

of college basketball and which is the capital of the world for college basketball. There is no question Storrs, Connecticut, the home of the UConn Huskies, which I have the honor to represent, is clearly the college basketball capital of the world.

Again, the two programs have been to the Final Four in the same year five times. The men have won their sixth title. Combined with 11 from the women, that is 17 titles. There hasn't been a single program anywhere close all across the country to achieve that greatness.

It was a wonderful day on Saturday. The players deserved all of the cheering and praise that they received. I have no doubt, when Coach Hurley got up there and said his goal right now is to do a three-peat, people better keep their eye on the UConn Huskies.

ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, over the weekend, the country of Israel was struck by Iran with missiles that were launched from the territory of Iran into Israel.

An amazing international coalition came together to strike down that drone and missile attack. Our U.S. pilots and reconnaissance crews were essential parts of making that happen. The equipment that they used in terms of Iron Dome, Arrow, David's Sling, which are defensive missiles that assisted in terms of knocking down almost all of them, was a great achievement.

Mr. Speaker, there is a bill pending that came out of the Senate 2 months ago, a supplemental funding bill to reload for countries like Israel; to reload for countries like Ukraine, who are under relentless attack by Vladimir Putin; and to help Taiwan in terms of the coercion and pressure that they are feeling from the People's Republic of China.

We need to pass that bill. It passed 70-28 in the Senate, a huge, lopsided majority. We can do the same here in the House tonight, and we can make sure that these attacks that are happening to countries, sovereign democracies, are going to have the adequate tools to defend themselves.

That is the role that U.S. has played in the past. We were the arsenal of democracy in World War II. Today, we can help defend our friends. It is time for Speaker JOHNSON to bring this measure to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, let the House work its will. Send this bill to the President, who said he will sign it tonight, and make sure that our allies and friends get the help they need.

IN RECOGNITION OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH CRAIG ALDERMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ALFORD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our April Veteran of the

Month, Craig Alderman, a Vietnam-era veteran.

Craig and his family have dedicated their lives to this country. Their call to serve America has made a lasting impact, and we are so proud of all he does to help fellow veterans thrive in Missouri's Fourth Congressional District.

His father and four uncles served in World War II, while both of his sons are currently serving our Nation.

Craig grew up on a farm until he left for college at the University of Massachusetts, where he enlisted in the Air Force as an ROTC cadet. After completion of ground school, he attained the rank of private pilot through the ROTC program and was further commissioned as a lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

He then attended flight school and was pinned the silver wings of an Air Force pilot. Craig diligently worked his way through rankings and has earned positions as an instructor for the new B-1 aircraft, attained the rank of captain, and built over 2,800 hours of flight time in the B-52. He is qualified to fly in any multiengine jet and was selected for promotion to major.

Though he continued to earn multiple medals and awards in the Air Force as a pilot, Craig is most proud of the initial silver wings that he earned.

Since retirement, Craig has founded Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation, the only veteran-founded conservation in the United States that works with all aspects of wildlife and allows local chapters to retain the largest revenue of any conservation organization.

He continues to teach, mentor, and assist all aspiring students and veterans in the great State of Missouri. His sacrifice and ongoing commitment to our country's values exemplifies what it means to truly be an American.

I thank Craig for all he does.

IN RECOGNITION OF KLEINSCHMIDT'S WESTERN STORE, APRIL'S SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our April Small Business of the Month, Kleinschmidt's Western Store. Providing the Midwest with western apparel and accessories of the highest quality, this household name has been family owned and operated since 1969.

Over 54 years ago, the founders, Irvin and Katherine Kleinschmidt, established a mission supporting our local community while providing unparalleled inventory and exceptional customer service.

This mission is carried out daily now by new owner, Sarah Montgomery, and her family.

This 30,000-square-foot building holds more than 30,000 boots and 200 name brands. Customers are drawn to the extensive stock of inventory that suits any occasion.

Higginsville, Missouri, is proud to be home to this incredible family-owned and -operated business. Their incredible inventory, 250-plus mounted animals and unique accessories, make it

an exceptional western supply stop in mid-Missouri.

We are so excited, Mr. Speaker, to recognize their hard work and incredible efforts to supply Missouri's Fourth Congressional District and visitors from all over America. I congratulate Sarah Montgomery and Kleinschmidt's on being our Small Business of the Month.

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 14 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 (Mrs. KIM of California) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Immortal and invisible God, we yearn to see You. Open our eyes that we would know how You reveal Yourself to us through the love You have created in us, redeemed in us, and sustain in us this day.

Help us to realize that though we have never seen You, You have taught us that when we love one another, You live in us and Your love is made complete in us. This is knowledge that far exceeds what we can see with our eyes.

So let us look beyond the things we see, look past the differences and the difficulties, and look into the heart of even our adversary.

In them may we see You, then know and rely on the love You so desire to share with us through others. As You have so loved us, may we accept our responsibility to love one another, and may we discover within them the love You reveal to us when we love those around us.

God, You are love. Let us live in that love that Your love would live in us and that we would live in You.

We pray these prayers in Your revealed 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 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-

MEEKS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS 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.

CONDEMNING IRAN'S RECENT ATTACK ON ISRAEL

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to vehemently condemn Iran's recent attack on Israel and express unwavering support for our closest ally in the Middle East, Israel, as they confront forces of evil.

Over the weekend, Iran launched a massive missile and drone attack directly at Israel for the first time in history. These heinous attacks threaten to further destabilize the region, risking an all-out war between Israel and Iran.

By the grace of God, Israel's Iron Dome system intercepted 99 percent of the missiles and drones aimed at them. However, the looming threat from Iran persists.

Now more than ever, it is imperative for the United States to stand by our ally and provide them with the necessary support to thwart bad actors who undermine their sovereignty, including Iran and the Iran-funded terrorist groups Hamas and Hezbollah.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO A REMARKABLE LEADER, MAYOR BILL GRAHAM

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

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a remarkable leader of the Scottsburg community, former Mayor Bill Graham. Just a few weeks ago, my hometown suffered a great loss with his passing.

Mayor Graham was not just a public servant. He was the heart and soul of our small town. His unwavering dedication to Scottsburg and its residents was evident in every decision he made and action he took.

Whether it was working tirelessly to attract new businesses, advocating for improved infrastructure, or simply lending a compassionate ear to those in need, Mayor Graham embodied the true spirit of service. His legacy of kindness, integrity, and selflessness will continue to inspire us all.

As we mourn the loss of Mayor Graham, let us also celebrate the extraordinary life he lived and the profound impact he had on our beloved Scottsburg.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and the entire community during this difficult time.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1645

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. D'ESPOSITO) at 4 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a joint resolution and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.J. Res. 98. Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status".

H. Con. Res. 85. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the women in the United States who joined the workforce during World War II, providing the aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, ammunition, and other material to win the war and who were referred to as "Rosie the Riveter", in recognition of their contributions to the United States and the inspiration they have provided to ensuing generations.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to a joint resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S.J. Res. 61. Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to "National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Performance of the National Highway System, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measure".

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-263, the Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the National Commission on the Future of the Navy:

Harlan Kenneth Ullman of the District of Columbia.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

TERMINATION OF TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF TERRORIST SUP- PORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6408) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate the tax-exempt status of terrorist supporting organizations, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6408

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TERMINATION OF TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF TERRORIST SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 501(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(8) *APPLICATION TO TERRORIST SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS.*—

“(A) *IN GENERAL.*—For purposes of this subsection, in the case of any terrorist supporting organization—

“(i) such organization (and the designation of such organization under subparagraph (B)) shall be treated as described in paragraph (2), and

“(ii) the period of suspension described in paragraph (3) with respect to such organization shall be treated as beginning on the date that the Secretary designates such organization under subparagraph (B) and ending on the date that the Secretary rescinds such designation under subparagraph (D).

“(B) *TERRORIST SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION.*—For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘terrorist supporting organization’ means any organization which is designated by the Secretary as having provided, during the 3-year period ending on the date of such designation, material support or resources (within the meaning of section 2339B of title 18, United States Code) to an organization described in paragraph (2) (determined after the application of this paragraph to such organization) in excess of a de minimis amount.

“(C) *DESIGNATION PROCEDURE.*—

“(i) *NOTICE REQUIREMENT.*—Prior to designating any organization as a terrorist supporting organization under subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall mail to the most recent mailing address provided by such organization on the organization's annual return or notice under section 6033 (or subsequent form indicating a change of address) a written notice which includes—

“(I) a statement that the Secretary will designate such organization as a terrorist supporting organization unless the organization satisfies the requirements of subclause (I) or (II) of clause (ii),

“(II) the name of the organization or organizations with respect to which the Secretary has determined such organization provided material support or sources as described in subparagraph (B), and

“(III) a description of such material support or resources to the extent consistent with national security and law enforcement interests.

“(ii) *OPPORTUNITY TO CURE.*—In the case of any notice provided to an organization under clause (i), the Secretary shall, at the close of the 90-day period beginning on the date that such notice was sent, designate such organization as a terrorist supporting organization under subparagraph (B) if (and only if) such organization has not (during such period)—

“(I) demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary that such organization did not provide the material support or resources referred to in subparagraph (B), or

“(II) made reasonable efforts to have such support or resources returned to such organization and certified in writing to the Secretary