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## House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McGUIRE).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
August 12, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN J. McGUIRE, III 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:

Holy and compassionate God, keep Your watchful eye upon us and place Your hand on our lives. Guide us in the way we should go. Remind us again that wherever we are, in whatever situation we find ourselves, we are neither lost nor alone.

And may we acknowledge our hunger for Your presence and our dependence on Your guidance. For as much as we think we can go it alone, fighting against Your wisdom, we need a deeper understanding that our joy and our satisfaction can only be found in You.

We are Your children, the ones You have deigned to love with a love so encompassing that we need only trust in You, yield to Your instruction, and live as You would have us live.

May this be our aim today and all days.

We pray this in Your sovereign name.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

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

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until noon on Friday, August 15, 2025.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, August 15, 2025, at noon.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-1679. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Major General Joseph F. Jarrard, Army National Guard of the United States, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777a(b)(4); Public Law 111-383, Sec. 505(a)(1); (124 Stat. 4209); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1680. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Vice Admiral Frank M. Bradley, United States Navy, to wear the insignia of the grade of admiral, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777a(b)(4); Public Law 111-383, Sec. 505(a)(1); (124 Stat. 4209); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1681. A letter from the Acting Director of Executive Services, OCHCO, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting a notification of a discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1682. A letter from the Acting Director of Executive Services, OCHCO, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting a notification of a designation of acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1683. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a notification of a nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1684. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a notification of an action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1685. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a notification of an action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1686. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Environmental Analysis of Army Actions (AR 200-2) [Docket ID: USA-2025-HQ-0003] (RIN: 0702-AB02) received August 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1687. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Anchorage Regulations; Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, CA [Docket Number: USCG-2023-0868] (RIN: 1625-AA01) received August 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1688. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Corpus Christi Bay, Corpus Christi, TX [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0483] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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EC-1689. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Little Potato Slough, Stockton, CA [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0657] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1690. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Special Local Regulation; 100th Annual Pony Swim, Chincoteague Inlet and Surrounding Waters, Sector Virginia Captain of the Port Zone [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0463] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received August 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1691. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Kentucky River, Frankfort, KY [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0635] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1692. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary interim rule — Regulated Navigation Area and Safety Zone; Hampton River, Hampton, NH [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0389] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1693. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Dyes Inlet, Silverdale, WA [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0649] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

## 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. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. PERRY, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. WIED, and Mr. RULLI):

H.R. 4947. A bill to prohibit the use of race-based or sex-based criteria in the administration of certain Department of Agriculture programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

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

H.R. 4948. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to extend the authorization for certain alternative fuel and clean vehicles to use HOV facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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

H.R. 4949. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a credit for certain employers of qualifying career and technical education students; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. HOUCHIN (for herself, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr.

NUNN of Iowa, Mr. COSTA, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 4950. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate into the National Broadband Map of the Commission a layer that presents data on the location of agricultural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Utah:

H.R. 4951. A bill to authorize an exception to the prohibition on the construction of naval vessels in foreign shipyards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Utah:

H.R. 4952. A bill to authorize an exception to the prohibition on the construction of Coast Guard vessels in foreign shipyards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 4953. A bill to authorize a civil right of action for individuals on whom gender-related medical treatment was performed while such individual was a minor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. McDONALD RIVET (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 4954. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to maintain a publicly available list of all employers that relocate a call center or contract call center work overseas, to make such companies ineligible for Federal grants or guaranteed loans, and to require disclosure of the physical location of business agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, Oversight and Government Reform, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MOYLAN (for himself, Mr. CASE, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, and Ms. KING-HINDS):

H.R. 4955. A bill to establish the Pacific Counternarcotics Initiative to assist certain countries with counterdrug interdiction efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 4956. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to require a majority of the members of the Commission of Fine Arts to be residents of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 4957. A bill to reform rural housing programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 4958. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require notification prior to the use of substances as generally recognized as safe, reassessment of the safety of certain substances marketed as generally recognized as safe, provide resources for reviews and reassessments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. ROSS (for herself, Ms. BALINT, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. SIMON, Mr. JOHNSON OF

Georgia, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. NADLER, and Mrs. FOUSHEE):

H.R. 4959. A bill to amend section 237 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for an exception related to protected speech activities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. SCHNEIDER):

H.R. 4960. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a system to notify individuals approaching Medicare eligibility; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SCHOLTEN (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. DELUZZIO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 4961. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to provide grants to owners and operators of publicly owned treatment works for use complying with requirements regarding the treatment of emerging contaminants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. SCHOLTEN (for herself, Mr. LANDSMAN, and Mr. TRAN):

H.R. 4962. A bill to direct the United States International Trade Commission to carry out a study on the inflationary impact of the tariffs imposed by certain executive orders and to report to Congress the findings of such study; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 4963. A bill to provide for the rescheduling of marijuana into schedule III of the Controlled Substances Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. TAYLOR (for himself, Mr. ONDER, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. ESTES, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina):

H.R. 4964. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 4965. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to expand career counseling opportunities within student support and academic enrichment grants; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. TLAIB (for herself, Mr. CASAR, Mr. NADLER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. TRAN, Ms. SIMON, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CARSON, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. ANSARI, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. THANEDAR):

H.R. 4966. A bill to prohibit retail food stores from price gouging and engaging in surveillance-based price setting practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. TOKUDA (for herself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. THANEDAR, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. FIELDS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. CHU, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. BROWN, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Ms. STANSBURY, and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 4967. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to exclude from income certain funds received under the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. TOKUDA (for herself, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. TONKO, Ms. PINGREE, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 4968. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements in the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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

H.R. 4969. A bill to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to investigate and report on the prices for pad sites in manufactured home communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H. Res. 647. A resolution condemning remarks made by Representative Delia Ramirez of Illinois declaring her allegiance to the Republic of Guatemala before the United States of America; to the Committee on Ethics.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H. Res. 648. A resolution celebrating 50 years of Bruce Springsteen's album, "Born to Run"; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. CHU, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. TONKO, and Ms. MENG):

H. Res. 649. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of August 17 through August 23, 2025, as "Warehouse Worker Recognition Week", the national event celebrating the workers in the logistics industry; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

#### 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. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 4947.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 4948.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 4949.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mrs. HOUCHIN:

H.R. 4950.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Utah:

H.R. 4951.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. KENNEDY of Utah:

H.R. 4952.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1 section 8

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 4953.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Ms. McDONALD RIVET:

H.R. 4954.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Sec. 8

By Mr. MOYLAN:

H.R. 4955.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 4956.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa:

H.R. 4957.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 4958.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: [The Congress shall have Power] To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes

By Ms. ROSS:

H.R. 4959.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Under Article I Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 4960.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.

By Ms. SCHOLTEN:

H.R. 4961.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8

By Ms. SCHOLTEN:

H.R. 4962.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 4963.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I Section 8

By Mr. TAYLOR:

H.R. 4964.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 4965.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Ms. TLAIB:

H.R. 4966.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 1 of the Constitution.

By Ms. TOKUDA:

H.R. 4967.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. TOKUDA:

H.R. 4968.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. VASQUEZ:

H.R. 4969.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United State Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of the Congress.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 595: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.  
H.R. 653: Mr. STEUBE.  
H.R. 715: Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 742: Mr. STEUBE.  
H.R. 768: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H.R. 777: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H.R. 842: Mr. VAN ORDEN.  
H.R. 846: Mr. DOGGETT.  
H.R. 868: Mr. WEBER of Texas.  
H.R. 929: Ms. BUDZINSKI and Ms. MCBRIDE.  
H.R. 979: Mr. CRANE and Mr. EVANS of Colorado.  
H.R. 1266: Mr. MIN.  
H.R. 1273: Ms. KING-HINDS.  
H.R. 1517: Mr. SORENSEN.  
H.R. 1518: Mr. SOTO, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Ms. ROSS.  
H.R. 1548: Mr. EZELL, Mr. STRONG, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. CASE.  
H.R. 1657: Mr. RASKIN.  
H.R. 1674: Mr. DOGGETT.  
H.R. 1756: Mr. CASAR.  
H.R. 1954: Ms. UNDERWOOD.  
H.R. 1992: Mr. DOGGETT.  
H.R. 2029: Mr. LEVIN.  
H.R. 2055: Mr. PAPPAS.  
H.R. 2086: Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. RYAN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. STANTON, and Mr. SORENSEN.

- H.R. 2196: Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 2199: Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 2231: Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS.  
H.R. 2402: Mr. LIEU.  
H.R. 2477: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.  
H.R. 2512: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H.R. 2627: Mrs. SYKES.  
H.R. 2635: Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 2639: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.  
H.R. 2678: Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 2707: Mr. KEAN.  
H.R. 2735: Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 2757: Mr. GREEN of Texas and Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 2850: Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 2864: Mr. BUCHANAN and Mr. STAUBER.  
H.R. 2878: Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 2911: Mr. MOORE of North Carolina and Mr. WITTMAN.  
H.R. 2948: Ms. ROSS.  
H.R. 3006: Ms. ROSS.  
H.R. 3037: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. TONKO, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Ms. MCCLELLAN.  
H.R. 3045: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. AMO, and Mr. POCAN.  
H.R. 3117: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 3119: Mr. RILEY of New York.  
H.R. 3134: Mr. BABIN, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. WEBER of Texas.  
H.R. 3145: Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 3184: Ms. UNDERWOOD.  
H.R. 3194: Mr. JAMES.  
H.R. 3304: Mr. MOYLAN and Mr. TRAN.  
H.R. 3306: Mr. KENNEDY of New York and Mrs. MCIVER.  
H.R. 3392: Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ.  
H.R. 3413: Mr. MURPHY.  
H.R. 3418: Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 3447: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mrs. MCCLAINE DELANEY.  
H.R. 3449: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.  
H.R. 3458: Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 3473: Mrs. SYKES.  
H.R. 3514: Mr. RUIZ, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. LANDSMAN, and Mrs. BEATTY.  
H.R. 3526: Mr. FOSTER and Mr. GARCIA of California.  
H.R. 3565: Mr. TONKO.  
H.R. 3573: Mr. LEVIN.  
H.R. 3606: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H.R. 3665: Mr. SOTO and Ms. BROWNLEY.  
H.R. 3711: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H.R. 3740: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.  
H.R. 3743: Ms. MCBRIDE.  
H.R. 3754: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H.R. 3775: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H.R. 3892: Ms. POU.  
H.R. 3988: Mr. SCHNEIDER.  
H.R. 4014: Mrs. MCCLAINE DELANEY.  
H.R. 4048: Mrs. MCCLAINE DELANEY.  
H.R. 4075: Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 4100: Mr. DELUZIO.  
H.R. 4157: Mr. DOGGETT.  
H.R. 4206: Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Ms. MCBRIDE, and Ms. MCCLELLAN.  
H.R. 4231: Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 4317: Mr. WEBER of Texas.  
H.R. 4323: Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mr. SELF.  
H.R. 4348: Ms. MCBRIDE.  
H.R. 4396: Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. WATERS, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.  
H.R. 4407: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.  
H.R. 4443: Mr. DESAULNIER and Mr. HUFFMAN.  
H.R. 4482: Ms. CHU.  
H.R. 4510: Ms. TOKUDA.  
H.R. 4525: Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. SCANLON, and Ms. DELBENE.  
H.R. 4562: Mr. SORENSEN and Mr. GARAMENDI.  
H.R. 4576: Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. POU, and Mr. EDWARDS.  
H.R. 4669: Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Ms. FRIEDMAN.  
H.R. 4673: Mr. BAIRD.  
H.R. 4687: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 4706: Ms. BOEBERT and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.  
H.R. 4717: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.  
H.R. 4793: Mrs. HOUCHEIN.  
H.R. 4872: Ms. TLAIB, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. SIMON, Mr. THANEDAR, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. TORRES of New York, and Ms. GARCIA of Texas.  
H. Res. 317: Mr. NEAL and Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H. Res. 551: Mr. MCCLINTOCK and Mr. VAN ORDEN.  
H. Res. 592: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.  
H. Res. 607: Ms. TOKUDA and Mr. KEATING.



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## Senate

The Senate met at 8:00 and 02 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable RICK SCOTT, a Senator from the State of Florida.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

The clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, August 12, 2025.

*To the Senate:*

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

CHUCK GRASSLEY,  
*President pro tempore.*

Mr. SCOTT of Florida thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,  
AUGUST 15, 2025, AT 10:15 AM

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10:15 a.m. on Friday, August 15, 2025.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:00 and 31 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, August 15, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPRINGFIELD ARMORY

#### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable milestone in our Nation's history, the 50th anniversary of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site (NHS).

Established during the Revolutionary War in 1777 as the "Arsenal at Springfield," the site was recommended to George Washington by General Henry Knox for its strategic location along the Connecticut River and its proximity to four major roads that connected to New York City, Boston, Albany, and Montreal. The Arsenal at Springfield played a critical role in the war effort, both manufacturing cartridges and gun carriages and storing muskets, cannons, and other weaponry.

In January 1787, the Armory was the site of Shays' Rebellion, an uprising led by American Revolutionary War veteran Daniel Shays in response to economic hardships faced by farmers after the Revolutionary War. Thousands of Shays' Regulators marched on the Springfield Armory, hoping to seize its weaponry and force a change of government. The rebellion directly influenced the delegates at the Constitutional Convention later that year, with James Madison citing it as a warning for the need for a stronger federal government.

The Springfield Armory was officially established by George Washington in 1794 and played an essential role in shaping America's military and industrial strength. For nearly two centuries, the Armory provided the tools necessary to defend our Nation and served as a hub of innovation and craftsmanship. In 1974, the site was officially designated a National Historic Site and was entrusted to the stewardship of the National Park Service.

Once the home of our Nation's first armory, the Springfield Armory National Historic Site is now home to the world's largest historic U.S. military small arms collection, commemorating the innovative craftsmanship and ingenuity that enabled the production of the most superior firearms for nearly two centuries. Thousands of visitors come every year to not only marvel at this collection, but also learn about the region's rich history and its critical role in the founding of our Nation.

On Saturday, August 16, 2025, the Springfield Armory NHS will host a community-wide celebration on the scenic grounds of the Springfield Armory and Springfield Technical Community College to mark this historic occasion. This free, family-friendly festival will honor five decades of preserving the rich military, industrial, and social legacy of the Armory.

I commend the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, Superintendent Fellner and her team, and our entire western Massachusetts community for honoring the past and enriching

the present. Here's to another fifty years of education, inspiration, and connection through this treasured historic landmark.

### HONORING TAMMY TOME FOR HER SERVICE TO SENIORS

#### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Tammy Tome, recipient of Visiting Angels' 2025 National Caregiver of the Year award.

Visiting Angels is a national organization that provides in-home care to seniors. Each year, they recognize one of their caregivers whose work exemplifies the mission of the organization. With over 600 franchises across the country, the Caregiver of the Year award is both highly competitive and prestigious.

While Ms. Tome joined Visiting Angels in 2023, she has served as a caregiver for twenty-five years. In this short time, she has made a profound impact on those she serves, consistently showing clients the compassion and dignity they deserve. She visits clients in their homes, providing everything from assistance with daily needs to care for those facing terminal illnesses.

Tammy's clients and their families have noted the immense impact she has had on their quality of life. One client's wife remarked, "Tammy has given our family a sense of peace, stability, and a sense of hope." She is widely respected for her professionalism, dedication, and unwavering commitment to those in her care.

I thank Tammy for her remarkable work and steadfast commitment to caring for seniors in our community. Her compassion and service set an example for all, and I wish her continued success in the years ahead.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF LORI CANNON

#### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Chicago LGBTQ+ activist, Lori Cannon.

For over four decades, Ms. Cannon—known as "Chicago's AIDS Angel"—spearheaded some of the most important initiatives of Chicago's LGBTQ+ rights movement. Motivated by the inhumane treatment of those with AIDS and affected by HIV, Ms. Cannon co-founded a meal delivery service, Open Hand/Chicago, in 1988, to ensure that those suffering from AIDS would not go hungry. She then led Open Hand in its transition to a food pantry program known as "Groceryland", helping people in

need obtain much needed nourishment. Also in 1988, Ms. Cannon co-founded ACT UP/Chicago, a grassroots protest group which put the AIDS epidemic front and center during a time when the government was ignoring the community's devastation. Ms. Cannon was instrumental in helping create the NAMES Project, bringing the Aids Memorial Quilt to Chicago in 1988, 1990 and 1994. Then, in 2010, she co-founded the Legacy Project, an organization committed to honoring the cultural and civic contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals, including placing bronze plaques along North Halsted Street.

A pillar of the community she loved so much, Ms. Cannon was unrelenting in her commitment to the well-being of each individual. When the government and the families of those affected by HIV/AIDS abandoned those who were suffering, Ms. Cannon stepped up to fill that void—organizing, volunteering, protesting, feeding, hugging, and loving each person when there was no one else. As her longtime friend Sharyl Holtzman remembers, "She took care of the whole universe."

Ms. Cannon was born and raised in West Rogers Park. Her father, Lee Cannon, was a champion of Native American rights. Her younger brother, J.H., was born with a defective heart, leading to a lifelong disability. After her older brother Jules suffered a horrific motorcycle accident, she became the caretaker for both of her brothers, a precursor to her life of service.

When Lori Cannon passed away on Sunday, August 3, 2025, Chicago and its LGBTQ+ community lost a selfless champion. Her legacy will live on in the community that she supported and loved so much. I am forever grateful for her immeasurable contribution and impact on the City and its LGBTQ+ community.

### CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARQUIS ENERGY

#### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Marquis Energy. Located within Illinois' 16th Congressional District, Marquis serves as a cornerstone example of American entrepreneurship and energy leadership.

Founded in 1975, Marquis began as a grain merchandising business in rural Buda, Illinois. Now, Marquis is the largest dry-mill ethanol facility in North America, producing clean, home-grown American biofuels and value-added co-products that support thousands of farm families and strengthen America's energy independence.

Marquis is a consistent national leader in biofuel innovation. Through their work and advocacy, Marquis continues to shape the future of clean energy and rural investment, advancing next-generation corn markets for producers and farmers alike.

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From ethanol production to carbon capture, Marquis forges new opportunities that support American families and put our farmers first. What started as a local operation grew into a prosperous company that has created over 450 jobs and purchases over 140 million bushels of corn annually. Still today, the deep roots of family farming and a strong commitment to the agricultural community continue to be the foundations of Marquis' success.

As we commemorate this incredible milestone, I want to recognize Mark Marquis, Tom Marquis, the whole Marquis family, and their entire team for their entrepreneurial spirit, strong values, and unwavering commitment to their community and country.

Congratulations to Marquis on 50 years of American excellence. May the next 50 years strengthen the values that make Marquis and rural America strong.

HONORING WESLEY LePATNER

**HON. RITCHIE TORRES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, my heart goes out to the family, friends, and colleagues of Wesley LePatner, one of the victims of the tragic shooting in Midtown Manhattan.

A city is only as strong as its people, and Wesley LePatner represented the very best of New York. She left a lasting impact wherever she went: as a senior executive at Blackstone, a devoted congregant at the Altneu Synagogue, and a dedicated board member at the Heschel School.

Wesley lived as we all should strive to live: with civic purpose, compassion, and a commitment to something greater than herself. She was a devoted spouse and parent, a distinguished professional, and a doggedly public-spirited New Yorker whose love for family and community was palpable to everyone she knew. May her memory be a blessing.

RECOGNIZING 2025 AS "A CHORUS YEAR"

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to speak in celebration of a group of workers and artists who entertain live audiences in every state across the country: the theatrical chorus. I am pleased to recognize 2025 as "A Chorus Year."

From Oklahoma! to Hamilton, some of the greatest art to come out of the United States has been musical theatre, and a staple of this art form is the chorus.

The chorus has always been more than a group of singers and dancers filling up a stage. It is an integral part of theatrical storytelling, as well as a major player in labor history. The historic actors strike of 1919 that established union protections for live performers succeeded in large part because of the women and men of the chorus who formed their own union and walked off Broadway stages in large numbers to join the fight.

And 2025 is a particularly auspicious year to celebrate the chorus. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the merger between Chorus Equity Association and Actors' Equity Association into the Equity that exists today, protecting the rights of actors and stage managers in live theatre across the U.S.

I want to recognize not only the talent of chorus performers, but their great skilled labor and tireless work ethic. They make it all look easy, but their ongoing contribution to American culture and a healthy entertainment industry is born of fierce commitment and dedication to their craft. They exemplify the best of America: many people working as individuals to build something amazing together.

PROCLAMATION HONORING DR.  
REVEREND GRIFFIN DAVIS

**HON. SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation honoring Dr. Reverend Griffith Davis.

Whereas, born one of eighteen children to Mr. Lindsey and Mrs. Ruth Davis, Reverend Griffin Davis emerged early as a charismatic and gifted leader, first a performer alongside his sister, to then becoming the iconic drum-major at Roosevelt High School in West Palm Beach, channeling his creativity and gift for leadership into divine purpose;

Whereas, at age 21, Reverend Davis courageously answered his calling, leaving behind a successful management role, answering God's calling to set out with only ten cents and a command to "Go Build";

Whereas, after attending seminary in Nashville, Tennessee, Reverend Davis returned to his community with his wife, Mrs. Hughetta Davis, and their three sons, Reverend Griffin Davis Jr., Denzel Davis, and Sydney Davis, to establish Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church, a sanctuary built on prayer, faith, generosity, and service;

Whereas, for more than 55 years, Reverend Davis led his congregation by powerful example, ringing in each new year with a forty-day fast and prayer, instilling the transformative power of spiritual discipline and never-ending faith;

Whereas, his ministry extended far beyond the church walls, touching the lives of the most vulnerable through food and clothing drives, housing initiatives, compassionate counsel, and tireless community advocacy, all of which are reminiscent of his mantra that "Being nice costs nothing, but it pays a million";

Whereas, his legacy as a servant-leader, spiritual father, and pillar of goodwill lives on in the countless lives he touched and in the enduring foundation of Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church; and

Therefore, be it resolved that we, Florida's 20th Congressional District, proudly honor and celebrate the contributions, wisdom, and life, of Reverend Griffin Davis for his spiritual guidance, unwavering dedication to service, and elevation of morality.

CONGRATULING DEERE & COMPANY VICE PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COLLIS JONES ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Collis Jones, Vice President of Global Government Affairs, for his nearly 37 years of distinguished service at Deere & Company. Throughout his career, Jones demonstrated unwavering dedication, strategic insight, and a deep commitment to advancing the company's mission and values.

Collis joined John Deere in 1989 as a financial services representative. Throughout his career, he has held key positions in Sales, Marketing, and Government Affairs, including serving as the director of U.S. Public Affairs before leading the Global Government Affairs organization. In this pivotal role, he developed Deere's strategy and advocacy priorities leading to legislative, regulatory, and public policy outcomes that ultimately benefited the company, customers, employees, and business partners.

His extensive experience with product sales uniquely equipped him to educate policymakers and regulators about the company, its products, and processes. This expertise made him an effective advocate at the global, federal, and state levels, where he successfully influenced policy discussions.

Throughout his career, Collis has dedicated himself to building and leading effective teams and mentoring numerous colleagues. As a strong brand ambassador, he has served on several boards, including the Thurgood Marshall College Fund and The Congressional Award Foundation. His dedication and leadership have left a lasting impact on the company and his many colleagues across the enterprise.

Collis and his wife Stefanie, who also recently retired, plan to spend time traveling, enjoying family and friends, and perfecting their golf game. I wish Collis, Stefanie, and their daughter, Camryn, all the best in the years to come.

HONORING THE 6994TH SECURITY SQUADRON OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SECURITY SERVICE, ALONG WITH THE 360TH, 361ST, AND 362ND TACTICAL ELECTRONIC WARFARE SQUADRONS

**HON. AUGUST PFLUGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today to recognize and commend the distinguished service of the 6994th Security Squadron of the United States Air Force Security Service, along with the 360th, 361st, and 362nd Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadrons. These squadrons executed highly classified and dangerous missions aboard the venerable EC-47 aircraft to meet the intelligence

requirements of the Military Assistance Command and the Central Intelligence Agency in the operating areas of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.

These integrated aircrews flew out of Tan Son Nhut, Nha Trang, Pleiku, Phu Cat, and Da Nang Air Bases in the Republic of Vietnam, as well as Nakhon Phanom and Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Bases in Thailand, from 1966 to 1974.

The 6994th Security Squadron was primarily composed of enlisted logistical and maintenance personnel, intelligence analysts, Morse intercept operators, and cryptologic linguist mission specialists. These professionals maintained and operated state-of-the-art airborne radio direction finding (ARDF) equipment aboard the EC-47 aircraft, used to detect, identify, and geolocate low-powered enemy transmitters on the battlefield. They also collected critical signals and communications intelligence about enemy plans and movements.

Working closely with the aircraft navigator, the mission specialists were able to geolocate enemy radio transmitters, often within a 200-meter radius, and determine the identity of enemy units. When priority targets were detected and confirmed, their locations and identifications were relayed to ground commanders for decisive action. During its tenure in Vietnam, the 6994th earned five Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Valor, two Presidential Unit Citations, and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Device. It remains the most highly decorated squadron in the command from its origins in the United States Air Force Security Service to its current configuration as the 16th Air Force. Their success came at a high cost; 17 members of the squadron were killed in action during the conflict.

The 360th, 361st, and 362nd Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadrons were co-located with their 6994th counterparts and provided the pilots, navigators, and maintenance personnel necessary to operate and sustain the EC-47 aircraft. In flight, pilots controlled the aircraft while navigators coordinated with enlisted mission specialists to take electronic lines of bearing on specific enemy radio transmitters. These lines were then plotted on maps to pinpoint the exact location of enemy transmitters. Like the 6994th, the Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadrons also endured significant sacrifice, losing 19 members during the war.

As integrated teams, these squadrons provided battlefield intelligence that was vital for ground commanders to plan offensive and defensive operations. It has been reported that, thanks to intelligence provided by the ARDF program, many attacks on friendly forces were mitigated, and up to 95 percent of B-52 strikes during the Vietnam conflict were influenced by data collected through the program.

Even today, much of the work and results of the Airborne Radio Direction Finding program in Vietnam remain classified. Nonetheless, their impact on the success of the war effort and the broader mission of safeguarding the interests of the United States and the free world is undeniable.

Today, we honor the professionalism, dedication, and courage of the airmen of the 6994th Security Squadron and the 360th, 361st, and 362nd Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadrons, whose work in executing the Airborne Radio Direction Finding program provided critical intelligence to ground com-

manders during the conflict in Southeast Asia. May the legacy of their service and sacrifice be remembered and honored forever.

RECOGNIZING THE EXCEPTIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH OF DR. SHAMIRA BROWN

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. Shamira A. Brown—a dedicated researcher, a passionate toxicologist, and a trailblazer in the field of environmental work.

Dr. Brown began her academic journey at Southern University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Chemistry. Her pursuit of knowledge did not stop there. She went on to earn her MS/Ph.D. with a concentration in Environmental Fate and Exposure from the same institution, demonstrating both her commitment and excellence in the scientific field.

In 2003, Dr. Brown further distinguished herself by studying and conducting research at Oxford University, expanding her global perspective and deepening her expertise.

Dr. Brown's research has addressed some of the most complex issues in environmental toxicology and public health. These include the fate and transport of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), pesticides contamination in groundwater, and the development of green chemistry solutions to reduce industrial pollution. Her groundbreaking investigations into the disproportionate effects of environmental toxins on disadvantaged communities have raised awareness around environmental justice and equity.

As a toxicologist, Dr. Brown does not simply study issues, she creates pathways toward solutions that focus on scientific progress and community health. Throughout her career, Dr. Brown has also been a committed mentor and advocate for underrepresented students in STEM. Her leadership and dedication have inspired many young scientists, including her own six children, some of whom have pursued environmental research. Her impact goes beyond the classroom and the lab, shaping a future for science that is more innovative and more inclusive and representative of the communities it serves.

Dr. Brown's professional experience highlights her exceptional expertise. She worked as an Environmental Protection Specialist for the Federal Aviation Administration from 2004 to 2018. She also served as a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Endangered Species Specialist for the Office of Airports and Environmental Planning. Additionally, she was an Environmental Fate Consultant for pesticides and persistent chemical pollutants (PCPs) in air, soil, and water.

I want to personally thank Dr. Brown for her lifelong dedication to research, scientific advancement, and the mentorship of future generations. Her contributions have not only elevated the standards in her field, but have also opened doors for countless others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing Dr. Shamira A. Brown for her outstanding achievements and unwavering commitment to science and edu-

cation. She is a true asset to our community and to our environment and I wish her the best of luck in her research to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESIDENCY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Commission of Fine Arts District of Columbia Residency Act. This bill would require that a majority of the members of the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) be District of Columbia residents.

Under federal law and presidential executive orders (EOs), the CFA has review authority for federal property in D.C., certain military property, certain coins and medals, D.C.-owned parks and buildings and certain private land in D.C. Under the EOs, CFA has review authority for the design of D.C.-owned parks and buildings. Under the Shipstead-Luce Act, CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in D.C. "adjacent to public buildings and grounds of major importance," such as Rock Creek Park and the Potomac riverfront. Under the Old Georgetown Act, the CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the part of Georgetown referred to as "Old Georgetown" in the act.

Residency requirements for government positions are found in federal, state and D.C. law, including for members of the National Capital Planning Commission. The primary reason such laws exist is so that government officials have a connection to the residents they serve and knowledge of the unique issues and challenges faced by residents.

I have also introduced the Commission of Fine Arts District of Columbia Home Rule Act, which would remove the authority of the CFA over non-federal property in D.C. However, until that bill is enacted, a majority of the members should be D.C. residents.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PROCLAMATION HONORING BAND CaRiMi

HON. SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation honoring Band CaRiMi.

Whereas, music has long been a unifying force that transcends borders and generations, preserving culture and celebrating heritage. Few bands have embodied this mission more profoundly than CaRiMi, a pioneering group that has played an instrumental role in shaping and elevating Haitian music and culture. Through their infectious rhythms, they have inspired generations and brought people together through the universal language of music;

Whereas, the band's founding members—Carlo Vieux, Richard Cave, and Mickael Guirand—left their homeland of Haiti to pursue education but never abandoned their passion for music. Their name, "CaRiMi," derived from the first two letters of their

names, became a symbol of unity, passion, and innovation in the music industry;

Whereas, their impact quickly transcended borders, garnering international recognition with Best Album of the Year in Haiti, topping music charts in Guadeloupe, Paris, Martinique, French Guiana, Canada, and beyond. Their success led to a distribution deal with Virgin Records Worldwide, further cementing their reputation as global ambassadors of Haitian music;

Whereas, their high-energy performances have left an indelible mark on audiences worldwide, from the prestigious Olympia in France to the electrifying spectacle of Haiti's Carnival, where they performed before 300,000 fans. With sold-out concerts across multiple continents, CaRiMi has solidified its place in music history and has helped shape and modernize Konpa while remaining deeply rooted in its traditions;

Whereas, as they reunite for their final concert at Amerant Bank Arena, this momentous occasion is not just a celebration of their remarkable career, but also a tribute to the unity, resilience, and cultural vibrancy of the Haitian community. Their music has uplifted hearts, provided solace, and reinforced a shared cultural identity among Haitians worldwide, making this reunion a truly historic and emotional event; and

Therefore, be it proclaimed that we, the 20th Congressional District of Florida, do hereby commend CaRiMi for their dedication to innovation, artistic excellence, and cultural preservation, and express gratitude for the joy and inspiration they have provided countless fans worldwide. Their legacy is a testament to the power of music to unite, heal, and inspire, and their contributions will be celebrated for years to come.

CONGRATULATING IRMO LITTLE  
LEAGUE ALL-STARS

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the South Carolina Irmo Little League All-Stars baseball team, as they rallied to defeat defending champions, Lake Mary, in a game played in Warner Robins, Georgia. This outstanding team is now heading to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to compete in the Little League World Series (LLWS).

The LLWS is an annual event featuring 20 teams, 10 from the United States and 10 from the rest of the world. Irmo is just the fourth

team from South Carolina to advance to the LLWS, and the first since a Taylors team in 2015.

The Irmo All-Stars team includes players, Ethan Bennett, Andrew Bogan, Brayden Gerard, Jacob Gibson, Joe Giulietti, Sutton Gravelle, Jake McQuilkin, Brody Miller, Palmer Steele, Ryder Tillitz, Preston Ware, and Brady Westbrook. Alongside the players is the talented team manager, Dave Bogan, and equally talented coaches Mike Beckworth and Pat Gravelle.

Having a winning record of 11–1 during the state and regional tournaments, the Irmo team is now preparing to face the New England region champion on August 14, 2025.

On behalf of all South Carolinians, congratulations to the Irmo All-Stars on this impressive achievement and we wish them the best of luck as they represent Team South Carolina in the World Series. This victory of the Irmo All-Stars Team is well-deserved, for the team, coaches, families, and community for all their hard work and support, making their dream come true.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER TERRY  
CALDWELL

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Officer Terry Caldwell, who is retiring after an extraordinary 41-year career in law enforcement, including 28 years of dedicated service with the Grapevine Police Department.

Officer Caldwell began his distinguished career in 1984 with the Dallas County Sheriff's Department and, over the course of his service, earned multiple certifications and commendations, amassing more than 3,700 hours of professional training. During his tenure with the Grapevine Police Department, Officer Caldwell served 25 of his 28 years as a School Resource Officer in the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District, a role he considered his calling. He was deeply committed to working alongside the young people of our community, serving as a trusted role model and mentor to thousands of students across elementary, middle, and high schools.

Officer Caldwell's unwavering dedication, professionalism, and service have left an in-

delible mark on the community he has faithfully served. His career stands as a testament to the values of integrity, compassion, and commitment that define the very best of law enforcement.

On behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Officer Terry Caldwell on his well-earned retirement and thank him for his decades of service to our community.

HONORING MR. LEWIS BROWN

**HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 12, 2025*

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. Lewis Brown—an exceptional scholar from my district. He is a rising senior at Gar-Field High School located in Woodbridge, Virginia.

He is currently studying the extraction of bioethanol from crawfish and lobster shells, which is an innovative way to turn biological waste into renewable energy. He shared his work with my office showing the shells of crustaceans such as crawfish, lobsters, shrimp, and crabs are rich in chitin, a long-chain polymer that is one of the most abundant biopolymers. His work highlights both scientific curiosity and a commitment to sustainability.

But Lewis's dedication doesn't stop with his own education. He has also developed a virtual tutorial program through the MST (Math, Science, and Technology) initiative, where he mentors fellow students in biology, chemistry, math, and English. His passion for teaching and uplifting others reflects true leadership, service, and a deep commitment to both science and community.

He is also an active member of several prestigious organizations, including the National Honor Society, the American Industrial Hygiene Association, the American Chemical Society, and the Society of Toxicology. His dedication to academic excellence and scientific advancement is clear.

Mr. Speaker, I want to personally thank Lewis Brown for his remarkable contributions to environmental science, his commitment to education, and his vision for a more sustainable future. There is no doubt in my mind that he will go on to do great things in research, in government service, and as an educator and innovator.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate met at 8:00:02 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 8:00:31 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. on Friday, August 15, 2025.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 4947–4969; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 647–649, were introduced. **Pages H3692–93**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3693–94**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McGuire to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3691**

**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 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
AUGUST 15, 2025**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### **House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10:15 a.m., Friday, August 15

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Friday, August 15

## Senate Chamber

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

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 12 noon.

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