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## House of Representatives

The House met at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of West Virginia).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 14, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RILEY M. MOORE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

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

On this day, when many take time to appreciate their loved ones and sweethearts, may we discover that when we love each other, that that love is a gift from You, O Lord. We love because You first loved us.

So whether we are on the giving or receiving end of cards, flowers, or chocolates, all three or none at all, let us take the time to appreciate the love You have shown to each of us from the beginning of our lives, a love that has enabled every one of us to receive Your gifts of forgiveness and mercy, hope and grace.

From this deep well of love we have from You, may we draw cups of compassion for one another. May we offer rich appreciation for those with whom You have surrounded us, and may we share in the blessings we receive from Your hand with all who need to feel the tenderness of Your embrace.

For You, O God, have loved us with an everlasting love. You are the source of unfailing kindness that draws us toward You.

Sure of Your love this day, we pray in the joy of Your name.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

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

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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

FEBRUARY 13, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to Section 2(b)(4) of P.L. 117-140, I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific History and Culture:

Mr. Dennis Cheng of New York, New York  
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,  
*Democratic Leader.*

### 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, February 13, 2025.*

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 13, 2025, at 4:29 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 146.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 1 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. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. KENNEDY of Utah, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. MALOY, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. OWENS, and Ms. TITUS):

H.R. 1362. A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to include certain communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 1363. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate the Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember, Inc., as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

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

H.R. 1364. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide clarification regarding the inclusion of medically necessary automobile adaptations in Department of Veterans Affairs definition of "medical services"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WEBSTER of Florida:

H.R. 1365. A bill to amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to place certain restrictions on members and activities of the Foundation for Energy Security and Innovation of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. AMODEI of Nevada (for himself and Mr. HORSFORD):

H.R. 1366. A bill to provide for the location of multiple hardrock mining mill sites, to establish the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. ESTES, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PALMER, Ms. TENNEY, and Ms. FEDORCHAK):

H.R. 1367. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the credit for new clean vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Utah, and Mr. WHITESIDES):

H.R. 1368. A bill to provide for Department of Energy and National Aeronautics and Space Administration research and development coordination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. BISHOP (for himself, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. NORCROSS, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. JACK, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DOGETT, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 1369. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to former President Jimmy Carter in recognition of his service to the Nation; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BRECHEEN (for himself, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. DONALDS):

H.R. 1370. A bill to transfer unobligated funds from the United States Agency for International Development to the Disaster Relief Fund; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Ms. BUDZINSKI (for herself and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio):

H.R. 1371. A bill to redesignate the third Monday in February as Presidents' Day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. BURCHETT (for himself, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. ROSE, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. OGLES, Mr. DESJARLAIS, and Mr. KUSTOFF):

H.R. 1372. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 Macedonia Lane in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "Reverend Harold Middlebrook Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. BURCHETT (for himself and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 1373. A bill to require certain meetings of the Tennessee Valley Authority to be transparent and open to the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 1374. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make improvements to the Securing the Cities program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida:

H.R. 1375. A bill to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the maximum additional loan amount for certain disaster loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. COSTA (for himself, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. RILEY of New York, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. FINSTAD, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. FEENSTRA, and Mr. WOMACK):

H.R. 1376. A bill to amend the Animal Health Protection Act to provide compensation for poultry growers and layers in control areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LYNCH, and Ms. ROSS):

H.R. 1377. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Sarah Keys Evans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ESTES (for himself and Ms. PLASKETT):

H.R. 1378. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the temporary increase in limitation on the cover over of distilled spirits taxes to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FRY (for himself, Mr. LIEU, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. GARCIA of California):

H.R. 1379. A bill to provide for the vacating of certain convictions and expungement of certain arrests of victims of human trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 1380. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to establish the Office of the Special Investigator for Competition Matters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. HOUCHIN (for herself and Mr. RULLI):

H.R. 1381. A bill to prohibit Federal funds from being made available to entities that refuse to provide treatment based on COVID19 vaccination status; 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. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 1382. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to San Francisco Bay restoration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LAMALFA (for himself, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. BENTZ, and Mr. ZINKE):

H.R. 1383. A bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 1384. A bill to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers to provide recommendations and opinions to

veterans regarding participation in State marijuana programs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia (for herself and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 1385. A bill to require the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, to develop a strategy to increase membership in the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MILLS (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 1386. A bill to establish a Department of State Domestic Protection Mission relating to unmanned aircraft system and unmanned aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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

H.R. 1387. A bill to require the disclosure of information relating to the cost of programs, projects, or activities carried out using Federal funds; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. NORMAN (for himself, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. SELF):

H.R. 1388. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for fair-value credit estimates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 1389. A bill to secure the rights and dignity of marriage for Disabled Adult Children, and for other purposes; 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. PETERS (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. ISSA, and Ms. JACOBS):

H.R. 1390. A bill to modify permitting requirements with respect to the discharge of any pollutant from the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant in certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. RAMIREZ (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. FROST, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 1391. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide restoration of entitlement to educational assistance to individuals defrauded by educational institutions receiving payment on behalf of such individuals under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and to provide repayment of funds to the Secretary from such educational institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SHERRILL:

H.R. 1392. A bill to provide funding to the Bureau of Prisons, States, and localities to carry out mental health screenings and provide referrals to mental healthcare providers

for individuals in prison or jail; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STANTON (for himself and Mr. LAMALFA):

H.R. 1393. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct a review of the criteria for evaluating the cost-effectiveness of certain mitigation projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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

H.R. 1394. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to define the term natural cheese; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 1395. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to designate Trump's Birthday and Flag Day as a legal public holiday; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 1396. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the generic drugs and biosimilars production credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BACON:

H. Con. Res. 13. Concurrent resolution providing that George Washington's "Farewell Address" shall be read at the beginning of each Congress; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. DONALDS (for himself, Mr. CARSON, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. HUNT, and Mr. OWENS):

H. Res. 137. A resolution designating the House Press Gallery, Rooms H-315, H-316, H-317, H-318, and H-319 in the United States Capitol, as the "Frederick Douglass Press Gallery"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MAST:

H. Res. 138. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H. Res. 139. A resolution calling on the United Kingdom, France, and Germany (E3) to initiate the snapback of sanctions on Iran under United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WALBERG (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia):

H. Res. 140. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Education and Workforce in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

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

H. Res. 141. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Small Business in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

## 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. GOSAR:

H.R. 1362.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina:

H.R. 1363.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. BARRETT:

H.R. 1364.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. WEBSTER of Florida:

H.R. 1365.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. AMODEI of Nevada:

H.R. 1366.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to make all rules and regulations respecting property belonging to the United States under Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 1367.

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

Article I Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. BEGICH:

H.R. 1368.

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

Among other powers, those vested in Congress pursuant to Article I, Section 8 to: Provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; Regulate commerce, and Make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying Into execution Congress's other powers as provided under that Article.

By Mr. BISHOP:

H.R. 1369.

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

U.S. Const. art. 1, § 8, cls. 1, 3, 5, 13, 18

By Mr. BRECHEEN:

H.R. 1370.

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

Article I, Section 8.

By Ms. BUDZINSKI:

H.R. 1371.

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

Article I Section 8

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 1372.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 1373.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana:

H.R. 1374.

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

Article I, section 8

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida:

H.R. 1375.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution provides Congress with the authority to "provide for the common Defense and general Welfare" of Americans.

By Mr. COSTA:

H.R. 1376.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina:

H.R. 1377.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. ESTES:

H.R. 1378.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

By Mr. FRY:

H.R. 1379.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the US Constitution

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 1380.

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

Article I Section 8

By Mrs. HOUCHIN:

H.R. 1381.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 1382.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. LAMALFA:

H.R. 1383.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 1384.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia:

H.R. 1385.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MILLS:

H.R. 1386.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. NORMAN:

H.R. 1387.

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

To require the disclosure of information related to the cost of programs, projects, or activities carried out using federal funds.

By Mr. NORMAN:

H.R. 1388.

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

To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for fair-value credit estimates, and for other purposes.

By Mr. PANETTA:

H.R. 1389.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. PETERS:

H.R. 1390.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. RAMIREZ:

H.R. 1391.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Ms. SHERRILL:

H.R. 1392.

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

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the United States of America  
By Mr. STANTON:

H.R. 1393.

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

Article I

By Mr. STEIL:

H.R. 1394.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 1395.

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

Article I

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 1396.

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

Article I

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 22: Mr. MCGUIRE.  
H.R. 25: Mr. COLLINS.  
H.R. 71: Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina.  
H.R. 97: Ms. BOEBERT.  
H.R. 139: Mr. MILLS.  
H.R. 309: Mr. BAIRD.  
H.R. 377: Mr. VAN DREW.  
H.R. 433: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia and Ms. STRICKLAND.  
H.R. 507: Mr. MILLS.

H.R. 649: Mr. MOYLAN and Mr. YAKYM.  
H.R. 703: Mr. MANN, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. ADERHOLT.

H.R. 733: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 742: Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. ROUZER, and Mr. MILLS.

H.R. 758: Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 778: Mr. VAN DREW.

H.R. 811: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 833: Mr. STAUBER.

H.R. 842: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DELUZIO, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. ZINKE, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, and Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 849: Mr. PALMER.

H.R. 858: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.

H.R. 879: Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. HIMES, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CORREA, Mr. NEGUSE, and Mrs. FLETCHER.

H.R. 904: Mr. MASSIE.

H.R. 909: Ms. BROWNLEY and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 976: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska and Mr. CLOUD.

H.R. 989: Mr. MENENDEZ and Mr. LANDSMAN.

H.R. 1004: Mr. MOULTON, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Mr. MRVAN.

H.R. 1005: Mr. TAYLOR.

H.R. 1007: Mr. HUIZENGA and Mr. SHREVE.

H.R. 1015: Mr. BIGGS of Arizona.

H.R. 1028: Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 1035: Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 1041: Mr. MURPHY.

H.R. 1052: Mr. MILLS.

H.R. 1125: Mr. TAYLOR.

H.R. 1134: Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona.

H.R. 1144: Mr. JACK and Mr. CUELLAR.

H.R. 1145: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CARSON, and Mr. LANDSMAN.

H.R. 1151: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. MEUSER, Mr.

PETERS, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. CLINE, Mr. STEIL, and Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 1158: Mr. VEASEY.

H.R. 1165: Mr. NEHLS.

H.R. 1177: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.

H.R. 1195: Mr. LANGWORTHY and Mr. WEBER of Texas.

H.R. 1222: Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas and Mr. GOODEN.

H.R. 1232: Mr. MILLS and Mr. GRIFFITH.

H.R. 1266: Ms. SALINAS, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. MANN, and Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 1277: Ms. MCCLELLAN.

H.R. 1284: Mr. GOODEN and Mr. ALFORD.

H.R. 1286: Mr. MEUSER.

H.R. 1296: Mr. FIELDS.

H.R. 1317: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

H.R. 1321: Mr. HIMES, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. JACOBS, and Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 1322: Mr. VASQUEZ.

H.R. 1323: Mr. VASQUEZ.

H.R. 1324: Mr. VASQUEZ.

H.R. 1329: Mr. AMO and Mr. SORESENSEN.

H.R. 1330: Mr. CASTRO of Texas.

H.R. 1345: Mr. MASSIE, Mr. BRECHEEN, and Mr. STUTZMAN.

H.R. 1346: Mr. JACK, Mr. CAREY, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, and Mr. GRAVES.

H.R. 1349: Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina and Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 1359: Mrs. FOUSHEE.

H.R. 1361: Mr. STEUBE.

H.J. Res. 28: Mr. TURNER of Ohio and Mr. MURPHY.

H.J. Res. 35: Mr. ALLEN and Mr. GROTHMAN.

H. Res. 70: Mr. CROW and Ms. BARRAGAN.

H. Res. 94: Ms. CHU and Mr. FROST.

H. Res. 116: Mr. COSTA.

H. Res. 136: Mr. LAMALFA.



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## *Senate*

The Senate met at 9 and 2 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 18, 2025, AT 3 P.M.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands

adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9 and 18 seconds a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 3 p.m.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR  
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**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, we now know what a \$280 million investment in the presidential campaign will give you—the opportunity to totally destroy one of America's most important soft power institutions, that is the United States Agency for International Development.

What has happened over the last 17 days is an extraordinary display of contempt for the American government. If you think about this in totality, right off the start, all federal funding stopped. What does that mean to the programs that Americans depend upon? Programs that gave people access to health care, education, programs that funded valuable medical research and infrastructure programs. For what purpose was that done? Perhaps to set up the next step, which is the dismantling of extraordinarily important programs.

For me and for my wife, more than almost 58 years ago, we participated in a USAID program which at that time was just four years old. Set up by then-President Kennedy. We volunteered for a vaccination program. An effort created by the United Nations funded by the American government, through USAID, to eradicate smallpox. We spent a month in rural Ethiopia doing vaccinations. Then as our life moved on, we continued working to provide the necessary services so that people could survive.

The Food for Peace program, my wife Patti actually ran that when she was at USDA as an assistant administrator. The famine camps, we were there. We saw the children that were dying of starvation, and we saw when the American grain finally arrived. I remember clearly one evening at the famine camp in Ethiopia in the mid 1980's, a woman literally in rags picking up individual grains of wheat that had spilled from the bags. She was trying to fill a cup so that there would be enough food that she could take back to her children. They died that night of starvation.

The richest man in the world invested over \$250 million in a presidential campaign, and he was given the keys to the American government and the opportunity to destroy things that he didn't like. USAID is not only providing the necessary food to allow people to continue to live, but also to thrive. Programs, agricultural programs, economic development programs around the world. People that didn't have the opportunity were given it and they were given this opportunity by the generosity of the American people.

So, Mr. Speaker, what we have is here is a billionaire Elon Musk, who has the greatest wealth of any individual in the world, who seems to think he has the right to destroy people's lives. Before Musk does this, Mr.

Speaker, before our president gives him the power to do that, I would ask Musk and President Trump to get on their private jets or get on Air Force One. I urge them to go to one of the famine camps in southern Sudan and hold a starving child in their arms. I urge Musk and Trump to look at the extended belly, the vacant stare, look at this child who cannot even to hold up their own head up and know that the American people have developed an emergency supplemental food program that can revive that child. And then and only then can they both come back and decide whether to put USAID into the wood chopper.

If Musk or President Trump have just a modicum of humanity or any sense of compassion, they would never ever have taken USAID and destroyed it. Mr. Speaker if President Trump and Musk had any sense that both of their actions are doing to the thousands, indeed, millions of people around the world they both would decide to reverse what they are both are doing to USAID.

There are other programs that are out there, and we will be talking about those programs. The Department of Education, labor department, giving the richest man in the world the keys to the U.S. Treasury? What is going on here? What information has been gathered? Where did that information go? What will it be used for? Who owns that information now, the U.S. Government or Elon Musk? These are serious questions that my colleagues and I will continue to raise.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN  
HERO THOMAS PASKVAN

**HON. BETH VAN DUYN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, 17-year-old Thomas Paskvan from Southlake. Thomas achieved remarkable success in the world of fiddling, securing another first-place victory at the 2025 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Fiddle Showdown. He began his musical journey at the age of three with the violin, switching to the fiddle 10 years ago and immersing himself in the vibrant world of country tunes. His dedication paid off when he took home a \$2,500 scholarship, a coveted belt buckle, and an invitation to a one-day master class at the Texas Fiddle Clinic.

The competition offers a platform for young fiddlers to showcase their talents while keeping the tradition of Texas fiddling alive. Contestants are required to prepare a mix of fast-paced breakdowns, waltzes, and a tune of their choosing, demonstrating their versatility and musical prowess.

Beyond his accolades, Thomas finds value in the camaraderie and relaxed atmosphere of the competition that allows contestants to connect and enjoy the experience together. This sense of community, alongside his musical

achievements, highlights his talent and appreciation for the people and traditions that shaped his journey in the world of music.

I congratulate Thomas on his victory. I thank him for inspiring young musicians not only across our community, but the entire Lone Star State.

HONORING CORPORAL STEVEN  
CROWLEY'S SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

**HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the extraordinary sacrifice of Corporal Steven Crowley, a United States Marine who, at the cost of his own life, valiantly safeguarded nearly 100 employees of the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, on November 21, 1979. His legacy stands as a testament to the highest ideals of duty, courage, and selfless devotion to our Nation.

Born on March 27, 1959, Corporal Crowley was raised in Port Jefferson Station, New York, alongside his four brothers and three sisters. From an early age, his character and integrity were evident to all who knew him. Those in his community recognized in him a rare and noble spirit—one defined by kindness, strength, and an unwavering commitment to others. Eileen Carlson, the mother of his best friend, recalled him as the "neighborhood son," and his older brother Richard described him simply as "an excellent person." A gifted athlete, he excelled in cross-country running at Comsewogue High School, demonstrating the same perseverance that would later define his service in uniform.

In 1977, Corporal Crowley answered the call to serve, enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. He completed Marine Corps Recruit Training, earning the coveted title of Marine, and after two years stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, he was selected for the prestigious Marine Security Guard program, ultimately being assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad.

On November 21, 1979, disinformation regarding U.S. involvement in the siege of the Grand Mosque of Mecca sparked a violent uprising outside the embassy. As the situation escalated into an uncontrollable mob, Corporal Crowley remained at his post, steadfast in his duty. As waves of rioters arrived—hurling stones, scaling walls, and ultimately breaching the compound—he did not waver. The mob, armed and growing in number, launched direct assaults, set fire to embassy buildings, and pressed forward with deadly intent. Yet, in the face of overwhelming chaos, Corporal Crowley stood resolute, holding his post until he was tragically struck by sniper fire.

Because of his unwavering bravery, the embassy employees were able to reach safety. For his valor, Corporal Crowley was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal and

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Purple Heart. He now rests among America's heroes at Arlington National Cemetery.

Though 45 years have passed since that fateful day, his memory endures. His name and sacrifice have been immortalized: in 2006, the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group dedicated a classroom in his honor; in 2009, Steven J. Crowley Memorial Park was unveiled in the Town of Brookhaven, New York; and in 2023, the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group renamed its student barracks in tribute to his legacy.

Today, I urge my colleagues to reflect on the magnitude of his sacrifice. On behalf of a grateful community and a grateful Nation, we offer our deepest respect and gratitude to Corporal Steven Crowley. May his courage and dedication never be forgotten.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN  
HERO JOE DEPINTO

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Joe DePinto. Joe has made a profound impact on North Texas through his leadership in business and community service. A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, his career has been guided by his early lessons of discipline, strategy, and teamwork.

After serving as an officer in the U.S. Army's Field Artillery branch, Joe transitioned to the corporate world. As the CEO of Irving-based 7-Eleven, he led the company to achieve unprecedented growth and modernization, driving job creation and economic development in North Texas.

Beyond his corporate success, Joe has been a strong and consistent advocate for America's military families, veterans, and education. His leadership talents aren't limited to corporate boardrooms—Joe has held key roles with organizations like the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund and the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation, working to improve the lives of many. In recognition of his selfless personal sacrifices and unwavering commitment to supporting our military and veterans, Joe recently received the Sam Johnson Defender of Freedom Award.

Joe's contributions reflect the values of service and leadership that make our North Texas community so special. Whether through corporate initiatives or personal advocacy, Joe continues to set an example of how business leaders can drive positive change.

HONORING PHILLIP AUSTIN

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of Phillip Austin, who passed away on December 20, 2024, at the age of 73 years old. An Arizona trailblazer and a champion for the Latino community, Phil will continue to live on through the countless lives he positively impacted.

A fourth-generation Arizonan, Phil was born in Mesa, Arizona, on February 17, 1951, to Albert "Beto" & Margaret "Maggie" Austin, who devoted their lives to operating Albert's Market. From a young age, Beto and Maggie instilled in him and his six siblings the value of service and hard work.

After graduating from Brophy College Preparatory in 1969, Phil continued his studies at Santa Clara University and the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, where his passion for civil rights was ignited. Phil often reminisced about his days as a student activist, specifically recalling his arrest for joining a "sit-in" protest over the firing of Latino faculty.

His lifelong pursuit of justice continued back in Arizona where Phil served as Assistant Attorney General and Chief Counsel for the Arizona Attorney General Civil Rights Division for sixteen years. His service at the Attorney General's office was instrumental in the passage of Arizona's first fair housing legislation, anti-discrimination laws for the elderly and disabled, and initiatives fostering the development of dispute resolution and mediation programs throughout the state of Arizona.

Known by then as "Mr. Mesa," his passionate advocacy for the Latino community prompted him to establish the East Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, equipping innovative Hispanic entrepreneurs with the confidence and resources to achieve their highest aspirations.

In 1994, he opened his own legal practice in downtown Mesa, where he practiced transactional, employment, civil rights, and fair housing law. Phil was a dedicated public servant and a beacon of hope for immigrants. He would donate space in his law firm to strategize and combat harsh and damaging anti-immigrant policies like SB1070—a law that devastated many Latino families in Arizona. Phil also played a key role in establishing the Alston House Center for Peace and Justice, a community hub for services and social justice initiatives. These efforts led him to also establish the Latino PAC del Rio Salado, giving a platform to bright and aspiring Latino elected officials.

Phil devoted his life to forging a stronger path forward for our state, earning him countless awards and recognitions, including the Phoenix Jaycee's Three Outstanding Young Men Award, Valle de Sol's Exemplary Leadership Award, and the NAACP's Roy Wilkins Award. Phil donated his time often, sitting on several state and local advisory boards. He founded the Mesa Association of Hispanic Citizens, the Albert D. Austin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Albert D. Austin Mariachi Academy to empower young people through music education and cultural enrichment, and the EVHCC's STEAM Scholars program. Arizona owes a debt of gratitude to Phil.

Phil will be remembered for his tender-hearted nature and being a loving friend, brother, father, husband, and Tata. He is survived by his beloved wife, Christy, and his beloved children Lela, Lt. Colonel Phillip A. Austin, Angelo Austin, State Representative Lorena Austin, and his beautiful grandchildren. I thank him. Godspeed.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN  
HERO ANIRUDH MAZUMDER

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science senior, Anirudh Mazumder. Anirudh's desire to serve others began in childhood, inspired by summers spent with his grandparents, where he learned the power of community involvement. This early influence motivated him to work toward unlocking the potential of our North Texas community, including through participating in our Congressional Youth Advisory Council.

After witnessing a family member's struggle to find a kidney donor, Anirudh co-founded KidneyChain LLC to address the inefficiencies in organ matching, aiming to save lives by preventing organ waste, and he currently serves on the National Kidney Association's Advisory Committee. Anirudh later participated in the Colleyville Chamber of Commerce's Youth Leadership Program, where he noticed a decline in youth volunteerism, prompting him to launch his "Rise and Serve" initiative that has engaged nearly 100 young North Texans. To help build excitement and interest in public service, Anirudh created a website and podcast series featuring local leaders to showcase service opportunities and highlight success stories.

I thank Anirudh for his dedication to engaging North Texans in public service. Our community's future looks brighter than ever thanks to young leaders like him.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, the Hernando County School District has long been committed to providing high-quality education that prepares students for success in both academic and career pursuits. The district believes in the power of Career and Technical Education (CTE) to support students in achieving economic independence and contribute meaningfully to the community.

For its more than 23,000 students, the Hernando County School District offers a wide variety of CTE programs across 14 of the 16 career clusters identified by the Florida Department of Education. These programs provide students with a comprehensive education focused on technical, "soft" and industry specific skills in fields ranging from Healthcare, Information Technology, and Agriculture to Skilled Trades and Entrepreneurship. More than 86 percent of Hernando School's graduating seniors have participated in CTE programs, underscoring the district's commitment to introducing and expanding access to these rich and experiential courses that will inform students long after graduation.

A fundamental component of the growth and popularity of CTE in the school district is the

collaboration between the school district, local industries, governing agencies and workforce leaders. This partnership ensures there is alignment between the needs of employers and industry leaders to the school districts CTE program, strengthening the talent pipeline and highlighting employment opportunities within the community. As an example, Hernando Schools was an early adopter of the Space Academy initiative led by Space Florida. As an advocate for this exciting and novel initiative, in 2024, HCSD was one of 22 school districts named a Space Academy District to grow Space Industry momentum in Hernando County.

A significant milestone for the expansion of Career and Technical Education was the opening of the Wilton Simpson Technical College, the first postsecondary site in the county. Wilton Simpson Technical College or "STC" will provide the community with access to advanced technical training and certification programs, expanding postsecondary educational opportunities in needed workforce industries. Through the use of voter approved millage funds, Hernando Schools demonstrates a commitment to ensuring this new facility is outfitted with cutting-edge resources to enhance a variety of programs.

The vision of the Hernando School District is to "grow our own" by providing educational pathways that lead to stable, rewarding, and local careers. We embrace our role and are honored to serve as a driving force for creating a healthy community through quality workforce education, strong partnerships with local leaders and as a proponent of forward-thinking industry initiatives that will position Hernando County as a lifelong home for residents. Hernando County is well positioned to be a place where education, industry, and community work hand-in-hand to create lasting success.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN  
HERO DR. RAMESH SHARMA

**HON. BETH VAN DUYN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Dr. Ramesh Sharma of Fort Worth. At 85 years old, Dr. Sharma is a shining example that age is merely a number. Raised in India, he earned his degree in mechanical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology before joining the civilian Indian naval forces. He completed several years of service before immigrating to the U.S. and settling in Fort Worth in 1986. Working as a stress engineer at various nuclear power plants, Dr. Sharma was driven by a desire to provide his children with the best educational opportunities.

Upon retirement, he set his sights on his next goal: continuing his education. In 2014, he completed his master's degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington. Taking classes one by one over the next decade, he earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics, an incredible feat he attributes to the unwavering support of his family and professors. At his graduation, a touching moment unfolded as his son, who also earned his doctorate, assisted him in donning his graduation

robes. Dr. Sharma aims to mentor students and give back to our community.

Dr. Sharma's determination in the pursuit of knowledge is an inspiration to North Texans and I congratulate him on his incredible achievement.

TRIBUTE TO A BALTIMORE TV  
ICON: THE LATE REVEREND DR.  
TIMOTHY LAMAR TOOTEN, SR.

**HON. KWEISI MFUME**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a dear friend, a loving family man, an inspiring educator, a devout pastor, an accomplished writer, an award-winning journalist, and a person of the highest caliber—the late Reverend Dr. Timothy Lamar Tooten, Sr.

Dr. Tim Tooten was not a native son of Baltimore, but we embraced him as one of our own. He gravitated towards journalism as a child, interviewing his middle school classmates using a pencil as a microphone. Tim's course in life was set in high school, when a teacher asked him to record a Public Service Announcement for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), urging voter registration—and he fell in love with the sound of his voice on the air.

He continued broadcasting as a student at Florida State University. His career began in earnest when he was chosen for a competitive internship with the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, spending a year in Washington, D.C. learning his trade.

His next stop was Huntington, West Virginia, where he spent five years working for WSAZ-TV. In Huntington, he met the love of his life, Charleen Dawson Tooten, and they would spend the next 40 years together in blissful matrimony.

After his time in Huntington was done, Tim moved his family to Baltimore, working as a reporter at WMAR-2 for just over a year. Following this chapter at WMAR-2, he began selling insurance to support his family while continuing to do freelance journalism. This freelance work led to his hiring at WBAL-TV, the station that he called home for 35 years.

At WBAL-TV, Dr. Tooten was the station's only education reporter, and he gradually became one of Baltimore's most recognized faces and most trusted voices. He was especially beloved by the children of the Baltimore area, who knew that the snow day wasn't official until they heard it from Tim.

Dr. Tooten's voice was respected not only by the people of Baltimore, but also by his journalistic colleagues. He was immensely proud of his work on the documentary *Africa's Maryland*, wherein he traveled to Liberia to explore that country's historical connections to our state. This documentary was lauded by the press, earning a regional Emmy as well as the National Headliner Award Best of Show and the National Edward R. Murrow Award. His documentary *East is East*, chronicling life growing up as a Black man on Maryland's Eastern Shore, earned him another National Headliner Award, and in 2024, Dr. Tooten was inducted into the Emmy Silver Circle Hall of Fame, recognizing his 25 years of significant contributions to the broadcasting industry.

Dr. Tim Tooten was a man who wore many hats. He was passionate about education, providing mentorship to young Black men at Perry Hall High School and dispensing wisdom in his broadcasting classes at Loyola University Maryland. He furthered his own education, earning degrees in theology and ministry while working full time and raising a family.

Rev. Dr. Tooten organized his own church, Harvest Christian Ministries, and devoted himself to spreading the good word in his retirement. He served on the board of the Maryland Bible Society, and in 2017, he penned a book, *Leading by Example: A Parental Guide to Teaching and Modeling Christian Faith at Home*, which married his twin joys of teaching and preaching.

Though Tim was taken from us far too soon, I find comfort in knowing that the Lord has called him home for a purpose greater than we can understand. I take heart in the knowledge that he awaits his loved ones in the Kingdom of Heaven, basking in the glory of the Almighty.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN  
HERO ST. ANN MAGI MINISTRY

**HON. BETH VAN DUYN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, St. Ann Magi Ministry in Coppell. More than 30 years ago, St. Ann Catholic Parish began its Magi Ministry, giving 100 gifts to those who would have otherwise gone without. Over the years, the ministry has grown to be one of the most important parts of the parish's Christmas season. More than 3,400 children, seniors, seminarians, and families received Christmas gifts this year thanks to the generosity of parishioners.

Beginning the weekend before Thanksgiving, parish members can choose an ornament from a tree around the church. Each ornament contains a gift request from a child in the St. Ann community, residents of Hillcrest and Ewing Houses, as well as children from Blessed Sacrament. The volunteers at Magi Ministry collect, sort, and wrap the gifts before individually delivering them to their recipients.

My heartfelt thanks go out to St. Ann volunteers for spreading Christmas love and cheer throughout our community. They are a shining example of what makes North Texas great.

HONORING AFRICAN AMERICANS  
IN LABOR DURING BLACK HIS-  
TORY MONTH

**HON. FRANK J. MRVAN**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise to celebrate Black History Month and its 2025 theme—African Americans and Labor. This year's theme reflects on the struggles and triumphs of the African American community in the workforce who have fought and continue



to fight for equal and fair labor opportunities, practices, and legislation.

Throughout the history of the United States, African Americans have endured extremely disparaging and harsh labor conditions including slavery, economic inequality, and discrimination. In the fight to create change in the labor system, many courageous people have worked tirelessly to protect, advance, and empower the African American workforce through activism, community building, and labor unions. Due to these efforts, America has seen significant positive change to its values and belief systems, and the effort continues today. The foundation of our great nation is reliant upon the advancement of a strong workforce, one that provides opportunities and economic stability for all people.

I would like to take this time to honor a couple of the many dedicated leaders in Northwest Indiana who work diligently to support economic equality and labor opportunity for the African American community and for all people throughout the region and beyond. Arvella Greenlaw is a member of the United Steelworkers Local Union 6787 and the Women of Steel District 7 Coordinator. Throughout her career, Arvella has organized and developed community service projects and led volunteer efforts with the Women of Steel and numerous other organizations. For her dedication to union members in the fight for employment opportunity and equality, Arvella Greenlaw is to be highly commended. Joree Richards is an IBEW International Representative for the Sixth District. Throughout his career, Joree has held many noteworthy positions and leadership roles. Through his work with the Indiana Plan, a pre-apprenticeship program endorsed by the Indiana State Building Trades, he leads efforts to support workers by providing them the skills and knowledge needed to prosper in the construction and building trades. Among the many great initiatives of the Indiana Plan, the organization works to promote the recruitment of women and minorities to the trades and to place candidates in construction jobs at a training rate. For his outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to providing workers with pathways to stable and rewarding careers, he is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating Black History Month and recognizing the dedication and contributions of Arvella Greenlaw, Joree Richards, and so many other extraordinary members of the African American community who continue to fight for safe working conditions, living wages, and growth opportunities in the workforce.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN  
HERO COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS  
DALLAS REGION

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Communities in Schools Dallas Region. A local nonprofit founded in 1985, Communities in Schools supports North Texas children on the Texas Education Agency's "at-risk" list

through academic and mental health intervention as well as social services. The organization is working to improve outcomes for K-12 children in school and at home by removing barriers to success.

As the winter weather moved into North Texas, CIS Dallas began their annual Holiday Drive to keep students warm, healthy, and ready to learn. With the help of community members, the organization collected coats, gloves, blankets, hygiene products, and other essentials to deliver directly to students in need. In 2024, the nonprofit was able to assist 10,000 North Texas students.

I thank Communities in Schools of the Dallas Region for going above and beyond to support at-risk students in our community.

RECOGNIZING DAVID GUINDON'S 27  
YEARS OF SERVICE TO SANDY'S  
BEEF & ALE

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, David Guindon of Levittown, who is retiring after 27 years of quality customer service to our community at Sandy's Beef & Ale in Langhorne, PA.

Before becoming a co-owner, David was a regular patron at Sandy's Beef & Ale. It came as no surprise when in 1997, Dave Guindon and his former business partner, Bill Clark, purchased the establishment. In 2002, just five years later, David's wife Jane bought Bill's shares and together they worked tirelessly to maintain the legacy of Sandy's Beef & Ale while continuing to build on its reputation as a beloved community establishment. Under their leadership, Sandy's Beef & Ale quickly became a cornerstone of the Langhorne community.

David's dedication to our community was a driving force of the restaurant. He ensured that Sandy's Beef & Ale was a gathering place to support charitable organizations such as the Lower Bucks Family YMCA, the Middletown Athletics Association, and the American Cancer Society. Sandy's became more than just a place to get food and drinks; it became a place for neighbors to come together and make a difference in our community.

As David enters this new chapter of life, I want to take a moment to thank him for his years of hard work and his unwavering dedication to our community. On behalf of the residents of Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District, I extend my warmest congratulations to David on his retirement.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN  
HERO MEALS ON WHEELS OF  
TARRANT COUNTY

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County. Since 1973, the

organization has been helping some of North Texas' most vulnerable citizens. By providing home-delivered meals, professional case management, and other necessary services or items, the organization helps homebound, elderly, and disabled individuals to remain living independently. In addition to delivering over 1 million meals each year, the organization holds an annual Silver Santa Campaign to help spread holiday cheer.

The holiday initiative involves collecting and distributing gifts to the citizens they serve daily. Committed case managers compile wish lists from Tarrant County's most vulnerable and isolated residents. With the help of community donations and volunteers, they strive to fulfill these wishes, personally delivering gifts to recipients' homes. This year, 800 homebound individuals were "adopted" and received special surprises to brighten their holiday season.

I'm grateful to Wheels on Meals of Tarrant County for their year-round work and going the extra mile during the holiday season to bring cheer and comfort to members of our community.

HONORING MAYOR SCOTT LUND

**HON. ILHAN OMAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Scott Lund, the former Mayor of Fridley. He recently retired after nearly five decades of dedicated service to his community. Throughout his tenure, Mayor Lund has been a devoted leader, guiding the city to become a safe, vibrant, and welcoming place to live. His leadership has been instrumental in advancing numerous projects that have contributed to the city's growth and development.

Mayor Lund moved to Fridley in 1979 and became involved in the community out of a commitment to giving back to others. He married his wife, Cindy, in 1976, and they have three children and four grandchildren. Mayor Lund has owned his own manufactured home sales and service business for 48 years. Elected to office in 2000, and continuously re-elected by the residents of Fridley, he has worked tirelessly as an advocate for residents.

Those who worked closely with Mayor Lund admired his commitment to public service and his unwavering dedication to all of his fellow neighbors in Fridley. He has always been active in the community, engaging with residents, listening to their concerns, and advocating for their needs. Mayor Lund's hands-on approach to leadership has truly set him apart as a public servant.

Under his leadership, Fridley has experienced transformative change. One of Mayor Lund's most significant contributions was his emphasis on environmental stewardship. He championed the redevelopment of the Northern Stacks industrial campus, a project that revitalized a vital city area, cleaned up soil contamination, and reduced pollution. Additionally, Mayor Lund spearheaded a \$30 million initiative to improve the city's park system, ensuring Fridley remains a beautiful and livable community for generations.

Mayor Scott Lund embodies excellence, integrity, and leadership. His long and impactful

career is a testament to the difference that dedicated public service can make. It is an honor to thank him for his remarkable service and to celebrate his well-deserved retirement.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO  
BLAKE LINDSAY

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**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2025*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Blake

Lindsay who worked for Envision Dallas. Blake was an inspiration to all who knew him, embracing his visual impairment and using it to advocate for others. An Envision Employee of the Year, National Industries for the Blind Public Policy Ambassador, and friend to everyone, Blake impacted thousands of people with his incredible energy, passion, and positivity. His zest for life was unmatched.

For 15 years, he served North Texans in managerial roles at Envision Dallas, an organization providing opportunities and assistance to visually impaired individuals. His colleagues appreciated his love for people, ability to light up any room, and deep commitment to helping others. Among Blake's remarkable achieve-

ments, he has DJed at top 40 stations for 22 years, known as Blazin' Blake Lindsay, and authored three books to promote awareness and education about the visually impaired community.

Blake led a life of integrity, inspiring others to achieve their dreams. His passion and joy leave a lasting legacy in every life he touched.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate met at 9:00:02 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 9:00:18 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 35 public bills, H.R. 1362–1396; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 13; and H. Res. 137–141, were introduced. **Pages H713–15**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H716**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Moore (WV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H713**

**Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific History and Culture—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following member to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific History and Culture: Mr. Dennis Cheng of New York, New York. **Page H713**

**Senate Referral:** S. 146 was held at the desk.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H713.

**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 1:30 p.m. and adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

### Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* business meeting to resume consideration of pending calendar business, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Tuesday, February 18

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

1 p.m., Tuesday, February 18

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senator Wicker will be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address. Following his remarks, Senate will be in a period of morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.). At 5:30 p.m., Senator Thune will be recognized, and Senators should expect a series of votes on or in relation to nominations and other pending calendar business.

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.

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