

than the one imposed by its one-party rule government.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BLUEBERRY MONTH

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 recognize July as National Blueberry Month.

Georgia might be known as the Peach State, but our top fruit is actually blueberries, making it a critical part of our State's economy.

From May to July, this fruit is harvested, and a 2019 study found Georgia blueberries generate an annual economic impact of over \$520 million.

Being a farmer is difficult. Most of their success depends on things outside of their control, such as supply chain issues, worker shortages, and, most notably, weather issues.

In March 2021, Georgia's blueberry farmers lost more than \$140 million worth of crops to freezes, which, contrary to popular belief, we do get from time to time down in south Georgia.

Unfortunately, freezes are not covered losses and do not qualify for Federal assistance funds. That is why, in this year's farm bill, I am fighting for freezes to qualify for the same protections as other natural disasters such as floods or hurricanes.

This small legislative fix will give security to growers of Georgia's number one export. Let's make this National Blueberry Month the last one without this commonsense protection for blueberry farmers.

REMEMBERING HOWARD ALLAN POE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Howard Allan Poe.

Howard was born on January 6, 1961, in Sanford, North Carolina, to Allan Augustus Poe and Evelyn Grace H. Poe.

Mr. Poe was a resident of Brunswick for 22 years, where he was a member of Cowboy Church, as well as the owner of American Dock Builders and Coastal Marine Center.

He was the life of the party. He was loved by all who were blessed enough to know him. Fondly known as Captain HAP, Howard competed in the Southern Kingfish Association trail and SKA Pro Tour for over 25 years. He was proud to be the 1996 SKA National Angler of the Year.

However, Mr. Poe's proudest accomplishment was his children, who he watched grow and succeed, both personally and professionally.

Howard's legacy will live on in the positive impact he had on his community, and I extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

CELEBRATING MARION VIRGINIA DELOACH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of Marion Virginia DeLoach, a lifelong educator from Chatham County and mother of Eddie DeLoach,

the former mayor of Savannah, Georgia.

Throughout her career in education, Marion served as a substitute teacher, middle school teacher, Sunday school teacher, curriculum specialist, principal, and president of her local parent-teacher association.

There is no doubt that over her decades of service to her community, Virginia has impacted thousands of students' lives, helping instill in them values of hard work, courage, and dedication.

In her free time, Virginia enjoyed softball, reading, and camping. As she celebrates nine decades of life this September, I wish her good health and bountiful enjoyment and pleasure from these hobbies over the next decade of life.

CELEBRATING MILITARY MARRIAGE DAY

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the upcoming Military Marriage Day, which is celebrated on August 14 of each year.

My district is particularly blessed to have such a large veteran and Active-Duty servicemember population, and Military Marriage Day provides an opportunity to honor the sacred bonds these servicemembers share with their spouses.

Strong military marriages are vitally important to the strength and well-being of our Armed Forces. When one spouse decides to serve their country, both spouses take on that responsibility. They can't do it alone, and we are so appreciative of all the sacrifices made by our servicemembers and their families to defend our freedoms.

I congratulate our district's new military marriages on their recent unions and vows, and I am continually inspired by the persistence, strength, commitment, and love of the many longstanding military marriages in our district.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 58 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of Utah) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Gracious God, in this summer season, when many have opportunity to take time with friends and family to enjoy rest and relaxation, we pray that in the August recess that is before this body

that You would grant to our legislators respite to their bodies, counsel to their spirits, and renewal to their souls.

When year-round so much draws so necessarily yet heavily on their energy and attention, grant them opportunity in these coming weeks to allow their minds and their souls to pause from their grueling schedules. In the quiet of these moments, may they listen for Your voice, yield their wills to Your will, and realign their priorities to Your desired direction for their efforts.

Remind the rest of us, too, to take Sabbath from the onslaught of news and media. Silence our desire for the buzzing of the latest sound bite or the thrill of the hottest political contest. Give us pause from the critique and analysis and inspire in us the compassion and concern for those whom we have elected to carry the heavy mantle of responsibility of governing our Nation. May we dedicate this break in the congressional grind to pray for the health and welfare of our leadership.

May all who labor and who are heavy laden come to You in this season and always, that in You they would find rest for their bodies and peace in their souls.

To You be the glory as we offer ourselves and our prayers to You.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ROSS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROSS 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 316

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.—

(1) was born in Paris, France, in 1931; and
(2) graduated from Yale University, in New Haven, Connecticut, and the University of Virginia Law School;

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. served in the United States Army from 1953 through 1955, achieving the rank of first lieutenant;

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. was elected to the House of Representatives in 1968;

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. was first elected to the Senate in 1970 and was re-elected in 1976 and 1982;

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. served on the Senate Watergate Committee, where he

was the first Republican senator to call for the resignation of President Richard Nixon, an act of political courage and dedication to public service;

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. was an early and strong advocate in the Senate for the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination based on disability in everyday activities;

Whereas, while serving in the Senate, Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. was a strong advocate for protecting public health, shown through his efforts to—

(1) prevent cuts in funding for the National Institutes of Health;

(2) support scientific and medical research efforts; and

(3) secure funding for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) treatment;

Whereas, after his tenure in the Senate, Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. was elected Governor of Connecticut in 1990;

Whereas, as Governor of Connecticut, Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. secured the passage of a state income tax that, while unpopular, balanced the budget of the State;

Whereas, as Governor of Connecticut, Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. signed many laws that sought to improve the quality of life for residents of the State, including a ban on assault rifles for the first time in State history;

Whereas, after leaving public office, Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. continued his work to improve the public health, founding Trust for America's Health, a nonprofit working on disease prevention, and serving as the president of the organization from 2001 through 2011; and

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. is survived by his wife, Claudia Weicker, as well as his 5 sons, 2 stepsons, 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., former member of the Senate;

(2) the Senate directs the Secretary of the Senate to communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.; and

(3) when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 57. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress supporting the State of Israel.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 546. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize law enforcement agencies to use COPS grants for recruitment activities, and for other purposes.

S. 994. An act to amend Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that COPS grant funds may be used for local law enforcement recruits to attend schools or academies if the recruits agree to serve in precincts of law enforcement agencies in their communities.

S. 1387. An act to reauthorize the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018, and for other purposes.

S. 2051. An act to reauthorize the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STUART MACVEAN

(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, I am grateful to recognize Stuart MacVean, president and CEO of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, who will be retiring today.

Stuart has led SRNS since 2016, and since that time has overseen numerous successes and unprecedented growth at the Savannah River site.

Under his leadership, SRNS has made significant strides in its development of the Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility, the American plutonium pits for nuclear deterrence. The site has also begun shipping downblended surplus plutonium to achieve progress in its environmental remediation and cleanup activities.

His contributions have made South Carolina, and our neighbor Georgia, safer. I offer best wishes to Stuart and his wife, Kelly, for continued success.

Welcome to Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni of our valued ally Italy to Washington.

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 with open Biden borders.

TRAIN DERAILMENT IN WHITE MARSH

(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, last week another train derailment alarmed a Pennsylvania community. This time 15 CSX cars derailed in Whitmarsh Township in the heart of my district. Fortunately, no one was hurt and there was no environmental harm. Authorities believe it was due to a sinkhole after the area endured major flooding in the days before.

Whitmarsh is just another example of a train derailment, two in Pennsylvania this year, and, of course, the disaster in neighboring East Palestine, Ohio. This is a growing and alarming trend that cannot be overlooked.

These are different scenarios, but whether it is a repercussion of improper oversight or a consequence of growing climate crises, we must meet this moment.

Whether it is a sinkhole or overheated wheels, we must do better at monitoring freight trains and their rails because we rely upon our rails to feed us, heat and cool our homes, and bring other necessities. Many of these freight trains carry hazardous chemicals. These trains run through Pennsylvania neighborhoods directly threatening the safety of our residents.

In the face of this climate crisis, reimagining and investing in America is what we must do. Investing in our infrastructure is vital, and that is exactly what we are doing. Freight trains are essential to our Nation and should never be a threat to our communities.

CRUCIAL LEGISLATION THAT AIMS TO ENSURE SAFE HOUSING FOR OUR VETERANS

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4366, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations bill for fiscal year 2024, in particular, the allocation of \$6.61 million for the Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund.

This crucial legislation aims to ensure that the brave families of our servicemembers receive the dignified and safe housing they truly deserve.

Our military families sacrifice so much for the security and prosperity of our country. They endure the long deployments, frequent relocations, and the emotional toll that comes with having a loved one in harm's way. The least we can do is provide them with housing that meets the standards that they deserve.

Regrettably, we have heard from many of these families that their current housing situation is inadequate, and in some cases, unsafe and unsuitable for raising a family. This is unacceptable.

The Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund will bring about much-needed changes and improvements to the lives of those that selflessly serve our Nation. We cannot afford to fail them any longer.

Investing in our military families is not a matter of gratitude, it is a matter of national security and readiness. Our servicemembers perform at their very best.

SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the U.S. Women's National Soccer team which is currently playing in the World Cup. It was quite the match last night.

Mr. Speaker, I give special recognition to the five players on the team