Gutting it directly harms over 1 million parents who rely on Head Start to work, over 800,000 children, and tens of thousands of workers—undermining vulnerable children and communities.

For K–12 education, Trump's actions jeopardize key programs that improve educational success for low-income students and students with disabilities. Contrary to federal law, Mr. Trump plans to withhold Title I grants that help districts meet the educational needs of students with limited financial means based on his personal whims about curricular content. Title I assists 26 million children across the nation and is a principal tool to address the disparities that impact marginalized groups, such as Black and brown students. Further, the Republicans Budget plans seek to dramatically cut education funding, with Illinois at risk of losing approximately \$793 million and 12,000 teachers. Further, Trump's cuts threaten the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) that provides protection and funding for students with disabilities. Illinois received one billion dollars in IDEA funding in 2024 to strengthen education for our youngest Illinoisans. Federal support is vital to providing students with an educational foundation for success.

The attacks on higher education are equally devastating to the well-being of our citizens and economy, promoting a greater divide between the haves and have nots. This Trump Administration seeks to slash key federal programs that improve access to higher education, including Pell Grants, loans, work-study, TRIO, GEAR UP, and CCAMPIS. Approximately 45 percent of full-time Black stu-

dents graduate from public four-year colleges and universities within six years, with finances playing a large role in this outcome. Stripping first-generation, low-income, or minority students of the few financial and academic resources the government provides reduces college affordability and, once again, places students who are already at a disadvantage further from the finish line. In addition, he signed an executive order refusing Public Service Loan Forgiveness to non-profits that he does not like.

President Trump further is targeting higher education institutions as if they were the enemy, withholding billions in research funds, removing visas from students and faculty, illegally-halting grants, and threatening to revoke their nonprofit status simply because their work does not align with the President's agenda. Illinois is home to several R1 institutions whose work revolves around studying under-represented populations that are impacted by these decisions. I helped expand these federal education laws and research funding, and I will fight to protect them.

The Trump-Musk administration and Congressional Republicans seek to demolish the educational foundation of our country to fund tax handouts for the wealthiest individuals and companies. I am especially appalled by the President's myopic focus to write race, gender, and ability out of history. We must remind ourselves that federal investment in education fosters enrichment and equal opportunities. If we allow this evisceration of education to continue, our country and students will wither.

## HONORING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF RUSSELL E. WROTEN

**HON. ANDY HARRIS**

MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. HARRIS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness that I learned about the passing of Russell E. Wroten of East New Market, Maryland.

Russell E. Wroten served as Chief of Police for the City of Cambridge from 1971 until he retired in 2001. His years of service were marked by bravery and dedication, and his accolades include the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, Wounded Combat Medal, an Exceptional Service Award, and Governor's Citations. Russell was well respected for his unwavering commitment to his officers and community. In 2024, Mr. Wroten was honored with being the first recipient to be inducted into the Cambridge Police Department Hall of Fame.

Chief Wroten passed away at the age of 84 years old on Monday, April 14, 2025, in Easton, Maryland. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Regina Wroten of East New Market; their daughter, Christina (Chrissy) and son-in-law, Tom Thompson of Cambridge; granddaughter, Savana (Jon) Linthicum of

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Rhodesdale; very special great-granddaughter, Arya; and several nephews and a niece. Besides his parents, Mr. Wroten is preceded in death by his brothers; Matthew and George Wroten.

The Eastern Shore is forever grateful for Chief Wroten's commitment to service and his dedication to Maryland.

REMEMBERING MR. DARRELL  
ROWSER

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Darrell Rowser, a man whose strength, dedication, and unwavering love for his family left a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Mr. Rowser's commitment to his work, faith, and most importantly, his family, defined the essence of his character.

Born on September 14, 1958, in Buffalo, New York, to his late father Bertin Rowser, and his mother, Marlene Rowser, Mr. Rowser was the third of five children. He received his formal education through the Buffalo Public School system and graduated from Kensington High School in 1976. He then went on to receive his Associate's Degree at Medaille College.

Mr. Rowser was a dedicated athlete, excelling in basketball, track, and Taekwondo. He won All-High championships in the 400-meter and 800-meter races at Kensington High School and later continued playing basketball, winning championships with the North Buffalo Community Center league. After 30 years of training, he earned a Black Belt 2nd Dan in Taekwondo. Mr. Rowser also had a love for music, playing bass guitar with his brothers in a band, and filling his home with his favorite songs.

After college, Mr. Rowser began his career at General Motors for 10 years, later working at Ford Motor Company Stamping Plant where he retired in 2024 after 33 years. While at Ford, Mr. Rowser rose to the role of Team Leader, earning him a Six Sigma Lean Belt certification which represented his commitment to knowledge, efficiency, and excellence. Mr. Rowser was known to be fair but firm at work, and with his recognizable voice that commanded attention, he was greatly respected by his team.

What truly defined Mr. Rowser was his deep love for his family. His greatest joy was spending time with his wife Jacqueline and their children Brandon and Brianna. Mr. and Mrs. Rowser shared a 37-year marriage built on love, faith, and cherished memories. He is survived by his wife and children, his mother Marlene Rowser, mother-in-law Violet Lewis, brother-in-law Darryl Prude, and many other loving family members and friends.

Mr. Darrell Rowser lived a life devoted to his family, his work, and his faith. His unwavering love for his family and his commitment to those around him left a lasting impact on all who knew him. Mr. Rowser believed deeply in the importance of family, and he worked tirelessly to create a life full of love, faith, and cherished moments. His strength, kindness, and dedication will always be remembered,

and his legacy will continue to inspire all those whose lives he touched.

APPRECIATING THE UNITED WAY  
OF THE MIDLANDS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize the United Way of the Midlands on their 100th birthday.

Founded in 1925 and now serving six counties in central South Carolina, the United Way of the Midlands continues to unite people and resources to improve the quality of life in the community.

The United Way of the Midlands is a branch of the 135 year-old United Way which works to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities to advance the common good. In the Midlands, this purpose is seen through tackling problems like homelessness, children's literacy, and lack of access to healthcare.

In support of these initiatives, Ms. MacKenzie Scott donated a bountiful ten million dollars in 2020, and due to her generosity, the organization decided to make it their goal to match her donation.

Proudly, United Way of the Midlands announced that upon reaching their 100th birthday, they have achieved that goal and matched her donation.

Donations are distributed in the community to tackle issues such as affordable housing, improve workforce development, and encourage improvements in child literacy and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) studies.

I am grateful for the commitment of the United Way of the Midlands to serve and better the people of South Carolina.

RECOGNIZING SCLERODERMA  
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scleroderma Awareness Month, an important commemoration dedicated to increasing public understanding and awareness of Scleroderma, a chronic autoimmune disease that impacts approximately 300,000 individuals across the United States. Scleroderma, meaning "hard skin," is a rare autoimmune disease characterized by the abnormal growth of connective tissue, leading to skin thickening and potential involvement of internal organs, which can result in serious complications.

Each June, we unite with the brave patients, families, and devoted healthcare professionals who work tirelessly to advocate for research, treatment, and support for those affected by scleroderma. This month not only serves as a time of recognition but also as a call to action to advance our commitment to finding a cure for this debilitating disease.

Organizations such as the Scleroderma Foundation, the Scleroderma Research Foun-

ation, and the Scleroderma Family Registry and DNA Repository lead the way in research and patient advocacy, providing hope and meaningful support to those impacted. Through public awareness campaigns, educational programs, and patient-focused initiatives, these organizations are making great progress in increasing awareness and advancing scientific breakthroughs.

Despite these efforts, there is still much work to be done. Many patients experience delayed diagnoses due to a lack of awareness and limited understanding of this complex disease. Enhancing diagnostic tools, boosting research funding, and expanding access to care are crucial for improving patient outcomes.

Today, I stand to amplify the voices of scleroderma patients and their families. We must continue to support efforts that promote research, education, and compassionate care for those impacted by this disease. It is my hope that through our collective efforts, we can bring much-needed awareness and resources to the fight against scleroderma, ultimately improving the lives of those affected and bringing us closer to a cure.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF MARY SELECKY

HON. SUZAN K. DeBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Ms. DeBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, alongside my colleague Rep. DAN NEWHOUSE, to honor the life and legacy of Washington's former Secretary of Health, Mary Selecky. For over four decades, Mary dedicated her life and career to public health throughout Washington. She began her career as the administrator for the Northeast Tri County Health District. In 1999, she was appointed as the Secretary of Health by Governor Gary Locke and continued in that role under Governors Chris Gregoire and Jay Inslee until her retirement in 2013.

During her tenure, Mary was instrumental in reducing smoking rates and increasing childhood vaccination coverage across the state. She was known for her commitment to preventive care and for strengthening the collaboration between state and local health agencies.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Mary was deeply connected to her community in Colville, Washington, where she resided for over 50 years. Her dedication to both her local community and the broader public health landscape left a lasting impact on the state. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mary Selecky's life and contributions to public health.

CELEBRATING THE 92ND BIRTH-  
DAY OF RUSSELL J. SALVATORE

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. I rise today to celebrate the 92nd birthday of a remarkable individual, Russell J. Salvatore, a beloved member of our community and Army veteran

whose impact has touched countless lives through his generosity, leadership, and entrepreneurial spirit.

Mr. Salvatore is the proud owner of the renowned Russell's Steaks, Chops, & More, as well as Salvatore's Grand Hotel in Williamsville, New York. He is widely respected not only for his success in the restaurant and hospitality industries but also for his immense philanthropy. Over the years, Mr. Salvatore has donated millions to various worthy causes, making him a leading philanthropist in the Western New York region.

Mr. Salvatore's career in the restaurant industry began at a young age, working alongside his father, Joseph. After nearly four decades in the business, he took his passion to new heights by opening Russell's Steaks, Chops, & More at the age of 75, proving that his dedication to the industry remains as strong as ever.

Throughout his career, Mr. Salvatore has made significant investments within Western New York, including funding transportation vans for veterans, contributing to the rebuilding of a Boys and Girls Club after a devastating fire, supporting Shea's Performing Arts Center, and assisting with the construction of the Niagara University Russell J. Salvatore Student Commons. His impact is also felt at the Miracle League of Grand Island's special needs baseball diamond, and he has supported countless educational and healthcare organizations across the region.

In addition to his remarkable contributions, Mr. Salvatore's commitment to giving back has been further recognized through numerous accolades, including being named Humanitarian of the Year in 2018. His foundation continues to support organizations like ECMC, Kaleida Health, Oishei Children's Hospital, Catholic Health, and other organizations throughout Western New York.

Mr. Speaker, Russell J. Salvatore's legacy is one of profound generosity and civic responsibility. He is an integral part of our "City of Good Neighbors" and has enriched the Western New York community through years of hard work and selflessness. On this special occasion of his 92nd birthday, please join me in wishing Russell J. Salvatore the happiest of birthdays, with many more to come.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RETIRED BRIGADIER GENERAL EDEN MURRIE

#### HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the life and service of Retired Brigadier General Eden Murrie. Throughout a distinguished twenty-nine-year career in the United States Air Force, Eden was awarded the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Aerial Achievement Medal, among many others. She also earned the title of "master navigator" after logging over 2,400 flying hours as well as serving as a flight instructor for three different aircraft. After achieving the rank of General Officer in 2009, Eden served as special assistant to the Vice Chief of Staff at the United States Air Force Headquarters in Washington, D.C., before

transitioning to the Director of Legislative Affairs on the National Security Staff for the White House. From 2011 to 2013, she served as the Director of Air Force Services and Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services at the U.S. Air Force Headquarters. Soon after retiring from military service, Eden became the Chief Operations Officer of Operation Stand Down Tennessee (OSDTN) in 2017 and became its Chief Executive Officer in 2020. OSDTN is the only comprehensive veteran-serving agency in Middle Tennessee, connecting veterans with careers, community, and crisis services.

Under her leadership, OSDTN has served thousands of veterans by delivering food boxes, providing financial assistance, helping veterans find housing, and assisting veterans in their transition from military to civilian life. In her final full year as CEO, Operation Stand Down Tennessee served 7,991 veterans while receiving over 16,000 visits to OSDTN centers. Her dedication to serving our nation and its veterans has left an indelible mark on our Armed Forces and Middle Tennessee.

Eden is also a prominent leader in my community. She has served on the boards for The Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Tennessee State Veterans' Homes, Centerstone Military Services, and the Davidson County Veterans Court Foundation, as well as an adviser for the Nashville YWCA Dress for Success program.

As Eden steps down from her role as CEO of Operation Stand Down Tennessee, I want to wish her the best and thank her for her decades of public and private service. I know she will tackle her next chapter with the same passion and tenacity as her other outstanding achievements.

#### HONORING BETHEL AME CHURCH OF BUFFALO AND REVEREND PAUL J. THOMAS

#### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a foundational institution in Western New York's spiritual and civil life, the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Buffalo, NY and its dedicated pastor, Reverend Paul J. Thomas.

Founded in 1831, Bethel AME Church stands as the oldest African-American congregation in Western New York. For nearly two centuries, Bethel has been a cornerstone of strength, faith, and leadership in Buffalo, nurturing generations, advancing social justice, and offering an unwavering commitment to the community it serves. It is a place where history and hope walk hand in hand, where the spirit of unity and progress has never wavered.

Under the leadership of Reverend Paul J. Thomas, Bethel AME continues to thrive. Reverend Thomas brings a wealth of knowledge, compassion, and a vision to his ministry. A graduate of Lincoln University of Pennsylvania and Turner Theological Seminary, he combines his training with a heart for education and outreach, holding a master's degree in Special Education as well. His leadership has deepened the church's mission, strengthened

its outreach, and reaffirmed its role as a spiritual and cultural anchor in Buffalo.

As we welcome visitors from across New York State and the greater First Episcopal District, including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, New England, and Bermuda, to the 29th Session of the Western New York Conference, hosted by Bethel AME, we are reminded of the power of faith to bring people together and to move communities forward.

Reverend Thomas and the entire Bethel AME family represent the very best of the City of Good Neighbors. Their work uplifts lives, unites neighborhoods, and strengthens the bonds that hold our community together.

#### HONORING MIKE COLE

#### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor someone who's spent his life making sure the rest of us stay informed—not by standing in front of a camera, but by quietly, tirelessly, and professionally working behind it for over four decades.

Even though you don't see his face on TV, Mike Cole is a cornerstone of Boston journalism and one of the most trusted names in the business. He got his start at WHDH before moving to FOX 25—eventually landing at WCVB in 2003. But the values he's carried from newsroom to newsroom haven't changed: Fairness, transparency, accountability, and truth.

For the past 28 years, Mike has been a force of nature at WCVB, producing NewsCenter 5 and the Sunday morning political program *On the Record*. It's the most-watched political talk show in New England—and for good reason. It's thoughtful, fair, and tough. And Mike is one of the main reasons why: Chasing down stories, booking guests, double-checking facts, and putting together a show that keeps viewers informed and engaged. He has an uncanny ability to know which questions will break news and get people talking. I've had the privilege of going *On the Record* many times over the years, and I can tell you that Mike is the real deal. He cares deeply about getting clear, concise, accurate information on the air. And that kind of public service is beyond invaluable.

Mr. Speaker, I also think it's important to recognize that this kind of journalism is under attack.

Here in the United States, we've seen political leaders demonize reporters just for doing their jobs. We've heard phrases like "fake news" used to discredit hard truths. We've seen threats against journalists trying to tell the public what's going on. And around the world, autocrats and strongmen are increasingly throwing reporters in jail, shutting down news outlets, and targeting those they don't like with censorship and violence.

In moments like this, we need to uplift people who are fighting for the truth. Because at the end of the day, freedom of the press is about more than just the ability of a journalist to write or say whatever they want. It's about our ability, as a society, to make decisions based on the facts—put in context, and delivered fairly and impartially. Mr. Speaker, it is

not an exaggeration to say that our democracy depends on people like Mike Cole—working behind the scenes to get the story right, to ask hard questions, and to speak truth to power.

So, on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District of Massachusetts and the United States Congress—I thank Mike for his dedication, his professionalism, his integrity, and his decades of service to the people of New England. We're all better off because of his work to shine the light of truth on the stories that matter—and to hold accountable those we entrust to lead our communities, our commonwealth, and our country.

**CELEBRATING CANDACE JOHNSON  
AS A DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN  
PRESENTED BY THE BOY  
SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Dr. Candace Johnson, President and CEO of Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, for being recognized by the Boy Scouts of America with their prestigious Distinguished Citizen Award. This recognition is a reflection of her exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to the values of citizenship, community service, and integrity—values that are central to the Boy Scouts of America and that Dr. Johnson embodies every day.

As the leader of Roswell Park, Dr. Johnson has dedicated her career to advancing cancer care, promoting research, and improving the lives of countless individuals. Under her leadership, Roswell Park has become a world-renowned institution, offering state-of-the-art cancer treatment and conducting groundbreaking research that continues to transform the landscape of cancer care. Her ability to lead with compassion, vision, and determination has inspired a culture of excellence within her organization, one that values both scientific progress and the human dignity of every patient.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Dr. Johnson has been an advocate for the Western New York community, fostering partnerships and working tirelessly to improve healthcare access and equity. She exemplifies the Scouting values by being a leader who not only makes a profound impact in her field but also empowers those around her to serve others and contribute to the common good. Through her work, Dr. Johnson has shown that true leadership means uplifting others, creating opportunities for positive change, and making a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Candace Johnson's recognition as the Boy Scouts of America's Distinguished Citizen is a well-deserved tribute to her outstanding contributions to both the Western New York community and the world. Her leadership continues to inspire us all to live by the values of citizenship, community service, and integrity, and to make a meaningful impact wherever we can. Her example serves as a beacon of what it means to be a distinguished citizen and a leader who embodies the very best of what we can achieve

for the greater good and we are all the better for it.

**REMEMBERING FIREFIGHTER  
ANTHONY GANZLER**

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague Congressman RO KHANNA to recognize Fremont Firefighter Anthony Ganzler, on the occasion of his passing on March 17, 2025, at the age of 42.

Anthony joined the Fremont Fire Department in 2019, serving on the Department's Special Operations Task Force. Prior to joining the Fremont Fire Department, Anthony worked at the El Dorado County Fire Protection District as a Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician from 2015 to 2019.

Predating his time as a firefighter, Anthony served in the United States Army's 173rd Airborne Division for more than eight years. Throughout his service he was stationed in Hawaii, Alaska, and a number of other locations throughout the country.

Anthony was one of many firefighters in the department who raised awareness about men's health issues during the month of November each year. His enthusiastic support for the campaign titled "Movember" is apparent in his most recent fire department photo, which now memorializes his notorious sense of humor.

Anthony was known as a lion of a man with a big heart and warm personality. He will always be remembered as a kind and selfless individual who dedicated his life to serving others.

Our communities will miss his presence deeply. He had a deep devotion to public service and his passing is an immeasurable loss for everyone around him, including his colleagues at the Fremont Fire Department.

We send our deepest condolences to Anthony's wife, Erin, and his two daughters, Savannah and Abigail, as well as his other surviving family, friends, and fellow firefighters who were lucky to have Anthony in their lives.

**CELEBRATING DESTINI HOUSTON  
AS THE KINDEST KID IN AMERICA**

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an extraordinary young leader from Western New York—Miss Destini Houston. At just 16 years old, Miss Houston is showing us all that leadership, kindness, and advocacy can go hand in hand.

Miss Houston was recently crowned Miss Western New York's Teen, a title she has embraced not for the spotlight but to shine a light on causes close to her heart. She is now receiving national recognition for her inspiring efforts, and she will be honored as New York's recipient of the Kindest Kid in America award.

To celebrate her achievement, the award organization has created a children's book in-

spired by Miss Houston's journey. She will read it to students throughout Western New York in hopes of inspiring a new generation to lead with compassion and purpose. Miss Houston has said, "Being kind isn't just about being nice to people—it's about taking action to help others." She lives by those words. From volunteering and mentoring to working with the Buffalo Urban League to organize an informational event for prospective foster and adoptive families, she is a true changemaker in her community.

In addition to her advocacy, Miss Houston is also a competitive dancer training in multiple styles and performing at high-level competitions. Her dedication to dance has helped build the discipline and confidence that now serve her well as she prepares to compete in the Miss New York pageant.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Destini Houston—not only as Miss Western New York's Teen or the Kindest Kid in America but as a role model, a community leader, and a beacon of hope for the future. Her impact reaches far beyond titles and trophies. Miss Houston reminds us all that even the smallest acts of kindness can lead to something truly extraordinary. Destini's leadership has left an indelible mark on our city, and we are all the better for it.

**CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT  
OF THOMAS FRISBIE**

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Thomas Frisbie on his retirement, after an extraordinary career as an award-winning writer and editor. Since 1976 Mr. Frisbie has, as he likes to say "held almost every job at the Chicago Sun-Times besides editor".

His commitment to bringing Chicago the news has earned many accolades over the years, including the Jacob Scher Award for Excellence in Investigative Reporting for his series covering insurance fraud at Illinois' largest driving school. He was a finalist for the Peter Lisagor Award twice for his work on judicial conflicts of interest and the open sale of illegal drugs in Cook County Forest Preserves. He was also a finalist the Lisagor Award for Editorial Cartoons.

He was the news editor for the Sun-Times' afternoon edition, the Chicago Sun-Times Final Markets and the Chicago Sun-Times PM edition.

He also co-authored "Victims of Justice" and contributed, and edited "20th Century Chicago: 100 Years, 100 Voices," a chronological history of Chicago.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all of our colleagues in the House of Representatives in recognizing Mr. Frisbie for his immense contribution of keeping Chicagoans informed.



CELEBRATING DANIELLE ROBERTS

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Danielle Roberts, a cause-driven leader whose unwavering passion and commitment to community have made a profound impact throughout Western New York.

In her role as Vice President of Community Impact, Ms. Roberts oversees YMCA Buffalo Niagara's association-wide fundraising and outreach initiatives and leads major community programs, including the iconic YMCA Turkey Trot—the oldest consecutively run footrace in the world. She also played a key leadership role in the YMCA's Capital Campaign to construct a new 65,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility that will expand access to health and wellness resources for everyone in Western New York to enjoy.

A staunch advocate for equity, Ms. Roberts has worked to close racial disparities in swim instruction and water safety, particularly among African-American teens, who face significantly higher risks of drowning due to a lack of access. Under her guidance, the William-Emslie YMCA and its partners are building pathways for competitive swimming and promoting safety education in historically underserved communities.

Beyond her YMCA work, Ms. Roberts serves as a national trainer for YUSA, specializing in diversity and cultural lens training. Her extensive background includes experience in banking, treasury management, education, public speaking, grant writing, and the performing arts. She is also the Executive Director of Entertaining Angels Productions, a faith-based arts organization, and a classically trained dancer. Earlier in her career, she proudly performed as a professional NFL cheerleader with the Buffalo Bills as a Buffalo Jill.

Mr. Speaker, Danielle Robert's extraordinary service and leadership to the people of Western New York continues to inspire us all to live by the values of citizenship, community service, and integrity, and to make a meaningful impact wherever we can. Her example serves as a beacon of what it means to be a good neighbor in the "City of Good Neighbors" and a leader who embodies the very best of what we can achieve for the greater good, and we are all the better for it.

RECOGNIZING THE 108TH BIRTHDAY OF MARGARET ELIZABETH MORTENSEN

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an important birthday being celebrated in Boise, Idaho. Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Mortensen turns 108 years of age on April 21, 2025.

Margaret was born in Deer Lodge, Montana on April 21, 1917. Her parents were John Matthew Briggeman and Gerena Wolfe

Briggeman. Their family moved with the Wolfe family to Lemhi, Idaho about 1920.

Margaret attended grade school in a one-room schoolhouse in Lemhi. She then attended Idaho State College in Pocatello, Idaho, first as a business major, then as a pharmacy major. Margaret graduated in 1938 as a pharmacist. She worked in Homedale, Idaho where she met Art Mortensen. She married Art Mortensen on June 25, 1941, in Nampa, Idaho. While still working as a pharmacist and wanting to help Art with his aircraft flying business, Margaret began taking courses to become certified as an aviation ground school instructor during WWII. Margaret taught aviation ground school to student pilots in Idaho and Oregon in 1942 and 1943, one of very few women in the Northwest to do so.

Margaret and Art had three children: Robert, Ann, and Perry. After the war, they owned and operated a drug store in Nampa, Idaho. Since the drug store was open six days a week, there was no vacation time. After three years they sold the drug store, and took a vacation for six months in Corpus Christi, Texas. The family lived in a 16 ft travel trailer on the beach. Margaret and Art returned to Idaho and bought a drug store in Parma. They operated that store for four years before selling it, and took the family to Fairbanks, Alaska in the 16 ft travel trailer for the summer of 1959. Next, they moved to San Jacinto, California and stayed for two years. Upon moving back to Idaho, they bought and operated a drug store in Meridian, in 1961. They sold that drug store and moved back to Parma. In 1968 Margaret and Art started the A-BAR-M Mobile Home Park which provided affordable housing for families living and working in the area. While still managing the Mobile Home Park, they moved to the San Juan Islands in the state of Washington, where Margaret worked as the pharmacist in Friday Harbor.

After retirement, Margaret and Art bought a small motorhome and traveled the United States from Washington to Florida. Art Mortensen passed away in 1987, in Bellingham, Washington. Margaret now lives with her son Robert and his wife Connie, in Boise, Idaho. She is celebrating her 108th birthday on April 21, 2025, with family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Mortensen as she, her family, and friends, celebrate her 108th birthday.

OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT TRUMP'S AND ELON MUSK'S THEFT OF SOCIAL SECURITY TO PAY FOR HANDOUTS TO BILLIONAIRES

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as a policymaker and citizen, I unconditionally and absolutely reject President Trump's and Elon Musk's work to steal American's Social Security benefits, a scheme that hurts middle-class and working-class families and seniors to pay for tax handouts to billionaires. When Americans already face increased prices and economic hardship from the President's chaotic

policies, Mr. Trump threatens Social Security—the leading assistance program that 73 million Americans depend on for monthly assistance. This group includes the more than 7 million seniors aged 65 or older for whom 90 percent of their income is their earned Social Security benefits. Without Social Security, 52.2 percent of older women would live in poverty. About 45 percent of Black seniors, 52 percent of Latino seniors, and 41 percent of Asian-American seniors rely mostly or only on Social Security for income. This effort to gut Social Security is an appalling illustration of the highest level of greed, where billionaires rob from hard-working Americans to augment their wealth.

By slashing staff, closing 6 out of 10 regional offices, cutting customer service operations, restricting phone service assistance, and spreading falsehoods about the Social Security Administration (SSA), Trump and Musk jeopardize Americans' earned benefits and security. Let me be clear—cuts to the Social Security Administration that prevent beneficiaries from accessing their benefits are absolutely, unequivocally backdoor benefit cuts. Seniors and people with disabilities cannot get help by phone due to reduced phone service. They can't get help by the website that frequently crashes and presents access barriers to the elderly. Nor can they get help in person given the increased distance to offices and longer wait times due to dramatic staff cuts and office closures.

At the time when the greatest number of baby boomers are retiring and need the most help and when SSA already is at its lowest staffing level in decades, it is unconscionable that the Republicans seek to gut Social Security and throw seniors, orphans, and those with disabilities into poverty. All baby boomers will be 67 by 2031. So we are in the peak period of retirement. I introduced the Keeping Our Field Offices Open Act as an essential step to protecting Social Security benefits for the 1 in 5 Americans who need these community offices. Field offices serve as a lifeline for seniors and people with disabilities, giving the in-person assistance to ensure they receive their correct benefits. In my Congressional District alone, 68,550 retired workers, 12,772 disabled workers, and 5,239 widowers or parents receive critical Social Security benefits. An additional 25,000 receive Supplemental Security Income to pay their bills and survive. These constituents rely on field offices when they need help. Field offices are not extra or fluff; they are crucial.

I also must refuse the default Republican Social Security "reform" of raising the retirement age to 70 given that it would disproportionately harm Black men and communities of color who have lower life expectancies. Systematic inequalities in socioeconomic status, education, food security, and access to healthcare play an intricate role in life expectancy. The life expectancy for Black men is age 72.8, in contrast to 77.5 for White men. All Americans should equitably reap the earned benefits of their tireless labor.

With fewer than 100 days in office, President Trump has already caused tremendous harm to Social Security, jeopardizing the well-being of tens of millions of seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. This assault on Social Security is an assault on our nation's most vulnerable and least secure. Across the nation, this damage is in addition to his erratic

and senseless tariffs and the dramatic reductions or eliminations of essential supports for housing, healthcare, food, and education and so much more. These policies threaten the livelihoods of individuals and our nation's economy—all so the obscenely wealthy grow more secure while condemning the majority to a precarious existence, defenseless against life's unpredictability and wholly susceptible to exploitation and despair. I will fight with every ounce of my being to oppose President Trump's and Elon Musk's theft of Social Security and the Republican effort to cripple Americans for their greed.

CELEBRATING ASIA CENTER MALL  
AND ASIA FOOD MARKET

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the remarkable contributions of Asia Food Market, a cornerstone of the Western New York community and one of the largest retailers of Asian products in our region. With a diverse selection of over ten thousand goods sourced from across Asia—including Thailand, the Philippines, India, China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, and many more—Asia Food Market brings the flavors, traditions, and richness of Asian cultures right to the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Region.

Their mission goes far beyond providing authentic food. Asia Food Market is committed to enriching the cultural fabric of our community, fostering understanding, appreciation, and shared experiences among people of all back-

grounds. It stands as a vital bridge between cultures, offering not only culinary delights but also an open invitation to explore and celebrate Asia's vibrant heritage.

With the exciting opening of the Asia Center Mall, the organization is poised to take that mission even further. This new space combines retail, dining, entertainment, and cultural programming, creating a dynamic hub for community engagement and cross-cultural connection. The Asia Center Mall represents a bold vision: one where multiculturalism is not only celebrated but woven into the daily life and economic vitality of our region.

Mr. Speaker, as we acknowledge this milestone, let us recognize the essential role that Asia Food Market plays—not just as a business, but as a beacon of cultural exchange, economic growth, and community spirit. Please join me in applauding the achievements and continued success of both Asia Food Market and the Asia Center Mall, as they remain an enduring source of pride and connection for generations to come.

TIME DEALER OF THE YEAR 2025

**HON. MARK B. MESSMER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 2025*

Mr. MESSMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent Raymond Farabaugh, Co-President of D-Patrick, Inc. in Evansville, Indiana, who was named the 2025 TIME Dealer of the Year at the National Automobile Dealers Association Show in New Orleans, Louisiana. This prestigious award reflects the dedication, hard work, and commitment of the entire team

at D-Patrick. Mr. Farabaugh was chosen among a field of 49 national dealer nominees and was selected by a panel of judges from the Tauber Institute at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Farabaugh graduated with a B.S. in psychology from the University of Dayton. Ten years after his graduation, he had the opportunity to start as the finance manager at his father-in-law's Honda dealership. He moved to different dealerships within the group and rose from sales manager to general manager. In 1998, Mr. Farabaugh and his brother-in-law purchased the dealership and now share ownership and responsibilities at D-Patrick.

D-Patrick has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in an array of local Indiana organizations, such as Ark Crisis Children's Center, Boone County Cancer Society, Boys & Girls Club of Evansville, Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ohio Valley, Special Olympics Indiana, Tri-State Food Bank and Walk to End Alzheimer's Southwest Indiana.

Mr. Farabaugh is a member of the Automobile Dealers Association of Indiana, where he has served as President and currently as a member of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Farabaugh was nominated for this award by Marty Murphy, Executive Vice President of the Automobile Dealers Association of Indiana. I congratulate Mr. Farabaugh on this outstanding honor of being named the 2025 TIME Dealer of the Year. I commend him for all his contributions to the community and wish him and his family's business continued success.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate met at 6:45:02 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 6:45:35 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 2971–2982; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 29; and H. Res. 340–343, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

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

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Edrees Bridges, Chaplain, U.S. Capitol Police, Washington, DC.

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**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 12:02 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, April 24

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

11 a.m., Thursday, April 24

## Senate Chamber

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

## House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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