

his well-deserved retirement after 30 years of selfless service to our Nation.

Colonel Stricklin's career in the U.S. Army began in 1995 when he joined the 39th Infantry Brigade. Separating from the Army due to a car crash in 1996, Lieutenant Colonel Stricklin reenlisted in 1998.

Since then, Colonel Stricklin has served his country in Iraq and has held a variety of other key positions around the globe. He recently assisted with the military response to one of the worst pandemics in our Nation's history.

Throughout his remarkable career, Colonel Stricklin has exemplified dedication, resilience, leadership, and most of all, an unwavering dedication to our beloved country.

Mr. Speaker, I wish him a happy retirement and thank him for his service and inspiration for the next generation.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM GARY UNDERWOOD

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I am sad to rise today, but I rise to celebrate the life of my dear friend, William Gary Underwood.

His 47-year career in music, youth, and media ministry has brought joy and healing to numerous Americans and Arkansans, and Arkansas was fortunate to have him in our community.

Gary's journey through ministry was plentiful. He was involved in the Elmdale Baptist Church in Springdale, Beech Street First Baptist Church in Texarkana, and he served as the interim minister at Perryville First Baptist Church. He was also instrumental as the chaplain of the Little Rock Touchdown Club.

Gary was a member of the Southern Baptist Convention, and his passion led him to be heavily involved in the development and launch of ACTS Christian Television Network in Arkansas.

Beyond the ministry, Gary and I became friends when he joined Governor Mike Huckabee's staff as his director of media operations in 1996.

Gary's passion for music, aiding youth, and the church has left Arkansas a much better place than when he found it. He will be missed by family, friends, and many others in our State. He lived a life to be celebrated.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JUDGE FLOYD "BUDDY" VILLINES

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of former Pulaski County Judge Floyd "Buddy" Villines.

Mr. Villines graduated from Hendrix College in 1969 and afterwards would go on to serve in the U.S. Army during Vietnam where he earned a Bronze Star.

Upon return to the United States, he graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's William H. Bowen School of Law. Mr. Villines would start a career in public relations with the management of his own firm.

He won his first election in 1984, becoming a member of the Little Rock Board of Directors. He would then

serve as vice mayor from 1987 to 1988, and he became mayor in 1989, serving 1 year.

In 1990, he was elected to be the Pulaski County judge, and he would serve in that post until 2014.

Villines left his mark in central Arkansas through numerous bridge and trail projects, including the Big Dam Bridge, the Arkansas River Trail, Simmons Bank Arena, and the expansion of the Statehouse Convention Center.

His impact on Pulaski County has been tremendous and his remarkable, lasting landmarks will stand as testament to his decades of leadership.

Mr. Villines will be missed dearly by his family, friends, and all of us in Pulaski County.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 9 minutes p.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 at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Open our eyes this day, most loving God, that we would realize that though we have not sought You, You have always sought after us. While we have made ourselves the center of our own existence and interests, You, in surrounding us with the beauty of Your creation, sustaining us with the provisions of harvest and home, You have made us the focus of Your kindness and the objects of Your affection.

Forgive us, then, in our blindness to Your presence in our lives. Save us from our false sense of self-sufficiency. Redeem us from our desire to control everything.

Remind us that You, in Your sovereignty, have designed a plan drafted of grace and mercy for this world and for our lives. You have promised to seek what is lost and bring back again that which was driven away. You have assured us that You will bind up that which was broken and strengthen that which is weak.

Into this promise of Your steadfast and abiding love may we live our lives, and in response to Your desire for our faithfulness, may we dedicate our hearts, our minds, and our souls to You this and every day.

On the strength of Your word we stand and in the power of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. HOUCHIN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. HOUCHIN 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.

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

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

The form of the resolution is as follows:

H. Res. 845 censuring Representative Rashida Tlaib for promoting false narratives regarding the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel and calling for the destruction of the State of Israel.

Whereas, Israel has existed on its lands for millennia, and the United States played a critical role in returning Israel to those lands in 1948 immediately following the Holocaust and in recognition of its rights to exist as an indelible signal of our solidarity with the Jewish people;

Whereas, Israel is a critical ally to the American people and to our strategic national security interests in the Middle East;

Whereas, the people of Israel, including American citizens, were brutally attacked on October 7, 2023, by Hamas;

Whereas, Representative Rashida Tlaib, within 24 hours of the October 7 barbaric attack on Jewish citizens in the State of Israel, representing the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust, defended the brutal rapes, murders, beheadings, and kidnappings, including of Americans, by Hamas as justified resistance to the apartheid state;

Whereas, Representative Tlaib's October 8 statement claimed that Hamas' October 7 attack on the Jewish people was partly attributable to the United States security aid provided to Israel which ignores the fact that the Iron Dome, a codeveloped air defense system, saved lives that day by intercepting rockets launched from the Gaza Strip against Israeli civilian targets;

Whereas, on October 18, 2023, Representative Tlaib continued to knowingly spread the false narrative that Israel intentionally bombed the Al Ahli Arab hospital on October 17 after United States intelligence, Israeli intelligence, and President Biden assessed with high confidence that Israel did not cause the explosion;

Whereas, on November 3, 2023, Representative Tlaib published on social media a video containing the phrase "from the river to the sea" which is widely recognized as a genocidal call to violence to destroy the State of Israel and its people to replace it with a Palestinian state extending from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea;

Whereas, Representative Tlaib doubled down on this call to violence by falsely describing "from the river to the sea" as "an aspirational call for freedom, human rights, and peaceful coexistence" despite it clearly entailing Israel's destruction and the denial of its fundamental right to exist; and

Whereas, Representative Tlaib has repeatedly displayed conduct entirely unbecoming of a Member of the House of Representatives by calling for the destruction of the State of Israel and dangerously promoting false narratives regarding a brutal, large-scale terrorist attack against civilian targets inside the sovereign territory of a major, nonNATO ally while hundreds of Israeli and American hostages remain in terrorist captivity: Now, therefore, be it resolved that Representative Rashida Tlaib be censured.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SELF). 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 Georgia will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER
RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION
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THE HOUSE**

Ms. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX,

I seek recognition to give notice of my intent to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

Censuring my colleague Representative Rashida Tlaib for anti-Semitic activity and sympathizing with terrorist organizations.

Whereas, in May 2019, Rashida Tlaib said that she celebrated the Holocaust, and felt a calming feeling when thinking about the genocide of millions of Jews;

Whereas, in 2020, Rashida Tlaib retweeted an illustration with the caption: "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free," and this Palestine Liberation Organization slogan has been adopted by Hamas and calls for the elimination of Israel and the death of all Jews;

Whereas, on November 3, 2023, Rashida Tlaib tweeted that the slogan "from the river to the sea," which calls for the genocide of all Jews, "is an aspirational call for freedom, human rights, and peaceful coexistence";

Whereas, in September 2022, Rashida Tlaib, as a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, displayed her disdain for Israel saying: ". . . You cannot claim to hold progressive values yet back Israel's apartheid government";

Whereas, instead of denouncing the horrors of Hamas slaughtering Israelis, Rashida Tlaib stated on October 8, 2023, "The path to the future must include lifting the blockade, ending the occupation, and dismantling the apartheid system that creates the suffocating dehumanizing conditions that can lead to resistance";

Whereas, Rashida Tlaib exhibited her hatred for America by reposting a message on October 12, 2023, blaming America for allowing the deaths of Palestinian babies at the hands of Israel;

Whereas, Rashida Tlaib incited an illegal occupation at the United States Capitol complex on October 18, 2023, which put Members of Congress, their staffs, and Capitol visitors in danger by shutting down elevators, stairwells, and points of egress, while obstructing official business in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, including a Senate Foreign Affairs Committee hearing;

Whereas, the illegal occupation incited by Rashida Tlaib was organized by Jewish Voice for Peace, which the Anti-Defamation League calls "a radical anti-Israel activist group that advocates for a complete economic, cultural, and academic boycott of the State of Israel," and that believes "Israeli policies and actions are motivated by deeply rooted Jewish racial chauvinism and religious supremacism";

Whereas, several illegal occupiers at the Capitol belong to a group messaging chat called Global Intifada, which is the Arabic word for rebellion or uprising and refers to a series of protests and violent riots carried out by

Palestinians in Israel during the last century;

Whereas, by inciting an illegal occupation of the Capitol complex on October 18, 2023, Rashida Tlaib followed Hezbollah's orders to carry out a day of unprecedented anger following an explosion at a Gazan hospital, lying about Israel's responsibility for the attack, which United States intelligence agencies said was not perpetuated by Israel;

Whereas, over 300 arrests were made following the illegal occupation of the Capitol complex on October 18, 2023, for violations of District of Columbia law, such as crowding, obstructing, or incommoding, and for assaulting police officers; and

Whereas, Members of Congress who denounce the United States while praising terrorist organizations are unfit to hold office. Now, therefore, be it resolved that Representative Rashida Tlaib be censured; Representative Rashida Tlaib forthwith present herself in the well of the House of Representatives for the pronouncement of censure; and Representative Rashida Tlaib be censured with the public reading of this resolution by the Speaker.

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 Georgia will appear in the RECORD at this point.

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**HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF DEVONNIA KATE TSCHUELIN**

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

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Devonnia Kate Tscheulin of Scottsburg, Indiana.

Devonnia passed away on August 15 due to complications while giving birth to her third child.

Anyone who knew Devonnia knew she had a heart for service.

After graduating from Salem High School, she became a paramedic and went on to serve as deputy director for the Washington County EMS and the deputy chief director of the Scott County EMS in Scottsburg.

It is impossible for me, in the time I have here today, to capture just what made Devonnia so special, so admired.