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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CÁRDENAS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 27, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TONY CÁRDENAS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Holy God, our redeemer, we look to You, "the rock from which Your people have been cut, the quarry from which we have been hewn." You are our foundation, the source of our lives, and the inspiration of our breath.

Lord, 5 months have passed since your people in Ukraine have been besieged by the enemy of your desire for creation. Deliver Ukraine from the hands of tyranny. Speedily may Your righteousness draw near. With Your strong arm, bring justice to the nations. Grant salvation to those whose faithfulness has remained steadfast in the face of extreme hardship.

Respond to their abiding hope, with the comfort You surely offer. Look with compassion on her ruins, make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands Your own garden. Free the bounty of her fields from the devastation of despotism. Allow the produce of her rich land to provide for those across the globe who desperately depend on the yield of her harvest.

Then may joy and gladness be once again found in Ukraine's cities. May

the songs of thanksgiving rise up from the hearts of her people.

In the saving power of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mrs. TORRES of California 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.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROMAY CATHERINE JOHNSON DAVIS

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

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Mrs. Romay Catherine Johnson Davis, who was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for her extraordinary service to our Nation as one of the women of the "Six Triple

Eight" postal battalion during World War II.

At the age of 102, Mrs. Davis is the oldest living member of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion of the United States Army. Throughout World War II, this dedicated group of African-American women sorted mail and care packages to maintain the morale of American soldiers stationed abroad.

Helping to sort 65,000 pieces of mail every shift, Mrs. Davis and her colleagues worked tirelessly to uphold the battalion's motto: "No mail, low morale."

Mrs. Davis is a trailblazer for African-American women everywhere, and it is befitting that her award comes on the 74th anniversary of the integration of the armed services.

I was proud to vote in favor of the bill to award the Six Triple Eight postal battalion to receive the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor Congress can bestow.

I ask my colleagues to join me and the Montgomery community in celebrating the extraordinary life and legacy of Mrs. Romay Catherine Johnson Davis.

VIOLENT CRIME CRISIS

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the violence plaguing so many American communities.

2021 was a historic year for crime in major cities like New York City, Los Angeles, and even Washington, D.C. This year is on track to be even worse. Homicides alone are up nearly 50 percent nationwide from 2020.

We have seen more than 80 inexcusable acts of violence against pro-life pregnancy centers and churches in recent months. 178 police officers have

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tragically been shot so far this year, with 33 of them losing their lives. It is no wonder so many are retiring or resigning; 1,500 men and women in blue have stepped down just from the New York City Police Department this year.

Congressional Democrats need to take a stand against those in their party who push radical soft-on-crime policies, such as defunding the police, and, instead, leave wokeness behind to support our men and women of law enforcement to the fullest extent possible.

EVERY AMERICAN NEEDS A STABLE WATER SUPPLY

(Mrs. LEE of Nevada asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise as the water level in Lake Mead sits at yet another all-time low. Today, Lake Mead, which provides water for 25 million Americans, holds just 27 percent of its capacity.

Just 40 years ago, as you can see here, Lake Mead was actually above full capacity. But now we face the threat of the worst megadrought in 12 centuries.

The clock is ticking, and we must act now.

That is why I am supporting the Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act. This package includes three of my bills to tackle our drought, conserve water, enhance our research capabilities, and keep more water in Lake Mead for Nevadans.

We cannot let politics get in the way of this. Water is not a partisan issue.

Every Nevadan, every American, whether Democrat, Republican, or Independent, needs a stable water supply.

Let's pass this package and help secure our future.

WHERE IS YOUR MONEY

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the Biden administration is canceling massive amounts of student debt. Many borrowers have seen thousands of dollars of debt canceled through Biden's actions, and that is just the start. The administration is getting ready to hand out more money courtesy of taxpayers.

So, for the two-thirds of Americans who never earned a degree, where is your money? Where is the money for the construction worker in North Carolina or the stay-at-home mom in Tennessee? Why should these Americans pay for someone else's degree when they never went to college?

You know who is getting the money, though? Doctors, lawyers, and graduate students. Many of these borrowers will receive \$100,000 or more.

It is unfair for taxpayers to pay the debts of lawyers and doctors who earn six figures.

By appeasing the progressives, President Biden is throwing the middle class under the bus.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST LEAD TO A CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE

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

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, conflicts of interest lead to a crisis of confidence.

Government officials shouldn't be able to use their Federal contracting authority to line their own pockets. Pentagon officials owning stock in big defense contractors not only invites waste and abuse, it causes Americans to doubt whether the Department of Defense always spends taxpayer dollars in the public interest.

I am proud that the House passed my proposal to ban Pentagon officials from owning stock in companies that receive over \$1 billion in defense contracts.

This safeguard will better protect the hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars we send to the Pentagon each year. It will help prevent sweetheart deals for big defense contractors, and it will reduce the self-dealing that erodes trust in our government and undermines national security.

Americans deserve confidence that their government is working for them.

HONORING BUCK O'NEIL

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

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the newest Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, Buck O'Neil.

John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil is a native of Carrabelle, Florida, and signed with the Memphis Red Socks in 1937, then with the Kansas City Monarchs the next year.

O'Neil was a three-time all-star and became a Negro World Series champion in 1942.

O'Neil later served as manager of the Monarchs and a scout for the Chicago Cubs.

Buck made history as the first Black National League coaching staff member and was determined to keep the memory of the Negro Leagues alive and helped establish the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

Last Sunday, Buck was inducted posthumously into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, a well-deserved and long-overdue honor.

Because of legends like Buck O'Neil, America's favorite pastime is what it is today.

CELEBRATING BYRON BUXTON

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Byron Buxton being named to the Major League Baseball All-Star roster this season.

This great accomplishment is the culmination of a life dedicated to the perfection of his craft.

Byron is a great example of hard work paying off. At Appling County High School, Byron was a top player on his team, and was considered by many to be the top prospect entering the 2012 Major League Baseball draft.

While at Appling County High School, Byron played baseball, basketball, and football.

He eventually committed to play baseball at the University of Georgia with the intention of playing both baseball and football.

The Minnesota Twins selected Byron with the second overall pick of the 2012 Major League Baseball draft.

Byron is having an excellent season this year in which he was selected to participate in the Major League Baseball All-Star Game.

We are so proud of everything Byron has accomplished and will continue to accomplish. It has been a blast following your career, Byron. We are looking forward to big things to come.

AMERICA IS AT A CROSSROADS

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

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, our Nation is at a crossroads.

After 1½ years of one-party Democrat rule, America is on the brink of a recession, violent crime is on the rise, and our freedoms are under attack like never before.

Homicide rates across the Nation are up nearly 50 percent compared to 2020. There have been at least 80 incidents of pro-abortion vandalism, intimidation, and violence since May.

At a time when 85 percent of Americans are concerned about rising crime rates, the left is pushing to ban one of the most popular firearms in America. Not only is this reckless, it is a violation of America's Second Amendment rights.

Our country needs leadership. When the left is in charge, the only thing Americans get is an attack on our freedoms.

I will never stop fighting for Missourians and our conservative values.

CHILDREN MUST BE PROTECTED

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, as a former prosecutor, I saw many different types of crimes committed and many different criminals through court, but