

Her courageous leadership and encouragement of small businesses, women, and civil groups over the years have been part of her undying legacy. She will be sorely missed.

I look forward to witnessing the many ways her legacy will continue to impact lives to make Charlotte and North Carolina a more just and fair place.

Sarah Stevenson earned the respect of men, women, and little children, and she made the world much better than she found it.

Rest in peace, Ms. Stevenson.

HONORING CRIS EDWARDS, NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL

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

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cris Edwards of Olney, Illinois, for her being named a National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

Cris is the principal of Richland County Elementary School, which serves nearly 1,000 rural students. The school's mission is to develop respectful and responsible learners and leaders. Under Cris Edwards' watch, that mission is being fulfilled.

Her devotion is recognized by students, parents, and teachers alike.

The school was given the high honor of a legacy school by the Leader in Me program. They host High Five Fridays to build connections in the community, and they launched a mobile library in an old school bus to deliver books in the summer.

Cris has earned her status as a National Distinguished Principal just as she has earned her position as the incoming president of the Illinois Principals Association.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Cris Edwards for all she has done to provide a positive learning environment for Richland County schoolchildren.

REMEMBERING LIVES LOST AND CALLING FOR A CEASE-FIRE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, as Americans like me continue to fight to save lives, no matter faith or ethnicity, I hope we remember all lives lost.

I still remember the celebrations across Palestinian villages of Al Shaima, who earned the highest high school exam score, making Gaza proud. Al Shaima was a symbol of hope because even though she grew up in a refugee camp, she still succeeded with the highest score.

She was killed with members of her family when missiles hit the al-Nuseirat refugee camp in Gaza.

Yousef Maher Dawas was a young poet and writer. He died alongside members of his family. His last words, Madam Speaker, were: "We are not numbers."

Viola and Yara, sisters, were killed at Saint Porphyrius Greek Orthodox Church, where a missile hit while hundreds of people were crowded into the compound seeking shelter. They were members of former Congressman Justin Amash's family. They were among at least 16 people killed at the church.

Madam Speaker, please know that silencing me silences Palestinian voices who are asking to live, so we must ask and demand a cease-fire now.

Madam Speaker, more information can be found at: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/oct/23/doctors-poets-families-babies-victims-of-israels-war-on-gaza>.

CONGRATULATING POLK COUNTY HIGH VOLLEYBALL TEAM

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Polk County High School volleyball team for winning the 1-A volleyball State championship for the first time in the school's history.

The Polk County Wolverines won last Saturday's championship game in a 3-0 win against Falls Lake Academy.

Outside hitter Sophia Overholt, who averaged nearly three kills per set, was named MVP of the State finals.

While the Wolverines have no shortage of impressive individual players, their strong bond as a team led them to this historic victory.

As Michael Jordan, another great North Carolinian, once said: "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships."

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the Wolverines. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors, and I encourage them to continue to strive for excellence on and off the court.

They have made western North Carolina proud.

RESTORING TRUST IN U.S. ECONOMY

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

Mr. NICKEL. Madam Speaker, last week Moody's changed its rating outlook on the United States Government from stable to negative. This was a direct consequence of partisan gridlock, continued political polarization, and the chaos and confusion that we see playing out here on the House floor with 19 votes for Speaker already.

That is why it was so important that we passed a short-term government funding bill to keep the Federal Government open through January. Avoid-

ing a government shutdown will help restore trust in the United States economy and ensure that working families aren't affected by the chaos and confusion that we, again, see playing out here in Washington.

As we look ahead, we must continue to put people over politics and deliver a real budget that funds critical services, secures our border, and supports our allies in Israel and Ukraine.

I remain ready to work in a bipartisan way to deliver results for the American people.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF ERIC FAGAN AND HONORING HIS LEGACY

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

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, as we honor our veterans, I rise to mourn the loss of Eric Fagan, a marine, a community beacon, and a mental health advocate from south Texas.

On October 25, the light of his presence was tragically extinguished, and the shock waves of his passing have been felt throughout my community. His absence is a reminder of the invisible battles our veterans face.

Eric's life was a testament to service and resilience. Let us honor his memory by better addressing the silent crisis of veteran suicide and ensuring those who serve have the care they deserve.

I want Eric's family to know that his legacy inspires us to care for every veteran. May God bless Eric Fagan, his family, and the country he loved.

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CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL CORN-TO-ETHANOL RESEARCH CENTER'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

(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, today, I recognize an important anniversary for a cutting-edge research center located in my district. For more than 20 years, the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville has been a pillar in the biotechnology industry and a leading research institution in the United States.

Born in the research title of the 1996 farm bill, with a \$14 million Federal appropriation the following year, NCERC has been a good investment not just in my district, but in the broader bioeconomy in America.

NCERC's work has culminated in more than 80 technologies that are now in the commercial marketplace, generating over \$7 billion of annual revenue and thousands of direct and indirect jobs.

With a return on investment of \$5.40 for every dollar of public funding received, NCERC leverages every investment to create public-private partnerships that make a cleaner, low carbon, more sustainable future a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I hope everyone will join me in celebrating the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WILLIAM JUNG, III

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

Mr. BURLISON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and the legacy of William Jung, III, of Springfield, Missouri. Bill was born in Overland Park, Kansas, on May 24, 1941, and passed away in Springfield, Missouri, on October 17, 2023.

He is survived by his wife, Ramona, and their 9 children, 36 grandchildren, and 41 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by two sisters and a host of friends and relatives.

Bill was passionate about life and his love for the Lord. He was involved in many civic and religious organizations serving wherever he could.

Bill had a passion for traveling and adventure. He and his wife visited more than 30 countries, including a cherished trip to Israel. He was always game for any adventure that came his way.

Madam Speaker, Bill was a dear friend of mine. His smile and warm personality will be greatly missed by me, his many friends, and his wonderful family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ARLINGTON BABE RUTH 13U ALL-STAR TEAM

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

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Arlington Babe Ruth 13U All-Star Team, who won the Virginia Babe Ruth Baseball 13U State championship and represented Virginia in the 2023 Babe Ruth World Series.

The team was undefeated in the State tournament, outscoring their opponents 41-7. The team went on to proudly represent Virginia in the 2023 Babe Ruth World Series where they faced regional champions from all over the country.

While they came up short in their goal of winning the world series, they should nevertheless be tremendously proud of a wonderful season. It would also not have been possible without a dedicated group of friends, families, and supporters who cheered them on and spent countless hours and hundreds of miles supporting the team.

It made Arlington and the rest of the Eighth District proud. I am sure they will go on to even greater things.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating head coach Chris Chiuchiolio, assistant coach Thor Koomey, and their championship team: Sammy Braccia, George Cocker, Ryan DiVincenzo, Nolan Foerster, Luca Feden, Clive Gay, Aden Heinzer, Michael Huff, Booker Lawson, Michael Mastrangelo, Jack Riordan, Charlie Rotz, and Jones Tallent.

Go Arlington.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 871

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Mr. Amo (to rank immediately after Mr. Crow).

Mr. AGUILAR (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DE LA CRUZ). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5893, COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5961, NO FUNDS FOR IRANIAN TERRORISM ACT

Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 869 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 869

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5893) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-12

shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived.

SEC. 2. (a) No further amendment to H.R. 5893, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution, and pro forma amendments described in section 4 of this resolution.

(b) Each further amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(c) All points of order against further amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

SEC. 4. During consideration of H.R. 5893 for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate.

SEC. 5. At the conclusion of consideration of H.R. 5893 for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommend.

SEC. 6. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 5961) to freeze certain Iranian funds involved in the 2023 hostage deal between the United States and Iran, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Foreign Affairs now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-14, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate