

It is really important that we get on-board with the farm bill this fall and pass it on time.

HONORING MADELENE MACIAS, JACK A. LOPEZ, CLYDE A. LOPEZ, AND MANUEL MACIAS

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, all gave some and some made the ultimate sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor The American Legion volunteer Madelene Macias and her three brothers, Jack Lopez, Clyde Lopez, and Manuel Macias.

All of Madelene's brothers served honorably and fought in some of our Nation's toughest battles. Private First Class Jack Lopez was a technician, Clyde Lopez served in World War II, and Staff Sergeant Manuel Macias served in the Vietnam war.

Jack Lopez was tragically killed in action in Okinawa, and Madelene reached out to my office to make sure he was honored 77 years later. Mr. Lopez's ultimate sacrifice earned him our country's recognition with the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Madelene for her commitment to our country and our community. I thank each of her brothers for their service and sacrifice for this great Nation.

REMEMBERING EMMA SHAFER

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you with a heavy heart to remember a young woman whose passion and dedication touched the lives of many in the Springfield community and beyond.

Emma Shafer was a remarkable activist who sought to create positive change in the world around her. From an early age, she understood the power of her voice and the importance of creating good trouble.

Her commitment to social justice and equality was unwavering, and she inspired people of all ages to join her in the pursuit of a better world. Whether she was serving as a board member for the Resistor Sisterhood organization or volunteering to deliver groceries for the Springfield Immigrant Advocacy Network, the list of Emma's involvement in the community was endless.

Not only was Emma an outspoken advocate, she was also an avid reader and lover of theater and passionate supporter of the arts.

As we mourn her loss, we celebrate her life by continuing the work she started by carrying the torch of activism and by striving to create a world she dreamed of: one filled with love, equality, and opportunity for all.

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HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STRONG). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

HONORING NORTH RIVERSIDE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the village North Riverside, Illinois.

This area now known as North Riverside sits on Potawatomi land that was purchased by a real estate and fur trading company in 1835.

By 1900, onion farmers had begun to move to the area, and the village grew from there.

The bright neon lights and blaring brass sounds of the legendary Melody Mill ballroom that were a mainstay of the big band era attracted people from all over who were looking for a lindy-hopping night of jazz and swing music.

North Riverside continues to be a thriving place with a vibrant theater scene, sports, scouting, and even a quilting club. Every street has a block captain who helps neighbors and seniors with errands and much more.

Here is to the next 100 years, North Riverside.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA AND ASTROPHYSICS

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the many stellar accomplishments the University of Iowa has achieved in astrophysics. The University of Iowa has been a longstanding leader in the field. They built instruments flown on 70 spacecraft in 60 successful missions.

Between 1958 and 1998, the University of Iowa developed more spaceflight instruments than any other university. These instruments were used in the first observations by spacecraft at seven of the eight planets in our solar system. Iowa's technology produced the first evidence of Earth's radiation belts.

Without the contributions of the University of Iowa to the field of astrophysics, space research would not be the same.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the University of Iowa for their out-of-this-world work.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF JOHNNY LUJACK

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and career of the indestructible Johnny Lujack who passed away at the age of 98.

In 1947, Johnny Lujack won the Heisman trophy capping off a college football career as Notre Dame's quarterback where he won three national championships.

He was unanimously named All-American twice. He was named the 1947 AP Athlete of the Year. He also served our country as a Navy ensign in World War II.

After college, he played for the Chicago Bears and he made two Pro Bowls. In 1949, Johnny Lujack led the NFL in passing touchdowns and passing yards.

After retiring from football, he and his wife moved to Patricia's hometown of Davenport, Iowa, and ran the largest Chevy dealership in the State of Iowa.

He spent the next 67 years in the Quad Cities and was a titan in our community and even served on the Board of Trustees for St. Ambrose University.

He moved to Naples, Florida, in 2021 to be closer to his grandson, much to the dismay of many Iowans who missed him dearly. My prayers are with his family as they mourn the loss of such a remarkable man as Johnny Lujack.

THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF TEXAS GOVERNOR ABBOTT

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, extreme MAGA Republicans have gone from Trump's caging children to Abbott's trapping children in the river.

Razor wire-wrapped barrels in the river, pushing children back into the river, and denying water during extreme heat are simply acts of deliberate, inhumane, and horrific torture. It goes beyond politics and crosses a line into human rights violations.

These buoys by the Governor will not stop migrants from crossing the Rio Grande. Instead, they will pose a grave threat to Border Patrol agents and increase the risk of drowning for children, disabled people, mothers and others.

Mr. Speaker, what if this were one of your own children, your niece or nephew, or your grandchildren?

Mr. Speaker, how would you respond if you saw your family treated this way?

Governor Abbott's anti-life actions do not reflect our Texas values. It is just simply bad and inhumane actions.

Migrants deserve to be treated with dignity and compassion, not by this relentless dehumanization.

NATIONAL INTERN 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. Mr. Speaker, on National Intern Day, I rise to shine a spotlight on North Carolina's First Congressional District's amazing interns.

First, let's give a big shout-out to Andrea Knight who holds down the fort in Greenville, North Carolina, at our district office.

Here at our Nation's Capital we have Cierra Gilliam, Alice Chatterjee, and Saahil Rao. These dynamic interns and their hard work have tremendously impacted our legislative efforts, and I thank them. Our future is in good hands.

RECOGNIZING JOYCE HAMLETT, KEEPER OF THE MACE, ON HER RETIREMENT

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I also rise to recognize Joyce Hamlett, keeper of the mace. She grew up in the tobacco fields of North Carolina to become the bearer of the historic House mace.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Joyce for being fair and getting on me just like she got on everyone else. She has fulfilled her duties, and she hasn't dropped the mace.

Congratulations on her retirement, and I look forward to seeing her in North Carolina.

#### DENOUNCING THE RADICAL RIGHTWING WAR ON WOMEN

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

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce, yet again, the radical rightwing war on women, which is attacking fundamental rights and putting our military readiness at risk.

Before I came to Congress, I served our Nation in the United States Marine Corps. As a marine, I am appalled to see that for the first time in over 150 years marines are without a Senate-confirmed leader because of this misguided war on reproductive freedom, one of more than 200 confirmations being held up in the United States Senate.

I thoroughly condemn using these promotions as hostages and every single Member of Congress who is choosing to put their radical agenda over our national security, the same agenda that warped this year's NDAA with countless culture war amendments.

Our servicemembers give their lives to protect our country. We owe it to them to protect their basic rights to privacy and healthcare.

For the sake of our servicemembers and for women across America, I urge my colleagues to drop reckless precedent-setting blockade.

#### PROTECTING BEAUTIFUL LIVES IN OUR WONDERFUL COUNTRY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, the beauty and wonderment of this Nation is that every single person born in this country has the privilege of living under the flag of the United States of America.

Today, I rise to reinforce our love of country, our love of our soldiers and our veterans, but also our love of justice.

I am introducing today the Chyna Gibson stop transgender murder epidemic act of 2023 to respect those who are different.

This particular bill will provide a commission to understand why so many women or so many trans have been killed over the last decade.

It will establish a commission to study and develop proposals to combat the epidemic of the murdering of non-conforming gender expansive and transgender women of color. The duties of the commission shall be to document and research issues regarding gender nonconforming, gender expansive, transgender women of color face, including, but not limited to, limited access to healthcare and limited access to housing.

I simply want to say, Mr. Speaker, that we live in this beautiful country. I want this commission to tell us the truth and to protect people who deserve to be protected and to live their lives.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

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

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
Washington, DC, July 21, 2023.

Pursuant to section 201(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and upon recommendations by the House and Senate Budget Committees, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate President pro tempore hereby appoint Dr. Phillip Swagel as the Director of the Congressional Budget Office for the term expiring January 3, 2017.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
Speaker, United States  
House of Representatives.

PATTY MURRAY,  
President pro tempore,  
U.S. Senate.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 27, 2023.

I hereby designate the period from Friday, July 28, 2023, through Monday, September 11, 2023, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

#### SUPPORTING OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from Vermont (Ms. BALINT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the public schools. I am a parent. I am a former middle school teacher. I am also the child of a working-class mom and an immigrant dad. I understand so deeply that education is the bedrock of this great democracy.

Nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, I am worried about our public schools. I am worried about the news stories about banning books and erasing Black curriculum from schools. These Republican actions are not supportive of our public schools or teachers or parents or our students. This assault on public education does not make us a stronger nation, a kinder nation, or a more thoughtful one.

We don't have any fear about facing the complexity of our Nation's history. Our democracy is stronger than that. It can withstand the ugly details, the inconvenient truths, and the uncomfortable nuance. We have a robust democracy, and we have a republic that can face tough questions about its history.

We need not be afraid of this. Age-appropriate curriculum about our Nation's history must include the hard parts. Our students, our parents, and our teachers can handle it. Let's trust them.

It is concerning to me that in some districts we have movements to prevent students from learning about slavery or the Trail of Tears or Martin Luther King, Jr., or Rosa Parks or Anne Frank.

As the grandchild of an immigrant, a man who was killed in the Holocaust—a grandchild of someone killed in the Holocaust, I know the importance of knowing history. I know the importance of speaking frankly and clearly about what happens when we don't know the details and when we simply demonize a group or dehumanize a group of people.

What we need to do is shine the light of day on complex history. When we use our time here in Congress to fan the flames of culture wars instead of investing in our schools, then we are not doing the job that we were sent here to do and that parents want us to do.

It doesn't matter what your political stripe is, Mr. Speaker, or whether you are not involved in politics at all. Mr. Speaker, what you want for your children and grandchildren is essentially the same. You want a strong education for your kids and grandkids. You want schools where all students feel safe and supported and can be the very best selves.

We know that kids suffer when they don't have the resources that they