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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

Loving God, abide with us from this moment of prayer and remain with us all the day long. With You beside us, may we live into the righteousness, into the integrity that we cannot obtain on our own.

Align our hearts with Your heart so that any thought that comes to our minds, every word that leaves our mouths, every sight we see or look we give, would reflect Your divine goodness and reveal Your steadfast love for each and every person we encounter.

As we close out the end of this long and taxing week, may what is left of our limited strength be reinforced with Your infinite strength, whatever shred of patience we have left be infused with Your unfailing patience with us, and whatever ounce of compassion we can muster be magnified by Your compassionate and steadfast love for us and for all people.

Abide in us and may we abide in You. For without You, the fruit of our labor is worth nothing, but in You may we bear the fruit of Your Holy Spirit.

In Your merciful name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GOTTHEIMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GOTTHEIMER 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEXAS RANGERS

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

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for the first time in their 63-year history, I am proud to say that after defeating the Arizona Diamondbacks in game 5, the Texas Rangers are World Series champions.

I have the great honor to represent the Rangers in Texas' 25th Congressional District. I am tremendously proud of this team who not only won their first World Series but won a record-setting 11 straight postseason road games.

Needless to say, this is a historic moment for Texas and Arlington. It could not have been done without manager Bruce Bochy; series MVP Corey Seager; all of the players and staff who left everything on the field; and especially team owners Ray Davis and Neil Leibman; and general manager Chris Young. Most importantly, I thank all the fans, the best in the Nation, who showed up to every game decked out in their Ranger red, their Ranger white, and their Ranger blue to cheer and support the Texas Rangers.

I am proud to say the Rangers went and took it.

Again, I congratulate the staff and players. May they enjoy the well-deserved celebrations. I look forward to opening day in 2024.

Go Rangers and look fastball.
In God we trust.

IMPOSING SANCTIONS ON TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

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

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of the bipartisan Hamas International Financing Prevention Act in the House of Representatives.

I helped introduce this bipartisan legislation with Representative BRIAN MAST and helped lead it to overwhelmingly pass the House 363-46.

This legislation imposes sanctions on foreign persons, agencies, and governments that assist terrorist organizations, including Iranian-backed Hamas,

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Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and other affiliates.

On October 7, the world watched Hamas terrorists invade Israel and brutally kidnap, behead, torture, rape, burn, and murder innocent babies, children, women, and the elderly, including dozens of Americans. This unprovoked war has underscored why I will always stand with Israel and support our partner's right to defend herself from those who seek her destruction.

This bipartisan legislation will ensure we isolate and punish these radical terrorist groups by cutting off their financial resources at the moment our ally in the Middle East needs it most.

We must do everything we can to get every hostage home, including all Americans, help our ally Israel defend herself and crush the terrorists, and provide much-needed humanitarian aid to innocent Palestinian civilians being used by Hamas as human shields.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the Senate to immediately pass the bipartisan Hamas International Financing Prevention Act.

REMEMBERING TOM DURDEN

(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 in remembrance of Tom Durden who passed away at the age of 66.

Durden was a famous district attorney for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. In 1984, 2 years after earning a law degree from Mercer University, he joined the DA's office as an assistant prosecutor until he was elected DA in 1998.

He was a true public servant to the State of Georgia for almost 40 years and led the DA's office for 24 years before retiring in 2022.

During his career, Tom Durden worked on hundreds of criminal cases in the Atlantic Circuit, which includes six southeast Georgia counties outside Savannah.

He was best known for working on the Tomato Patch murder case and the 2020 Ahmaud Arbery murder.

Durden was a hard-working, determined, and endearing person with many great qualities. He also had artistic talents such as singing, playing guitar, and playing piano.

Durden will be remembered for being a good person and for his talents in and outside of the courtroom.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEIRUT BOMBING

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

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, on October 23, 1983, the United States of America suffered an unspeakable loss as 220 Marines, 18 Navy sailors, and 3 Army sol-

diers were killed in a horrific act of violence in the Marine barracks at the Beirut airport.

My heart is with every American grieving the loss of a loved one. Each of those 241 Americans represents the best of our country: brave, selfless, and dedicated.

We must recommit ourselves to working to defend democracy at home and around the world. That is how we rightfully honor the legacy of the 241 heroes we lost that day. That is what we owe all of the servicemembers, family members, and loved ones whose lives were changed forever those 40 years ago.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GARTH NEWEL MUSIC CENTER

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Garth Newel Music Center, which is in the heart of Virginia's Allegheny Mountains.

Garth Newel, the estate of celebrated artists and accomplished musicians Christine and William Sergeant Kendall, has been a home to the fine and performing arts since 1924.

In 1973, with the help of Rowe String Quartet members Luca and Arlene Di Cecco, Ms. Kendall established the Garth Newel Music Center.

When Ms. Kendall passed in 1981, her vision lived on through the leadership of the Di Ceccos and visiting artists.

Today, the Music Center offers world-class performances, including the Garth Newel Piano Quartet, and educational programs.

It has received several recognitions for its contributions to the cultural life of the Allegheny Highlands, such as the Chamber Music America's Acclaim Award, and Garth Newel is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Congratulations, again, to the Garth Newel Music Center on its 50th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH AUSTIN-MACKENZIE

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the service of one of the most effective staffers this Chamber has ever known, Elizabeth Austin-Mackenzie. As staff director of the Health Subcommittee, she shepherded many of the most significant achievements of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs over the last 6 years.

Quiet and unassuming, Elizabeth has one of the sharpest minds I have worked with. She has spent the majority of her professional life advocating

for this Nation's veterans with an unflappable determination to doing right by them.

She has always advised me with a clear-eyed perspective and guided her staff with an endless capacity for kindness and a good laugh.

In 2020, when many offices struggled to find ways to work effectively from home, Elizabeth ensured the Health Subcommittee didn't miss a beat.

It is safe to say that no congressional staffer did more for veterans in 2020 than Elizabeth Mackenzie. The landmark legislation, the SAVE LIVES Act, which vaccinated tens of thousands of veterans, their spouses, and their caregivers, was made possible by her determination.

We are saddened to lose this brilliant, seemingly tireless advocate to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, but I know she will continue to do great things for veterans and this country.

CONGRATULATING JEREMY TARBET

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jeremy Tarbet, an automotive teacher in my district, who was awarded the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence.

Mr. Tarbet has dedicated almost a decade of his life to teaching at his alma mater, Canyon del Oro High School in Arizona's Sixth District, just a few miles away from my home.

For the past 3 years, Mr. Tarbet has worked with SkillsUSA, a technical student organization, where he encourages his students to showcase their skills by participating in competitions.

Throughout the year, Mr. Tarbet offers three classic cars for restoration projects, giving his students the opportunity to see firsthand their education at work.

This award, given to only 25 teachers every year, is a testament to his dedication to his students.

I have no doubt that he will continue to shape the future of our students for years to come.

Congratulations, again, Jeremy, on receiving this well-deserved distinction.

I STAND WITH ISRAEL

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

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I cast a "no" vote for a highly partisan supplemental appropriations bill providing security aid to Israel.

Let me be clear: I stand with Israel. Israel isn't just any ally. It is a cornerstone of democracy in one of the most volatile regions in the world. Security