

Virginia but either way we in Georgia claim him as one of our most outstanding citizens.

As a young man Bob played an integral volunteer role in the election of the late Congressman Bo Ginn. After Ginn was elected Bob stayed on as a staff member. Knowing the hours he worked and the reality of congressional salaries, I'm sure the compensation was only slightly better than what he made as a volunteer!

He worked grueling hours traveling the state of Georgia, meeting its people and dealing with the issues that most affected them. Along with Congressman Ginn, his successor Lindsay Thomas, and Sen. Sam Nunn, Bob was on the forefront of nearly every major public project for the last five decades. He helped push for the development and expansion of our ports, universities, military installations, countless roads, bridges, airports, and industries. As Georgia grew and prospered Bob never forgot the quality of life in which we all believe. He balanced environmental, rural, and urban dynamics so that generations to come will still be able to know and love the same Georgia in which Bob was reared.

In all of these achievements Bob never cut the ribbon or took the applause. He worked quietly behind the scenes and in most cases crafted the message and wrote the very speeches the elected officials gave as they accepted the accolades.

After his retirement from Congressional life Bob continued his public service as a lobbyist. I always describe Bob is a guy who charged you a dollar when he should've charged you two dollars and always gave you three dollars worth of work. He has been an example for many other public advocates. To Bob the mission is always primary, not the dollars or the political impact.

Bob's wife Virginia and daughters Emma and Louisa have been part of Bob's contribution to a better Georgia. Bob puts his family first yet there been many sacrifices that all of them have made to make Bob a success. I hope Bob stays in the game but whatever the future holds he will be known as the premier and most successful public servant and lobbyist on Capitol Hill.

JACK KINGSTON,
Member of Congress (1993–2015),
First District of Georgia.

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Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Bob Hurt is a great Georgian. He is a great American. Most importantly for me, he is a great friend who has helped me tremendously, as he has helped so many people.

I wish him well in his retirement. I know that he will be living in my district. I look forward to representing him. We need more people in this world like Bob Hurt. We need more people in the United States and in Congress like Bob Hurt.

I thank Bob for his tutelage and for all he has done for our great State and for our great Nation.

MEMORIAL GARDEN FOR RETIRED STATUES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, State and local governments across the country are caving to woke demands and removing statues of certain United

States Presidents from their public buildings. Last week, Thomas Jefferson's statue—if you can imagine, Thomas Jefferson's statue—was removed from New York City's City Hall.

Radical leftists want these statues removed because their goal is to erase every part of our Nation's history that doesn't get their stamp of approval. They don't want to see statues of historical figures they don't like. They don't want you to see them, either, Mr. Speaker.

Governments can decide what they want to display in public buildings, but what happens to the statues of Presidents they remove? Will they get covered with a tarp or moved to a dusty corner of a basement somewhere? Or even worse than that, will they decorate our country's landfills?

Instead of taking up space in some storage or waste facility, statues of U.S. Presidents that get removed from government buildings should go to a national memorial garden. That way they can still be viewed by people who want to see them and learn about those who led our country in the past.

In fact, there is a pastor in my district who is a good friend of mine; he is willing to take presidential statues that these politicians don't want. Pastor Clarence Sexton will start the national garden himself at Crown College in Powell, Tennessee, where he serves as president.

Mr. Speaker, he has probably one of the best collections of United States memorabilia that I think I have seen outside of the Smithsonian and has letters and autographs and things from every President since George Washington.

The far left can pretend all it wants that these figures do not exist, but you cannot cancel history, Mr. Speaker.

UFOS ARE OF GREAT PUBLIC INTEREST

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, last summer's UFO report from the Director of National Intelligence was bogus. The report raised more questions than answers about unidentified objects in the skies. It stunk of a government coverup, Mr. Speaker.

Now the Pentagon is starting a new office to collect information on these unidentified objects. The office is called the Airborne Object Identification and Management Synchronization Group. I don't know where they came up with that name. I am sure they paid somebody a lot of money to come up with that.

I do not trust this new office, Mr. Speaker. I don't think it will be transparent with lawmakers or the public about its findings. This is a national security issue. Congress needs to know what is going on so we can respond accordingly.

Today, I am requesting the leaders of this new office bring Members of Congress in on their UFO findings. This is a matter of great public interest and has been for a very long time to a lot of Americans. Our government should not hide the truth from us for another second.

If this new office is to be held accountable, our country will get more reports like the one that came out last summer or, worse, they will be silent and hope we all just forget about the phenomena.

We do not need to fear these airborne unidentified objects. They would have shown themselves to be dangerous a long time ago by now if they were a threat. Our citizens and country can handle the truth, Mr. Speaker.

PROTECTING WOMEN'S FREEDOMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LOIS FRANKEL) for 5 minutes.

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, people sometimes ask me what was the greatest moment in my life. I have had a lot of great moments, but I will say three. The first was the birth of my son, Ben, and I would say the next two were the birth of my grandchildren, Ivo and Bruno.

The decision for me to bring Ben into the world, the decision to raise a child, that was a personal decision made by me and my husband, and we didn't have to call a Governor, we didn't call a State legislator, we didn't call our Member of Congress and say, hey, is it time?

Mr. Speaker, I stand here to talk about freedom, freedom of everyone to have the right to make that very, very personal decision of whether or not to bring a child into the world, because we know the raising of a child brings so many blessings but also great responsibility. None of us really know the individual circumstances of other people.

I raise that point today, Mr. Speaker, because as I stand here in the Chamber, across the street at the United States Supreme Court, the Court is hearing a case about a law in Mississippi that would effectively overturn the Roe v. Wade decision that has given women the right to access abortion for the past 50 years.

That Mississippi law is an effort by Republican legislatures, and in this case the Mississippi legislature, to ban abortion. It is about politicians controlling women's bodies. It is about politicians taking away the personal decision of people to access the healthcare that they need.

Mr. Speaker, as I stand here today and have trepidation whether or not the Supreme Court is going to uphold this right to access to abortion, it is a clarion call for the United States Senate across the hall to take up and pass the Women's Health Protection Act, which we passed here in the House. That act would forever protect a woman's right to access a safe, legal abortion. Let freedom ring.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 8 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

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

Lord, our God, we pause at the beginning of the day's business to acknowledge You, to glorify You, and to sing the praises of Your name.

For in this season of celebration and festivities, it is You who has spread a wondrous feast before us. For each and every person, You provide a banquet of graces; You fill us with the bounty of Your goodness.

Long ago, You formed a plan, a wonderful purpose, certain and sure, for our redemption from all that darkens our world and overwhelms our spirits. You desire our salvation from the shame of our suffering and the guilt in our hearts.

When we seek shelter from the storm, You are our stronghold. When we need shade from the heat, You are our strength.

When the words of the cruel are like a wintry blast, their insults like a scorching drought, You are our rescue.

We wait upon You, O God our Savior. Wipe away the tears from our faces that we would be glad in Your presence and rejoice in the hope we have in You.

In the power of Your name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. RUTHERFORD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RUTHERFORD 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

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

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, the Supreme Court is poised to make one of the most consequential rulings for women and their bodies in over a generation. For nearly 50 years, women have come to rely upon the precedent of *Roe v. Wade* and the freedom to make their own reproductive decisions without government interference in our personal lives. Now our freedoms are under attack as the Court considers a case asking for *Roe v. Wade* to be overturned.

As an adoption attorney for 25 years, I worked with more than 300 birth mothers making the most difficult and personal decision of their lives. They consulted family, loved ones, and doctors, but not one birth mother looked to the government to make that choice for her.

Earlier this year we passed the Women's Health Protection Act, legislation to codify the constitutional right to safe, legal abortion. Regardless of the Court's decision, we must make this bill law to permanently protect the reproductive freedoms of women across this land.

RECOGNIZING DEBI BUTLER WITH BRAIN HEALTH NOW

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

Mr. FEENSTRA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Debi Butler with Brain Health Now. Debi is leading an effort to end the stigma surrounding mental illness by shifting the conversation to brain health.

As a parent and former educator, I know how important it is to pay close attention to brain health. Today, one in five Americans suffer from behavioral health conditions, such as depression and PTSD. The majority of these people will not seek treatment, partly due to the stigma that surrounds brain health. Tragically, this leads to suicides being up and the second leading cause of death amongst people aged 10 to 34.

Brain health should be treated the same way as physical health, and while I am glad to have seen many strides in this session, we have more work to do.

I am grateful for Debi, and I look forward to working together on this critical issue that we can all call things brain health.

DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I just left the Supreme Court where people were chanting: liberate abortion everywhere.

Earlier today and right now the Supreme Court is hearing a case challenging Mississippi's 15-week abortion

ban. During oral arguments, the State of Mississippi repeatedly asked the Court to overturn its own long-held precedent for 58 years in *Roe v. Wade*.

Should that happen, more than 36 million people in 26 States would immediately be deprived of the right to abortion overnight. These restrictions mostly harm people of color, young people, and people of low-income.

Earlier this year, in anticipation of this Court case, the House passed the Women's Health Protection Act which would establish a statutory right to abortion care across our country.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues and the Senate to pass this legislation immediately so that all people are free to make their own decisions about their bodies. There is no democracy in this country if women cannot make decisions about their own healthcare and their bodies.

CONGRATULATING DAN GLESSING, 14TH PRESIDENT OF THE MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

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

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dan Glessing, the newest president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation. Dan has served as vice president and as a member of the Minnesota Farm Bureau board for more than 8 years. He recently was elected to serve as the 14th president of the bureau on November 19 following the announcement of Kevin Paap's retirement in March after serving 16 years in his position as president.

Our office and I personally have been fortunate to know and work with Dan for many years already. Dan and his family are the definition of the great American farming tradition. He has always been a steadfast advocate for our State's farmers and producers. I am proud that Dan, his wife, Seena, and the entire Glessing family call Minnesota's Sixth District home.

There are many challenges ahead for Dan, but I know he will continue to be a leader for all of Minnesota's farmers, ranchers, producers, and agribusinesses. I congratulate Dan on his new leadership role, and I look forward to working with him and everyone at the Minnesota Farm Bureau on behalf of Minnesota's agriculture community.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE HANGS IN THE BALANCE

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, this morning oral arguments began at the Supreme Court for a case that many expect could overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Despite nearly 50 years of Court precedent and overwhelming public support for abortion rights, *Roe* and