

heard stories far too often about serious crimes committed by people who have been arrested countless times before being let back out on the streets. Unfortunately, this has become the norm in too many cities.

Our law enforcement officers have been left with policies that leave them feeling powerless to do the job they selflessly dedicate their lives to. Whether on the border or in major cities, we need serious bipartisan police reform that holds bad officers accountable and dedicates resources to help good officers do their jobs.

I am grateful for the men and women in law enforcement for their commitment to keeping us safe. I thank them for all they do.

**CONGRATULATING THOMAS GIBSON OF IOWA CITY**

**Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS.** Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thomas Gibson of Iowa City for winning a Congressional Bronze Medal. I had the pleasure of presenting the award to Thomas last week in front of his friends and family at Iowa City West High School. Thomas is an outstanding young man, deserving of the award given to him to recognize the dedication to service and achievement in our Nation's youth.

In order to earn a Congressional Bronze Medal, participants must set and achieve goals in public service, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration. Thomas fulfilled his goals by restoring a native prairie to its original beauty, volunteering at a community garden that gave all of the food to people in need, and becoming a senior patrol leader for his Boy Scout troop, serving as a role model for younger Scouts and learning valuable lessons in leadership.

Thomas is also a member of Iowa City West's most advanced jazz band and spends his free time working at a local ice cream shop. His peers speak very highly of him and recognize him as a valuable member of the community.

Madam Speaker, I wish Thomas the very best of luck as he continues to be a leader and role model in the community. He represents the very best of Iowa and the rest of the country.

**CONGRATULATING HAILEY WHITTERS OF SHUEYVILLE, IOWA**

**Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS.** Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hailey Whitters of Shueyville, Iowa, for being named the Academy of Country Music Awards' New Female Artist of the Year.

Hailey had a farm-town upbringing before moving to Nashville to pursue a career in music. She spent the next 10 years honing her craft and finding her true voice before her breakout album "The Dream" caught national attention and The Washington Post called it 2020's "deepest country album."

Hailey's next album titled "Raised" drew inspiration from her upbringing in Iowa and focused on her childhood adventures in Shueyville. This album introduced the world to her own,

unique brand of Iowa country music. Her song "A Beautiful Noise" was a 2022 Grammy nominee for Song of the Year, and she solidified her spot in the country music scene with her Academy of Country Music Awards' New Female Artist of the Year title earlier this month.

Hailey's success is a testament to her hard work and dedication to her craft. I wish her the best of luck as she goes on tour to showcase the new album. I know she will continue to make the people of Shueyville and Iowa proud.

**WORLD BEER CUP**

**Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS.** Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Backpocket Brewing Company from Coralville, Iowa, for winning first place for their Pumpkin Ale at the 2023 World Beer Cup. They have set the bar for excellent beers worldwide. They already had a gold coin. Now they have a gold medal.

When I first put together my draft remarks, I knew any praise I heaped on Backpocket would pale in comparison to their actual accomplishments. So I will let their beer speak for itself and simply say: congratulations.

I also encourage all the breweries who won silver or amber: Do not be sour. You were stout competitors.

**CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

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

**Mr. MOYLAN.** Madam Speaker, while there are certainly many important issues to celebrate and recognize during the month of May, one that definitely hits home to me is that May is when our Nation celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month. I stand with honor and pride to celebrate my district, my community, and my home, the beautiful island of Guam.

Guam is an island community proudly displaying an American flag in the midst of the Pacific region. Guam is home to a diverse and vibrant community. We are a melting pot consisting of Chamorros, Filipino Americans, Asian Americans, Micronesians, and so many other beautiful ethnicities.

In Guam, we embrace the spirit of inafa'maolek, which is to make good, or in the larger scheme of things, to restore harmony or order.

We are an island of respectability, from taking care of our elders to ensuring our neighbors are okay. We are also a welcoming community, as service-members assigned to Guam can proudly share their stories of being invited to village fiestas.

This month we honor and reflect on our island's unique history, culture, diversity, and contributions to our Nation's history and development.

We are an island of patriots and proud Americans, many of whom have served in the U.S. Armed Forces during

wars and conflicts. On a per capita basis, we have among the highest number of enlistments in the Nation.

Guam is also proud to be home to veterans, once again, among the highest per capita. Our proud veterans hope to be provided the same care that their brothers and sisters receive on the mainland.

In fact, the island remains one of the Pacific's most strategic assets holding key military installations and is also a vital component of the INDOPACOM theater.

As a Pacific Islander, I am proud to be continuing a tradition of holding a seat in the sacred Halls of democracy where I can proudly stand and represent my community. It is a tradition which started with the late Delegate Antonio Won Pat and continued through the works of the late Delegate and General Ben Blaz, Delegate Robert Underwood, Delegate Madeleine Bordallo, and my predecessor, Delegate Michael San Nicolas. Each did their job ensuring that Pacific Islanders were represented with honor and dignity.

As we will certainly have many discussions over this term to discuss the inequities our community faces as American citizens, today I wanted to rejoice in the celebration that I represent Pacific Islanders who are proud, welcoming, and who always display the Hafa Adai spirit.

I want to reflect on the hardworking islanders who have contributed to the growth of Guam and our region, from the levels of commerce, education, farming, healthcare, public service, engineering, and so much more. Many of them have relocated throughout the Nation to become integral contributors of so many districts represented by many Members of Congress.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month reminds us of the immense contributions to the Nation's history and culture while encouraging us to learn more about their extraordinary and diverse stories, stories I look forward to sharing with my colleagues throughout this term.

Happy Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

**RECESS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

**AFTER RECESS**

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

**PRAAYER**

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

Holy God, sanctify this day and the week ahead, that our work would serve to glorify You and our efforts would prove worthy of You.

You, Lord, are all we have. The riches of wealth, the blessing of talent and opportunity, the allure of beauty, and the fortune of friends and family are nothing compared to the portion we have in You.

You, Lord, are all we have, and You give us all we need. You supply us not just with life and breath, but with purpose and meaning as You send us forth to uphold truth and justice and to remain steadfast in mercy and compassion.

You, Lord, are all we have. You give us all we need, and our future is in Your hands. In the certainty of Your protection, may we find our courage. In the sureness of Your presence, may we find our strength.

Then, in the bounty of Your grace, may we find our worth as we live into Your desires for us this day and this week. May our hearts be open to the lives You would have us lead and our wills on the paths that You would lead us.

In the power You grant us in Your name, we pray.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

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

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

#### WORLD BEER CUP

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Backpocket Brewing Company from Coralville, Iowa, for winning first place for their Pumpkin Ale at the 2023 World Beer Cup, drowning out their competition.

They have set the bar for excellent brews worldwide. They already had a gold coin, and now they have a gold medal.

When I first put together my draft remarks, I knew any praise I heaped on Backpocket would pale in comparison to their actual accomplishments. So I will let their beer speak for itself and say simply: congratulations.

I would also encourage all the breweries who won silver or amber: Don't be sour. You were stout competitors. However, one thing is clear. We may not have much of a timber industry in Iowa, but we do have great lagers. I encourage all my colleagues to hop on the bandwagon and try Iowa beer.

#### RECOGNIZING LIFESPAN RESOURCES

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

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, ask Hoosiers in New Albany what LifeSpan Resources is and they will tell you it is a key part of the community. Their organization works to support independence and quality of life for people across southern Indiana through their advocacy and client services, and they have great leaders, like Lora Clark, leading the charge.

Happy 50 years of helping Hoosiers in Clark, Floyd, Harrison, and Scott Counties live independently. That is 50 years of home-delivered meals, transportation assistance, and numerous in-home services.

I am sorry I missed the big celebration at IU Southeast in New Albany last week, but I am proud of the work you do.

On behalf of Hoosiers across our district, I congratulate and thank them for 50 years.

#### DRUG ABUSE ATTACKS FAMILIES

(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. Mr. Speaker, as long as drugs have been used, they have been abused, destroying families. Availability is skyrocketing due to the Biden failures at the southern border.

It is shocking that nearly 140 million Americans have illicitly used drugs at some point in their life. Sadly, South Carolina has not escaped this scourge. In the last 2 years, South Carolina drug overdose deaths involving fentanyl have increased by more than 35 percent. Sadly, 1,500 deaths are recorded.

The Republican majority is focused on the needs of families. In January, I cosponsored the Stop Fentanyl Act. This important legislation is a deterrence for fentanyl-related offenses, which are aggravated by the Biden failures at the southern border, putting all families at risk.

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

Best wishes on International Day of Families, coordinated by OIF president Brian Brown.

#### CELEBRATING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate National Police Week, I rise to honor the brave men and women who put their lives on the line to keep our communities safe across California's 40th Congressional District and their families.

In Congress, I will always be a loud voice for our local law enforcement and am working to ensure that they have the resources they need to do their jobs and to keep us safe.

We also honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Unfortunately, we are again reminded of the tremendous sacrifice of our local law enforcement as we honor Riverside County Sheriff Deputy Brett Harris, who was killed in the line of duty on Saturday.

I join in praying for his wife, mother, father, his twin sister, and brother.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of Alabama). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1700

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MORAN) at 5 p.m.

#### 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 a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

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