

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.

HONORING THE BRAVE VETERANS OF GUAM

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Veterans Day on Friday, I rise to recognize the brave men and women who have protected and served our country courageously.

This is an especially significant day for my district, the island of Guam, as it is home to over 15,000 military veterans. We are also proud to hold the highest per capita statistics of enlistment numbers in the Nation.

I pledge to continue pushing for legislation that provides better benefits and services for all our veterans. I will continue honoring their legacy by supporting those who have served and to ensure Guam's defense is strong and resilient as tensions rise in the Indo-Pacific region.

Today and every day we honor veterans and their families for the sacrifices that have made our freedom possible. Their courage, patriotism, and dedication are an inspiration for us all.

May God bless our veterans, and may God bless America.

DEMOCRATS SUPPORT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise the Democratic Party for putting people over politics. Every day House Democrats fight to better the lives of working Americans.

We are ready to support common-sense legislation to keep the government open and to provide vital services to the American people. We continue to bring down inflation and lower costs for food, medicine, and other necessities. We invest in American families with bills to help them with childcare and home energy costs.

We support our friends overseas with bills to provide aid to innocent Palestinian civilians, Ukraine, and Israel, and we work daily to make our country work for all Americans.

We are committed to voting rights for all Americans. We are committed

to reproductive rights for all women, and we want an America with equality for all and prejudice toward none. That is why I am proud to be a Democrat.

HONORING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

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

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our Nation's veterans.

This Veterans Day we recognize those who have selflessly served our Nation and as well we honor the sacrifices they have made so that we can live in freedom in the greatest country on Earth.

Our veterans, those living and those who have gone before us, represent our Nation's finest heroes. These men and women answered the call of duty to defend our country, preserve our peace, and protect our precious freedoms. Their valor, love of country, and unwavering commitment has ensured all Americans continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

On Veterans Day and every day may we recognize our Nation's champions of liberty and honor their service by safeguarding our freedoms.

President Ronald Reagan once said: "Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they have suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us. That is our duty. They have never let America down. We will not let them down."

Madam Speaker, this Veterans Day may God bless our veterans and their families, and may God bless the United States of America.

HONORING THE VIRGIN ISLANDS' BRAVE VETERANS

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Veterans Day to honor the brave souls from the Virgin Islands and throughout the Nation for their selfless and valiant service.

In the Virgin Islands, our veterans' spirit of service is a beacon of inspiration. Yet, the very liberties they fight tirelessly for are mirrored by the injustices they confront upon returning home: the inequitable access to healthcare and benefits they deserve. This disparity is more than an oversight. It is an egregious mistreatment of our Nation's heroes and has been a driving force for my relentless advocacy to rectify the wrong.

That is why last year I supported the landmark PACT Act guaranteeing veterans harmed by burn pits or other toxins to receive automatic VA healthcare and benefits. I am proud for the successful advocacy for an amendment re-

quiring the GAO to study the state of access and barriers and benefits to veterans living in the territories.

Madam Speaker, we owe our veterans more than gratitude. We owe them action. It is time to deliver on our promise.

WATER STORAGE PROJECTS IN CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, for the first time in over 3 years, California is drought-free.

This year's rainfall has helped to replenish depleted groundwater and reservoirs, but we have missed an opportunity to capture and store more of this valuable resource.

Since October of 2022, over 28 million acre-feet of water has been sent to the ocean, enough surface supply to sustain our agriculture producers for an entire year. We can and must do better so our communities are prepared for both dry and wet years.

Last week, the House passed my bill, the WATER for California Act as part of the Energy and Water appropriations bill.

This bill makes additional funding available for raising Shasta Dam, extends authorization of the successful water storage project program established by the WIIN Act, and codifies the 2019 biological opinions.

These actions aim to provide a clean, reliable water supply to our communities and farmers who grow one-quarter of the country's food.

If California's water problems continue to go unaddressed, the entire Nation's food supply is at risk.

Madam Speaker, I urge the Senate to keep these provisions in the bill and get this bill across the finish line.

ECU PIRATE MARISSA

(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. Madam Speaker, I am thrilled to introduce to the American people Lady Pirate Marissa, Pirate Nation's latest sensation.

She is not just any pirate, mind you, Madam Speaker, she is the first female live pirate mascot at East Carolina University.

Pirate Marissa's presence has helped to enhance the game day experience by helping to pump up the crowd and keeping everyone excited. I believe Pirate Marissa will provide Pirate Steve with all our university needs to win every sword fight.

Pirate Marissa not only makes her daughters, Rachel, Raelyn, and Ryliegh proud; she makes us all proud.

A big shout-out to East Carolina University marketing department. I am

grateful they have kept the passion and excitement alive in Pirate Nation and honoring the rich legacy of our official mascot, PeeDee the Pirate.

People love pirates. No quarter. Go Pirates.

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HONORING EXTRAORDINARY VIETNAM VETERAN LARRY SHERMAN

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor an extraordinary Vietnam veteran from Chemung County, Larry Sherman.

After America entered the Vietnam war, Larry Sherman answered the call to serve his fellow Americans and enlisted in the United States Navy. Shortly after he completed training, he deployed to Vietnam to join the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 10, the Seabees. He spent his deployment supporting our military in building critical infrastructure under fire, often dodging mortars and rockets.

When Larry returned home, he received the same harsh treatment that many Vietnam veterans faced, and he decided to take action. Larry has been a leader in local initiatives to support his fellow veterans.

He now serves as the president of Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 803 and leads the Chemung County Honor Guard, which provides a ceremonial military presence at the funerals of veterans and other important events.

Madam Speaker, I thank Larry for his courage and service and for going the extra mile to support veterans across the Southern Tier.

HONORING THE INCREDIBLE LIFE OF VIETNAM VETERAN LLOYD SLACK

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

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Madam Speaker, I rise ahead of Veterans Day to honor the incredible life and sacrifice of an amazing veteran from west Michigan who gave his life in service to our Nation, Specialist Four Lloyd Slack.

Earlier this year, I had the honor of hosting a ceremony in his honor at the brand-new veterans home in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Lloyd Slack paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Vietnam, drawing enemy fire upon himself and thereby saving his team.

My team learned that Lloyd's mother, 96-year-old Lola Mondy, a Gold Star mother, never received the medals that he was due. We got right to work to make sure she could see those medals and receive the commemoration of her son's service before she died.

Ms. Mondy turned unimaginable loss into purpose, serving other Gold Star families while also living with her own grief.

Presenting these medals to her in the ceremony was the honor of my time in Congress. Our military families sacrifice so much, and on this Veterans Day, I give my thanks to west Michiganians who have served and their families. We are the home of the free because of the brave.

REMEMBERING POLICE CORPORAL DOUG "TWIN" HERRON

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Savannah Police Corporal Doug "Twin" Herron.

Corporal Herron recently passed away after experiencing an unspecified medical emergency while working an off-duty assignment.

He was hired at the Savannah Police Department in January 1988 and was promoted to corporal in 1994. In 2002, he was promoted to star corporal.

For the last 2 years of his life, he worked at the Savannah Impact Program, which focuses on at-risk youth and adults. His dedication to this program is a true testament to the man that he was.

Corporal Herron always put the community first. He dedicated his career in policing to bettering the lives of others.

Corporal Herron was a hero, and the entire Savannah community will never forget the good that he did.

Madam Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to his family.

RECOGNIZING STARK COUNTY VETERAN OF THE YEAR BILL THEISS

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

Mrs. SYKES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bill Theiss from Jackson Township in Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

Bill was recently named Stark County 2023 Military Veteran of the Year by the Greater Canton Veterans Council.

As we head into Veterans Day, I am honored to celebrate Bill as one of our community's selfless, brave heroes who has served our Nation.

For Bill, service to our Nation and protecting democracy is a family tradition. Two of his brothers and his father also served our Nation.

Fifty-seven years ago, Bill received his military draft notice, going on to serve two tours overseas in the Vietnam war as an officer in the United States Army from 1966 to 1970.

Now, Bill is a leader in the Stark County veteran community, where he

volunteers to plan social events and works to assist homeless veterans.

Serving our Nation is an enormous sacrifice, but for Bill, his service didn't end with his military career.

Madam Speaker, I thank Bill for his lifetime of service to our country and for protecting our freedoms, and I congratulate him on being Stark County Military Veteran of the Year.

HONORING THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY

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

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank and honor the brave men and women who have served our country's military.

As we approach Veterans Day, let me especially recognize the more than 800,000 veterans who call Pennsylvania home, including the 56,000 who reside in my district, Pennsylvania's Ninth. Pennsylvania's Ninth is also home to the Army and Air Force National Guard at Fort Indiantown Gap.

Throughout our history, our forefathers, forebears, and family members have put service above self in defense of our freedoms. They have fought to preserve our Republic, to promote righteousness, and to protect our homeland. When fighting overseas, the only land we asked for was enough to bury our dead.

Our veterans fought for us. It is now our duty here in this House to work for them.

Since coming to Congress, we have enacted legislation like the PACT Act, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, and more, all aimed at expanding veterans benefits and ensuring veterans receive the medical care they have earned.

Madam Speaker, this weekend, let's thank and honor those who have served as we celebrate Veterans Day.

HONORING VETERAN AND COMMUNITY LEADER PHILIP AYALA, SR.

(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. Madam Speaker, as we approach Veterans Day, I rise to honor the memory of Philip Ayala, Sr., who passed away just over a year ago.

Phil, as his family and friends called him, was a beloved neighbor in Berwyn, Illinois.

When he was just 17 years old, Phil enlisted in the U.S. Army and honorably served our country in Vietnam.

Phil kept our community safe as a Cook County deputy sheriff and fought to make the police force more diverse through his work with Congressman Ralph Metcalfe and the Concerned Citizens for Police Reform.