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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EDWARDS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 26, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHUCK EDWARDS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

On this Memorial Day, we lift our voices in prayer to You, O God, for those whose eyes fail because of their tears, whose spirits are greatly troubled, whose hearts are poured out on the earth. Our lamentation is on behalf of those who have no voice, their throats stricken with grief.

Merciful God, cast Your eyes upon those parents, spouses, children, and cherished friends whose heads are bowed over well-worn photos of their favorite servicemember, whose tears fall on names etched in stone, and whose cries spring forth from hearts overflowing with sorrow.

We pray as a Nation, ever grateful for the costly sacrifice our country's heroes have made on the altar of freedom.

We pray as brothers and sisters in faith, in the certain hope that one day You will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

We pray, O Lord, that those who have died have not died in vain. Stir in us a renewed commitment to liberty and freedom.

Receive our petitions, dear God, that those who mourn this day will know

the comfort of Your everlasting arms. Give ear to our prayers, that in You we will find peace.

In memory of our fallen and in the strength of Your name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 25, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on May 25, 2023, at 3:33 p.m., said to contain a message from the President returning, without his approval, H.J. Res. 42.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LISA P. GRANT,
Deputy Clerk of the House.

DISAPPROVING THE ACTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COUNCIL IN APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE POLICING AND JUSTICE REFORM AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-45)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval H.J. Res. 42, a resolution that would disapprove the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022.

I believe we have an obligation to make sure that all our people are safe and that public safety depends on public trust. It is a core policy of my Administration to provide law enforcement with the resources they need for effective, accountable community policing.

While I do not support every provision of the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022, this resolution from congressional Republicans would overturn commonsense police reforms such as: banning chokeholds; setting important restrictions on use of force and deadly force; improving access to body-worn camera recordings; and requiring officer training on de-escalation and use of force.

The Congress should respect the District of Columbia's right to pass measures that improve public safety and public trust. I continue to call on the Congress to pass commonsense police reform legislation.

Therefore, I am vetoing this resolution.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 25, 2023.

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

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal, and the veto message and the joint resolution will be printed as a House document.

Without objection, further consideration of the veto message and the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 42, is postponed until the legislative day of June 13, 2023.

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 29, 2023.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 29, 2023, at 2 p.m.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BRECHEN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H.R. 3740. A bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to require Senior Executive Service and schedule C employees to disclose Federal student loan debt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. MANN (for himself, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BANKS, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. ALFORD, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. CRENSHAW):

H.R. 3741. A bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit funds under such title from being used for any system through which counseling or referrals are provided to individuals regarding abortion services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. GUTHRIE):

H.R. 3742. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to evaluate the Federal Government's collection and sharing of public health data to respond to public health emergencies; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SOTO:

H.R. 3743. A bill to amend the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 to extend the advisory committee on the air travel needs of passengers with disabilities; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SOTO:

H.R. 3744. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide housing for students enrolled in an accredited avionic program; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of New York (for himself and Mr. ISSA):

H.R. 3745. A bill to direct each State with an outstanding balance in excess of \$1,000,000,000, as of January 1, 2023, of advances from the Federal unemployment account to submit to the Secretary of Labor a

report detailing how such State intends to repay such advances; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. POSEY (for himself, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. LAMALFA, and Ms. CARAVEO):

H. Res. 451. A resolution recognizing the need for greater access to rural and agricultural media programming; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. McBATH:

H. Res. 452. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 698) to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. CLYBURN:

H. Res. 453. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2403) to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California:

H. Res. 454. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 715) to require a background check for every firearm sale; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK (for herself, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LIEU, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. BROWN, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. PORTER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. EVANS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. KILMER, and Ms. CROCKETT):

H. Res. 455. A resolution expressing support for Black service members this Memorial Day who gave their lives to protect and defend the United States at home and abroad despite facing racism in the Armed Forces and systemic inequities on United States soil; to the Committee on Armed Services.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BIGGS:

H.R. 3740.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

The single subject is to require certain federal employees to disclose federal student loan debt.

By Mr. MANN:

H.R. 3741.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit Title X funds from funding an abortion counsel or referral system.

By Mr. PETERS:

H.R. 3742.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Healthcare

By Mr. SOTO:

H.R. 3743.

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

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

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 to extend the advisory committee on the air travel needs of passengers with disabilities.

By Mr. SOTO:

H.R. 3744.

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

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

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide housing for students enrolled in an accredited avionic program.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of New York:

H.R. 3745.

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

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United States Constitution Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

The Unemployment Trust Fund Accountability Act is a bill that addresses the single subject of reporting on outstanding balances to the Unemployment Trust Fund.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 82: Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.

H.R. 176: Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 568: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 795: Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.

H.R. 802: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.

H.R. 911: Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 923: Mr. MANN.

H.R. 1147: Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DE REMER, Mr. BOST, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. FINSTAD, and Mr. DUARTE.

H.R. 1254: Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 1273: Mr. RASKIN, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. SHERRILL, and Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 1282: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, and Ms. GARCIA of Texas.

H.R. 1297: Mr. LUTTRELL and Mr. ADERHOLT.

H.R. 1399: Mr. HARRIS.

H.R. 1587: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 1633: Mr. BUCHANAN.

H.R. 1650: Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

H.R. 1761: Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. EZELL, Mr. CRANE, Mr. BUGK, Mr. PERRY, and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.

H.R. 1788: Mr. CASTEN and Mr. GIMENEZ.

H.R. 1824: Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 1826: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 1831: Ms. ROSS and Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK.

H.R. 2370: Ms. SHERRILL.

H.R. 2461: Mr. ZINKE.

H.R. 2474: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 2544: Ms. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 2569: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 2745: Mr. LUTTRELL and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H.R. 2766: Mrs. HINSON, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. STEEL, and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.

H.R. 2771: Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 2954: Mr. HARDER of California.
H.R. 2974: Mr. CASE.
H.R. 2989: Mr. HORSFORD.
H.R. 3005: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H.R. 3037: Ms. BALINT, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Ms. SHERRILL.
H.R. 3039: Mr. MAST.
H.R. 3093: Mr. CASAR.
H.R. 3106: Ms. BROWN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LIEU, and Mr. MULLIN.
H.R. 3232: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
H.R. 3246: Ms. MENG.
H.R. 3376: Ms. CARAVEO and Mr. GARBARINO.
H.R. 3382: Mr. MFUME.
H.R. 3416: Mr. KILMER and Mr. MOULTON.
H.R. 3434: Ms. SÁNCHEZ.
H.R. 3519: Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 3554: Mr. MANN.

H.R. 3563: Mr. MAGAZINER.
H.R. 3593: Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 3601: Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 3625: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 3646: Mr. COURTNEY.
H.R. 3660: Ms. LEE of California.
H.R. 3679: Mr. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 3712: Mr. BRECHEEN.
H.J. Res. 54: Mr. CARSON.
H. Con. Res. 44: Ms. DELBENE, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. EVANS, Ms. ROSS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. JACOBS, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. OMAR, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. LEE of Pennsyl-

vania, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. MCBATH, and Ms. STRICKLAND.
H. Res. 319: Mr. MCGARVEY and Mr. THANEDAR.
H. Res. 335: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
H. Res. 376: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
H. Res. 377: Mr. CROW.
H. Res. 382: Mrs. BICE and Mr. GARBARINO.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS— ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petition:

Petition 1 by Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania on House Resolution 350: Mrs. Peltola, Mr. Case, and Mr. Golden of Maine.



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Senate

The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TIM Kaine, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 26, 2023.

To the Senate:

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

PATTY MURRAY,
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,
MAY 30, 2023, AT 3 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9 and 26 seconds a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 3 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
JORDAN "JOHNNY" MORGAN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 26, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of John Jordan "Johnny" Morgan, who passed away on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 76 years old.

Johnny was born on February 20, 1947, in Jackson, Mississippi, to the late Eddie Mack and Beryl Jordan Morgan. A lifelong resident of Oxford and Lafayette County, he graduated from Oxford High School in 1965, followed by his graduation from the University of Mississippi with a degree in Business Administration.

Active in local, regional, and state civic roles, Johnny's passion for Mississippi and its residents was evident to all who knew him. Johnny worked tirelessly for the betterment of not just his own community, but all of Mississippi. He served as a state senator from 1984 to 1992, representing Lafayette, Yalobusha, and Calhoun counties. He was later elected to serve on the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors for District 2, serving as president of the board for several years. Johnny co-founded the Good Ole Boys and Gals, a gathering of friends, candidates, and political enthusiasts across the state. Throughout his political career, Johnny garnered a reputation as not only an experienced politician but also a loyal friend and confidant to many.

Johnny served as President of the Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce, as well as serving the Oxford University United Methodist Church Board, the Mississippi Action for Progress Board, the local Powerhouse Board, and the Mississippi Blood Services Board. He was an owner and founder of Morgan White Insurance Group, CEO of Johnny Morgan & Associates Realty Firm, and vice president of Binswanger National.

Johnny is survived by his brother, Chip Morgan (Connie); a niece and nephew, Trey Sandifer (Camille) and Lindsey Sheffield (Jason); four great-nieces and nephews; his dear friend Allyson Duckworth; and numerous cousins and loved ones.

HONORING VICE ADMIRAL SEAN
BUCK

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 26, 2023

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the distinguished career of Vice Admiral Sean Buck and to congratulate him on a well-earned retirement.

For over 40 years, this Hoosier has served his country in the United States Navy, quickly

earning a sterling reputation as he rose in the ranks.

As a flag officer, VADM Buck held a series of vital command and staff positions, each demonstrating his exceptional leadership skills and strategic acumen. As commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet, VADM Buck demonstrated his exceptional operational skills, and his steadfast commitment to mission success and the well-being of his fellow service members has left an indelible mark.

In the four years that VADM Buck has served as the 63rd Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy, he has played a vital role in shaping the minds of future leaders, fostering a spirit of excellence and sense of duty in the next generation of naval officers.

As VADM Buck begins this new chapter in his life, I'd like to congratulate him on an exemplary career and thank him for his invaluable contributions to the U.S. Navy and our national defense. Fair winds and following seas in all your endeavors, Vice Admiral.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 26, 2023

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 233; yea on Roll Call No. 234; and yea on Roll Call No. 235.

SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 26, 2023

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the men and women in law enforcement who protect our communities in New Jersey's Eighth Congressional District and across the United States. As a Member of Congress, as a community member, and as a friend to our police officers, I recognize and appreciate their dedication, sacrifice, and commitment to keeping our families safe. I strongly believe that their bravery and selflessness deserves our utmost respect and gratitude.

This Congress, I cosponsored the Invest to Protect Act, which would provide funding for recruitment, retention, support, and training for small and mid-sized police departments. And I will continue to support legislation that equips law enforcement professionals with the tools they need to safely fulfill their responsibilities.

I stand firmly in support of our law enforcement professionals and express my gratitude

for their invaluable service to our communities. Their dedication, courage, and professionalism are the bedrock of a safe and secure society. We must work together to foster an environment that upholds the rule of law, encourages constructive dialogue, and strengthens the partnership between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 26, 2023

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent from votes on May 24 and 25.

Had I been present, I would have voted nay on Roll Call No. 233; nay on Roll Call No. 234; yea on Roll Call No. 235; yea on Roll Call No. 236; and yea on Roll Call No. 237.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MUJERES
LATINAS EN ACCIÓN

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 26, 2023

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of an important Chicago organization—Mujeres Latinas en Acción.

Mujeres Latinas en Acción was founded in 1973 by the late Maria Mangual for the purpose of providing shelter to young women fleeing violence in the Pilsen community. Since their founding, they have expanded to Brighton Park and North Riverside.

Back in 1982, they established the Healing and Prevention of Domestic Violence program, to provide services for survivors of domestic violence.

In 2002, they expanded their family support services in partnership with the Illinois Department of Family Support Services. With this, they created the only free Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange program designed specifically for Spanish speaking low-income families.

Seven years later, they established the Community Engagement and Mobilization Program to bring the voice of Latina immigrants and survivors of trauma to the work of immigrant and women's coalitions.

These are just a few of the ways their organization has worked to uplift women in our community and connect them with critical resources.

I am honored to help Mujeres Latinas en Acción commemorate its 50th year of providing innovative and empowering services for Latinas.

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RECOGNIZING THE EXCELLENCE OF THE MARCHING CENTURIONS

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 26, 2023

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Saugus High School's 2022–2023 Marching Band for their selection to represent California's 27th Congressional District in the National Memorial Day Parade held in our Nation's capital. Their designation as a distinguished participant in this year's festivities is a testament to not only their musical excellence, but their resilience through several years of challenges from which they have emerged stronger than ever.

It is important to recognize that this distinction is one that very few marching bands across the United States have the privilege of touting, and it is certainly one that is earned rather than given. For years leading up to their participation in the National Memorial Day Parade, the Marching Centurions of Saugus High School have distinguished themselves as a benchmark of virtuosity and dedication to craft. Time and time again, students throughout the years have represented their fellow classmates with unmatched pride and skill and it is heartening to see this program be rewarded with such an honor.

I also want to pay special recognition to band members who are graduating with the Class of 2023. Since they began high school in 2019, their graduating class has faced a gauntlet of trials and tribulations that many of their contemporaries or even most adults have not. After the tragic shooting in November of 2019, they were immediately confronted with the COVID–19 pandemic, lockdowns, and virtual learning which forced them to press on with rehearsals over Zoom. These challenges were of course coupled with the typical obstacles a teenager faces when navigating high school: homework, crushes, college applications and anxiety about the future. As their representative in the halls of Congress, I could not be prouder of their resilience in the face of the impossible, and the manner in which they relied on each other to overcome the odds.

Once again, I want to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Marching Centurions for this great honor that they will have to commemorate our Nation's heroes who have been killed in the defense of freedom this weekend for Memorial Day. As a Saugus alumnus myself, my heart will swell with pride seeing these students clad in blue and silver marching along the streets of Washington to honor our great country.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEART, LOVE & SOUL

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 26, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize the 40th An-

niversary of an indispensable non-profit in our Niagara Falls community, Heart, Love & Soul. Since 1983, this organization has tended to those struggling with poverty in the north end of Niagara Falls. As a hunger-relief and social care agency, the dedicated members of this group give needed attention to every part of those who need it most.

At its most fundamental level, Heart, Love & Soul has provided the community with wide-reaching food assistance programs and human services at no cost. This includes meals, groceries, case management, showers, laundry facilities, and haircuts. It began on March 14, 1982 when members of a prayer group gathered at the former Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church on South Avenue. They discussed what they could do to help residents who were struggling with food insecurity. Led by a church parishioner, John Porecca, the members of this group decided to pursue an entire organization dedicated to serving those in need. After settling on a name and filing the papers to be incorporated, they began operations out of a former grocery store on Pierce Avenue. With financial help from Savino Nanula, they later purchased the building, which served as Heart, Love & Soul's first food pantry.

The key element to Heart, Love & Soul's achievements throughout the last four decades has been its consistency in finding conscientious and diligent staff and volunteers. The men and women who run this organization are not only adept at helping people in need, but also recognize the value in raising funds to ensure their longevity. With twenty staff members and many more volunteers, every day is a new day to help a neighbor. And for forty years, every day has been a resounding success. Heart, Love & Soul represents the very best of what dedicated citizens can do for their community, and I know all Western New Yorkers are looking forward to their continued prosperity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 26, 2023

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 235 (H.R. 1669).

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT MAJOR JOHN A. THOMAS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 26, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and achievements of Sergeant Major John A. Thomas. Sergeant Major Thomas embarked on his military journey in October 1985 when he joined the United States Army. He became a member of the Mississippi Army National Guard in

October 1995 and is currently the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities Sergeant Major for Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

He is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Course, the United States Navy War College's Senior Enlisted Course, the National Defense University's Senior Enlisted Joint Course, the NATO Senior Non-commissioned Officer Orientation Course, the Garrison Command Leadership Course, and the Leadership Foundry/UT Center for Executive Education's Leadership Challenge Program. He has both his bachelor's degree and master's degree in business administration and completed the International Business Management Institute's Global Governance program.

Sergeant Major Thomas's military assignments include the 2ND MMC, 1ST COSCOM, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; the Logistic Support Unit, Multinational Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt; the 1st United States Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; the 3390th United States Army Reserve Forces School, Jackson, Mississippi; the 367th Maintenance Company, Philadelphia, Mississippi; State Headquarters Command, Jackson, Mississippi; the 1108th Aviation Classification Repair Depot, Gulfport, Mississippi; the 298th Corps Support Battalion, Al-Taqaddum Air Base, Iraq; the Joint Sustainment Command, Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan; the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Philadelphia, Mississippi; Camp McCain Training Center, Grenada, Mississippi; the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command's Syrian Logistics Cell, Erbil, Kurdistan-Iraq and Mississippi National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi.

In addition to his impressive list of assignments, Sergeant Major Thomas has also assumed significant leadership roles. His contributions as the MS Covid–19 Logistics Task Force Senior Enlisted Leader, Syrian Logistics Cell Senior Enlisted Leader, Garrison Command Sergeant Major, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, and Sustainment Command Support Operations Sergeant Major have been instrumental in ensuring the readiness and success of his units. His invaluable experience and expertise have helped shape the future leaders of our armed forces, leaving an indelible mark on those fortunate enough to have served under his guidance.

Throughout his illustrious career, Sergeant Major Thomas has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards and decorations. His personal accolades, including the Combat Action Badge, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal, are a testament to his exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to duty. Each of these honors reflects the bravery, selflessness, and dedication that Sergeant Major Thomas embodies every day.

Sergeant Major Thomas and his wife, Denita, reside in Noxapater, Mississippi. They have two children, Alex and Adam, and three grandchildren, Parker, Alexander, and Isabella.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 9 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 9:00:26 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 3740–3745; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 451–455, were introduced. **Page H2646**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2646–47**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Edwards to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2645**

Presidential Veto Message—Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his Memorandum of Disapproval of H.J. Res. 42, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022, and explained his reasons therefore—ordered printed (H. Doc. 118–45). **Pages H2645–46**

Without objection, the House postponed further consideration of the veto message and the joint resolution until the legislative day of June 13, 2023. **Page H2646**

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 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Tuesday, May 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Darrel James Papillion, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, May 29

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.

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