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

## DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
*July 22, 2026.*

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF HURD 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:

Coming before You this morning, O Lord, our God, we do so knowing that there are many things that we have done individually and corporately that deserve Your judgment rather than Your forgiveness. We confess that we have fallen short of Your righteousness.

And yet we dare to come before You and ask You to incline Your ear to us. Hear our prayers, prayers that reflect our deepest desires, our supplications, which beg for Your intercession in our work and in our world.

Yet despite our transgressions, we are bold to ask You to open Your eyes to the troubles we see in our neighborhoods and in our Nation and to intervene on behalf of Your people.

Please know, O God, that we know that we do not present our requests to You because we deserve Your answer. It is not our righteousness that gives us a right to pray, but it is on the foundation of Your great mercies that we stand before You.

O Lord, hear us. O Lord, forgive us. O Lord, listen and act and do not delay. For the sake of Your name, the name in which we pray, Lord, answer our prayers.

Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Utah (Mr. KENNEDY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

## CELEBRATING MORGAN COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 20TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. BAIRD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Boys & Girls Club of Morgan County, Indiana.

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club is to empower all youth, and all of our youth, especially those who need us the most, to reach their full potential and to become caring, productive, and responsible citizens.

The Morgan County Boys & Girls Club has provided an indelible mark on the local community.

Every day, youth are coached on positive decisionmaking, participate in sports, learn about science, technology, talk about the arts, receive tutoring, and gain valuable lessons through volunteering in the community.

A healthy snack is provided daily. Youth attend the Boys & Girls Club to reach their full potential to become caring, productive, and responsible members of society.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all the staff and volunteers who have made the Morgan County Boys & Girls Club successful over these past 20 years.

## THE HUDSON INDEPENDENT

(Mr. LATIMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I want to salute the tremendous community contribution of The Hudson Independent, an online publication that chronicles the lives and stories of people, organizations, governments, schools, businesses, and the like, in the municipalities that border the Hudson River in Westchester County in New York: Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Hastings-on-Hudson, Tarrytown, and Sleepy Hollow.

The team that does this reporting every day is led by Editor in Chief Barrett Seaman and Editor Rick Pezzullo, both experienced journalists with long resumes of achievement. The senior management group President and Chairman Walter Montgomery and colleagues: Robert Kimmel, Dean Gallea, Paula Etzel, and Michael Richards, have guided The Indy, as it is known and loved, from its founding in 2006.

The calendar of local events captures all of the many varied activities of the river towns and featured stories on the



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