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#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intention to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

H. Res. 773 providing for the expulsion of Representative GEORGE SANTOS from the House of Representatives.

Whereas, GEORGE ANTHONY DEVOLDER SANTOS, known as GEORGE SANTOS, was elected to represent New York's Third Congressional District in the House of Representatives on November 8, 2022;

Whereas, after election day, it was revealed GEORGE SANTOS lied about a significant portion of his background, including his education and previous employment;

Whereas, GEORGE SANTOS has a long history of misrepresenting his and his family's connections to major events, including the Holocaust, the September 11 terrorist attacks, and the Pulse nightclub shooting;

Whereas, on May 9, 2023, GEORGE SANTOS was indicted on 13 counts of wire fraud, money laundering, stealing public funds, and lying on Federal financial disclosure forms to the House of Representatives;

Whereas, a Federal grand jury indicted an aide to GEORGE SANTOS' campaign on charges of wire fraud and identity theft for defrauding potential donors by impersonating Speaker KEVIN MCCARTHY's former chief of staff;

Whereas, on October 5, 2023, GEORGE SANTOS' former campaign treasurer pled guilty to falsifying campaign finance records, including lying about a \$500,000 loan that GEORGE SANTOS claimed to have donated to the campaign himself;

Whereas, on October 10, 2023, GEORGE SANTOS was federally charged with an additional 10 criminal counts;

Whereas, the additional charges were serious in nature, including conspiracy to commit offenses against the United States, wire fraud, aggravated identity theft, access device fraud, false statements to the Federal Election Commission, and falsifying records to obstruct the Commission;

Whereas, the indictment outlined a vast amount of evidence against Santos, including conversations he held with his former campaign treasurer outlining plans to commit the fraud he is charged with;

Whereas, these charges indicate that GEORGE SANTOS engaged in serious financial fraud throughout his 2022 campaign for the House of Representatives;

Whereas, GEORGE SANTOS stole over \$44,000 from donors by charging their credit cards without authorization;

Whereas, GEORGE SANTOS directly profited from his fraudulent actions, including transferring money to his own bank account to buy luxury items and pay off debts;

Whereas, GEORGE SANTOS engaged in election fraud throughout his 2022 campaign by deceiving voters regarding his biography, defrauding donors, and engaging in other illegal campaign behavior; and

Whereas, as a result of these actions, GEORGE SANTOS is not fit to serve his constituents as a United States Representative;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that, pursuant to Article I, Section 5, Clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States of America, Representative GEORGE SANTOS be, and he hereby is, expelled from the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from New York will appear in the RECORD at this point.

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#### ACKNOWLEDGING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF NITTANY VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the remarkable history of the Nittany Valley Volunteer Fire Company located in Clinton County. Their story is one of courage, dedication, and community spirit.

Their story begins in 1948 as a group led by Jim Wolfe made history by bidding \$300.01 to purchase a retired 1916 Ahrens Fox Pumper from the Citizens Hose Company in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. Over the years, they acquired essential equipment, including a tank truck with a mounted pump and a 1952 International truck.

Their commitment to the community has never wavered, and they are always ready to respond to emergencies. The volunteer firefighter department has evolved over time. Today, residents only have one number to call, but in the beginning, calls were directed to the Mabus home, which was directly next to the fire station.

The Nittany Valley Volunteer Fire Company stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication of its members, past and present, to safeguarding their community. Their history is one of resilience and community support.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Nittany Valley Volunteer Fire Company, upon their 75th anniversary, for their enduring commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

#### DISCUSSING THE NEW HOUSE SPEAKER

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the new House Speaker, Representative MIKE JOHNSON.

In doing some research, not knowing the gentleman very well, I have come to find out that he is not the moderate unifier that we need right now.

Speaker Johnson was a key player in Trump's plot to overthrow our democracy. He worked to justify the tragic January 6 insurrection, an attack that threatened the lives of my House colleagues, Republican and Democrat alike.

Speaker Johnson wants the government to control a woman's right to her healthcare decisions. He wants the government to control who Americans can marry. He wants the government to ban interracial marriage.

He also wants to slash funding for Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid and deny critical healthcare to vulnerable seniors.

Americans reject these extreme agenda items, yet Republicans voted for him to lead the people's House. Once again, they are putting politics over the American people.

#### RECOGNIZING AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as American Pharmacists Month.

As a pharmacist myself, I recognize pharmacists' contributions to our healthcare system and our communities.

Pharmacists play a crucial role in our communities. Over 90 percent of the U.S. population can access a pharmacy within a 5-mile radius of their homes. For many, they are their main access to healthcare. Ninety percent of COVID-19 vaccinations, 60 to 70 percent of flu vaccines, and over 80 percent of overall vaccines in the United States are administered in pharmacies.

It is no wonder that pharmacists are the most trusted and accessible healthcare professionals in the Nation. I could talk for days about the importance of pharmacists in the American

healthcare system, and I am proud of my own time as a pharmacist.

During this month of October, make sure to thank a pharmacist, as they truly are the backbone of our healthcare system.

#### QUICK PACE

(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, I am so glad we have reopened the House.

There is much work ahead of us. We are just days away from a government shutdown that could disrupt the essential services that our children, veterans, military families, and seniors rely on.

The American people are counting on us to deliver a bipartisan farm bill that uplifts farmers, producers, and communities across our Nation.

We must also address security at our southern border and our more than \$33 trillion national debt. Above all, we must remain committed to the safety and security of the American people.

Our ally, Israel, is engaged in a war against Hamas fighters. Meanwhile, we must stop Putin in his tracks. There is also Iran and China. A threat to democracy anywhere in the world is a threat to democracy here in the United States of America.

#### RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE

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

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness for Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, or CJD.

CJD is a rare brain disease that causes a rapid decline in a person's cognitive health and often leads to death within only a few months to 1 year following the onset of symptoms. There are about 500 new cases in the United States each year.

Though rare, every CJD patient and thousands of people in their communities have a story of how their lives have been impacted by this disease. I personally have dealt with the loss of a dear friend and mentor, the former mayor of Bakersfield, Harvey L. Hall.

Harvey Hall was a passionate man with a great love for life, his family, his community, and his country. He was a beloved member of our community and the longest serving mayor in Bakersfield history.

Mayor Hall lost his life from CJD just 2 weeks after diagnosis. His sudden death was a shock to our community and devastating for all who knew him, including his wife of 28 years, who is here with us today, Lavonne Hall.

Today, I am introducing a resolution that would designate November 12, 2023, as CJD Awareness Day to honor

Mayor Hall's memory and help raise awareness for CJD patients and their families across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bipartisan resolution.

#### NOT ONE MORE

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of deep sadness, frustration, and anger.

Last night, we witnessed yet another mass shooting, in Maine, that claimed the lives of at least 18 innocent people. These tragedies have come to define daily life in America, but it doesn't have to.

We need to pass commonsense gun safety legislation that a majority of Americans support, including expanded background checks and a Federal assault weapons ban.

At the same time, we need to address the mental health crisis in our communities by expanding access to care and ensuring more people can get the help they need.

There are many solutions to this problem and no time to waste.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in saying not one more, no more lives taken and families irreparably broken by gun violence, and no more thoughts and prayers without action.

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#### REMEMBERING WILLIAM CHERRY

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to remember a fallen officer from Tennessee, Sergeant William Cherry of the Macon County Sheriff's Department.

Sergeant Cherry passed away following a head-on collision that occurred while he was conducting a routine patrol on July 29, 2023.

Those who worked alongside him described the sergeant as a leader and mentor. They say he wore the badge with honor and that he truly carried out his oath as a law enforcement officer.

Sergeant Cherry cared deeply about protecting his community, especially protecting children from potential harm. The outpouring of support shown to his family since his passing is a testament to his impact on the community he cared so much about, an impact that will be felt for some time to come.

We lost a truly dedicated public servant and a great example of what it means to be a Tennessean.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to his wife and daughter.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF CYNTHIA VERNON WARREN

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Cynthia Vernon Warren.

Cynthia came to New Mexico in 1958 and fell in love with our beautiful State. While she lived in Albuquerque for over 50 years, Cynthia had a soft spot for the village of Truchas, frequently visiting the awe-inspiring Sangre de Cristo Mountains. It is also where many of her dearest lifelong friends lived.

Cynthia was an educator. She worked hard to support communities in the South Valley. She taught English and reading, and started the English as a second language program at Rio Grande High School. She was a leader and served our kids as the chair of the reading and languages department.

Cynthia also had a passion for politics, especially social and environmental justice issues and civil rights. Along with her husband, Bill, who served in the State legislature, Cynthia believed that she was here on this Earth and in our communities to work for a better future.

When Cynthia passed away last July, we lost a beloved wife, mother, aunt, and member of the community. Today, it is an honor to pay tribute to a woman who touched so many lives and so many New Mexicans with love, care, and a passion for service.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JIM HENRY

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

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and the legacy of Mr. Jim Henry.

Mr. Henry's legacy is one of true innovation and foresight. His pioneering work in the Permian Basin oilfields, particularly in opening the Wolfberry play, laid the groundwork for the shale revolution that reinvigorated the entire region. His dedication, expertise, and tireless efforts transformed not only the industry but also the lives of countless families throughout America and beyond.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Henry was known for his generous spirit and philanthropy. He understood the importance of giving back to the community that had given him so much.

As a prominent businessman in Midland, Texas, said, he was a legend and a sweet man at the same time, a rare combination.

His legacy will be forever woven into the fabric of the Permian Basin, a testament to the power of vision, hard work, and dedication.