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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HOBART MANLY, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Hobart Manly, Jr., a veteran of the National Guard and an avid golfer.

Hobart was raised in Savannah and excelled in multiple sports in high school before going on to attend the University of Georgia. He is perhaps best known for his career as an amateur golfer. He competed in three British amateurs, two French amateurs, and the Canadian Open. Hobart has also won the North-South Championship located in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

In 1969, Hobart was inducted into the Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame, and 22 years later, he was inducted into the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame.

Hobart lived on Isle of Hope outside of Savannah with his wife, Marilyn, of 67 years. Hobart's competitive spirit and love for sport is something I find incredibly admirable and strive to implement in my own life every day.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Manly family during this difficult time.

RECOGNITION OF EMT ROSEMARY MITTS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Savannah EMT Rosemary Mitts.

Rosemary was raised in a military family, leading her to learn the importance of having a strong work ethic from a young age. She modeled her choice to work in healthcare after her grandfather, as he was a medic in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam war.

Rosemary began her work as an EMT at Chatham Emergency Services. She also earned her medic license through her time at paramedic school and soon after went on to teach others to become EMTs like herself.

Rosemary consistently strives to better herself and others in her work environment. She is always looking for ways to provide the best care possible for the people in her community.

Rosemary was recently chosen to be a member of the American Ambulance Association's 2023 Stars of Life Class, a program that celebrates the distributions of ambulance professionals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to others.

We congratulate Rosemary. We can't think of anyone more deserving.

CONGRATULATING MAMIE BACON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Mamie Bacon, who recently celebrated a historic anniversary.

Last October, she was recognized for 50 years of work for King and Prince Seafood in Brunswick, Georgia. Mamie started working for King and Prince Seafood in 1973 and has not looked back since.

She originally planned to retire 7 years ago but chose to continue working her job in quality assurance. She is quoted in the Brunswick News saying: "I love my job and I love the people."

For her service to Georgia, the company plans on building a new pavilion and dedicating it in her honor. Mamie is simply one of the many examples of the First District of Georgia's rich and selfless sense of community. We wish Mamie the best of luck.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport for being nominated as one of the Best Airports in the U.S. by Conde Nast Traveler.

The Savannah Airport has been voted the number one airport in the Nation for the fourth consecutive year by the Conde Nast Traveler 2023 Readers' Choice Awards. This achievement is the result of several key factors, such as the airport's beautiful town square-inspired layout and great amenities. The charming visitor center has a historic southern street style that makes visitors feel right at home.

The airport also features great food and great shops to keep travelers fed and entertained. This Georgia airport was also once named "the happiest airport in the country."

We congratulate, again, Savannah's airport for continuing to hold its first-place designation and congratulate the staff that made that happen.

HONORING EDDIE HARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. SMITH) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nebraska Third District pilot, farmer, soil conservationist, and now centenarian, Eddie Harms.

An extraordinary pillar of consistency in his southeast Nebraska community, Eddie turned 100 years of age on December 22, 2023.

□ 1030

Eddie and his wife, Millie, raised two children. He worked as a farmer and soil conservationist for more than 80 years, only recently selling his long-used Caterpillar bulldozer. He is known by neighbors for his dogged Nebraska work ethic, willingness to lend a hand, and deep sense of personal responsibility.

Growing up with his 12 siblings on the family farm near Adams, Nebraska, Eddie said from an early age: "We learned what we needed to do."

Demonstrating love for family, community, and the land throughout his life, Eddie exemplifies Nebraska values

of stewardship, neighborliness, and conservation.

Today, he lives in Syracuse, Nebraska, and continues to visit family and friends around the community. His daughter, Tanya, attests that he loves taking care of the land and being busy doing things.

Eddie's character and contributions to his community are outstanding and highlight all that is great about small towns all across America.

RECOGNIZING NEBRASKA AGRICULTURE ACADEMY AND FFA

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of Third District agriculture educators and the record-breaking number of FFA members in Nebraska and across the Nation.

As the sixth State chartered by the National FFA Organization upon its founding in 1928, Nebraska FFA provides outstanding career growth opportunities, which build character and develop competence in our next generation of ag industry leaders who will feed and fuel the world.

In public, private, and homeschooling settings, student interest and participation in FFA is at an all-time high. According to the Nebraska FFA Foundation, there were 10,454 student FFA members in Nebraska during the 2021-2022 school year.

Despite a shortage of agriculture educators, the Nebraska Agriculture Academy is providing opportunities to students who are homeschooled and in remote communities where an FFA chapter may not be operating. Through supervised agricultural experience projects, these students are gaining hands-on experience to help our communities thrive, such as raising their own cattle herds.

Through career connections and preparation to excel, FFA continues to be an outstanding opportunity for students. With 945,988 student members nationally, which is an increase of 11 percent from last year, the number of FFA student members and chapters across the United States continues to grow.

The future of American agriculture is bright because our future farmers, ranchers, food scientists, veterinarians, product merchandisers, ag teachers, and others are eager to learn and grow.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 32 minutes a.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 pro tempore (Mr. CRAWFORD) at noon.

PRAYER

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

You, O Lord, have been our God forever, and have delivered us from peril and menace time and again. We acknowledge no other God but You. Not our power or might, but only You can uphold us. We confess no other savior but You—neither our wit, nor our own wisdom, but Yours alone can redeem us.

For You have cared for us in our wilderness. You have provided shelter for us in the scorching heat of anxiety and the raging storms that threaten our well-being.

Deliver, then, Your people from the relentless power of devastation and desolation. After almost 2 years of fighting for their country and its citizens, redeem the people of Ukraine. As we mark the 100th day of ostensibly intractable conflict in Israel and Gaza, bring Your peace and justice to this region.

May those who are persecuted be rescued from death's sting. May those who have sacrificed so much be spared from the grave's victory. Do not hide Your compassion from them, but speak into the chaos and confusion of this horrific strife and once again grant Your deliverance and then govern us with Your peace.

In the light of Your love, we pray in the strength of Your name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

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

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

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

Mr. CARL. 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 pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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 PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

U.S.-U.K. SOLIDARITY FOR PEACE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I was grateful to participate this weekend in the legislative exchange program of the Association of Marshall Scholars to Oxford and London, led by co-chairs, MARK GREEN and JIM HIMES; with emeritus co-chairs, LINDA SANCHEZ and MIKE TURNER.

It was historic as the alliance was fulfilled as real with actions.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak met in Kyiv on Friday with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to announce billions more aid for Ukraine. We observed Parliament on Monday where he provided details warmly welcomed by all political parties.

Simultaneously, Britain and America launched air strikes in self-defense against Tehran regime Houthi puppets.

Yesterday, at Chatham House in London, we met with Defence Secretary Grant Shapps, who warned Iran: "We see you, we see through what you're doing."

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America with Biden open borders for terrorists. It is sadly clear there will be more 9/11 attacks across America imminent, as warned by the FBI.

IN HONOR OF LIAM LYNCH

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 10-year-old Liam Lynch of western New York.

Liam was first diagnosed with lymphoma in 2019 and, thanks to the expert care through Roswell Park/Oishei Children's Hospital partnership, he went into remission.

Unfortunately, Liam relapsed, but he is a tough, determined kid, and we support his efforts to succeed.

With the support of Liam's family and his community, he has donated more than 2,300 pairs of pajamas to other patients at the hospital where he is seeking care.

Liam's enduring positivity through chemotherapy, radiation, and months

in the hospital has been recognized by the Buffalo Bills, including its star quarterback Josh Allen, along with the many people across the western New York community.

Liam Lynch truly embodies the spirit of the City of Good Neighbors.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Liam Lynch and his family as he bravely continues his battle to beat lymphoma for good.

HONORING THE SEVEN FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF PERRY HIGH SCHOOL ATTACK

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

Mr. NUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the families who are grieving following an attack on Perry High School in Iowa.

On January 4, 11-year-old Ahmir Joliff, a sixth grader in our community, died during an attack on his school. Ahmir's wonderful mother, Erica, said her son, known as Smiley because of the dimples that always lit up his face with a grin, believed in making every day count, and we should all take this burden on seriously as we march forward.

During this attack, Principal Dan Marburger heroically put himself in harm's way to create an opportunity for students to run to safety, and, in those few moments while he tried to talk down an active shooter, he undoubtedly saved the lives of many in our community. However, for his selfless actions, standing in harm's way, this week it is sad to report that he has passed away.

As his daughter Claire said: Dad taught us and inspired us to be better people every day. He passed many lessons and things on to us as kids.

Undoubtedly, there are families in Perry who are still living the life lessons that Dan Marburger taught. There is no doubt this impact will live on in heavy, but also inspiring, ways as a mentor and an educator in our community.

Mr. Speaker, our prayers are with the Marburger family and the people of Perry.

THREAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the world has not been in such an unstable nuclear situation since the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

The web of nuclear arms control agreements is being dismantled and weakened. Russia and North Korea constantly threaten to use nuclear weapons. Iran is increasing its capacity to build a nuclear weapon, and the nuclear powers, including in the United States, plan to modernize and increase their nuclear arsenals.