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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.

House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023

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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 24, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

CONGRATULATING TEACHER OF THE YEAR ALEX FRANGOULIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is always an honor to lift

local heroes while on the House floor and to celebrate the dedication and service of our educators. Today, I get to do both.

Mr. Alex Frangoulis of the Goddard School in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, in my district was honored with the Goddard School's Teacher of the Year Award. With more than 3,200 applications, Mr. Frangoulis—or Mr. Alex as he is known to his students—shone as their national winner.

Education is one of the most powerful gifts that we can give to our younger generations, helping them to forge their own paths with the knowledge, skills, and empathy they learn throughout their schooling.

We as lawmakers have an obligation to ensure that all young students have access to the kind of high-quality early education that Mr. Frangoulis exemplifies. We have an obligation to fight for equitable funding of our schools, all of our schools, and we have an obligation to fight for universal pre-K. We know the difference that makes in a child's life and trajectory.

We have an obligation to support our teachers in every single school district.

Think of the difference a teacher in your life once made. Probably that teacher helped get you here.

We must all do everything we can to ensure every child can receive a quality education from the very beginning regardless of household income, an education that inspires them, and a foundation that helps them grow, just as Mr. Frangoulis achieves in his classroom every day.

Congratulations to Goddard School, and congratulations to Mr. Alex. He is a shining star example in my district.

HONORING BRUNSWICK COUNTY SHERIFF JOHN INGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ROUZER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brunswick County Sheriff John Ingram, who recently retired from his long and distinguished service in law enforcement.

A proud native of Brunswick County, Sheriff Ingram has continually dedicated his life to his community. He joined the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office in 1991, starting as a patrol deputy. He quickly rose through the ranks and served in many different capacities, including in the warrant and detective divisions, and then became lieutenant in the narcotics division and commander of the department's SWAT team.

Mr. Ingram later joined the Columbus County Sheriff's Office, where he was named chief deputy before returning to Brunswick County in the same role. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed Brunswick County sheriff and has earned reelection to the post in each and every election since.

During his tenure leading the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office, he expanded the department to accommodate the fastest growing county in the State. He increased recruitment efforts

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and brought in additional 911 telecommunicators and detention officers to increase safety.

He also offered a variety of community programs to further the sheriff's office mission to enhance public safety and education and promote community-based relationships between law enforcement and the public, including his support for establishing drug courts where those battling addiction could be better treated and find the pathway to healing, productivity, and success.

To facilitate those missions, he created the Sheriff's Citizens' Academy along with the Sheriff's Volunteer Program. He also launched the Anchor Initiative Program in 2018 to help those suffering from addiction start their recovery, providing a hopeful future to break the typical cycle of continued drug use and crime.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Ingram has been recognized for his leadership on all these fronts. He was elected to the board of directors for the National Sheriffs' Association and served as president of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.

Most recently, he was awarded the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine, a recognition considered North Carolina's highest civilian honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize a no-nonsense individual and one with such a sense of duty, integrity, and distinguished service to the people of Brunswick County, North Carolina.

On behalf of the citizens of North Carolina's Seventh District, I thank him, and I am proud to recognize him for his extraordinary service and commitment to his fellow man.

May God continue to bless him, his family, and the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office. I am proud to call him my friend.

HONORING MICHAEL OWENS

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American and Angeleno who is the definition of a public servant, Michael Owens.

I have had the honor to serve as an elected official for 27 years, and I have learned that the backbone of every office is having a team of dedicated people who work directly with our community members.

Just as it is in Congress, a Los Angeles city councilmember's district team has the biggest impact on the constituents they serve, and Michael made an impact on thousands of constituents.

Michael changed the lives of those with disabilities, LGBTQ+ youth, and all the families of the San Fernando Valley.

Michael Owens served Councilmember Bob Blumenfeld for 15 years, first as his director of constituent affairs and later as district director. In these roles, he oversaw more

than 10 staffers and the delivery of millions of dollars of city resources to their constituents.

Before getting involved in politics, he was a paralegal and director of legal affairs at the Motion Picture Association.

Michael lived in my district in the community of North Hills. He was a leader in his homeowner association, bringing the knowledge he had from the city to make his community a better place for all its residents.

He was known by Councilmember Blumenfeld as the "constituent whisperer" for his ability to hear constituents' most difficult problems and find solutions for them. No problem was too big or too small for Michael.

As district director, he ensured the district office he served was a space where students with disabilities could develop vital career skills.

We lost Michael in April. He joins his parents and late husband, Camron. My heart goes out to Michael's family, his sister Susan, Uncle Bob, and cousin Sara, and to Bob Blumenfeld and his entire staff during this difficult time.

Michael represents the Angeleno and American spirit of going above and beyond to serve the community that gave him so much.

HONORING IRMA CANTU ACOSTA

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Irma Cantu Acosta, a beloved leader, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

As a former small business owner and realtor, I saw firsthand the efforts of Irma to help families and young real estate agents attain the American Dream.

Irma was born in a small rural town in southwest Texas, and in the fifties, her family moved to Boyle Heights, Los Angeles.

Irma began her career in real estate, a field where she helped thousands of families navigate the real estate market. Her passion was helping working families find a house they could call home.

In 2000, she led the creation of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals, the largest voice and champion for Latino homeownership and empowerment, which is now tens of thousands of members strong. From the local to the national level, she mentored thousands of clients and colleagues with her warm, reassuring smile and valuable insight.

Irma is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband, Ernie, and her three children, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Today, I stand to celebrate and honor the incredible life of my friend, Irma Cantu Acosta, someone who believed that we can all aspire for our own piece of the American Dream.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS AND RETIREMENT OF MAUREEN "MO" BROWN

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements and retirement of Maureen "Mo" Brown.

Coach Brown was recognized as the Southeast Georgia Middle School Athletic Association Athletic Director of the Year. It is a little bittersweet, as at the end of this year, she will be retiring from Pierce County Schools after 38 years of distinguished service. However, I am happy to hear that Coach Brown will be the director of the Pierce County Recreation Department.

Coach Mo was a standout athlete in her own right at Blackshear High School in the late 1970s. She has served head coaching stints as the girls' basketball, softball, and golf coach at Pierce County High School. She led the girls' golf team to two State championships while at the helm. She has been in her current role as Pierce County Middle School athletic director for 29 years.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Coach Mo for her years of success and the impact she has made on the students of Pierce County, and I look forward to what the future holds for her.

CELEBRATING DAVE REILLY

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Dave Reilly receiving the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award.

On May 5, Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro presented Dave with this year's award for distinguished public service.

Dave served for 38 years in the United States Navy on assignments from submarines to his final post as commander of the Strategic Weapons Facility, Atlantic on Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base. He retired out of Kings Bay and decided to live his post-retirement years in St. Marys, Georgia, where he is also currently a city councilman.

In 1998, Dave became a lifetime member of the Camden-Kings Bay Navy League. He served in various local and national leadership positions before becoming national president of the Navy League of the United States in June 2021. As president, Dave has transformed the current governance structure and maintained his promise to keep the Navy League as the premier sea service support organization in the country.

His time as president may be up in June, but I have no doubt that Dave will continue to serve the Navy and his community long, long after his term is up.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO MATT CAMPBELL, BUCK HOLLY, AND PATRICK KISGEN

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to thank Matt Campbell, Buck Holly, and Patrick Kisgen for their work on the Coastal Georgia Honor Flight. On May 13, they had the honor of being the guardians on the annual Coastal Georgia Honor Flight.

Coastal Georgia Honor Flight takes groups of veterans annually up from Glynn, Camden, McIntosh, and other