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IN RECOGNITION OF THE IOWA HAWKEYES AND
SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Iowa Hawkeyes women's basketball team's incredible season.

I also commend the South Carolina Gamecocks women's basketball team. Their incredible performance led to the national title in the NCAA championship game. They played a great game. Despite their dominance in the first quarter, the University of Iowa Hawkeyes had a heart-wrenching loss.

Having lost three congressional races, I think I can say with all sincerity that I know how they feel. However, to the Hawkeye Nation and beyond, you are champions, regardless of the title.

What you have done to elevate women's basketball as a sport goes beyond titles. Take me, for example. I probably watched one pro basketball game and one college basketball game in person. I never watch it on TV, and I know nothing about basketball.

However, like millions of other people, I was drawn in by your incredible playing, demeanor, excitement, joy, inspiration, and enthusiasm that you displayed on and off the court, not to mention your academic achievements.

You created an opportunity for me and my son to talk together and to bond. Caitlin Clark and the team are such incredible players and people, both on and off the court, that they commanded attention.

Kate Martin, what an incredible player you are. I loved seeing you drive down the court and do a three-point shot.

Hannah Stuelke came through in a clutch against UConn.

Sydney Affolter, it was joyful watching you being able to guard and being able to do that layup underhanded.

Sharon Goodman, I think they said at the championship you had a 4.0 academic average as well as being a phenomenal athlete.

Molly Davis, we were heartbroken, but delighted to see you on the court in the final minute.

Gabbie Marshall, I am just going to say the words of a more famous coach: "Pretty eyes. Defender. Sniper."

Caitlin Clark, the records that you have broken, the elevation that you play in women's sports, I heard Coach Lisa Bluder say that when they recruited you to Iowa, you could have gone to any of those titled universities. You came to Iowa, walked into the locker room as a freshman, and said: We are going to the Final Four.

That vision, that drive, that enthusiasm, that goal, that command for excellence carried you through. Your legacy is beyond a national title.

This is your legacy: 18,300 in attendance at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, and I was one of them; 18.7 million viewership, 24 million at its peak.

Those other elite teams had all won national titles before, every one of them—LSU, UConn, South Carolina—but they did not do this. You did this, the University of Iowa women's basketball team.

You did so much to generate enthusiasm and excitement among millions of young girls and young boys, who now want to participate to be their best, which is the best of Iowa and the best of America.

You brought countless hours of joy, excitement, heartache, and camaraderie to the Hawkeye Nation and millions across this country, and even Cyclone fans. You became a national sensation, and we will remember not just the results, but we will remember the feelings and the joy that you gave us.

Champions are leaders, but leaders aren't titles. It was a high school student who asked me that. You are a doctor, a lieutenant colonel, a director, a Congresswoman. What does it take to be a leader?

Leaders inspire.

□ 1230

Mr. Speaker, Caitlin is the GOAT and the rest of the team are GOAT goddesses, and I suppose Coach Bluder is a GOAT herder. They don't need a national title. They are national heroes.

Forever, Go Hawks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair and not to a perceived viewing audience.

WE NEED PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

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

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I have been attending town halls and meetings across my district for the last 2 weeks in smaller communities in Wisconsin like Edgerton, Sauk City, Monroe, Mazomanie, and Darlington. These are communities with hardworking people that have a strong work ethic and upper Midwestern values like fairness and compassion.

At those meetings, Mr. Speaker, I have heard a common thread: They don't like what they are seeing in Gaza and Israel. The vast majority recognize that the attack on October 7 was horrific and Israel had a right to respond, but they didn't have a right to collectively punish 2.3 million people stuck in Gaza.

They know that 1,200 people are dead in Israel from the attack and over 130 people are still being held by Hamas. However, they also know that nearly 34,000 people are dead in Gaza, 70 percent of which are women and children, clearly not members of Hamas.

They know that 2 million people have been displaced in Gaza and the major-

ity of the buildings and infrastructure have been demolished or damaged by Israeli bombs. They know that the people are dying of starvation because almost every entry point to Gaza is through Israel and not enough supplies and aid are getting through.

They understand that the United States is trying to help with aid, but we have to drop it from the air or bring it in by sea because our friend Israel won't allow us to bring it in through easier, safer ways like by truck and transport.

They know that aid workers are being killed, 200 plus to date, including some from Chef Jose Andres' World Central Kitchen. The limited food, water, and supplies that are being let in have to be distributed, but aid workers are too often killed in the process of delivering humanitarian aid, making alleviating suffering even more difficult.

They don't understand how we can provide both armaments and aid to the same area, as that doesn't make sense to people with Midwestern sensibilities.

They tell me it looks like punishment for being Palestinian. They tell me it appears Benjamin Netanyahu wants people to leave Gaza for good. They tell me it looks too much like what genocide would look like, and that concerns them greatly.

The bombings of the World Central Kitchen workers, the seemingly targeted and repeated bombings, despite the Israeli military knowing their location and purpose, has been one more step too far by the Netanyahu government's handling of this war.

Enough is enough.

The indiscriminate killing must stop. The aid must flow. The hostages must be released and a cease-fire must hold to protect every child in Gaza and Israel.

The devastation has been severe, far more severe than it ever needed to be. The world would have understood a response going after Hamas killers, but the Netanyahu government has gone too far, way too far in its response.

That is why I helped lead a letter signed by 56 Members of Congress to the President to stop any additional offensive arms transfers to Israel without a thorough investigation of the World Central Kitchen killings and a plan for aid and assistance to get to starving Palestinians.

The United States has long supported two nations existing side by side in peace, a two-state solution, but Benjamin Netanyahu doesn't support that reasoned path to peace. And that, along with his punishing innocent Palestinians while allegedly going after Hamas, has made it time to get a divorce from Benjamin Netanyahu.

I support the overwhelming majority of Israelis who want peace. They want to live safely without bombs raining on them from extremists in Gaza. They too don't like the direction and mistakes of the Netanyahu administration, and they want the hostages returned immediately.

The overwhelming majority of Palestinians want peace, as well. They just want to live their lives with dignity and independence as they should, but they need to be treated as equals with human rights, which too often they are not.

I urge our government to do more to help distribute aid, utilizing great groups like the World Central Kitchen, UNWRA, and so many others that are doing this work. Our government must stop supplying any offensive weapons or equipment that damages Gaza further, especially in regard to any invasion of Rafah.

Let's take this awful, current situation and make some good out of it. We need to double down on a two-state solution that recognizes the many, many good people of Israel and Palestine that want to live in peace. It is achievable, and the United States is crucial to that peace. That is what I am hearing in my district.

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 35 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WEBER of Texas) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Sovereign God, in these days when skies darken and nations rage, when politics become a weapon and discord takes center stage, we yearn for peace only You can give. Come quickly to our aid, that our hearts would not be troubled, with no more need to be afraid.

God, mend this House divided, for against itself it cannot stand. Grant Your peace upon us. May we live as You command, to look at foe or friend and see in them Your face, to strive to love each other and give to each Your grace.

In Your eternal name, we pray.
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.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. 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.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. 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 gentlewoman from American Samoa (Mrs. RADEWAGEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. RADEWAGEN 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF WEGAYEWU FARIS

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a local hero whose selfless act exemplifies the very essence of courage and sacrifice.

Wegayewu Faris, an immigrant from Ethiopia who settled 7 years ago in Coralville, Iowa, displayed remarkable bravery when he risked his life to save an 8-year-old boy from drowning back in 2022.

Without hesitation, Faris, who had worked as a custodial worker at City High School, leaped into action and jumped into the full Iowa River when he saw the boy in danger and struggling. His quick and decisive response underscores the true nature of heroism.

Tragically, Faris lost his life in the process, but his heroism did not go unnoticed. Recently, he was posthumously awarded the Carnegie Medal for Heroism, the highest civilian honor for bravery in North America.

This recognition serves as a testament to his extraordinary courage and selflessness. Faris' legacy reminds us of the profound impact one individual can have on their community.

May his bravery inspire us all to act with courage and compassion in the face of adversity.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mrs. RADEWAGEN asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the University of South Carolina women's basketball team.

These amazing athletes from my good friend JOE WILSON's district completed a perfect season, culminating in a championship win.

Special congratulations to senior guard Te-Hina Paopao and her contributions to the team.

"Congratulations on your great sportsmanship." "Malo le ta'alo fa'a tamali'i."

Te-Hina Paopao is of Samoan heritage, and I know our islands always love to see our Pacific athletes excelling on the national stage. She will have lifelong memories of scoring 14 points in the national championship.

I congratulate all her friends and family cheering her on in our Polynesian communities from her home in California and elsewhere.

I so enjoyed watching this game that attracted millions of people with lots of nationwide excitement about all the great teams competing. I thank the South Carolina women's basketball team.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SOMALIA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-129)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, with respect to Somalia is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2024.

The situation with respect to Somalia continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 with respect to Somalia.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.,
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 9, 2024.