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

### PRAYER

The Guest Chaplain, Bishop Larry Lawrence Brandon, Praise Temple, Shreveport, Louisiana, offered the following prayer:

Almighty and compassionate God, we humbly gather our hearts in solemn prayer for the United States of America.

Grant us, O guiding light, the serenity that breeds peace, embracing our land from coast to coast.

May justice, impartial and unwavering love flow through the veins of society, uniting us in the pursuit of equality for all.

Bestow upon the United States House of Representatives the wisdom to navigate complexities, fostering unity and understanding in their decisions. Lord, please, illuminate their minds to serve with integrity for the betterment of our diverse yet United States of America.

May the spirit of collaboration prevail over discord, and may the collective aspirations of liberty and justice be the compass that guides this great Nation toward a future of harmony, where all voices are heard and the flame of democracy continues to burn bright.

God bless America and help us, America, to bless You.

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 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania 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.

### WELCOMING BISHOP LARRY LAWRENCE BRANDON

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KEAN of New Jersey). Without objection, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to introduce my longtime friend, Bishop Larry Lawrence Brandon, who I have the honor of hosting as our guest chaplain in the House today.

Bishop Brandon is the senior pastor of Praise Temple Missionary Baptist Church, which has faithfully served the people of the Shreveport-Bossier area for over three decades.

In 1992, Bishop Brandon and six others founded Praise Temple. They met in the homes of local church leaders for prayer offerings and Bible study until they eventually moved into a worship space in Shreveport.

Under his dutiful stewardship, the church flourished. They have built the "church where the doors swing on the hinges of love," as their motto states.

Last year, he moved back to his hometown of Oakland, California, to expand his ministry, but he holds deep ties to our area back home and is a beloved member of our community.

Bishop Brandon has been a trusted leader in the Shreveport-Bossier area. He has served in leadership roles in local nonprofits, civic organizations,

faith-based ministries, and still serves as president of the Northwest Louisiana Community Development Corporation.

Bishop Brandon has been a great advocate for the sanctity of human life, and his work in the community and in biblical scholarship has served as an important reminder of the eternal hope that we have in Christ.

I am grateful that he is joining us as our guest chaplain.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

### PROFOUND IMPACT OF DR. ROBERTO E. GARCIA

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

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the profound impact of Roberto E. Garcia from south Texas.

Born in the humblest of circumstances in Alice, Texas, he embraced the values of faith, family, and hard work. From serving our Nation bravely in the Navy during the Vietnam war to transforming the educational landscape in school districts like San Diego ISD and Robstown ISD, Dr. Garcia's dedication is unparalleled.

He is not only an educator, but a cornerstone in our community, establishing the Alice soccer program, supporting the church, and advocating for veterans.

I commend Dr. Garcia for his unwavering commitment to service, his resilience in the face of adversity, and his enduring contributions to the Lone Star State and our Nation.

The people's House salutes Dr. Garcia.

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## BUILDING A STRONG ECONOMY

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, in just a few years we have had a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic, a worldwide energy crisis, and as a result, the fastest inflation in 40 years.

The cost of living is too high, and the financial strain on American families is real.

Americans just needed help; so last Congress, Democrats took action:

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is creating 600,000 good-paying union jobs next year alone, with many more to follow.

The Chips and Science Act is bringing manufacturing back to the United States.

The Inflation Reduction Act is reducing the deficit and lowering household costs from energy to prescription drugs.

While we acted, Republicans parroted misleading talking points, falsely claiming that this legislation somehow hurts Americans.

Instead, America sees progress. Annual inflation fell to its lowest in more than 2½ years. Gas prices have declined nearly 40 percent. The IRS collected \$122 million from wealthy tax evaders.

As we end this year better than we started, I urge House Republicans to reject the politics of disinformation and tearing down. Instead, join us and build this strong economy.

## CONGRATULATING CORPORAL RON SLAGLE ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mrs. HINSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor U.S. Air Force veteran and Marion police officer, Corporal Ron Slagle for his 25 years spent protecting our Iowa communities.

Last month, Corporal Slagle signed off on his last shift with the Marion Police Department, my hometown, with a final 10-42 alongside his family and friends.

From his time in the Air Force to his dedication to the Marion Police Department, and his advocacy to ensure that law enforcement officers, first responders, and veterans have access to mental health care resources, Corporal Slagle embodies what it means to be a public servant.

It is no surprise that he has instilled the value of service in his children, who have also embraced careers to help others.

He has a true servant's heart, and I wish him all the best in his retirement. I congratulate Ron.

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BIG TEN CHAMPIONS

(Mrs. McCLAIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Michigan football team for winning the Big Ten championship.

This past weekend, the Wolverines capped off their dominant regular season with a Big Ten title, earning themselves the number one rank in the country and a trip to the coveted football playoffs.

However, this season for the Wolverines has been characterized by more than just victories on the field. This program has a saying: "Those who stay will be champions."

The team may be champions and are champions on the field, but they will also be champions off the field and forever in their personal lives.

This team faced challenges at every level with national ridicule of their program and their coach, Coach Harbaugh, yet they persisted. The young men of Team 144 took every bump in stride and held onto the words of former head coach, Bo Schembechler, and they took those words to heart: The team, the team, the team.

Team 144 is an embodiment of what it means to work as a team and overcome adversity both on and off the field. We are so proud of these young men and Coach Harbaugh and look forward to cheering them on in the playoffs. Congratulations, Team 144, and Go Blue.

## HONORING GEORGE JOSEPH HIGGINS

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

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, silence your heart and look into the eyes of this young American. Tomorrow he would have been 101 years old.

On December 8, 1941, for his 19th birthday, he got World War II. Like millions of other young men across the country, when the attack on Pearl Harbor was announced the following day after that fateful morning on December 7, this young man stood up, went and joined the Navy.

The Navy sent him to flight school. He served his country as a pilot in World War II. He died many years later as I held his hand. This man is my father, George Joseph Higgins.

Happy birthday, Dad.

## PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RELATING TO "IMPROVING INCOME DRIVEN REPAYMENT FOR THE WILLIAM D. FORD FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM AND THE FEDERAL FAMILY EDUCATION LOAN (FFEL) PROGRAM"

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 906, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 88) providing

for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program", and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 906, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 88

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program" (88 Fed. Reg. 43820 (July 10, 2023)), and such rule shall have no force or effect.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The joint resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or their respective designees.

The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) each will control 30 minutes. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 88, a Congressional Review Act resolution authored by Representative McCLAIN of Michigan, that would bar the Biden administration from spending hundreds of billions of dollars by executive fiat.

On June 30 of this year, mere hours after the Supreme Court decapitated the administration's previous student loan scheme, the Department of Education unveiled its so-called Savings on a Valuable Education (SAVE) plan. Despite its deceptive name, this is without question the most expensive regulation in our Nation's history.

Mr. Speaker, how bad will the damage be? The Congressional Budget Office estimates this new IDR program will actually cost over \$260 billion over the next 10 years, over \$100 billion more than what the Department was telling the American people.