

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE ON JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to Section 114(b) of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1103), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of 6 years:

Mr. TRENT KELLY, Saltillo, Mississippi

THANKING OUR BRAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Madam Speaker, as the song goes: If there is something strange in your neighborhood, who you gonna call? If something is weird and it don't look good, who you gonna call?

Madam Speaker, don't call Ghostbusters, call the police. During National Police Week, we recognize it takes strength and courage to wear a badge and answer the call. It takes commitment to respond to an emergency, to run toward gunfire rather than away from it. For law enforcement, that is just part of the job.

While crazy town continues to demonize law enforcement, we the people know they are not the enemy; they are heroes.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of our country, I say two words to these brave patriots, words they don't hear enough: Thank you.

I thank them for protecting our communities. I thank them for protecting our families. To everyone who wears a badge and enforces our laws, I and America will always back the blue.

TELLING THE TRUTH MATTERS

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss H. Res. 114. The resolution would expel a Member of Congress who faces 13 Federal charges, such as stealing public funds and lying on Federal disclosure forms. In addition, this Member has lied about his education, employment history, and even his ethnic heritage.

This resolution is about more than one Member of Congress. It is about more than the typical political party play that poisons this Chamber.

It is about what is expected from a Member of Congress. It is about ethics, morality, and character. It is an opportunity to restore faith in the United

States' Congress. Finally, it is an opportunity to show the country that there are consequences to actions.

Many of us have children, and we tell our children that telling the truth matters. Now we have a chance to support our words with action and declare that such behavior will not be tolerated in Congress.

RECOGNIZING VERONICA SIERZANT

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Veronica Sierzant for winning the Lawton M. Calhoun award from the Greater Savannah Athletics Hall of Fame.

The Calhoun award is presented annually to the most outstanding athlete across all sports in Chatham County. Veronica is a senior at Islands High School and has committed to playing volleyball next year at Syracuse University where both her parents competed in athletics.

She was selected as the Savannah Morning News Player of the Year her junior year and has been the first three-time champion of the Hollis Stacy award, which is given to the most outstanding female athlete in Savannah.

During her senior season, she was voted team captain and led the Raiders to a Region 3-4A title.

Off the court, Veronica is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, and the Future Farmers of America.

Madam Speaker, I wish her the best of luck and know she will represent the First District well at Syracuse University this fall.

EXPELLING GEORGE SANTOS

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

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the motion to refer the resolution to expel GEORGE SANTOS to the House Ethics Committee.

This is already an ongoing investigation in the Ethics Committee based on a complaint that I filed in January. This resolution was already referred to the Ethics Committee on February 9, but as is customary and as my Republican colleagues know very well, that investigation is on hold until the Federal criminal investigation and prosecution is resolved. So despite my colleagues' statements to the contrary, there will be nothing quick about the Ethics Committee's process.

This motion today was, therefore, simply a way for Republicans to continue to cover for Mr. SANTOS.

Many have called for his removal, especially freshman Republican Members

from New York, but when finally given an opportunity to walk the talk, they instead sat with Mr. SANTOS.

Make no mistake about it: A vote in support of this motion today is a vote in support of Mr. SANTOS.

HONORING THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF FLORIDA'S SEVENTH DISTRICT

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

Mr. MILLS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave men and women in blue for Florida's Seventh District. I am honored to represent Seminole County and Volusia County law enforcement officers.

While some of my colleagues on the left have called to defund and dismantle our police, I, as well as my fellow Republican colleagues, will always defend them. It is because of our police officers' bravery and courage on the front lines that we live safely.

In times of crisis, they protect our communities by putting themselves in harm's way, and many times not being able to make it home to their loved ones. The officers we honor this week are not just members of law enforcement, they are our neighbors, our friends, and our family. They are individuals that represent the values we hold dear as Americans with integrity, honor, and courage.

Madam Speaker, this week and every week, I honor their sacrifice and dedication to keeping our communities safe.

CELEBRATING ARMED FORCES DAY

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, over the course of our country's history, generations of American servicemembers have made remarkable sacrifices to defend the freedoms we hold dear.

As we celebrate Armed Forces week, I ask for everyone across our country to join me in saluting the men and women who protect us, defend our freedoms, and safeguard the world from danger.

As a veteran of the United States Air Force, our servicemembers and military families hold a special place in my heart, and I will always fight to ensure they receive the respect and honor they deserve.

Madam Speaker, to the men and women who serve our Nation, I thank them for their selfless service.

HONORING THE UNSUNG HEROES KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of our law enforcement in the 12th District of Georgia. This is National Police Week. Not just this week but every week, the Members of this body should honor the often unsung heroes tasked with keeping our communities safe every day.

Unfortunately, many of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have called to defund the police and promoted antipolice rhetoric that has resulted in a violent crime wave across the country, and in many cases against our brave law enforcement officers.

House Republicans proudly support law and order and stand with law enforcement nationwide. That is why our conference has dedicated this week to passing prolaw enforcement legislation, including a bill to make the assault of a police officer a deportable offense if you are in the country illegally, and more.

Madam Speaker, God's word gets it right. The greatest love that you can offer is to give up your life for another. We must always support our brave men and women in uniform. Those who have put their lives on the line for the safety of others should never be demonized; they should be honored. My Republican colleagues and I will never stop backing the blue.

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A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN

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

Mrs. SYKES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call on Congress to commit to paying its bills and ensure that the significant investments of the Inflation Reduction Act are protected.

The Inflation Reduction Act is a historic investment that tackles the climate crisis and strengthens American energy security, all while lowering costs for families and businesses, creating millions of good-paying jobs for American workers, and delivering on a clean energy future for our children and grandchildren.

What does this mean for Ohio's 13th Congressional District?

It means because of the Inflation Reduction Act, my constituents can save hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars every year by taking advantage of tax credits to promote clean and efficient energy.

It means that in just the few months that I have served here in Congress, Ohio has already received millions of dollars through the Inflation Reduction Act to reduce climate pollution in our community so all people in Ohio's 13th District can breathe clean air and drink clean water and live in a safe and healthy environment.

Despite these benefits, House Republicans are falsely claiming we only

have two options: default on our debt and cause economic catastrophe or default on America by slashing environmental spending and cutting clean energy jobs funded through the IRA.

We must reject the majority's false choice.

The clock is ticking. I will not allow partisan politics to threaten the livelihoods of people and families in Ohio's 13th District.

HONORING THE BRAVE MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Madam Speaker, as we are in the midst of National Police Week, on Thursday, riding bicycles with the Capitol Police and Speaker McCarthy, from the steps of the Capitol Building to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, I couldn't help but think back to the day when I took the oath to become a member of the New York City Police Department.

Upon my many visits to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, I think back to the inscription underneath the lion that says: "It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived."

Madam Speaker, I recognize the heroes that were added to the wall from my district, representing the Nassau County Police Department: Hector Nunez, Matt Perlungher, Charles Vroom, IV, and Robert Negri. Their families were here on Capitol Hill this week to watch as their loved ones were added to the wall.

Madam Speaker, we are reminded each day that it wasn't how they died that made them heroes, it was how they lived.

PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Ms. BROWNLEY. Madam Speaker, this week, during National Police Week, House Republicans are again exploiting law enforcement for political gain rather than helping law enforcement with real policy.

House Republicans are using messaging bills to nowhere to trick the public into thinking they support law enforcement while turning around and stripping communities of the funds necessary to support local law enforcement agencies across the country.

It was only 2 weeks ago that House Republicans voted to slash funding for law enforcement by 22 percent. That would decimate local law enforcement agencies nationwide while leaving our streets unsafe and our communities vulnerable.

I call on my colleagues to reject the empty rhetoric, and instead, work with House Democrats to provide the re-

sources necessary to actually support our law enforcement officers and their mission to protect and serve our families and our communities.

HYDROELECTRIC DAMS ARE BEING DEMOLISHED AND REMOVED

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise to highlight a great injustice happening to constituents of mine in Siskiyou County, California. Against their wishes and interests, the hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River are in line to be demolished and removed.

These removals will have a very negative effect on the economy for the residents of Siskiyou County as much of their tax base relies on those dams and the power and energy they produce. It will devalue their property. The hydroelectric power—everyone wants green power—carbon-free power will be eliminated and have to be found some other way.

These property owners are going to be hurt drastically by this, but they are supposed to be compensated by what is called the Klamath Mitigation Fund. It seems that the parent agency of this fund, the Klamath River Renewal Corporation, a shell corporation created to take over the ownership of the dams and have no liability, has used extremely subjective criteria when evaluating which property owners will get compensation, which won't even be close to the amount that they lose in their water wells and their property values as the lakefront will no longer be a lake from the Copco Reservoir.

They should really be compensated for this, but on top of that, we really shouldn't be tearing out dams when we already have a shortage of electric power, especially green hydroelectric power that renews every time it rains.

RECOGNIZING ANNA LAIBLE

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

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I am proud today to recognize the outstanding Anna Liabile from Lehigh, Pennsylvania. Anna will graduate this year from Lehigh Area High School, in addition to receiving an associate degree in communications from Lehigh Carbon Community College. Although she is only graduating this year, Anna has been an avid reporter since 2019.

Anna reports for Sports Illustrated Kids, covering press conferences, conducting interviews, and reporting on assignment like any other reporter with press credentials.

She writes for MLB.com where she is the only young person asking questions of Major League Baseball players during interviews. She created her own podcast, "Speak Up Sports," where she