He is an amazing man. It is an absolute honor that we are able to name something after him today. I miss him greatly.

I know that he loves his wife, JULIA, his son Jeremiah, and his daughter, Jacqueline. I know that when they look back at his history and the work that he has done, the legacy he has left, they are going to be incredibly proud. I love that we are here today able to vote for a post office for him.

God bless you, my brother, and God bless your family.

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 35 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. WILSON of South Carolina) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Teach us to number our days, O Lord, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. In the narrow boundaries of time, we pray we show our appreciation for the gift that You have given us and would live each day to its fullest.

Let us face what You put before us with the strength You so graciously provide for us.

May our work be effective, not just in accomplishing the goals we set, but in fulfilling the purpose You have bidden us to carry out.

When life is tedious or challenging, may our journey through the uncertainty and around the overwhelming obstacles become an opportunity to be a testimony to Your faithfulness and steadfast love.

As so many approach us with needs and burdens too heavy to carry alone, may we be quick and willing to share the load.

God, only You know what each day will bring us, but in the passing shadow of this day, may the breath of our lives reveal the eternity of Your grace plan.

In Your sovereign name we pray.

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 California (Mr. PETERS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PETERS 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.

CELEBRATING TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

(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 celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. This week honors America's hardworking, dedicated, and passionate teachers.

The National Education Association and the National PTA team up each year to recognize the contributions our teachers make every day to shape the minds of their students. Our teachers push students to achieve their best. They nurture and motivate them and show students how to realize their full potential.

Teachers are some of the most powerful professionals in the entire world. They lend a caring hand and extend a loving heart. They make differences in the lives of our students academically, emotionally, and physically.

I thank every teacher in America for the job they do, the hours they work, the patience they show, and for the impact they have on so many lives. A special thank you and congratulations to my sister, Sherri, who will be retiring in just a few weeks after 30 years of service as a teacher.

HONORING AMERICA'S EDUCATORS

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

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, today marks Teacher Appreciation Day, which is a chance to honor the educators who have guided us, inspired us, showed us kindness, and recognized our potential, and I want to thank just one of many today.

Anyone who knows me knows I am a stickler for clear, concise writing, and I credit my appreciation for a good turn of phrase to Yvonne Vish, my ninth grade English teacher at Lyons Township High School in La Grange, Illinois. She must have spent hours going over our papers to correct every

wrong word, dangling participle, and misplaced modifier. She did so much to help me become an effective communicator, a skill that has helped me my whole life. I thank Miss Vish for her patience and dedication, both of which unquestionably made a difference for me and for many others.

BIDEN DESTROYS JOBS

(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. Madam Speaker, the jobs report last week was fewer jobs than anticipated, as Biden policies of spend, borrow, and tax destroys jobs.

Stephen Moore, of the Committee to Unleash Prosperity explains: "We have way, way too much government growth and borrowing, and too little private-sector growth.

"In the first quarter of this year, the Federal Government borrowed \$500 billion.

"Most of the new jobs in the economy were government dependent."

Worse yet, Biden claims that he has created jobs, which is actually COVID recovery.

The New York spectacle continues of corrupt Judge Merchan persecuting Donald Trump as violent protesters demanding death to Jews take over the streets. Judge Merchan is corrupt in that he has conflicts of interest. Judge Merchan is corrupt in that he has provided and denied a change of venue. Corrupt Judge Merchan has selective persecution. Corrupt Judge Merchan has concealed the witness list and confuses misdemeanors. Corrupt Judge Merchan has denied President Trump his First Amendment rights of free speech.

As a former town judge myself, I especially know Judge Merchan is corrupting the rule of law. Judge Merchan is a disgrace to the American people.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF CLYDE VANCE DUNNAM

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Waco's longest serving lawyers for over seven decades, Clyde Vance Dunnam. He was part of a venerable legal family in the Waco community who saw his career last for seven decades and was part of a family law firm that dates back almost 100 years.

Clyde Vance Dunnam graduated from Baylor with his undergrad in business administration and Baylor Law School and was proud to be part of a law firm that included not only his sons but also his grandchildren.

He practiced law literally his entire adult life and gained a reputation as one of the most skilled and most successful trial attorneys in the history of central Texas. Mr. Dunnam also mentored just a countless number of attorneys in central Texas in the Waco area, and his memory will live for a long time through those many attorneys.

In addition to being a very successful attorney, he also held leadership positions in the Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite, and so many other organizations.

As serious a demeanor as Mr. Dunnam had, he was first and foremost a family man. I will never forget how proud he was at his granddaughter's wedding.

My prayers go out to his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren during this difficult time.

REMEMBERING FAMILY FRIEND DON LEEBERN, JR.

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

Mr. COLLINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember a close family friend, Don Leebern, Jr.

He was 6'3" in stature, but he was a whole lot larger than that in life. He was a Georgia football player, and he played in the AFL, but he was also a highly successful businessperson. In addition, he was also a person who gave back to society, his community, serving on boards and foundations.

The last time I had dinner with Mr. Leebern, he grumbled about the fact that his wife was making him eat healthy and he was going to have to order off the healthy side of the menu. After he grumbled, he promptly ordered right.

The reason I say that is because he dearly, dearly loved his family. A man who will be truly missed, Don Leebern, Jr., led a life well lived.

DON'T CUT SNAP BENEFITS

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

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, in an effort to appease the MAGA wing of their party, Republicans are insisting on a \$30 billion cut to SNAP benefits as part of the long overdue farm bill reauthorization.

SNAP benefits put food on the table for over 40 million Americans every single day. Investing in SNAP improves health outcomes for participants, lowers healthcare costs, supports farmers who grow our food, and boosts our local economies.

The provision Republicans are targeting for deep cuts has given SNAP recipients an extra \$1.40 per person per day to afford nutritious food amid rising food costs. By preventing USDA from making scientifically based benefit updates in the future, Republicans are taking food away from children, seniors, vulnerable adults, and people with disabilities.

It is a rotten thing to do. It is a stupid thing to do, and it means their bill has no chance of gaining the bipartisan support it would need to pass on the House floor.

I beg my Republican colleagues, drop the partisan attack on SNAP and work with Democrats to advance a farm bill that supports our local farmers, continues investments in conservation efforts, and reduces hunger.

CONGRATULATING MCALLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

(Ms. DE LA CRUZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate the McAllen Public Library, a cornerstone of our community, on receiving the prestigious 2023 Achievement of Library Excellence Award for the 10th consecutive year.

The library's commitment to enhancing literacy and providing educational opportunities is unparalleled. From hosting the annual South Texas Book Festival to offering essential coding classes and vibrant summer reading programs, our library ensures that the flame of knowledge burns bright across the RGV

This award recognizes past achievements and is a testament to the enduring impact our library has on enriching lives and fostering community growth.

UPLIFT PUBLIC EDUCATION

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

Mr. BOWMAN. Happy Teacher Appreciation Day. Happy Teacher Appreciation Week. I thank America's teachers for all that they do for our children, families, and our country. As a former educator, I know exactly the sacrifices they make each and every day.

A shout-out to Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Harrell, and my favorite teacher of all time, Ms. James, for making me the person I am today. I also offer a huge shout-out to Melissa Oppenheimer Bowman, my wife, who is a third-grade teacher right now in the Bronx.

We need to make sure we continue to support our teachers, as they are educating the next generation of visionary, humanitarian leaders for our country and for the world. Let's never leave our teachers behind and let's always uplift public education.

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LAHAINA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Madam Speaker, before there was a Front Street or a

banyon tree, Lahaina was known as Lele. It was the home and final resting place of countless "ali'i," "chiefs," serving as the capital of the Kingdom of Hawaii and including "storied and sacred landscapes," "wahi pana," like Loko Mokuhinia and Moku'ula.

Lele was often referred to as the "Venice of the Pacific," with fishponds, productive wetlands, and freshwater canals. Over the decades, the diversion of water removed almost all traces of this once-fertile area.

As we set out to rebuild, we must do so grounded in Lahaina's history and culture. Last week, I introduced the Lahaina Heritage Area Act to assess the future designation of the historic Maui town as a national heritage area.

National heritage area designations support community-driven conservation and restoration efforts through recognition, Federal funding, and technical assistance.

Of the 62 heritage areas across the United States, none are in Hawaii. With support from colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I can think of no better way to lift up our community's desire to rebuild "righteous," "pono" than by making Lahaina Hawaii's first national heritage area.

Mahalo

NATIONAL TEACHERS DAY

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, no matter if a task is great or small, finish it or not at all.

The lesson here is that we should always complete what we start, no matter how challenging it may be. We should never give up. I learned this valuable lesson from Mr. Little in his wood shop class, and it still sticks with me today.

Teachers share inspiring and lifechanging lessons with their students every day. We all have a teacher who has taught us an important lesson that we still remember.

Our favorite teachers take us beyond a textbook and teach us life lessons that we carry with us forever. On National Teachers Day, we pause to recognize our dedicated teachers who are making a difference.

Teaching is a noble profession. Teachers have had a profound impact on doctors, lawyers, preachers, and, yes, believe it or not, Members of Congress.

Madam Speaker, I give a special shout-out today to all the teachers of eastern North Carolina.

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

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

Ms. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National Teacher