

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall 203 and "yea" on Rollcall 204.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I was not able to vote in today's series due to a delayed flight. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 203 and "yea" on rollcall No. 204.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

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MOMENT OF SILENCE RECOGNIZING THE VICTIMS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE ALLEN, TEXAS, SHOOTING

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

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the victims who lost their lives during the Allen, Texas, shooting on Saturday: Christian LaCour; Aishwarya Thatikonda; Elio Cumana-Rivas; Daniela and Sofia Mendoza; and Kyu, Cindy, and James Cho.

I also commend first responders for their swift actions that undoubtedly saved countless lives.

Finally, we acknowledge the friends and families whose hearts are breaking this evening. The flag atop this building flies at Halfstaff tonight as a symbol of a nation that grieves with you.

Not far from here, in Arlington National Cemetery, is a quote inscribed on the memorial for Robert Kennedy: "And even in our sleep, pain that cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, and in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom to us by the awful grace of God."

Let us pray that those impacted by this awful tragedy can receive comfort through God's grace.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to observe a moment of silence.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LARRY "GATOR" RIVERS

(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 honor the life of

Larry "Gator" Rivers, a great man, fantastic athlete, and public servant.

Gator was born on May 6, 1949, in Savannah, Georgia. During his sophomore year at Alfred Beach High School, Gator was part of the first-ever all-African-American team to win the Georgia high school basketball State championship.

The team went on to win two more State titles, bringing Gator's total to three State titles. After his dominating high school career at Alfred Beach High School, Larry went on to play at Mobley Junior College and Missouri Western State University.

After college, he tried out and impressed the scouts for the Harlem Globetrotters. For 15 years, Gator toured with the Globetrotters as a dribbler for the team.

After his career with the Globetrotters, Larry went on to coach at the high school level and created his own training program, Gatorball Academy.

In 2008, Gator moved back to Savannah and continued to run Gatorball Academy in conjunction with volunteering at the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club.

In 2020, he decided to run for a seat on the Chatham County Commission. He was well known for trying to bring more professional sports to Savannah.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the Rivers family.

To my friend, we will miss you. You will always be with us.

COMMEMORATING WALTER DUKES

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Walter Dukes and the 1953 National Invitational Tournament champion Seton Hall University Pirates basketball team.

Walter Dukes was Seton Hall's 7-foot, African-American center. He was the team's indisputable leader who pulled down 734 rebounds that year. It was an NCAA record that still stands.

He and his team dealt with discrimination and violence for having a Black player on the team, but they continued to win and beat St. John's University, 58-46, to win the 1953 NIT title, which was the big tournament at the time.

Dukes and his Seton Hall teammates are legends in New Jersey's basketball lore. Their magical season shows us the importance of character, faith, and success.

As a longtime Seton Hall fan, going to Seton Hall games for 55 years, I am proud to highlight them on the floor today.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL WEEK

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Charter School

Week, during which we celebrate the work that charter schools are doing to expand education freedom and help students thrive in an environment that fits their needs.

Gone are the days of one-size-fits-all education solutions. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the flaws of rigid learning systems. Millions of students were trapped in failing school districts simply because of their ZIP Code.

Now, parents are waking up and making their choices heard. Education freedom is the future.

Charter schools offer students an alternative pathway that provides access to high-quality education options that would otherwise be unavailable.

As the chairwoman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, I will continue to advocate for educational pathways like charter schools that put students, not politics, first.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MORAN). Members are reminded to abide by the decorum of the House.

CELEBRATING RECORD STORE DAY

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, before I begin, I have to point out that the gentleman and many of the people who just led that moment of silence for the horrible shooting that just happened can't find it within themselves to give a moment of action to make sure that these shootings don't happen in the first place.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in belated celebration of RECORD Store Day and the incredible record stores that call central Florida home.

Last month, I got to visit many of these stores, hearing from the small business owners and employees about their love for music and what we can do to support small businesses and the arts.

The next time you are in central Florida, please take the time to visit Bossa 'N Roll Records, Bynx, Foundation College Park, Park Ave CDs, ReRunz Records, Remix Records, Retro Records, Rock & Roll Heaven, Smartpunk's RECORD Shop, Uncle Tony's Donut Shoppe, which has records, and any store that I may have missed.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all the record stores for being a vital part of our economy and our arts community.

HONORING STEVEN RAY GIVENS

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

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the beloved father, husband, son, and hero, Specialist Steven Ray Givens, who gave his life in service to our country.

As a young child, Steven was inspired by his grandfather and made the decision to serve.

In May 2005, Steven gave his life in Balad, Iraq, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Steven is remembered for his incredible service and deep love and commitment to his family. He loved playing video games with his son in his lap, hunting and fishing, and chatting about military history.

Steven is survived by his mother, Joyce; his son, Blake; and his wife, Cayssia. Cayssia serves as the Gold Star Congressional Fellow in my Killeen, Texas, district office and honors Steven's legacy daily by serving our veterans, Active-Duty servicemembers, and other Gold Star families at Fort Cavazos and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, Camille and I thank Cayssia, Joyce, and Blake for their incredible sacrifice, and we join them in remembering Steven.

END DEBT CEILING MADNESS

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it should not be partisan or political to pay our bills because raising the debt ceiling is simply honoring our word, our commitments. In fact, the Constitution demands that the validity of the public debt shall not be questioned.

Congress has a duty, an obligation, embedded in the very framework of our being to raise the debt limit so the world knows that America will never default.

Republicans want to skip out on this bill because they don't like how Congress spent it. We spent it helping the poor, helping veterans, helping seniors. Skipping out is not an option.

Since 1960, Congress has renegotiated our debt ceiling 78 times. Under President Trump, and without any fanfare, we raised the debt ceiling three times. Now, under President Biden, House Republicans are playing arsonist with the financial well-being of all Americans and threatening to cut SNAP, create roadblocks for Medicaid, and jeopardize funding for veterans.

Mr. Speaker, real leaders would not do this. Mr. Speaker, we should end the madness.

TITLE 42 EXPIRATION WILL WORSEN CRISIS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, President Biden will be removing a critical border enforcement mechanism from our Border Patrol agents' arsenal.

Title 42 is a Trump-era public health order that allows us to quickly deport illegal immigrants that are abusing our asylum system. Without this order in place, the crisis at our southern and northern border would be even worse than it is now.

This impending end of title 42 is public knowledge. Already, border towns are experiencing yet another surge of illegal immigrants as the end gets closer.

Allowing title 42 to expire is allowing an already catastrophic situation to get even worse. It is unconscionable that neither the President nor Secretary Mayorkas is treating the border crisis with anything close to seriousness.

Thousands of people violate our Nation's laws and our sovereignty every day by illegally entering the United States. Drug smuggling and human trafficking are rampant, and Mexican drug cartels are growing richer and more powerful.

Only America's foes benefit from the utter chaos at our border. It is time for the administration to get busy and do the work that needs to be done. Finish building the border fence.

Sending your press agents out to tell us this is fine? Well, we are not falling for the Jedi mind trick.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week, I rise today to recognize and honor the hardworking educators in Indiana's First Congressional District.

I am grateful for all of our teachers who show up each and every day with the sole commitment to inspire and provide students with lifelong skills. Teachers' dedication and commitment to guiding our next generation through their educational journey and into thriving career paths is heroic.

All teachers deserve to be adequately compensated for this tremendous work, and that is why I am a proud cosponsor of the American Teacher Act, which would support efforts to increase teacher salaries.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with all of my colleagues to advance this legislation, and I ask my colleagues to join me today in expressing gratitude to all educators in north-west Indiana and across our country.

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AMERICA'S IMMIGRATION STORY

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

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, as a Texan, I rise today to speak on the expiration of title 42, but our immigra-

tion story neither begins nor ends there.

As a child, I was taught songs like "America the Beautiful," but today I can honestly say that beauty must really be in the eye of the beholder because the inhumanity that is playing out around migrants is far from beautiful.

Congress needs to pass humane, substantive, and sustainable, bipartisan immigration reform that provides for an orderly, transparent, and efficient process for asylum seekers, clears out the decades-long backlog, and keeps our communities safe.

For years, House and Senate Democrats have worked to pass immigration reform with little to no support from our Republican colleagues.

I am left asking: Is this what America the beautiful looks like?

Republicans are constantly fanning the flames of hate instead of offering help to a country that is craving more leadership and less lies. Republicans have essentially decided that immigrants make for great political pawns. The problem is, we aren't playing chess. This is real life, with radical rhetoric that has real-world consequences and getting people killed.

Just this weekend a man in Brownsville, Texas, used his truck to plow through and kill eight people sitting at a bus stop. We have got to do better. America really needs to be beautiful.

I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks.

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Just this weekend a man in Brownsville TX used his truck to plow through and kill 8 people sitting at a bus stop next to a shelter for migrants. And four years ago, a man radicalized by republican rhetoric walked into a Walmart in El Paso and murdered 23 people he believed were invading the border as part of the so-called "great replacement".

America, the beautiful? Not so much, but we can be. We used to be. And so with that maybe we need a little history. This country