

While our community is resilient and has overcome such perils of Mother Nature many times in the past, when it comes to a typhoon of this magnitude, a direct impact over any of the islands will sadly lead to severe damage of homes, businesses, crops, and livelihoods, and will certainly lead us to a long road toward recovery.

Within these sacred Halls, I humbly ask my colleagues to pray for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands and that we can dodge this massive bullet called Typhoon Mawar.

God Almighty, please protect our community and our people.

□ 1215

CELEBRATING THE PHILIPPINES 125TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, on June 12, 2023, the Philippines will be celebrating the very day in 1898 when the Philippines declared its independence from Spain. They will, in essence, commemorate 125 years of independence.

While it still took nearly another half decade for the Treaty of Manila to be signed to secure its full independence from the United States, it is still recognized as a historic transition to allow the country to preserve the very culture, language, and traditions that we appreciate today.

The proud relationship between the Philippines and Guam has been prosperous over the decades. A good percentage of our island's population either relocated from the Philippines or have roots tied back to the Philippines.

Due to Spanish influence, there are many similarities with our cultures, food, traditions, and language. Many of the surnames are also similar.

Our island has developed greater ties with the Philippines, which includes medical tourism for islanders to seek medical care in one of the many world-class facilities in the Philippines.

Our H2B labor solely arrives from the Philippines and has been remarkable for our economy. Flights to and from Manila are almost always full on any day of the week, to continue the enhancements of economic activity for both Guam and the Philippines.

While we recognize the independence of the Philippines, I take this time to honor and commend the Filipino Community of Guam. The FCG is a non-profit umbrella organization for 29 Filipino member-associations in Guam.

For 69 years, the FCG has continued to perpetuate and promote the culture of the Philippines on Guam and in the region. On June 3, they will be hosting the Philippine Independence Ball to highlight this historic occasion.

To president Patrick Lutes; vice presidents Romy Angel, Elizabeth Cena, and Loisa Cabuhat; secretaries Trixie Naholowaa-Torres and Nilfa Milan; treasurers Frank Huelar and Allan Camacho; auditor Linda Caasi; public relations officer Eileen Igcasenza; and to the board of trustees, on behalf of a thankful Nation and island and under these sacred Halls of de-

mocracy and history, I say thank you for your service to the community and for your efforts to keep the Filipino traditions thriving on Guam and the region.

Finally, to the Philippines, an ally of the United States, a friend of Guam, a country of hardworking people with pride and humbleness, Happy 125th Independence Day. "Philippine Independence Day," "Araw ng Kalayaan."

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 17 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.

PRAYER

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

We approach You, Lord our God, embraced in Your perfect love. In You do we find all we need. If we are afraid, we find courage. If we are despairing, we find hope. If ill, we find healing. We need only give up all that holds us back from receiving the grace and mercy You offer so freely to each of us.

May we not allow ourselves to be caught up in the fear of failure, the fear of the unknown, or the fear of our enemies, but by Your grace may we discover the courage to move forward where You would have us go.

May we not be inclined to look through the lens of despair, the despair of loss, the despair of rejection, the despair of death, but in Your mercy may we gird ourselves with the hope of Your presence in these shadows.

May we be willing and open to find the strength You provide to endure our suffering. Be we ill in mind, body, or spirit, may we find healing in Your peace, a peace that surpasses our understanding.

In You, O Lord, do we find all that we need this day: courage, hope, and healing. O holy one, may we not live our lives for desires that fall short of Your grace plan for us, but open our eyes to Your provision and recognize Your unfailing love for us.

In the name of the one who is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine, 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.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, 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.

Mr. ALLEN. 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 Georgia (Mr. ALLEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ALLEN 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.

RECOGNIZING NICOLE MORADZADEH

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

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Nicole Moradzadeh of Merced for her outstanding submission to the congressional art contest.

A junior at El Capitan High School, Nicole's artwork titled, "Give Thanks," highlights the hardworking families who are the foundation of California's Central Valley.

Nicole has beautifully expressed a unique perspective through her captivating work. The piece resonates deeply, inspiring appreciation for our working families. It serves as a reminder of the power of art to transcend boundaries and unite us all.

I chose this piece because it pays such excellent homage to the hard-working families that come to the Central Valley today to pursue the American Dream as so many generations have before from all over the world.

I am here in recognition of Nicole to express my commitment to make sure that the American Dream stays alive today for future generations as it has for all of those generations that have come before.

CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of Asian American, Native

Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

As a “fourth generation,” “yonsei,” Okinawan American, I believe this month is not only a chance to recognize our communities and their contributions, but it is also deeply personal to me as I think about the future we want to build for the next generation for our “children,” “keiki.”

AANHPIs are the fastest-growing population in the United States. We are a diverse diaspora. We are in every State across the country.

While we have made great progress, we have also seen an unprecedented rise in xenophobia, discrimination, and violence nationwide, but we will not let these forces of hate hold us down.

The stories of AANHPI people in our country are of grit, perseverance, and courage. They are stories that continue today through the tireless advocacy of those fighting to defend our civil rights and our democracy and through hard-working men and women keeping the American Dream alive.

I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

PAYING TRIBUTE ON MEMORIAL DAY

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, next Monday, we will pause and pay tribute to the men and women who have died in service to our Nation.

It is a solemn time: one for deep reflection, patriotism, and gratitude. This upcoming Saturday, members of the High Country chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will be honoring deceased military veterans for Memorial Day by placing 600 flags on their gravesites.

Joining them will be members of The American Legion, ASU military staff, as well as local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Mr. Speaker, seeing members of the High Country come together in this fashion is heartwarming.

Let us never forget that we are blessed to live in the freest, greatest country in the world and that the selfless sacrifices made by those who have served should always be revered and recognized.

RECOGNIZING HUDSON COUNTY SHERIFF FRANK SCHILLARI

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great public servant, a law enforcement professional, a veteran of the United States Navy, and a dear friend, Hudson County Sheriff Frank X. Schillari.

Sheriff Schillari will be honored tomorrow in New Jersey for his over 25

years of service, 13 of which he has served as our county's highest ranking law enforcement professional.

Throughout that time, Sheriff Schillari has garnered respect from all corners for his devotion to protecting the residents of Hudson County and for ensuring our county roads, parks, and government facilities are safe for all to use.

His accomplishments have included improved community policing, the modernization of the sheriff's office, increased patrols of our county parks and roads, and building up the county's crash investigation unit.

In the last 25 years, Sheriff Schillari has embodied the best of law enforcement: fairness, respect, and devotion to his county, State, and country.

All the while, he has been a caring father to his children and a husband to his wonderful wife of 50 years, Mrs. Schillari, an incredible individual in her own right.

Today, on behalf of our county, I thank him and congratulate him on being honored by those who he has so selflessly served.

AMERICANS RULED BY BUREAUCRATS

(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, our government was founded on the principle of rule by the people's elected Representatives, indeed, a Republic.

The principle guided our Nation for many years and allowed the United States to become first among nations. Sadly, the uncontrolled growth of the Federal bureaucracy has usurped our constitutional foundation.

Instead of rule by elected Representatives, Americans are mostly ruled by bureaucrats. Federal bureaucrats and agencies, with the aid of activist judges, have successfully subverted many of our freedoms and the God-given rights of Americans found in the Constitution.

Almost every bill in the Bill of Rights has been successfully curtailed or subordinated to the wishes and desires of unelected, faceless bureaucrats.

Our Founders did not intend for the citizens of the Nation to be ruled by rubber-stamped decrees from agencies like the EPA or the ATF.

To add insult to injury, although we do have a mix of good people that are there, they are often outstripped by those that don't seem to care about what real people deal with. Their decrees often make no sense and do nothing more than make a headache for people trying to do basic, everyday things.

The Endangered Species Act, I remind you, does not trump the Bill of Rights or the U.S. Constitution. We need to take our powers back.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALLEN) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 18, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN McCARTHY,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 18, 2023, at 4:02 p.m.

That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 18.

Appointment:

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 1903(b), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy:

Mr. COURTNEY, Connecticut

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9455(a), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy:

Mr. DAVIS, North Carolina

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4003(e) of the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114-255), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee:

Dr. Jim Jirjis, Nashville, Tennessee

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 8468(a), and the order of the House of