

God to give back to the community, and I know he will continue to serve even in his retirement.

For every call Dr. Ribeiro has taken, for every person he has counseled, just trying to help them get through the difficult times in life, for every person he has reached out to to bring them closer to God, we are grateful. His dedication to saving lives, both physically and spiritually, has touched many families in eastern North Carolina and around the world.

Indeed, life is about relationships, and the most important relationship, as Dr. Ribeiro reminds us, is with the Lord.

RECOGNIZING DR. JACK BAGWELL

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Jack Bagwell, who was named North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges President of the Year.

Over his past 5 years as president of the College of Albermarle, Dr. Bagwell has prioritized fostering deep connections and community among students and faculty alike.

Dr. Bagwell received this award for his exceptional leadership qualities, steadfast commitment to the community college mission, and achievements in furthering higher education within North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, we are extremely proud of Dr. Bagwell's accomplishments. I couldn't be more thrilled, and it is fantastic to see others across the State are taking notice.

Congratulations to Dr. Bagwell for making northeastern North Carolina extremely proud.

RECOGNIZING ZAMAREYA JONES

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize North Carolina Player of the Year, Zam Jones, who is living proof that you can never underestimate the power of eastern North Carolina.

Jones is one of only four North Carolina players to make the ESPN Top 60 and is ranked number 17 in the country.

Five-star guard Zam Jones will play college basketball in the ACC at North Carolina State University.

Jones led North Pitt High School to victory in the 2024 North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2A Women's Basketball Championship.

Recently, she helped the East clinch a tight victory over the West in the McDonald's All-American game.

Mr. Speaker, Zam is a shining example of excellence in the East.

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NPR RADIO IS BIASED

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NORMAN). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, in the D.C. newsroom for National Public Radio, which is a central hub for NPR's coverage of political news, it just came

out that they have amongst their staff 87 registered Democrats in editorial positions and zero Republicans—87-0.

Joe DiMaggio's hitting streak was amazing at 56 games in a row, and Pete Rose in the seventies had 44 games in a row—87-0.

Should it matter what the political makeup of people are in these positions? You know, not really, I guess, in any real sense.

We are not talking reality in Washington, D.C., are we? We are not talking about a nonbiased media that covers this place, that covers what politicians do and the slant that people are going to hear when they are out there in their cars, their homes, or wherever, picking this up in the various forms of media.

What do we know about NPR? It receives funding from the taxpayer and tries at the same time to claim to be objective. It receives this funding via the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which the CBP receives about \$525 million of taxpayer dollars—about 50 percent of their funding. The other half comes from corporate donations, the same corporations that Democrats love to say evil things about, but oftentimes these days are doing bad things. It is pretty hard to figure out where they are coming from.

What we have seen in recent years in reporting is a strong bias against Republicans and conservatives coming out of NPR and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting when they cover the political front here.

The bias against anything that is not a far-left view is clear. In fact, the bias of NPR is so clear that even a left-leaning editor in their organization—which is where this came out—is raising the alarm about the clear and consistent bias. This person is very concerned about it and is now being dismissed.

NPR has already issued many statements and articles dismissing the critique, including this morning, without any admission by NPR or acknowledgment of any wrongdoing or bias, and certainly they have no intent to reform or even reflect upon what this looks like and sounds like.

Let us remember that NPR embraced the Russiagate conspiracy theory without question, and they dismissed the Hunter Biden laptop story without proper scrutiny.

All these things have been proven otherwise, haven't they?

They also have NPR actively working to dismiss and attack information about the true origins of the COVID-19 virus as well as the early treatments that could have probably helped or saved many lives. They dismissed ivermectin and other treatments, instead, calling it "horse paste" when as recently as 2015, it won a Nobel Prize for the amazing work that has been done with ivermectin.

In the last decade, NPR's own audience has shrunk and become more intensely leftwing, gradually pushing out conservative listeners with nonstop

ideological programming, bias in reporting, and injecting far-left ideas into previously nonpolitical programs.

So it is not just that quirky little radio station you hear in a musty bookstore or at a used record store or something like that. It has taken a really hard twist to the left.

They claim to be neutral in a public platform to consider all things and consider all perspectives, but unfortunately, it isn't that way anymore.

They are desperately burning up their own credibility to try and keep up with the demands of the far left and its ranks that continue to shift farther and farther left.

That is what this person from their organization came out and said, for 25 years they have lost the American people with this shift. It is pretty sad.

So perhaps instead of calling it National Public Radio it should be called national progressive radio, the term Democrats on the far left use for themselves, although I have never really seen where the word "progress" fits in with some of the programs and ideals coming from the so-called progressives.

NPR being funded by taxpayer dollars is a serious betrayal of the public trust. The American taxpayer should no longer be subsidizing this propaganda which fails to even pretend to be unbiased anymore and is appealing to a smaller and smaller group of people, unfortunately. It is too bad because the idealism of it years ago when it was created looked a heck of a lot different and was indeed something everybody could find enjoyment in.

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 11 o'clock and 6 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. FLEISCHMANN) at noon.

PRAYER

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

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, only You can speak into the crisis that has descended upon the Middle East. Only Your peace can cure the warring madness that has erupted in this land so many call holy.

Let the hatred that has severed the region, intensifying the profound animosity between Israel and Palestine, and in turn swallowing up the cities of Gaza, Tel Aviv, Ramallah, and Ashkelon to name but a few, be supplanted by acts of mercy and overcome by deeds of justice.

Touch the hearts of each offender, that all would be purified of their thirst for vengeance. Speak into the souls of all aggressors, that they would renounce their prejudice.

Abide with the countless victims of violent attacks, with the innocents held hostage in the crossfire of escalating hostilities. Grant comfort and sanctuary to those who have fled their homes in fear. Receive the refugees into the safety of Your welcoming embrace. Make way in the desert that the hungry would receive food.

Let all Christians, Muslims, and Jews put away anger, wrath, malice, and slander. May each find a renewed spirit of forgiveness and understanding in the knowledge that all bear the image of You, our Creator.

For the sake of Your kingdom, may each of us, politician and patriot, voter or victim, be agents of Your purpose, that Your peace and justice would, once again, rule this land.

In the redemption of Your 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 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCGOVERN 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.

RECOGNIZING CLARION ROBOTICS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two robotics teams from North Clarion High School which is located in Clarion County.

The Western Pennsylvania Robotics championships took place in March at the PennWest Clarion University. During this competition, two teams, the Ineffable Inventors and the Ambiguous Case, finished in first and second place, respectively.

The Ineffable Inventors, who were the champions of the event, also earned the Amaze Award, which is given to the most consistent high-performing and competitive robot.

The Ambiguous Case, finishing in second place, received the Excellence Award, which is given to overall excellence in robotic performance.

Both of these teams will be advancing to the world championships, which will be held at the end of April in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I enjoy seeing our youth engaging in these competitions to develop important computer science skills that will help them in their future endeavors.

I wish both teams the best of luck as they advance to the world championships.

RECOGNIZING CHAMPION OF THE WEEK RIYA HEGDE

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Riya Hegde as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

Riya is an extraordinary student from the Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, who has taken it upon herself to break down barriers and pave the way for the next generation of female coders.

She recently founded Python Pals, which strives to teach young girls and women about the computer coding program Python. This group not only teaches invaluable coding skills but will also instill confidence and courage in her peers to pursue a career in coding.

As a member of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, we often talk about the "missing million," the 1 million STEM workers from diverse gender, racial, and geographic backgrounds that we need to fill our Nation's open jobs in the STEM fields.

Programs like Riya's are critical to filling the missing million by creating safe, supportive spaces for girls to learn how to code, so they have the skills they need to pursue careers in STEM and showing how Ohio's 13th Congressional District is leading the way.

Riya's initiative shows strength and courage by challenging stereotypes and opening doors for girls who may have once felt excluded from a career path once dominated by men.

I thank Riya for using her voice to uplift and encourage women and girls in Ohio's 13th District to pursue their interest in STEM. She has proved age is no barrier in making a significant impact in the world around us.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Riya on being named Ohio's 13th District Champion of the Week.

DANGEROUS HATRED

(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, in a dangerous event yesterday in Michigan, anti-Israel activists shouted, "death to America" and

"death to Israel," repeating the Iranian regime chants.

This event was in recognition of Al-Quds Day to advocate for the mass murder of the people of Israel. It reinforced that, 6 months ago, Iranian puppet Hamas invaded Israel, murdering over 1,200 Israeli civilians.

Incredibly, in America, a rally speaker hatefully spouted: "So when these fools ask us if Israel has the right to exist . . . the chant 'death to Israel' has become the most logical chant."

When attacks come to America to disrupt elections, voting on election day must be in person, while including military ballots that are mailed in.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism moves from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

We do not need new laws for the border. We need to enforce the existing laws. Biden shamefully has opened the borders for dictators as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as warned by the FBI.

CONGRATULATING NORTH HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

(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, I rise today to congratulate the North High School boys basketball team for their remarkable accomplishment of winning back-to-back Massachusetts Division 1 State championships. I want to recognize Principal Sam FanFan, Coach Pettway, and all the players on their historic run.

Last year, they were the first public school team from my home city of Worcester to win a Division 1 State championship.

North High forward Carl-Hens Beliard graduated that year and went on to Salem State University to continue his academic and athletic career. Tragically, Carl-Hens lost his life to senseless gun violence last fall. It was heartbreaking for the North High community and the entire city of Worcester.

The team dedicated this season to Carl-Hens and emerged more determined than ever. On March 17, the Polar Bears went to the State championship and won their 45th straight game to cap off a perfect 24-0 season.

Mr. Speaker, the talent, work ethic, and resilience of this team has made all of Worcester proud.

RESTORING ACCOUNTABILITY AND FAIRNESS TO THE IRS APPEALS PROCESS

(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 the IRS' tax filing deadline quickly approaches, safeguarding the rights of