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COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 1, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Ms. Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky and Mr. Raymond J. Riley, III, Co-Executive Directors, New York State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special Election held on April 30, 2024, the Honorable Timothy M. Kennedy was elected for Representative to Congress for the Twenty-Sixth Congressional District of New York.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. McCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

Enclosure.

NEW YORK STATE
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Albany, NY, May 1, 2024.

Hon. Kevin F. McCumber,
Acting Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC

DEAR MR. McCUMBER: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, for Representative in Congress from the Twenty-Sixth Congressional District of New York, show that Timothy M. Kennedy received 46,527 or 68.04% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Timothy M. Kennedy was elected as Representative in Congress from the Twenty-Sixth Congressional District of New York.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by the Erie County Board of Elections and the Niagara County Board of Elections, representing all jurisdictions involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

KRISTEN ZEBROWSKI
STAVISKY,
Co-Executive Director.
RAYMOND J. RILEY, III,
Co-Executive Director.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE
TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY, OF NEW
YORK, AS A MEMBER OF THE
HOUSE

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New York, the Honorable TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the New York delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. KENNEDY appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 118th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE
TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY TO THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, as dean of the New York delegation, it is my distinct honor to rise today to introduce Congressman-elect TIM KENNEDY.

I can think of no better person to represent New York's 26th Congressional District and succeed our friend Brian Higgins than TIM KENNEDY. As a lifelong resident of Buffalo who grew up in a blue-collar family, TIM embodies the values of hard work, family, and fighting for the little guy that makes western New York so great.

As a New York State senator for over 13 years, TIM has been a formidable advocate for our region. As chair of the New York Senate Transportation Committee, he secured a historic \$100 million for the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, helped deliver record investment for our roads and transportation networks, and spearheaded legislation enhancing transportation safety and accountability.

Beyond transportation, TIM has been a long-time champion for western New York's workforce and economic development, which is evidenced through his support for the Northland Workforce Center and the revitalization of Buffalo's iconic Central Terminal.

As he steps into his new role, I speak on behalf of the entire New York congressional delegation, and we are confident that TIM KENNEDY will continue to fight tirelessly for the prosperity and safety of our community.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. KENNEDY), our newest Member.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman NADLER, my colleagues in the New York delegation, Mr. Speaker, and Leader JEFFRIES.

Mr. Speaker, I stand before you humbled by the opportunity God has given us to be together in this moment, this awesome and magnificent responsibility that has been granted to me by the people of western New York.

I am grateful to those who have entrusted me with their vote and their confidence to represent our beloved Buffalo-Niagara region in the United States Congress.

I want to take a moment to recognize my family, who is here with me, my wife, Katie, and our children, Connor, Eireann, and Padraic. I also want to recognize my parents, Martin and Mary Kennedy, and my in-laws, Dave and Jane Duerk. My brother, John, also made the visit down, along with many other family members and friends. I am grateful that they can all join us here today.

Looking down on us are our baby angel, Brigid, along with so many other family members and friends who have passed on and whose spirits remain with us here today on this auspicious occasion. They are no doubt toasting and celebrating in Heaven above.

Calling Buffalo, New York, and America home were the O'Briens and O'Donohues, Wilsons and Flynn, Dobmeirs and Stearns, McCarthys and Duffys. Mixed all together, the result is a Kennedy.

I hail from the City of Good Neighbors, the community of good neighbors; the original home of the Seneca Nation of Indians; the village of Buffalo, burned to the ground by the British in the War of 1812, and rebuilt and incorporated in 1832; the western terminus of the Erie Canal, helping to transform our Nation through improved commerce; a border community with our greatest ally, Canada, to the north; a region surrounded by Great Lakes; and, in between, one of the greatest wonders of the world, Niagara Falls. The grandeur of the falls is only surpassed by the people who have defined the region around us.

Today, we stand as a community of patriotic citizens who have always championed democracy and freedom, from the days of serving as a final stop on the Underground Railroad to the Niagara Movement, the precursor of the NAACP, which was formed in our community. The equality and justice these leaders strove for over a century ago has yet to be fully achieved, and there is still so much more work to be done.

In Buffalo-Niagara, we walk in the footsteps of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mary Talbert, Shirley Chisholm, and so many other civil rights leaders. In their spirit, we march on.

It was Niagara Falls that made Buffalo the City of Light. While we have seen our share of darkness, Buffalo is seeing a resurgence that generations

only dreamt of, as a melting pot of ethnicities and cultures are helping to redefine our region and an economic renaissance has taken hold. We are a working-class community with a belief in achieving a better life and the American Dream through education; honest, hard work; and perseverance.

I believe the character traits that define us in the Buffalo-Niagara region are the same ideals held by all Americans. I believe the hope we hold as a western New York community in achieving our greatest potential is shared equally by all communities across our country.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to change our country for the better. I am hopeful that we in this Chamber can demonstrate leadership on a world stage that our fellow Americans can be proud of.

I wish to thank, once again, the people of western New York for having faith in me to lead our community and our country in the United States Congress.

God bless us all. God bless America.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentleman from New York, the whole number of the House is 430.

SPECIAL DISTRICT GRANT ACCESSIBILITY ACT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7525) to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. LATURNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 352, nays 27, not voting 51, as follows:

[Roll No. 178]

YEAS—352

Adams	Balint	Bonamici
Aderholt	Barr	Bost
Aguilar	Barragán	Bowman
Alford	Bean (FL)	Boyle (PA)
Allen	Beatty	Brown
Allred	Bentz	Brownley
Amo	Bera	Bucshon
Amodei	Bergman	Budzinski
Armstrong	Beyer	Burgess
Arrington	Bice	Burlison
Auchincloss	Bilirakis	Bush
Babin	Bishop (GA)	Calvert
Bacon	Bishop (NC)	Caraveo
Balderson	Blumenauer	Carbajal

Cárdenas	Hudson	Palmer
Carey	Huffman	Panetta
Carl	Huizenga	Pappas
Cartter (GA)	Issa	Pascrell
Cartwright	Ivey	Pelosi
Casar	Jackson (IL)	Peltola
Case	Jackson (NC)	Perez
Casten	Jackson (TX)	Peters
Castor (FL)	Jacobs	Petterson
Castro (TX)	Jayapal	Pfluger
Chavez-DeRemer	Jeffries	Pingree
Cherfilus-	Johnson (GA)	Pocan
McCormick	Johnson (LA)	Porter
Chu	Johnson (SD)	Posey
Ciscomani	Joyce (OH)	Pressley
Clark (MA)	Joyce (PA)	Quigley
Clarke (NY)	Kamllager-Dove	Ramirez
Clyburn	Kaptur	Raskin
Cohen	Kean (NJ)	Reschenthaler
Cole	Keating	Rodgers (WA)
Comer	Kelly (IL)	Rogers (AL)
Connolly	Kelly (MS)	Rogers (KY)
Correa	Kelly (PA)	Rose
Costa	Kennedy	Ross
Courtney	Khanna	Rouzer
Craig	Kiggans (VA)	Ruiz
Crawford	Kildee	Ruppersberger
Crockett	Kiley	Rutherford
Curtis	Kilmer	Ryan
D'Esposito	Kim (CA)	Salazar
Davids (KS)	Krishnamoorthi	Salinas
Davis (NC)	Kuster	Sánchez
De La Cruz	Kustoff	Scalise
Dean (PA)	LaHood	Scanlon
DeGette	LaLota	Schakowsky
DeLauro	Langworthy	Schneider
DelBene	Larsen (WA)	Scholten
Deluzio	Larson (CT)	Schrier
DeSaulnier	Latta	Schweikert
DesJarlais	LaTurner	Scott (VA)
Diaz-Balart	Lawler	Scott, Austin
Dingell	Lee (FL)	Scott, David
Doggett	Lee (NV)	Self
Duarte	Lee (PA)	Sessions
Duncan	Leger Fernandez	Sewell
Dunn (FL)	Levin	Sherman
Edwards	Lieu	Sherrill
Ellzey	Lofgren	Simpson
Emmer	Loudermilk	Slotkin
Escobar	Lucas	Smith (MO)
Eshoo	Luetkemeyer	Smith (NE)
Españolat	Luna	Smith (NJ)
Evans	Mace	Smith (WA)
Ezell	Malliotakis	Smucker
Fallon	Maloy	Sorensen
Feenstra	Mann	Soto
Finstad	Manning	Spanberger
Fischbach	Mast	Stansbury
Fitzgerald	Matsui	Stanton
Fitzpatrick	McBath	Stauber
Fleischmann	McCaul	Steel
Fletcher	McClain	Stefanik
Flood	McClellan	Steil
Foster	McClintock	Steube
Fox	McCollum	Stevens
Frankel, Lois	McCormick	Strickland
Franklin, Scott	McGarvey	Strong
Frost	McGovern	Suozzi
Fry	Meeks	Swalwell
Fulcher	Menendez	Sykes
Garamendi	Meuser	Takano
Garbarino	Miller (IL)	Tenney
García (IL)	Miller (OH)	Thanedar
García, Mike	Miller (WV)	Thompson (MS)
García, Robert	Miller-Meeks	Thompson (PA)
Jimenez	Molinaro	Tiffany
Golden (ME)	Moolenaar	Timmons
Gonzales, Tony	Moore (UT)	Tlaib
Gonzalez,	Moore (WI)	Tokuda
Vicente	Moran	Tonko
Gottheimer	Morelle	Torres (CA)
Graves (MO)	Moskowitz	Torres (NY)
Green (TN)	Mrvan	Trahan
Green, Al (TX)	Mullin	Trone
Griffith	Murphy	Turner
Grothman	Nadler	Underwood
Guest	Napolitano	Valadao
Guthrie	Neal	Van Drew
Harder (CA)	Neguse	Van Deyne
Harshbarger	Nehls	Van Orden
Hayes	Newhouse	Vargas
Higgins (LA)	Nickel	Vasquez
Hill	Norcross	Veasey
Hines	Nunn (IA)	Velázquez
Hinson	Obermolete	Wagner
Horsford	Ocasio-Cortez	Walberg
Houchin	Omar	Waltz
Houlihan	Owens	Wasserman
Hoyle (OR)	Pallone	Schultz

Waters	Wexton	Wittman
Watson Coleman	Wild	Womack
Weber (TX)	Williams (GA)	Yakym
Webster (FL)	Williams (NY)	Zinke
Wenstrup	Williams (TX)	
Westerman	Wilson (FL)	

NAYS—27

Biggs	Crane	Lesko
Boebert	Davidson	Massie
Brecheen	Donalds	Mills
Burchett	Gaetz	Moore (AL)
Cammack	Good (VA)	Norman
Cline	Gosar	Ogles
Cloud	Greene (GA)	Perry
Clyde	Hern	Rosendale
Collins	Jordan	Roy

NOT VOTING—51

Baird	Goldman (NY)	Letlow
Banks	Gomez	Luttrell
Blunt Rochester	Gooden (TX)	Lynch
Buchanan	Granger	Magaziner
Carson	Graves (LA)	McHenry
Carter (LA)	Grijalva	Meng
Carter (TX)	Hageman	Mfume
Cleaver	Harris	Mooney
Crenshaw	Hoyer	Moulton
Crow	Hunt	Pence
Cuellar	Jackson Lee	Phillips
Davis (IL)	James	Sarbanes
Estes	Kim (NJ)	Schiff
Ferguson	LaMalfa	Spartz
Foushee	Lamborn	Thompson (CA)
Gallego	Landsman	Titus
García (TX)	Lee (CA)	Wilson (SC)

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Mr. JORDAN changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the floor and the roll call votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 177 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 7219, and YEA on Roll Call No. 178 on the Motion to suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 7525.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, due to events in California, I was unfortunately unable to cast my vote for legislation considered on the House floor today.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on roll call No. 177, H.R. 7219—Information Quality Assurance Act; and YEA on roll call No. 178, H.R. 7525—Special District Grant Accessibility Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, due to a district commitment, I was unable to cast two votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 177, suspend the rules and pass H.R. 7219—Information Quality Assurance Act; and YEA on Roll Call No. 178, suspend the rules and pass H.R. 7525—Special District Grant Accessibility Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, for personal reasons, I was unable to make votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 177 and YEA on Roll Call No. 178.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 177 and YEA on Roll Call No. 178.