

Team Iowa at this year's Special Olympics USA Games.

Collins is used to the competition after participating in Special Olympics for the past 25 years, competing in multiple track and field events and bowling.

As a fellow Hawkeye and Indian Hills fan, I applaud Collins' accomplishments in Orlando and representing Ottumwa and Iowa in the Special Olympics. I cannot wait to cheer him on in future USA Games.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
MAXWELL RANTILLA OF BETTENDORF, IOWA

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Maxwell Rantilla of Bettendorf, Iowa.

Maxwell is currently a junior at Bettendorf High School. This past year, Maxwell joined millions of students across the country in taking the ACT test. This test is used by colleges to help with admissions decisions and tests students on their knowledge of English, reading, math, and science.

Maxwell's commitment to studying paid off when he got a perfect score on the ACT. Out of the millions of high schoolers who take the standardized test, only 0.5 percent receive a perfect score.

Maxwell is very involved at Bettendorf High School, qualifying for the national tournament the past 3 years in the speech and debate club. He is a member of the school band and the president of Bettendorf High School's National Honor Society.

I congratulate Maxwell on this outstanding accomplishment. I know that this is just the beginning of his journey, and I cannot wait to hear about his future accomplishments and endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JESUS RODRIGUEZ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. KIM) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Jesus Rodriguez, a La Habra resident, a dear friend, a community leader, a Korean war veteran, and a Silver Star recipient who recently lost his fight against cancer.

He joined the Army after dropping out of his junior year of high school, deploying to Okinawa and then to the Korean war. At age 19, he was discharged as a corporal and came back home to begin and raise his family. Jesus moved up the ranks from janitor to plant manager and worked really hard.

Throughout his entire life, however, he never forgot his time in war, and neither did his 29th Infantry Regiment. After sharing his story at a reunion, Jesus accepted every invitation to speak to area veteran groups, ROTC units, and the local Korean community.

Although Jesus is no longer with us, I know his story and his sacrifice will live on and inspire others.

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 20 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 pro tempore (Ms. ESHOO) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, give us eyes of faith. Like little ones who live with open hearts, open minds, and open hands, remind us that, as Your children, You welcome us into Your arms and hear our prayers.

Restore to us if not the innocence of the young—for we have seen, heard, and experienced too much to be that naive—then grant us the ability to trust You and the people and purpose You put before us. Dispel our cynicism and hurt and open our hearts to Your movement in our lives.

Enable us to be respectful of differences of opinion. Relieve us of our need to dismiss people who disagree with us with labels and stereotypes, and open our minds to find not only our shared passions but the value of diversity in the health of our society.

Then encourage us to reach out in ways that will bolster up the other. For woe to the one who is alone and has no one to lift him up. Woe, too, to the one whose helping hands are bound by fear and contempt. Open our hands that we would be a strength and encouragement to those around us.

We give You thanks for the blessings You bestow on each of Your children. And we pray Your blessing that through what we seek to accomplish today, all would feel Your loving embrace.

In the name of the one who gives us life that we may live it abundantly, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 671. An act to require the collection of voluntary feedback on services provided by agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 3510. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance with respect to natural disaster resilience, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-81, the Chair, on behalf of the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on the National Defense Strategy: Mr. Thomas G. Mahnken of California.

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.

BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH ALLEVIATES SUFFERING

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, biomedical research can accelerate discoveries to alleviate human suffering due to illness if we allow it.

The speed with which the COVID-19 vaccines were developed using groundbreaking messenger RNA technology is one of the most important biomedical advancements in 100 years.

By establishing the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health, otherwise known as ARPA-H, we can harness those lessons for new discoveries in many other diseases.

The potential for lifesaving treatments for devastating conditions like ALS, diabetes, Alzheimer's, and cancer is right in front of us. For millions of Americans suffering and the people who love them, this can't come soon enough.

THE ONLY CHOICE IS LIFE

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, we always hear Democrats preach about choice when it comes to the issue of abortion. However, we never hear them discuss the other side of the coin, choosing life instead of death.

We do not hear them condemn criminal acts, such as the defacing of

churches or crisis pregnancy centers being firebombed and vandalized by radical progressive activists.

If they believe choice is so important, why don't they respect the people who refuse to choose death and instead choose life?

Democrats use "choice" as a subjective term. They agree with choice as long as you agree with them—choice on their terms.

Madam Speaker, Americans overwhelmingly choose life. We would all do well to remember that.

CONOR FRYER HAS BEEN AN INVALUABLE ASSET

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

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank my communications director, Conor Fryer, for his commitment to the 11th Congressional District of Ohio and his invaluable contributions to my team and that of my predecessor.

Conor joined the office in 2019 under the leadership of then-Congresswoman and now Secretary Marcia L. Fudge and was pivotal in my transition in 2021. He consistently raised the bar and that of those around him.

When we arrived in Congress, we had a skeleton crew of a staff. Conor always stepped in and stepped up, filling those gaps, from legislation to transportation and everything in between.

His boundless energy, strategic creativity, and Ohio pride has served my constituents well. I wish Conor well as he moves closer to reaching his long-term professional goals. He will be missed.

BIDEN MUST ADDRESS OPEN BORDERS FOR TERRORISTS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, American families are at greater risk of mass murder terrorist attacks than ever before due to the failing border policies of President Biden.

Intentionally opening the southern border, nearly 3 million illegal aliens from over 160 countries have intruded since Biden took office.

American jobs are destroyed. Deadly drugs are smuggled by cartels, leading to over 100,000 deaths last year, devastating American families. Most gruesome is the imminent danger of known terrorists from the Terrorist Screening Database crossing into America.

Last year, in Del Rio, Texas, officials would not reveal to me the number of terrorists crossing. Now, we see the threat is real, with 50 terrorists just this year. These terrorists are skilled, well-financed, fully equipped, and maniacally motivated mass murderers.

Open borders for terrorists must be addressed. Biden should now take every action to protect American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years in the global war on terrorism, as it continues, moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

EXPANDING BENEFITS FOR VETERANS EXPOSED TO TOXINS

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

Mr. KAHELE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Honoring our PACT Act.

The PACT Act will finally expand benefits and comprehensive healthcare for millions of veterans who have been exposed to toxic substances while serving their country.

Included in this bill is the Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act, championed by my dear friend, the late Congressman Mark Takai, who served his country admirably as a lieutenant colonel in the Hawaii Army National Guard and as Hawaii's First Congressional District Representative.

The United States conducted 43 nuclear tests on Enewetak Atoll, located in the Marshall Islands. In the 1970s, U.S. servicemembers risked their lives to clean radioactive material from Enewetak Atoll.

Without the PACT Act, veterans who served at Enewetak are not eligible for much-needed benefits.

I am honored to continue Congressman Mark Takai's legacy by proudly casting my vote for the Honoring our PACT Act to ensure that we improve on our sacred obligation to care for our veterans and their families.

RECOGNIZING MUSICAL PRODIGY TAYTE CHOUDHURY

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

Mr. NEHLS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true musical prodigy with the kind of gift that many of us may only come across once in a lifetime, my constituent Tayte Choudhury.

At only 17 years old, Tayte is internationally recognized for his outstanding ability in piano. He is a first-place winner of the American Protege award and is performing a winning piece at the world-renowned Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 26.

Despite a physical disability that left him 70 percent deaf in both ears, Tayte has achieved great success in both music and scholastics. I was sent a video of Tayte playing this week and was completely blown away to be hearing and seeing such talent that can only be handed down by God himself.

But the thing about talent like that is that it is meaningless without hard work, sacrifice, resilience, and an en-

tire village to get you where you need to go.

From myself and all of Texas 22, we are extremely proud of you, Tayte, and can't wait to see how high you fly.

JOSEPH HART'S PASSING LEAVES A VOID

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

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, local journalism is the lifeblood of our democracy and the backbone of our communities. I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a constituent who dedicated his career to that very American public service. Joseph Hart, an award-winning local journalist who spent his career telling the stories of our community, most recently as executive editor of the Delaware County Daily Times, tragically passed away this week.

He leaves behind a void in the hearts of his colleagues and readers across PA-5 who have relied on his insightful and dependable reporting for decades.

Joe grew up with the Delco Times, starting as an intern 40 years ago and rising to executive editor in 2020. His friends and colleagues describe an incredible friend, mentor, and journalist, calling him kind, witty, principled, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, professional, and passionate.

In the words of retired Delco Times editor Phil Heron, "The institutional knowledge Joe had of the county, you can't replace that. He was the walking encyclopedia of Delco politics."

Our hearts go out to Joe's family, friends, and his team at the Delco Times as they mourn this tremendous loss.

COMBATING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

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

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, my district in central Indiana represents a cross-section of our Nation, cities, suburbs, and rural farmland, none of which have proven themselves immune to the devastating possibility of opioid addiction.

Americans know that we must use every tool at our disposal to combat the opioid pandemic killing young and old. Unfortunately, the Federal Government ties the hands of doctors, limiting their ability to hold long-acting injectable addiction treatment to just 14 days after receipt from pharmacy.

To remedy this problem, last November, I introduced the IMPACT Act with Congresswoman DEAN, which passed the House as part of H.R. 7666. I am grateful to my colleagues for their support of this legislation, and I urge the Senate and administration to do the same.