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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISSA).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 20, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DARRELL ISSA, to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Rachel Landers Vaagenes, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Still our hearts and minds from the busyness of the world for a moment and help us to turn our attention to the eternal and the transcendent.

Lord God, have mercy on us.

We need Your mercy. Forgive the ways that we run from Your truth and grasp convenient facts to justify ourselves. May we set aside the mantle of pride and recommit ourselves to the service of others. Be with the public servants of this House, O God. Keep them and their families safe from harm, free from fear, and full of hope.

Spirit of God, be with the House Members. Inspire this group of citizens to thoughtfully and faithfully exercise the rights and privileges bestowed upon them through this office. Guide them as they guide this country.

May the actions of this body be a blessing to their constituents, to the country, and to all people.

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.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL CONDUCT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the appointment pursuant to section 4(d) of House Resolution 5, 119th Congress, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following individual to serve on the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Conduct:

Nominated by the minority leader after consultation with the Speaker:

Ms. Cheryl Lynn Johnson, Maryland

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

JUNE 20, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to clause 5(a)(4)(A), Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I designate the following Members to be available to serve as Members of the Investigative Subcommittee established by the Committee on Ethics during the 119th Congress:

The Honorable Nanette Barragán of California

The Honorable Troy Carter of Louisiana
The Honorable Madeleine Dean of Pennsylvania

The Honorable Bill Foster of Illinois
The Honorable Chrissy Houlahan of Pennsylvania

The Honorable Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts

The Honorable Greg Stanton of Arizona

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule 1, the House stands adjourned until Monday, June 23, 2025, at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 23, 2025, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-1218. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Implementation of the Age Discrimination Act Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2023, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6106a(b); Public Law 94-135, Sec. 308(b); (92 Stat. 1556); to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

EC-1219. A letter from the Acting Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the Commission's Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period ending March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1220. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule—Fisheries of the Atlantic; Atlantic Migratory

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

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Group Cobia; 2024 Commercial Closure for Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia [Docket No.: 211101-0222; RTID 0648-XE493] received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1221. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer From New Jersey to North Carolina [Docket No.: 231221-0314; RTID 0648-XE527] received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1222. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Revised Reporting Requirements Due to Catastrophic Conditions for Federal Seafood Dealers, Individual Fishing Quota Dealers, and Charter Vessels and Headboats in Portions of Florida and Georgia [Docket Nos.: 090206140-91081-03 and 120405260-4258-02; RTID 0648-XE337] received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1223. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone; Authorizing Hook-and-Line Catcher/Processors To Use Longline Pot Gear in the Bering Sea Greenland Turbot Fishery [Docket No.: 250321-0045] (RIN: 0648-BM77) received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1224. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 240304-0068; RTID 0648-XE227] received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1225. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; 2024-2026 Small-Mesh Multispecies Specifications [Docket No.: 240826-0226; RTID 0648-XD769] received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1226. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's interim final rule—Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Adjustment to 2025 Specifications [Docket No.: 241212-0326] (RIN: 0648-XE368) received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1227. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 2025 and 2026

Harvest Specifications for Groundfish [Docket No.: 250312-0037] (RTID 0648-XE336) received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1228. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Amendment 33; 2025-26 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Correcting Amendment [Docket No.: 250407-0061] (RIN: 0648-BN08) received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1229. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2025 Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pollock, Atka Mackerel, and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts [Docket No.: 240304-0068; RTID 0648-XE549] received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1230. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's correcting amendment—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Amendment 80 Sector Annual BSAI Pacific Halibut PSC Limits; Correction [Docket Number: 240916-0239] (RIN: 0648-BN21) received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1231. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Updates Regarding Sea Turtle Careful Release Equipment and Techniques [Docket No.: 241010-0271] (RIN: 0648-BK89) received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1232. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule—Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2025 Recreational Season Announcement and Closure for Golden Tilefish in the South Atlantic [Docket No.: 231101-0256; RTID 0648-XE647] received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1233. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 50 Feet Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 240227-0061; RTID 0648-XE588] received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1234. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone

Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Greater Than or Equal to 50 Feet Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 240227-0061; RTID 0648-XE589] received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1235. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Pot Catcher/Processors in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 250312-0036; RTID 0648-XE622] received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1236. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Fish Aggregating Device Design and Reporting Requirements in the Eastern Pacific Ocean [Docket No.: 241129-0306] (RIN: 0648-BM70) received June 11, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1237. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report titled "Annual Report to Congress on the Open Payments Program" for Fiscal Year 2024, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7h(d)(1); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, Sec. 1128G (as added by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 6002); (124 Stat. 693); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

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. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2702. A bill to curtail the political weaponization of Federal banking agencies by eliminating reputational risk as a component of the supervision of depository institutions, with an amendment (Rept. 119-164). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3230. A bill to increase the asset thresholds at which financial institutions become subject to certain requirements, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-165). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2808. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prevent consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-166). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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. FINE:

H.R. 4054. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reform accreditation; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 4055. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage and payment under such title for certain treatments for dialysis-related amyloidosis, 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 Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. SCHNEIDER):

H.R. 4056. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit a private cause of action for damages in the case of a group health plan which fails to provide for primary payment or appropriate reimbursement; 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 Mr. CORREA (for himself, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mrs. MCIVER, and Mr. LUTTRELL):

H.R. 4057. A bill to establish a pilot program on home kenneling of canines for U.S. Customs and Border Protections Office of Field Operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

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

H.R. 4058. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance outreach for the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security Grant Program of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. HAGEMAN:

H.R. 4059. A bill to amend MAP-21 to modify provisions relating to a categorical exclusion for projects of limited Federal assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 4060. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, United States Code, to lower the threshold required for the Secretary of Defense to make a temporary adjustment to a rate of the basic allowance for housing for members of the uniformed services, and to make permanent the authority to make such adjustment; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 4061. A bill to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to prohibit the exclusion of individuals from service on a District of Columbia jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. KRISHNA MOORTHY, Mr. MIN, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. STANTON, and Mrs. DINGELL):

H.R. 4062. A bill to encourage and facilitate efforts by States and other stakeholders to conserve and sustain the western population of monarch butterflies, 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 with-

in the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PAPPAS (for himself and Ms. GOODLANDER):

H.R. 4063. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital of the Veterans Health Administration in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H.R. 4064. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to include firearms in the types of property allowable under the alternative provision for exempting property from the estate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WEBER of Texas:

H.R. 4065. A bill to require the Discovery space shuttle to be transferred from the Smithsonian Institution to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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. WILLIAMS of Georgia:

H.R. 4066. A bill to direct the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and disseminate a threat assessment regarding threats to the United States associated with foreign violent white supremacist extremist organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself and Mr. MCCORMICK):

H.R. 4067. A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from using funds to contract with or make awards to certain entities engaging in censorship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SUOZZI:

H. Con. Res. 39. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medals awarded under the Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. AMO, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. KRISHNA MOORTHY, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. VARGAS, and Ms. MCCLELLAN):

H. Res. 523. A resolution expressing support for the designation of June 21, 2025, as National ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Day to promote children's health and secure storage of guns in the home; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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

H. Res. 524. A resolution expressing support for the designation of June 19, 2025, as "World Sickle Cell Awareness Day" in order to increase public awareness across the United States and global community about sickle cell disease and the continued need for empirical research, early detection screenings, novel effective treatments leading to a cure, and preventative care programs with respect to complications from sickle cell anemia and conditions relating to

sickle cell disease; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MENG (for herself and Ms. SALAZAR):

H. Res. 525. A resolution affirming the role of the United States in eliminating sexual violence in conflict; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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

H. Res. 526. A resolution recognizing the importance of pollinators to ecosystem health and agriculture in the United States by designating June 15 through June 22, 2025, as "National Pollinator Week"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. WIED, Mr. BACON, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. MOOLENAAR, and Mr. SIMPSON):

H. Res. 527. A resolution expressing support for the designation of June 2025 as "National Dairy Month" to recognize the critical role dairy plays in maintaining a healthy diet and preserving our Nation's agricultural economy; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. TRAN:

H. Res. 528. A resolution expressing support for the designation of June 19, 2025, as "Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day"; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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 Mr. FINE:

H.R. 4054.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, the Spending Clause

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, the Necessary and Proper Clause.

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 4055.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 4056.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. CORREA:

H.R. 4057.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. GOLDMAN of New York:

H.R. 4058.

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

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into the Execution for the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof."

By Ms. HAGEMAN:

H.R. 4059.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. LEVIN:

H.R. 4060.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 4061.

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

clause 17 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

By Mr. PANETTA:

H.R. 4062.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. PAPPAS:

H.R. 4063.

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. TENNEY:

H.R. 4064.

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

Article I

By Mr. WEBER of Texas:

H.R. 4065.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia:

H.R. 4066.

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

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power “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 any Department or Officer thereof.”

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas:

H.R. 4067.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 40: Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. SEWELL, and Ms. PLASKETT.

H.R. 116: Mr. GOSAR.

H.R. 247: Mr. SORENSEN and Ms. RANDALL.

H.R. 309: Mr. KEAN.

H.R. 425: Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. HUIZENGA, and Mr. ARRINGTON.

H.R. 429: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.

H.R. 583: Ms. SALAZAR and Ms. TENNEY.

H.R. 753: Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, and Mr. HUFFMAN.

H.R. 924: Mrs. TRAHAN.

H.R. 979: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. COMER, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. TRAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. FALLON, Mr. PATRONIS, and Mr. BAIRD.

H.R. 1047: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia and Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 1055: Mr. MEUSER, Mrs. TRAHAN, and Mr. BERGMAN.

H.R. 1094: Mr. PANETTA.

H.R. 1153: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 1189: Mr. HOYER.

H.R. 1236: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 1246: Ms. CROCKETT.

H.R. 1329: Mr. SIMPSON and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 1330: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. BERA, and Ms. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 1340: Mr. KEAN, Mrs. TRAHAN, and Mrs. FOUSHEE.

H.R. 1410: Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. CISCOMANI, and Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 1417: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 1436: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 1521: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 1530: Ms. POU and Mr. AUCHINCLOSS.

H.R. 1576: Mr. FRY.

H.R. 1685: Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. NEGUSE, and Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 1958: Mr. BAIRD.

H.R. 2110: Mr. LANDSMAN.

H.R. 2175: Mr. BERA.

H.R. 2203: Mrs. HINSON.

H.R. 2245: Mr. NEGUSE and Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 2383: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 2510: Mr. SUOZZI, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, and Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 2541: Ms. ROSS, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 2570: Mr. DOWNING.

H.R. 2585: Mr. FOSTER and Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 2586: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 2591: Mrs. McIVER and Mr. TURNER of Ohio.

H.R. 2678: Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 2707: Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS.

H.R. 2741: Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 2761: Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. STANSBURY, and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2808: Mr. SCHNEIDER and Mrs. HINSON.

H.R. 2820: Mr. CISNEROS and Ms. SIMON.

H.R. 2840: Mr. KEAN and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 2853: Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. POU, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. BURCHETT, and Mr. GILL of Texas.

H.R. 2920: Mr. WIED.

H.R. 2994: Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 3037: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 3093: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.

H.R. 3094: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.

H.R. 3112: Mr. MAGAZINER and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 3131: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. TAKANO.

H.R. 3184: Mr. SUBRAMANYAM.

H.R. 3206: Ms. MCBRIDE.

H.R. 3241: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3246: Mrs. TRAHAN.

H.R. 3309: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.

H.R. 3350: Mr. FONG.

H.R. 3373: Ms. STANSBURY.

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H.R. 3772: Mr. CASE and Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 3856: Mr. LAWLER.

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H.R. 3876: Mr. THANEDAR.

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The Senate met at 3:15 and 1 second p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JON HUSTED, a Senator from the State of Ohio.

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 senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 20, 2025.

To the Senate:

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

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
JUNE 23, 2025, AT 4:30 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, June 23, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 3:15 and 28 seconds p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 23, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO KAREN REID AS SHE RETIRES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish a very happy retirement to an excellent Marylander whom I am proud to represent in the Fifth District: Karen Reid. She is retiring after 23 years of distinguished service here in the House.

Karen started working in the House Office Supply Service and House Gift Shop in 2002 as a Supply Account Specialist. Much has changed over the past 23 years. When she started on the Hill, Dennis Hastert was Speaker and President George W. Bush had just started his first term in office. As Karen can attest, given her long commute to work every day, gas was just \$1.36 a gallon. Karen's professionalism, character, and joyful personality, however, have remained the same.

From her start in the 107th Congress to the end of her tenure in the 119th Congress, she has excelled in her accounting role. In these 12 Congresses, Karen has set up and taken down multiple Member and Committee charge accounts seamlessly so that we can perform our Congressional duties to the best of our ability. Karen has played a vital role in our organization and has always been a joy to work with.

Her coworkers tell me that her desk is adorned with mementos and photos of her children and grandchildren, whom she is so proud of and loves so dearly. I am also told that she is quite fond of all things 'frog related,' and her desk reflects that passion as well.

It is now 2025, and after nearly a quarter of a century serving this great institution, Karen is ready to start a well-deserved, commute-free, and hopefully frog-filled retirement. We have been so fortunate to have her serving the House for all these years. We will miss Karen, but we wish her happiness and relaxation in her retirement. I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating her.

HONORING CITY OF LATHROP,
CALIFORNIA

HON. ADAM GRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Lathrop, California, as it celebrates its 35th anniversary.

Lathrop was little more than a schoolhouse and a store before the construction of the Central Pacific Railroad around 1870. When the city of Stockton and Leland Stanford had a disagreement about where the railroad

should be placed, Stanford worked around the problem and Stockton by building a new town along the railroad's new route. The station he built was originally known as Wilson's Station but was eventually renamed Lathrop in 1869 to honor his wife and her brother Charles Lathrop who was a civil engineer on the Central Pacific Railroad. That year, the San Joaquin River Bridge at Mossdale in Lathrop was finished, completing the last westbound link of the Transcontinental Railroad to the Pacific Coast.

Lathrop saw a boom during World War II when Permanente Metals and the Sharpe Army Depot came to town. Permanente produced aircraft parts and magnesium bombs, while the Depot became one of the major army supply depots in the Western United States. The Depot remains a major employer in San Joaquin County and serves as the U.S. Army's western distribution center for repairs and spare parts.

Housing tracts were constructed during postwar years, and Lathrop became home to large industrial employers including BEST Fertilizer, now operated by Simplot and producing pesticides and fertilizers, and Libbey-Owens-Ford which produces auto glass. Residential growth accelerated through the seventies and eighties, Lathrop became a municipality in 1989, and the current General Plan Program began one year later.

Since then, Lathrop has focused on intelligently planned growth and development, reflected in the building of two master-planned communities: River Islands and Stanford Crossing. Lathrop launched its first police department in 2021 with 43 sworn officers and a community resource division. With its current population of 39,857, Lathrop has been designated two years in a row as California's "Fastest Growing City with a Population Over 30,000" by the California State Department of Finance.

Lathrop has a family friendly environment, fiscally responsible city government, and first-rate facilities for education and health.

It is my great privilege to honor and celebrate the 35th anniversary of the small city where the Transcontinental Railroad was completed and which continues to be at the crossroads of commerce. Let us all join in recognizing the City of Lathrop.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF PAUL DAVID LOPEZ

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary American and beloved member of the Santa Barbara community, Paul David Lopez, as he celebrates his 100th birthday on June 22, 2025.

Born in Santa Barbara, California, in 1925 in a home his father built by hand, Mr. Lopez's

life has been a shining example of courage, service, and commitment to country and community. A proud son of the Eastside, Paul attended Franklin Elementary, Santa Barbara Junior High, and Santa Barbara High School. In 1943, during what would have been his senior year, Paul made the brave and selfless decision to leave school and enlist in the United States Navy during World War II.

Assigned as a 20-millimeter antiaircraft gunner aboard the *USS Maryland*, Paul served with distinction in some of the most consequential battles in the Pacific theater, including Kwajalein, Saipan, Tinian, Leyte Gulf, and Okinawa. He survived torpedo attacks, kamikaze strikes, and the historic Typhoon Louise while stationed in Okinawa. His dedication and bravery reflect the very best of our Greatest Generation.

After returning home in 1946, Paul built a new life while continuing to serve. He was later recalled to Active Duty during the Korean war, where he was stationed in the Marshall Islands as part of a Seabee unit maintaining critical airfields. Upon his second honorable discharge, Paul began a long and respected career at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he worked for over four decades, retiring in 1990 as the longest-serving employee in the campus' history.

Paul married Gladys Cota in 1958, becoming a devoted husband and loving father to Marcia, Ronald, and Paula. Known fondly as "Uncle Paulie" and "The Mayor of Chino Street," he and Gladys became cherished pillars of Santa Barbara's Westside, mentoring and caring for generations of local children with wisdom and heart.

In a touching full-circle moment, Paul walked down the hill at Peabody Stadium in 2013 to receive his long-overdue Santa Barbara High School diploma, graduating alongside his grandson, Diego, nearly 70 years after he left school to serve his country.

Mr. Speaker, on this occasion of his 100th birthday, we recognize Paul David Lopez not just for the longevity of his years, but for the richness of his legacy. He is a war hero, a public servant, a family man, and a treasured friend to so many. It is an honor to celebrate his century of life, sacrifice, and service.

Happy 100th birthday to Paul. I thank him for everything he has given—to his Nation, to his community, and to all of us.

HONORING ANDREW BROWNE AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CEN-
TRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Andrew Browne was born in the city of Georgetown, Guyana, in South America, on August 10, 1962, into a family that valued kindness with humble

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means. He was the fifth of six siblings to their parents, the late Maurice and Mary Browne. He migrated with his siblings to the United States of America in 1983 and settled in Brooklyn, New York. Andrew married his fiancée, June, and arranged her migration to the USA. From this union came three offspring. In 2003, the family relocated to the state of Florida, where they currently reside in the City of Kissimmee.

There are moments in every life that become turning points. For Andrew, one such moment was the World Trade Center terrorist attack in 2001. In January 2002, he was diagnosed with an enlarged heart with an ejection fraction of 10 percent. Even though he was still able to pursue a semi-normal lifestyle, he was given one year to live. He then placed his complete trust in the Most-High-God and his Savior Jesus Christ and continues to give total glory to the God he serves for keeping him alive.

Andrew discovered passions that ignited his spirit. This involves helping others who need computer assistance, but most of all, being the director of his local church's food pantry, which reaches out to serve community neighbors. This brings him joy and gives him a sense of fulfillment.

As he writes this, he is reminded that his autobiography is far from complete. There are chapters yet to be written. This is his story—one of resilience, growth, and hope. It is a testament to his faith in God, dreams, and the strength of the human spirit. As he continues this journey, he is reminded that the best stories are those that are shared.

RECOGNIZING REGINALD L. THOMAS FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO LABORERS LOCAL 264 AND THE MISSOURI AFL-CIO

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a steadfast leader, a tireless advocate, and a committed public servant, Mr. Reginald L. Thomas, who has dedicated his time to improving the lives of workers in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District and throughout the state. As Mr. Thomas steps down from his roles as Vice President of the Missouri AFL-CIO and Business Manager of Laborers Local 264, a position he held for more than 15 years, let us celebrate the work he has done to defend workers' rights, raise workplace standards, and expand union access across numerous industries.

Mr. Thomas began his career in the labor movement with Laborers Local 264 in May 1996, earning promotions to Laborer Foreman and Crew Supervisor. In these positions, he was responsible for managing job-site teams, ensuring safety compliance, and overseeing the timely and effective completion of construction projects. In April 1999, Mr. Thomas was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of Local 264, where he managed financial operations, enforced fiscal accountability, and ensured resources were directed toward member support and workforce development. He then went on to serve as Assistant Business Manager and Field Representative, where he coordinated

grievance procedures, negotiated collective bargaining agreements, and advocated for safer job conditions on behalf of the local membership. These roles prepared him well for his election as Business Manager of Laborers Local 264 in February 2010, a position he held for over a decade.

As Business Manager, Mr. Thomas spearheaded numerous initiatives to empower union members, improve labor protections, and expand job opportunities. He worked to create training partnerships with local school districts and technical colleges, building pre-apprentice and apprenticeship programs aimed at opening doors for young people to enter family-supporting careers in construction and skilled trades.

Throughout his career, Mr. Thomas has demonstrated strong leadership and an unwavering commitment to the labor movement, and his contributions have not gone unnoticed. In 2016, he received the Lillian L. McKittrick Labor Advocacy Award from the NAACP, an honor named in memory of Lillian L. McKittrick, a lifelong advocate for the rights of minorities and women. Having worked for many years in the garment industry, McKittrick witnessed firsthand the need for reform within the labor movement. This honor recognizes individuals who have shown outstanding dedication to labor advocacy while advancing the broader goals of civil rights and economic justice. In 2019, Reggie was named Labor's Representative of the Year by the Labor's Educational & Political Club Independent in recognition of his effectiveness in organizing, legislative engagement, and grassroots mobilization. These accolades reflect the tangible, community-level impact of Mr. Thomas' contributions toward creating more equitable hiring practices, greater workplace protections, and a stronger pipeline for economic mobility.

Beyond the state of Missouri, Mr. Thomas' voice has been heard across the country. As Special International Representative for the Laborers International Union of North America and Vice President of the Missouri AFL-CIO, he played a major role in supporting national labor efforts. These included advocacy for the expansion of wage protections, along with infrastructure-investment legislation such as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Mr. Thomas was also a vocal proponent of pro-labor reforms to the National Labor Regulation Act, aligning Missouri's agenda with national priorities.

Mr. Thomas' service is not only defined by awards and titles, but by the lasting impact of his work. He forged partnerships between unions and civic groups and strengthened the role of labor in addressing housing, healthcare, and education challenges. Additionally, he led efforts to remove systemic barriers to union jobs for communities of color and championed a public education campaign on the economic and social benefits of organized labor.

Now, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Kansas City AFL-CIO, Mr. Thomas continues to provide leadership and vision for the future. Those who have worked with Reggie know him as a man of principle, integrity, and resolve. He is respected by colleagues, union members, and public officials alike. His legacy includes not only stronger institutions but a more empowered, united labor force in Missouri and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing and thanking Mr. Regi-

nald L. Thomas for his years of extraordinary service to the American labor movement. As he begins this new chapter, we celebrate his legacy of progress and look forward to the continued impact he will have in building a more equitable and empowered workforce for Missouri and beyond.

HONORING RICHARD KOCH FOR
EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND
LEADERSHIP

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the strong-willed commitment Richard Koch holds for the people of Cabarrus County, North Carolina. Mr. Koch served as the Cabarrus County Attorney for 19 years alongside serving as the County Planning and Zoning Attorney for an impressive 32 years.

Mr. Koch earned his undergraduate degree from Washington and Lee University, where he was a member of the swimming team. He then went on to earn a Juris Doctor degree from Wake Forest Law School, and he has been a licensed attorney for 47 years. Mr. Koch currently serves as both the Administrative Law Judge for North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health, and the Harrisburg Town Attorney, which he has been doing for 37 and 32 years, respectively. Serving on two boards, the Historic Cabarrus Board and the Cannon School Board, there is no doubt that Mr. Koch is dedicated to his county.

Over the past 37 years, Mr. Koch has exemplified high levels personal sacrifice and commitment to Cabarrus County. The magnitude of his efforts and dedication cannot be overstated.

Renee and I offer our most heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Koch for the decades of loyal service he gave to Cabarrus County. We wish him continued success and happiness as he moves forward on to his next adventure.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Mr. Richard Koch for the lifetime of service he dedicated to his community.

HONORING JAMILAH FELIX AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Jamilah Felix is a passionate advocate for civic engagement and public service. Her love for service began while growing up in Osceola County. For over a decade, she has dedicated her professional and educational journey to service. She's often at the helm of helping lead revitalization initiatives, mentoring, and government affairs.

In 2024, she received the statewide recognition of being named as a News Service of Florida's 40 Under 40 Rising Star and a trailblazer by the City of Kissimmee during Women's History Month. Ms. Felix currently serves as the manager of government relations for

one of the largest health systems in Florida, AdventHealth, where she works at the intersection of healthcare and public policy—building trusted relationships with government and strategic partners, ensuring stakeholder representation. Before joining AdventHealth, Jamilah served in the Executive Offices of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, where she managed several programs and led community-driven initiatives focused on parity in infrastructure and neighborhood development.

While working at the city, she successfully secured funding for a \$400,000 infrastructure improvement project in an underserved neighborhood. Her career spans Fortune 500 companies, including Edward Jones Investments, where she earned the Spirit of Partnership Award, recognizing her exceptional role in fostering external partnerships and branch management.

Ms. Felix holds a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in public policy from the University of Central Florida. While at UCF, Jamilah was selected as a Legislative Scholar, earning a fellowship in the Florida Senate for a ranking member of Congress.

Ms. Felix is also the founder of Aminah Joy Jewelry, an online jewelry boutique. She is a graduate of Leadership Orlando and currently serves on several regional boards, including the St. Cloud Chamber Government Affairs Committee. She's passionate about helping to solve complex social issues to create lasting change.

HONORING MICHAEL DOWNS FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Downs for a lifetime of dedication and commitment to the people of Cabarrus County. Having served as deputy county manager for 8 years and going on to serve as county manager for another 14 years, he was the longest standing county manager in Cabarrus County history.

Mr. Downs received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Business Administration Management and Operations in 1983 from Pfeiffer College (now University) in Misenheimer, North Carolina, where he also played both varsity basketball and baseball. He was inducted into the Pfeiffer University Hall of fame for both sports in 2017. Beginning his career in 1986 as a zoning inspector, Mr. Downs has spent nearly four decades serving his community. He is known for his strong leadership and management skills.

Mike has served on a multitude of boards and volunteered for many charitable and service organizations. Among them, The Cannon Foundation Advisory Board, Greater Cabarrus Foundation, Cabarrus Rotary Club, Pfeiffer Falcon Club and Legacy Club. His service has been honored with the Executive Level Leadership Award, Leadership Cabarrus Alumni Impact Award, and Hometown Hero Award to recognize his service, to just name a few. He is also a Shriner and has served in many capacities with them.

Over the course of Mr. Downs' career, he demonstrated his hard work ethic, commitment

to service, and dedication to his county. He undoubtedly is leaving Cabarrus County in a better place than where he found it.

Renee and I offer our most heartfelt appreciation to Mike for his decades of service; we wish him well and hope he enjoys this new chapter where he can spend more time with his wife, Beth, along with his children and grandchildren. I am confident that I speak for the entire community when I thank him for all he has accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Mr. Mike Downs for a lifetime of extraordinary service to his community.

HONORING DON HEWITT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Mr. Don Hewitt, a trailblazer in sustainable urban development and a visionary entrepreneur whose work has made a transformative impact on communities throughout Jackson, Mississippi, and beyond.

Mr. Hewitt is the founder and owner of Advanced Technology Building Solutions (ATBS), established in 2004 and headquartered in Jackson. With more than 20 years of experience in real estate development and urban planning, Mr. Hewitt has consistently prioritized community-centered solutions that emphasize walkability, environmental design, and economic opportunity.

Under his leadership, ATBS has emerged as a leader in mixed-use developments that integrate green spaces, affordable housing, retail accessibility, and local business engagement. The company's initiatives frequently involve partnerships with public housing authorities, nonprofit organizations, and government entities—leading to the revitalization of underutilized spaces into vibrant, inclusive neighborhoods.

Currently, ATBS is collaborating with the West Jackson Community Development Corporation and the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation to implement an innovative urban streetscape project in West Jackson. This development will offer affordable workspace for local entrepreneurs and startups, fostering economic opportunity and nurturing local talent.

Mr. Hewitt's commitment to sustainability extends beyond physical infrastructure. As a participant in the AI Business Accelerator Cohort, he is integrating artificial intelligence into project planning to optimize sustainability metrics and enhance community engagement. His forward-thinking approach ensures that urban development remains both efficient and equitable.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Don Hewitt for his service, leadership, and unwavering dedication to building a stronger, more inclusive Mississippi. His work exemplifies what it means to develop with the community and for the community.

HONORING SOPHIA GREEN AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Sophia Green, known affectionately as Sophie G, is a vibrant radio personality hosting "The Sophie G Show" on Cultural Vibrations Radio. Broadcasting to the Central Florida area, Sophia's show celebrates Caribbean culture, entertains, and encourages listeners with inspiring stories and discussions.

Sophia has over 14 years of experience in broadcasting, establishing herself as a trusted voice in the Caribbean diaspora community.

Born in Jamaica, Sophia proudly identifies as an "Island Girl" and brings a unique perspective to her shows.

She won the Jamaica National Festival Song in 1989 with her sister Andi Green, becoming the first female duo to achieve this feat.

Sophia is a dedicated mother and loving grandmother, drawing inspiration from her family and community. As a certified professional life coach, Sophia focuses on life purpose, forgiveness, and happiness. She contributes to Caribbean Under One Magazine (KUOMagazine & TV), sharing her perspectives on various topics.

Sophia believes in finding the positive in life's experiences, often quoting the idea of making "lemonade" from life's challenges. With her witty humor and heartfelt approach, Sophie G has built a loyal following and established herself as a respected voice in the Caribbean diaspora. Through "The Sophie G Show" on Cultural Vibrations Radio, Caribbean Rhythms Radio Network, Sophia continues to inspire and connect with her audience in Central Florida and beyond.

RECOGNIZING LINDA CULVER'S RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize my long-time employee, Linda Culver, as she prepares to retire at the end of June.

I've often said that a really good staff makes a decent Member of Congress—and throughout my time in office, I've been fortunate to have outstanding individuals like Linda by my side.

Linda began working in my Twin Falls office on the very first day we opened our doors. From that day forward, she has been a steady, dedicated presence—not only for me and my team but for the people of Idaho.

Many people do not recognize what congressional offices can do for them, but with Linda's presence in Idaho, she worked tirelessly to help Idahoans where she could and serve their needs. Linda trained under one of the best caseworkers in Idaho and not only carried on that legacy but enhanced it. She

never cut corners when it came to constituent service.

As my Casework Director, she instilled the same standard across my team. One of the things I'm most proud of during my time in Congress is the high level of service we've provided to Idahoans—and Linda played a key role in making that happen. Federal government agencies are often difficult and complex to navigate. However, Linda's ability to cut through the red tape made her an invaluable resource and help to many.

Linda's public service did not stop at casework. She created mobile district office hours so Idahoans—especially those living in small, rural areas—could meet with my staff, ask questions, and find out how we can help when problems arise.

She also created an event known as the "Funders Fair," a one-stop shop where federal agencies and organizations came together to help Idahoans learn about and apply for available grants.

Additionally, Linda has remained actively involved with Idaho's military and veterans. She took it upon herself to create Service Academy Days for the entire Idaho Delegation—an event for Idaho's high school students to learn about our Nation's military academies. This tradition has lasted for nearly 30 years. She also put together the Veterans History Project, a Library of Congress project that collects, preserves and makes accessible firsthand the recollections of veterans who served during World War I through more recent conflicts and peacekeeping missions.

From helping tens of thousands of Idahoans navigate complex federal issues to personally attending meetings and events across the district to supporting veterans, Linda has been far more than an asset—she has been family. As she enters retirement, Linda will enjoy some well-deserved time with her husband, their dogs Koda and Tessa, and their children and grandchildren.

I will miss Linda, the rest of my staff will miss Linda, and so will the Idahoans that she so faithfully served for the last two decades.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my sincere gratitude to Linda's husband, Brent, for sharing his amazing wife with Team Simpson for all these years. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and honoring Linda Culver for her decades of outstanding public service to the people of Idaho and this great Nation.

CELEBRATING CARTER BROADCAST GROUP'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Carter Broadcast Group (CBG), a pillar of Black music and culture in the Kansas City metropolitan area, and the oldest Black-owned and family-operated radio broadcast company in the United States. Let us take a moment to reflect on the 75 years of creativity, 75 years of challenges overcome, and 75 years of community contribution that have undisputedly been instrumental in shaping the Kansas City I know and serve today.

The station's story began with a visionary, Andrew Skip Carter. Born in 1919, in Savannah, Georgia, Carter always had a passion for radio. However, Carter's ambitions coincided with a time when segregation and Jim Crow laws worked to prevent their realization. Due to the color of his skin, Carter was turned down from jobs and forced to work in a hostile industry. However, in keeping with the principles that would come to define CBG, Carter advocated for himself and his community. In August 1948, he wrote a letter to Broadcast magazine criticizing the FCC's prejudiced treatment of African Americans. Through this effort, he was able to make a connection with former Kansas Governor Alf Landon, who would assist Carter in receiving his FCC license in August 1949, making him the second African American to obtain one. Through financial backing from Landon and continued demonstrations of grit, Carter was able to launch KPRS, the Kansas People's Radio Station, in 1950. Two years later, Carter purchased the station, making it the first Black-owned radio station west of the Mississippi River.

CBG prioritizes playing Black music of all genres, with a specific focus on exploring jazz, blues, R&B, gospel, and hip-hop. Not only does the station promote Black music, but it engages with the artists behind it, interviewing creators who have cultivated fan bases around the world, including Kansas City locals like Janelle Monae and Tech N9ne. Indeed, listeners throughout the KC area all feel the impact of having a radio station that amplifies Black voices and stories.

Beyond music programming, CBG is an informational hub. Its hosts regularly interview political figures to discuss topics ranging from student debt on a national level to issues facing Kansas City locally. In hopes of building a healthier Kansas City, programmers craft segments to inform local listeners of critical resources. Whether disseminating information regarding suicide prevention and COVID-19 vaccination clinics, or shining a light on local organizations like Giving Hope and Help, which works to support domestic abuse survivors, and Harvesters, which works to prevent food insecurity, the Carter Broadcast Group consistently serves the city it calls home.

Indeed, this station epitomizes the ideas expressed in 1 Corinthians 12:25-27, "So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it: if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." Carter Broadcast Group recognizes the obligation we have to one another and surpasses it to a commendable degree.

The impact is clear. Countless listeners proclaim their praise for the station, citing the significance it has had on their lives and the lives of their loved ones. CBG is dedicated to providing a Black radio station that plays amazing music and nourishes the community culturally, socially, and politically. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating CBG's 75th anniversary. This is an accomplishment deserving of recognition in our Nation's Capital, and I am honored to extend my congratulations as the station begins its celebrations. I anticipate many more monumental anniversaries, for I know CBG will continue to be a fountain of knowledge and joy for our commu-

nity, progressing the innovative work of Andrew Skip Carter.

HONORING PATRINA M. LAWRENCE AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Patrina M. Lawrence is a dynamic and accomplished executive who has made a lasting impact on Florida's Ninth Congressional District through her leadership in behavioral health and social services. As the founder and chief executive officer of Serving Children and Reaching Families (SCARF), a community-based mental health organization headquartered in Kissimmee, Florida, Ms. Lawrence has led efforts to deliver high-quality, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed care to children and families across Central Florida since 2013.

Guided by the belief that "safety and security don't just happen—they are the result of collective consensus and public investment," as Nelson Mandela once said, Ms. Lawrence has dedicated her career to building systems that protect and uplift the most vulnerable. Through SCARF, she has expanded access to mental health services, secured funding from the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Health, and Osceola County Schools, and fostered long-standing partnerships with the Department of Children and Families and regional managing entities.

Through an eight-year partnership with the Florida Department of Children and Families, Ms. Lawrence was instrumental in creating a diversion program that has helped strengthen families and successfully diverted over 500 children annually from entering the foster care system. A licensed clinical social worker and seasoned clinician, Ms. Lawrence has provided direct care and clinical oversight to hundreds of clients. She has authored SCARF's operational policies and training curricula, helping to elevate standards across Florida's behavioral health workforce. Her work has not only improved outcomes but also ensured service fidelity and compliance with state regulations.

Ms. Lawrence holds an advanced degree in social work from Howard University and has completed executive education at Harvard University in leadership, business strategy, and public health equity. Her work embodies a commitment to access, quality, and innovation in behavioral health for Florida's most vulnerable populations.

COMMEMORATION OF JUNETEENTH AMID THE EROSION OF BLACK HISTORY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, after just four short years since I proudly cast my vote to establish Juneteenth as a federal holiday

through the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, the very history that this day honors is now under attack by the current administration. While we mark Juneteenth with prayers and proclamations, we must also confront a harsh and unsettling truth: the significance of this day and African American history is being erased. Across our Nation, we are witnessing the systemic losses of our hard-fought gains—the stripping of diversity, equity, and inclusion from federal institutions, censoring school curriculums, and silencing conversations about the true history of America.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, and informed over 250,000 enslaved Black people that they were free—more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth is a reminder that freedom and equality remain delayed for Black Americans. For generations, this history of intentional continuation of slavery was ignored, and, now that it is finally acknowledged as part of our Nation's past, we see the Trump Administration trying to strip away Black history. Banning books, censoring lessons, and eliminating honest conversations about race is not about education, it is about control. We must ensure that Juneteenth is not just a day off but a day of truth.

In 2005, I partnered with then-Senator Barack Obama to introduce legislation recognizing Juneteenth. And now that it has become law, we must defend it and the history it represents from being erased. The history of our people is not optional. Let me be clear: Black history is American history. As a Black man who was raised in the rural South during segregation, I know all too well what it feels like to be told that your history does not matter. As the Representative of the 7th Congressional District of Illinois, a district with a rich history of Black culture and resilience, I fight in Congress for equity, inclusion, and the honest American history.

Today, the Trump Administration threatens Chicago Public Schools with the loss of over one billion dollars in federal funding for its efforts to improve the success and reduce suspensions of Black students, teach Black history, and recruit teachers who reflect the students they teach. African Americans have faced enormous challenges in every corner of life—education, economic security, health care, employment, housing and the criminal justice system. We are routinely denied opportunity solely because of the color of our skin. And still, we continue to fight for justice and equity in the face of deep-rooted, systemic racism.

This Juneteenth, Chicago will celebrate Juneteenth as a testament to community, remembrance, and pride. There is the Pullman Porter Museum's Juneteenth parade, games, and concert. Or the Cook County celebration at Malcolm X College, the Juneteenth Annual barbecue at the DuSable Black History Museum, or 1865 Fest in West Garfield Park, to name just a few. Events like these are not just festivals: they are declarations that we will not be silent. We will celebrate. We will educate. We will resist.

I will continue to fight for equality and opportunity at every turn, while honoring the history my forefathers and foremothers endured. Let's not forget, the White House and this country were built by enslaved labor. As we commemorate Juneteenth this year, let it be a call

to action. The struggle for freedom will not end here. I am committed to protecting the truth of our past, fighting for justice in our present, and building a future where every African American can learn their history, see their worth, and know they belong.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LOCAL JUROR NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2025

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the District of Columbia Local Juror Non-Discrimination Act of 2025. This bill would clarify that D.C. residents may not be excluded or disqualified from jury service in the local D.C. trial court, the D.C. Superior Court, based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Specifically, this bill would clarify that the term "sex," which is a protected class under the non-discrimination law that applies to jurors in the D.C. Superior Court, includes sexual orientation and gender identity. The term "sex" would also include a sex stereotype; pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition; and sex characteristics, including intersex traits. In the 117th Congress, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform passed a version of this bill.

D.C. has one of the strongest non-discrimination laws in the country, including protecting individuals based on sexual orientation and gender identity. However, under the D.C. Home Rule Act, the D.C. Council does not have the authority to amend title 11 of the D.C. Code, which contains the non-discrimination provisions that apply to jurors in the D.C. Superior Court. Therefore, until D.C. is given authority to amend title 11 of the D.C. Code, which one of my bills would do, an act of Congress is required to clarify that LGBTQ+ jurors in the D.C. Superior Court are protected from discrimination.

As the Supreme Court said in *Edmonson v. Leesville Concrete Company*, "discrimination within the courtroom raises serious questions as to the fairness of the proceedings conducted there. . . . [B]ias mars the integrity of the judicial system and prevents the idea of democratic government from becoming a reality." Similarly, the Court, in *Batson v. Kentucky*, which was a juror discrimination case based on race, said, "The harm from discriminatory jury selection extends beyond that inflicted on the defendant and the excluded juror to touch the entire community. Selection procedures that purposefully exclude black persons from juries undermine public confidence in the fairness of our system of justice."

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING MARIA LAWRENCE AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Maria Lawrence is a visionary leader, community advocate, and accomplished financial executive based in Florida's Ninth Congressional District. As co-founder and chief financial officer of Serving Children and Reaching Families, LLC (SCARF), she has been instrumental in expanding access to mental health and family support services throughout Central Florida. Based in Kissimmee, SCARF is a CARF-accredited organization dedicated to helping at-risk youth and families thrive.

With over 15 years of experience in financial leadership, Maria has built a reputation for driving operational excellence, securing government contracts, strengthening internal controls, and improving revenue cycle processes. Her work has helped SCARF achieve full compliance in numerous federal and state audits, positioning the organization for long-term sustainability and growth. Maria's professional background includes serving as an information technology supervisor at Devereux Florida and managing a major capital project for Jacobs Engineering. Earlier in her career, she worked in financial compliance on Wall Street, where she was selected by the NASD to assist with regulatory audits following a firm closure.

Outside of her professional life, Maria is deeply committed to community service. She has volunteered with Second Harvest Food Bank and the American Heart Association and participated in international mission work, including supporting church development efforts in Venezuela. Maria holds both a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University. She also maintains certifications in Microsoft Engineering and Lean Six Sigma. Through her financial expertise, servant leadership, and heart for service, Maria continues to shape stronger communities and create meaningful change for families across Florida's Ninth Congressional District.

HONORING THE JASPER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM

HON. MARK B. MESSMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. MESSMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my personal congratulations to the Jasper Indiana High School Girls' Tennis team for becoming the IHSA State finals champions.

In the stunning final four match, our Wildcats won 4-1, earning the girls' tennis team their first ever State title, and the first State title for any girls' sports team at Jasper High School.

Thanks to these great athletes for showing the world their formidable Hoosier/Jasper spirit.

Congratulations again to the Wildcats and to their head Coach Scott Yarbrough, who led this great group to their historic win.

They make us all proud.

HONORING DR. CHARNETTE
MUNROE AS A DISTINGUISHED
LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA
FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE
MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Charnette Munroe was born in Westmoreland, Jamaica, and immigrated to the United States in the 1980s. Proud of her Caribbean heritage, she honors the sacrifices of her Jamaican ancestors through her professional and academic achievements.

Dr. Munroe earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of South Florida, followed by a master's and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Nova Southeastern University. She completed her internship and geropsychology fellowship at the Dallas North Texas Health Care System.

Dedicated to serving her community, Dr. Munroe is a clinical geropsychologist with extensive experience in clinical and administrative roles. She began her federal career at Fort Bragg Army Medical Center, treating PTSD in active-duty service members. Her VA career started at the Tuskegee VA in Alabama, and in 2015, she joined the Orlando VA Health Care System (OVAHCS). At OVAHCS, Dr. Munroe has played a crucial role in geriatric mental health care, providing services for patients with dementia, hospice care, and spinal cord injuries and disorders. As the Mental Health Geriatrics and Extended Care (MH GEC) Program Manager, she oversees mental health services in the Community Living Center (CLC) and Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC). She supervises a team of psychologists and psychiatrists, ensuring clinical competence and patient access to care through program expansion, employee recruitment, and the implementation of best care practices.

Dr. Munroe aims to promote favorable health behavior outcomes for geriatric consumers. She established a monthly virtual forum for geropsychology VA supervisors nationwide, offering support, training, and practice reviews. As chair of the Orlando and VISN 8 Dementia Committees, she has led the implementation of the VHA Dementia System of Care Directive, developed dementia education and training plans, and continually addresses these needs. Dr. Munroe's contributions include formal presentations on brain health and dementia prevention, which have significantly impacted geriatric mental health and the broader healthcare community.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BELLEVUE-PAPILLION ROTARY CLUB

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Bellevue-Papillion Rotary Club of Ne-

braska on the celebration of their 50th Anniversary.

Since its founding on January 15, 1975, the Bellevue-Papillion Rotary Club has exemplified the values of Rotary International by promoting peace, advancing education, and delivering vital services to the community. Over the past five decades this organization has remained a steadfast force for good in Eastern Sarpy County and beyond.

The club's service includes providing college scholarships to local students, honoring outstanding educators, and awarding community grants, their work has supported organizations such as the Bellevue food Pantry. Habitat for Humanity, and a local shelter for survivors of human trafficking. The club has also funded the installation of police dash cameras, contributed to holiday food programs, and invested in public amenities such as the gazebo at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home and benches at Papillion Landing.

In moments of crisis, the Bellevue-Papillion Rotary club has stepped up, including providing direct assistance to children affected by the 2019 floods. The club also supports global initiatives, including polio eradication and health assistance in Africa.

The rotary motto, "Service Above Self", is more than a guiding principle—it's a commitment the Bellevue-Papillion Rotary Club has lived every day for 50 years. Its members have made immeasurable contributions to the community and have set an example of civic responsibility and service.

I commend the Bellevue-Papillion Rotary Club for its remarkable legacy and congratulate its members on this milestone anniversary.

HONORING EDGAR "PETE" PETERS
AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIB-
BEAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Edgar "Pete" Peters has been a dedicated and hardworking operations agent with Southwest Airlines for the past 27 years. In 1998, the young Army veteran joined Southwest Airlines as a ramp agent in Baltimore, Maryland. He later accepted his current position and transferred to the Southwest Airlines operations in Orlando, Florida. Pete has worked in many capacities over the years, including as a member of the Safety and Emergency Care team, a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion representative, and as a training coordinator. He has been awarded many honors, including Operations Agent of the Quarter on several occasions and Operations Agent of the Year.

His passion for helping others and giving back to the community has led him to create The Ann Hewan Foundation, which contributes to his native Jamaica from his Lake Nona community in Central Florida. Pete, as he is known throughout the area and community, is heavily involved in charity work that supports underprivileged children. Each year, Pete collects, solicits, purchases, and ships back-to-school items, such as notebooks, pencils, backpacks, restored computers, and clothing

items, to Jamaica, where he partners with a local school and charity in the community. Throughout the school year, he collects and donates some of his own money to help support the Goodwill Infant and Primary School Breakfast Program, which now operates three days a week, providing breakfast to underprivileged children at school who are unable to get it at home. Pete's current project is assisting a local community charity in building a proper playing field for the kids at the Goodwill Primary and Infant School, which is almost 50% complete. The playing field will be used for recreational purposes and extracurricular activities, bringing joy and a sense of pride to the children and the community upon completion. Pete also helps out and supports local charity events around Central Florida communities and around the Southwest Airlines system.

Pete's dedication and low-key approach are what keep him going. As the son of Pinkie Hewan, who migrated to the United States in search of a better life, Pete's passion and understanding create the high octane for helping others and treating them with respect.

HONORING LILLIE CONNET

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Lillie Connet, for her work as an intern serving in my D.C. office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and recognize the meaningful contributions she has made to the office this summer. Lillie is from Hendersonville, North Carolina, and attends the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Lillie is entering her third year at Chapel Hill where she is studying Political Science.

Interns work with staff to serve constituents in North Carolina's 11th congressional district. Lillie was chosen from a competitive pool of applicants and exceeded every expectation with her positive attitude and impressive work ethic. It was a pleasure to work with Lillie, and I am so proud to have had such an intelligent and ambitious intern representing my office.

Lillie exemplified the spirit of public service and represents the best that our Nation has to offer. I congratulate Lillie on the successful completion of her internship and thank her on behalf of the people of Western North Carolina.

HONORING MARIA ISABEL
SANQUÍRICO AS A DISTIN-
GUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HER-
ITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, recognized as one of the Top Women in PR by PRNews, Maria Isabel Sanquírigo is a force in multicultural communications and a fearless advocate for representation, equity, and authentic storytelling. An award-winning communications

strategist, certified crisis communicator, and former news anchor, she is the founder and CEO of Eleven 11 Communications—a public relations firm rooted in the values of service, inclusion, and impact.

Maria Isabel's career began in media at an early age, with a passion for using her voice to inform and uplift. She made history as the first Latina to anchor a solo evening newscast in Central Florida, serving as anchor of Telemundo's *Noticiero Telemundo Orlando* at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. Her work in broadcast journalism gave visibility to stories that were too often overlooked—highlighting the struggles, achievements, and resilience of Florida's Latino communities.

Determined to shape narratives from beyond the anchor desk, Maria Isabel launched Eleven 11 Communications, where she has spent over a decade helping public agencies, corporations, and elected officials develop inclusive strategies that reach and reflect the communities they serve. Her portfolio spans civic engagement, health equity, crisis response, and culturally relevant outreach campaigns. Following Hurricane Maria, she became a leading voice for displaced Puerto Ricans, using media and advocacy to connect families with life-saving resources.

She has been named "Ignitor of the Year" by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and recognized by the University of Puerto Rico—her alma mater—as one of its most distinguished communications alumni. She has served on several influential boards, including the City of Orlando Municipal Planning Board and the Adult Literacy League, and currently sits on the boards of United Arts and the Elle Collective at Seminole State College, where she champions women-owned businesses and the next generation of leaders of color.

Based in Central Florida, Maria Isabel continues to lead with vision and heart. Her work centers Latino voices in the public conversation, not only ensuring they are heard, but that they help shape the future. A trusted strategist, changemaker, and proud Puerto Rican, Maria Isabel Sanquircó is building a more informed, inclusive, and empowered community—one story at a time.

CELEBRATING LITERACY KC'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Literacy KC, Kansas City's only adult-focused literacy organization, for their exceptional work challenging illiteracy in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. For forty years, Literacy KC has ceaselessly pursued its mission of promoting literacy for all and has empowered thousands of low-literate individuals through the organization's direct services, advocacy work, and community collaboration initiatives.

Literacy KC was born out of a passion for community engagement and mutual support. In 1985, a group of volunteers led by Catherine Mathews perceived a need for adult literacy services and took the initiative to form a small, literacy tutoring group. Initially, with only a handful of students, the organization worked

out of the basement at Country Club Congregational Church and relied solely on volunteer labor. Mathews affiliated the organization with the National Laubach Literacy Council, which gave the fledgling group access to curriculum and materials. Mathews and her team of unpaid instructors called themselves the Kansas City Laubach Literacy Council before changing their name to Literacy KC.

What began as an ambitious dream eventually became a reality, with the organization hiring an executive director and full-time staff as classroom sizes swelled and funding was secured. Literacy KC has advocated tirelessly for adult education programs since its inception, working to acknowledge and address the barriers low-literate adults face in the workforce and in daily life. Whether via direct service programs or advocacy efforts, Literacy KC seeks to address the consequences of low literacy—including an increased likelihood of poverty, incarceration, and health problems—for the 225,000 adults in the Kansas City area that are classified as low-literate.

Literacy education provides innumerable benefits, both to individuals and to our society at large. Greater literacy rates are correlated with higher levels of economic output, improved health outcomes, heightened civic participation, and decreased crime levels. Beyond practical considerations, the ability to read opens a portal of knowledge, discovery, and imagination that can transport readers across time, throughout space, and beyond reality. Literacy KC does not just focus on the downstream consequences of illiteracy, but works with thousands of students each year to tap into the wellspring of opportunities that literacy provides, empowering learners with the tools needed to improve their own lives.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the work that Literacy KC has done to improve literacy rates throughout Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. Since 1985, Literacy KC has offered hope to people in challenging situations and acted as a springboard for individuals that receive their services, propelling them to new heights. Whether helping students obtain their GEDs, study for citizenship exams, or pursue job-specific certifications, their services have left an indelible mark on our community, bringing great meaning, fulfillment, and empowerment to the lives of thousands. As we mark Literacy KC's 40th anniversary this year, I am proud to commemorate their work and champion their mission of literacy for all.

HONORING ROBERTO SMITH AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Roberto Smith has dedicated his career to advancing technology and improving lives within the community. With over two decades of experience in the information technology field, Roberto has been a driving force in implementing modern, secure, and efficient technological solutions.

Since beginning his IT career in 2001, Roberto has earned industry certifications in

computer networking and systems engineering, solidifying his expertise in designing, managing, and optimizing IT infrastructures. In 2012, he joined the City of St. Cloud as a network engineer, where his dedication and technical acumen led to his promotion to network manager and later, IT director.

As IT director, Roberto has spearheaded numerous initiatives that have enhanced the city's technological landscape. Under his leadership, the implementation of Microsoft 365 has provided city employees with robust collaboration tools, improving efficiency and communication across departments. The adoption of Cloud-based Phone System has modernized the city's communication systems, ensuring seamless connectivity for residents and city staff alike.

Recognizing the importance of cybersecurity in an increasingly digital world, Roberto has successfully introduced Multifactor Authentication (MFA) and Zero Trust Network frameworks to safeguard city systems and protect sensitive data. These innovations have strengthened cybersecurity measures, ensuring that residents' information remains secure while allowing for safer, more resilient digital services.

Roberto's vision extends beyond technology—it is rooted in a commitment to empowering the community through innovation. His work has streamlined city operations, enhanced digital accessibility for residents, and reinforced security in public services. His dedication to improving lives through technology exemplifies the values celebrated during Caribbean American Heritage Month, making him a deserving honoree recognized for his outstanding contributions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ABRAHAM J. HAMADEH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, due to attending a funeral, I was unable to be present for Roll Call No. 156 on H.R. 2966, the American Entrepreneurs First Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 156—H.R. 2966, American Entrepreneurs First Act.

HONORING ABISMAEL ABREU AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Abismael Abreu is a public servant, community leader, and proud Osceola County resident who has dedicated his career to building a stronger, more connected Central Florida.

Originally from the Dominican Republic, Mr. Abreu arrived in Osceola County at the age of 14. A graduate of Osceola High School, he has grown from a young immigrant student into a trusted leader in local government, demonstrating that with opportunity, hard work,

and service to the community, anything is possible.

Mr. Abreu currently serves as the strategic initiatives administrator in the City Manager's Office for the City of St. Cloud. In this capacity, he manages the City's Strategic Planning Program, oversees critical interdepartmental initiatives, and leads high-priority projects aligned with the City's long-term goals. His leadership has resulted in over \$20 million in new infrastructure projects focused on public safety and parks, as well as the successful ac-

quisition of \$2 million in grant funding for essential stormwater improvements.

Throughout his career in municipal government, Mr. Abreu has championed innovation, efficiency, and transparency. He was instrumental in launching St. Cloud's Strategic Performance Management Program, streamlining business permitting processes, and expanding access to digital services for residents and entrepreneurs. Mr. Abreu holds a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Central Florida. He is also a graduate of Leadership

Osceola and a Certified Public Manager candidate.

In addition to his professional work, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Osceola County Council on Aging and holds active membership in the International City/County Management Association, the Florida City/County Management Association, and the American Planning Association. Mr. Abreu exemplifies public service grounded in community, accountability, and forward-looking leadership.

Friday, June 20, 2025

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 3:15:01 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 3:15:28 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 4054–4067; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 39; and H. Res. 523–528, introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2702, to curtail the political weaponization of Federal banking agencies by eliminating reputational risk as a component of the supervision of depository institutions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–164);

H.R. 3230, to increase the asset thresholds at which financial institutions become subject to certain requirements, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–165); and

H.R. 2808, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prevent consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports under certain circumstances, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–166).

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

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Rachel Landers Vaagenes, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC.

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Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Conduct—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual to

serve on the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Conduct: Nominated by the Minority Leader after consultation with the Speaker: Ms. Cheryl Lynn Johnson of Maryland.

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Committee on Ethics—Appointment: The Chair announced the Minority Leader's appointment of the following Members of the House to be available to serve on the investigative subcommittee of the Committee on Ethics for the 119th Congress: Representatives Barragan, Carter (LA), Dean (PA), Foster, Houlahan, Pressley and Stanton.

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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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, markup on the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill FY 2026, 6 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Full Committee, continue markup on the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and

Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2026, 7:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

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