

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE TROY CARTER OF LOUISIANA TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor on behalf of the entire Louisiana delegation that we welcome TROY CARTER into the congressional delegation. Of course, for TROY, this is not his first time in public service. In fact, he has committed his life to public service. He served in the State legislature in the House of Representatives, then served multiple terms on the New Orleans City Council, and then went back to the State legislature serving as a senator. In fact, until last week, he served with distinction in the Louisiana State Senate.

He is replacing, of course, our dear former colleague, Cedric Richmond, and we are proud to see Cedric make his way down Pennsylvania Avenue to come over here to the House to be a part of this special ceremony.

Speaking on behalf of the entire Louisiana delegation, Madam Speaker, we look forward to continuing that great tradition as Republicans and Democrats working together for the best interests of our great State of Louisiana as well as for the Nation.

We welcome TROY CARTER to the delegation and to the United States Congress.

Madam Speaker, I yield to Congressman TROY CARTER.

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. SCALISE for his very kind words and wonderful introduction.

First, a very special thanks to my wife, Ana, who is behind me, my children, my family, my team, my friends, and all of my amazing supporters. No one runs for office alone, and they were all there with me every step of the way from the very beginning.

To God be the glory. From the Cut Off to the Congress, God is amazing.

My mother, who could not be with us here today, Pastor Eartha Fleming Carter, taught her children the importance of public service. I promise I will never forget those lessons. I will continue to listen to the concerns, the hopes, and the dreams of my district. I will work for and be the voice of the people.

Worldwide, my district is known for Mardi Gras, great food, our amazing culture bearers, and as the birthplace of jazz. Just as importantly, it has 3 of the top 10 ports in the U.S., a vibrant manufacturing base, renowned universities, rich agricultural production, and we are the gateway to space through the Michoud Assembly Facility in eastern New Orleans.

My district also has a lot of needs: COVID recovery, economic development, infrastructure investment, criminal justice reform, environmental justice, and education, to name a few.

I am here to serve my district, and I believe we can help all of our people reach their full potential.

I commit to working with everyone in the Congress and the White House to address those needs and to stand strong when those needs are not being addressed.

I am honored to have been given this opportunity to serve, and I will do so with every fiber of my very being.

I always seek God's guidance, and I will continue to do that as I serve the people of Louisiana and this great country. I will lead with honor and integrity.

May God continue to bless Louisiana and these United States of America.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. CARTER) the whole number of the House is 431.

SUPPORTING OUR HEROES

(Mr. BERA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, today we will be considering the Helping Emergency Responders Overcome Act, or the HERO Act.

This has been an unprecedented time of stress and pressure on our first responders: firefighters, police officers, and our frontline healthcare workers. This is a no-nonsense bill that will provide necessary resources to understand first responder suicide and pressure, but also to provide grants to provide peer-to-peer conversation and proactive reaching out to these first responders who are our heroes.

So, again, I urge all my colleagues to pass this bill unanimously. It has passed previously. It will make a difference, and it will help save lives and help treat these heroes as they have taken care of us.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, during National Police Week, it is my honor to pay tribute to all of the men and women who put their lives on the line to serve and protect all of our communities.

In Pennsylvania and around the country, including here in Congress, dedicated law enforcement officers show up for work every day and quietly do the job that we have entrusted to them. They uphold the law, they promote safety, and, most importantly, they preserve human life.

Far too often these officers, unfortunately, do not come home. Today I ask

that the American people join me in remembering our Nation's fallen police officers and honoring their service and their sacrifice.

More than a profession, law enforcement is truly a calling. Whether on the streets of Pennsylvania, on our borders, or across our great Nation, I thank our law enforcement officers for answering the call to serve the American people.

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CHILD TAX CREDIT IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the exciting new child tax credit that is part of the American Rescue Plan. I know the words "exciting" and "tax credit" don't usually belong in the same sentence, but this is different.

With the child tax credit, families with children under the age of 17 will receive \$250 per child per month and \$300 per month for kids under 6. These monthly payments can help cover everyday child-rearing expenses—things like food, diapers, or shoes for the teenager who outgrows his every 6 weeks.

More than 119,000 children in my district will benefit from the new child tax credit, including thousands of children who will be lifted out of deep poverty.

Let's be clear: The child tax credit is a special refundable tax credit, so even families who don't earn enough to pay taxes will get the automatic payment. But it is important to file a tax return before the May 17 deadline so you can begin receiving payments as soon as possible.

I look forward to making the child tax credit permanent.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF EILEEN UCEKAY

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, it is a tremendous honor for me to recognize Eileen Ucekay, a hardworking and outstanding constituent of the 22nd Congressional District in New York. She retired on May 9 of this year after working 45 years as the village clerk and treasurer of West Winfield.

Eileen hails from the nearby city of Utica, where she grew up with her two sisters and attended high school there before moving to West Winfield.

Eileen married her late husband, Jack, and had three wonderful children in our community, all while continuing to work for the village.

In addition to her many decades of public service, Eileen serves the West Winfield community through her

church, the Greater West Winfield Historical Society, the Red Cross, and the Red Hat Society.

She is truly a role model for all. Her remarkable life, strong character, and deep dedication to public service have gained her the respect of everyone in our community.

We are grateful for Eileen Ucekay's service and her compassion for our community.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. PFLUGER. Madam Speaker, this week is National Police Week. It is a time to honor the sacrifice and service our men and women in blue make every single day to protect our neighbors and our loved ones.

In my district today, unfortunately, we are off to a very sobering start. Last night, two Concho County officers were shot and killed in the line of duty. These officers died protecting their community to the very end, defending the freedoms, values, and safety our country holds so dear.

Though we are unable to thank them personally for their sacrifice, we will never stop honoring their legacy, the legacy of service and selflessness.

I would like to extend my deepest condolences to their families, friends, colleagues, and community members who are affected by this enormous tragedy and remind all of us of the danger that law enforcement officers put themselves in every single day, willingly, to help our communities.

It is time that we stand up and honor them, and thank them for what they do. As a country, I request that we all keep our law enforcement officers in our hearts, our thoughts, and our prayers and that we thank them for what they do.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, this week is National Police Week, and I rise to honor the brave men and women of law enforcement who gave their lives to protect our communities.

In 1962, National Police Week was established by President John F. Kennedy, a Democrat. But back then, honoring our fallen officers was a bipartisan issue, Madam Speaker. Today, many Democrats are so set on demonizing law enforcement they won't even use this week to honor those lives that have been lost in the line of duty. It is a shame that supporting law enforcement has become such a political non-starter for my colleagues across the aisle.

Police officers in our communities are cracking down on gangs, getting

drugs off the streets, and stopping crime before it happens. They are keeping all of us safe and deserve to know those who made the ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten and will always be honored.

Law enforcement, particularly our local sheriff's offices and police departments in Tennessee's Second Congressional District, will always have my gratitude for the great work they do to keep us safe from bad folks.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL WEEK

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Charter School Week. This week, we honor the hope that charter schools deliver to millions of students nationwide, and we are reminded that education is about students, not politics. One such example is Piedmont Community Charter School in North Carolina's Fifth District.

Regardless of ZIP Code, all American families deserve to decide, free of government interference, which learning environment best suits their child's strengths.

For 30 years, charter schools have prepared underserved students for life-long success. Charter school alumni graduate from college at two to four times the national average for low-income families.

While Democrats dictate one-size-fits-all education requirements, Republicans are fighting to offer educational freedom and choice. Charter schools offer students from every walk of life the opportunity to learn in an environment that works for them so they can develop tools to thrive.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SERGEANT GERALD DIXON

(Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Sergeant Gerald Dixon of the Edmond Police Department.

Sergeant Dixon has faithfully served our community for 32 years, 13 of which he spent as a school resource officer.

In his time as an SRO, Sergeant Dixon has had a long-lasting impact on countless students in Edmond. Years after graduating, students still recall how much his presence meant to them. Looked up to as a great man and a fixture of school, Sergeant Dixon's commitment to his community is evident.

Not only has Sergeant Dixon's presence helped make school a safe place, but his leadership, warm spirit, and love for his job also made students comfortable. They confided their struggles in him, shared countless experiences, and are better off from having Sergeant Dixon serve in their school.

Madam Speaker, Sergeant Dixon has dedicated his life to the community and made countless sacrifices to ensure the safety of our students and the public at large. I am truly honored and humbled to recognize Mr. Dixon, and I am grateful for his service and the legacy he leaves behind. I wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Ms. Kaitlyn Roberts, one of his secretaries.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SCANLON) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Small Business:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 11, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I am writing to inform the House of Representatives that I am resigning my seat on the House Small Business Committee.

Sincerely,

SCOTT H. PETERS,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 11, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM 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 May 11, 2021, at 11:40 a.m.:

Appointments:
Member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.