

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 Whitemarsh 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.

Whitemarsh 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

who have connections to my home State of North Carolina: Aubrey Kingsbury, who played at Wake Forest University; Lynn Williams, who played on the North Carolina Courage in my district; Casey Murphy, who currently plays on the North Carolina Courage; and Emily Fox and Crystal Dunn, who played at UNC and are currently on the North Carolina Courage.

As we cheer them on and while they are representing the USA abroad, it is important that we also support them at home. We must ensure that all women athletes receive the same pay, treatment, and resources as their male counterparts.

Mr. Speaker, I am so proud of all the strong, talented women on our national team. We are rooting for them.

ALICIA MONSON BREAKS THE AMERICAN RECORD IN THE 5,000 METERS

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

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Alicia Monson of Amery, Wisconsin, on breaking the American record in the 5,000 meters this past weekend. She ran 5,000 meters in 14 minutes and 19.45 seconds, beating the previous record by 4.47 seconds.

This is not the only record she has set this year. In February, she broke the North American indoor record in the 3,000 meters, and in March she set a new North American 10,000 meters record.

Alicia has been representing Wisconsin's Seventh District since she was in high school running cross country and track. She went on to become one of the top runners for the University of Wisconsin—Madison before becoming an Olympian in 2021.

Mr. Speaker, I can't wait to see what record she breaks next. Keep making Wisconsin proud, Alicia.

HONORING ELAINE NEWBERG ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Elaine Newberg, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on August 24.

Born in 1923, she grew up in Philadelphia and attended the University of Pennsylvania.

A gifted pianist, Elaine once performed with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra. She went on to become a music teacher, producing a number of popular musicals worthy of the best theaters.

Passionate about helping students find their way, Elaine became a guidance counselor, serving as president of both the Long Island and New York State School Counselor Association.

Elaine and her husband, Marvin, a World War II veteran, raised two chil-

dren, Richard and Shanti. Richard is an Emmy-winning journalist in Buffalo and Shanti is a social worker.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Elaine Newberg's dedicated life of service, passion, and creativity as we wish her a very happy 100th birthday.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

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

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss how the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations bill will honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom here and abroad.

Arlington National Cemetery is the final resting place of hundreds of thousands of veterans who died fighting for us.

It is a tremendous honor to be buried at Arlington, but the cemetery is running out of space and is currently undergoing an expansion that requires funding from Congress to be completed.

The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations bill fully funds the cemetery's Southern Expansion Project, which will increase burial capacity until at least 2060.

Those who pay the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation must be honored, and the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations bill ensures America's most hallowed ground can continue to be the final resting place for our fallen heroes.

RELEASE CUBAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, as we mark the second anniversary of the July 11, 2021, protest in Cuba, I call on the Cuban Government to release all those imprisoned for exercising their rights to protest, to freedom of expression, and association.

Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago, Cubans took to the streets to demand better living conditions and more freedoms amid a grim economic crisis. There is no excuse for these largely peaceful protests to have been met with government repression, arrests, and internet blackouts.

According to reputable reports, over 1,500 people were arrested in connection with these protests, and over 680 remain in prison.

However, U.S. policies contribute directly to the hardships that Cubans endure, but the Cuban Government's repression only exacerbates the many challenges facing its people.

Cuba should release all remaining protesters, and the United States of

America should end all policies, including taking Cuba off the State Sponsors of Terrorism list, that only increase the suffering of the Cuban people.

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FOOD INSECURITY IN PUERTO RICO

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, the Third Congressional District of Illinois is home to a historic Puerto Rican community directly linked to the legacy, present, and future of Puerto Rico.

The lack of food sovereignty in Puerto Rico is a policy choice that threatens lives and livelihoods.

When I visited Puerto Rico last year, I was shocked to learn that food insecurity was a major motivation for the second biggest Puerto Rican migration since the 1950s.

Mr. Speaker, 85 percent of their food is imported, and Puerto Rico is subjected to much higher grocery prices. When Hurricane Maria hit, food imports couldn't come in. Many of my Puerto Rican constituents came to Chicago because of Hurricane Maria and because of food insecurity.

This body has the responsibility to act now on supporting food sovereignty in Puerto Rico. We can start today by using every legislative tool at our disposal through the upcoming farm bill.

MEDICARE IS AN INVESTMENT FOR ALL

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

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I am a proud cosponsor of Medicare for All here in the House.

Medicare for All isn't controversial or radical. It is commonsense policy to ensure that our healthcare is not dependent on where we work. We all know that Medicare already works in this country for so many older adults.

When I was mayor of Long Beach, I was proud to have cofounded the Mayors for Medicare Coalition which brought together leaders from across the country to support Medicare for All. As mayor, I saw the impact every day that barriers to healthcare can have on a community. That is why over 100 local cities and jurisdictions support Medicare for All nationally.

Medicare for All isn't just a commitment to address injustices in the healthcare system. It is an investment in the American people. We owe it to our country to prioritize healthcare, and Medicare for All is the way.

Healthcare is a human right. Let's pass Medicare for All.