

Marian Anderson. The world knows the story of Marian Anderson, the legendary singer who, after being barred from performing at the DAR's Constitution Hall here in D.C. because of her race, instead sang at an open-air concert at the Lincoln Memorial before more than 75,000 people and a radio audience in the millions.

What is not so well known is that she was a proud daughter of Philadelphia. Born in 1897, she lived there most of her life, almost 100 years, and she is buried in the Eden Cemetery just outside of Philadelphia in Delaware County.

Marian Anderson's home in south Philadelphia, which she purchased in 1924 and where she entertained famous Black musicians including Louis Armstrong, Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday, Duke Ellington and the like, is a museum celebrating her legacy as an outstanding artist, a champion of modern civil rights, and a true Philadelphian.

Between 1925 and 1965, Marian Anderson performed opera, spirituals, and American classics in major venues across the United States and Europe.

She sang at the White House in 1939, and in 1955 she became the first Black soloist to perform at the Metropolitan Opera.

She served as a delegate to the U.N. Human Rights Committee and a goodwill ambassador for the United States Department of State.

But the acclaimed contralto's talent was never fully recognized in her native country because of the color of her skin, until now.

On June 8, 2024, 85 years after she sang on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, the Philadelphia Orchestra is renaming its principal performing venue in the heart of Philadelphia as Marian Anderson Hall. This will be the first major concert venue in the world to honor Marian Anderson, and it is fitting that this honor will be bestowed in her hometown by the renowned Philadelphia Orchestra, which has its own history of cultural diplomacy as a proud global ambassador for our Nation.

#### HONORING DR. FRANCES PRATT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor an exemplary leader, Dr. Frances Pratt, for her remarkable service to Rockland County and New York State as we celebrate her 90th—I mean, 29th—birthday.

Known for her distinctive hats, advocacy in our community, and a deep faith, Dr. Pratt's life has been marked by a passionate commitment to civil rights and an unwavering ability to unite people from diverse backgrounds.

Growing up in South Carolina in the segregated South, she traveled northward with her husband, eventually settling in Nyack in 1957.

After receiving her nursing degree from Rockland Community College in

1959, she served as a nurse and in the medical field in Rockland for over 45 years.

Beyond her heroic service in medicine, Dr. Pratt also served as president of the Nyack branch of the NAACP for over 40 years, growing the organization into a major force for good within Rockland and beyond.

Throughout her career, Dr. Pratt has been a beacon of hope and a pillar of strength, advocating tirelessly for justice and working to make her community better each and every day.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Pratt for her many years of service, her inspirational leadership, and the indelible mark she has left on Nyack, Rockland County, New York State, and our Nation. Her impact will resonate for generations to come. On a personal level, I adore her.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED ROBERT MOSIELLO, JR.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise during National Police Week to honor the life of Alfred Robert Mosiello, Jr., known affectionately as Ally, who tragically passed away on May 2, 2024.

Born in the Bronx, Ally grew up in Mahopac, New York, and was a stand-out defensive lineman at Mahopac High School. He carried his passion for football to Hobart College where he earned degrees in engineering and economics/finance.

In 2013, Ally began a career with the Village of Pelham Manor Police Department and later joined the Westchester County Police Department in 2021. His work ethic, integrity, and commitment to the community set him apart as a model police officer.

Beyond his professional life, Ally was a loving husband to Angela and a devoted father to Jaxson and Isabella. He found joy in the simplest pleasures: riding ATVs, throwing pool parties, and spending quality time with his family.

Ally was also a man who stood ready to help anyone in need, a testament to his generous spirit and kind heart.

To his wife, Angela, his children, his colleagues in law enforcement, and all his loved ones, our deepest sympathies go out to you.

May Ally rest in peace, knowing that his life was well lived and his memory will forever be cherished.

#### 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 38 minutes p.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 at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

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

Holy God, we seek You first this day. Graced with power and privilege, we humble ourselves to be subjects of Your kingdom and agents of Your righteousness.

God, be in our heads and in our understanding, that our knowledge and fear of You would be the beginning of all wisdom.

God, be in our eyes and in our seeing. Let the scales of human judgment and narrow opinion fall away from us, that we would see the world through Your lens of mercy.

God, be in our mouths and in our speaking, that the word You speak would not return to You empty, but in our speech shall what You desire be accomplished.

God, be in our heart and in our thinking, that we would meditate always on what is true, honorable, just, pure, and lovely.

God, be in us this day, and may You be glorified through us.

In Your gracious name we pray.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LATTA 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.

#### CELEBRATING CHARTER SCHOOLS

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, this week, we celebrate and recognize the impact of the 8,000 public charter schools across the country.

Charter schools offer students and their families a crucial alternative to the one-size-fits-all education model. About 4 million students benefit from charter school education, 60 percent of whom are from low-income communities.

In a clear testament to the effectiveness of charter schools, a recent study found that charter school students gain an additional 16 days of learning and reading and 6 days of math per year over their traditional public school peers.

I thank all the advocates across the country who are working tirelessly to expand charter school access. Their work is vital for the parents who desire more options and for the students who are now able to learn in an environment best suited to their individual goals and needs.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Avery M. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. FOXX) 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 14, 2024.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Under Clause 2(g) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I herewith designate Ms. Lisa P. Grant, Deputy Clerk, Ms. Sarah Meier, Legal Counsel, and Ms. Cheryl H. Muller, Director of Personnel, to sign any and all papers and perform all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House for which they would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

This designation shall remain in effect for the 118th Congress or until modified by me.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Acting Clerk of the House.*

#### 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.

#### NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4510) to reauthorize the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to update the mission and functions of the agency, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4510

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “National Telecommunications and Information Administration Reauthorization Act of 2024” or the “NTIA Reauthorization Act of 2024”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.

#### TITLE I—REAUTHORIZATION

Sec. 101. Reauthorization of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act.

Sec. 102. NTIA Consolidated Reporting Act.

#### TITLE II—OFFICE OF SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT

Sec. 201. Office of Spectrum Management.

Sec. 202. Improving spectrum management.

Sec. 203. Spectrum management improvements.

Sec. 204. Institute for Telecommunication Sciences.

Sec. 205. Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee.

Sec. 206. Voluntary criteria, standards, ratings, and other measures for certain radio receivers.

#### TITLE III—OFFICE OF INTERNET CONNECTIVITY AND GROWTH

Sec. 301. National Strategy to Close Digital Divide.

#### TITLE IV—OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND CYBERSECURITY

Sec. 401. Office of Policy Development and Cybersecurity.

Sec. 402. Economic competitiveness of information and communication technology supply chain.

Sec. 403. Digital Economy and Cybersecurity Board of Advisors.

Sec. 404. Cybersecurity literacy.

Sec. 405. Understanding cybersecurity of mobile networks.

Sec. 406. Open RAN outreach.

#### TITLE V—OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Sec. 501. Establishment of the Office of Public Safety Communications.

#### TITLE VI—OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Sec. 601. Office of International Affairs.

Sec. 602. Establishment of interagency national security review process.

#### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission” means the Federal Communications Commission.

(2) NTIA.—The term “NTIA” means the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

(3) UNDER SECRETARY.—The term “Under Secretary” means the Under Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

#### TITLE I—REAUTHORIZATION

#### SEC. 101. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATION ACT.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 151 of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act is amended by striking “\$17,600,000 for fiscal year 1992 and \$17,900,000 for fiscal year 1993” and inserting “\$57,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 and \$57,000,000 for fiscal year 2025”.

(b) UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION.—

(1) UNDER SECRETARY; DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY.—

(A) UNDER SECRETARY.—The National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 901 et seq) is amended by striking “Assistant Secretary” each place it appears and inserting “Under Secretary”.

(B) DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY.—Section 103(a) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 902(a)), as amended by this section, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY.—The Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information shall—

“(A) be the principal policy advisor of the Under Secretary;

“(B) perform such other functions as the Under Secretary shall from time to time assign or delegate; and

“(C) act as Under Secretary during the absence or disability of the Under Secretary or in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Under Secretary.”.

(2) CONTINUATION OF CIVIL ACTIONS.—This subsection, and the amendments made by this subsection, shall not abate any civil action commenced by or against the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information before the date of the enactment of this Act, except that the Under Secretary shall be substituted as a party to the action on and after such date.

(3) CONTINUATION IN OFFICE.—The individual serving as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and the individual serving as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act may serve as the Under Secretary and the Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, respectively, on and after that date without the need for renomination or reappointment.

(4) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information shall, on and after the date of the enactment of this Act, be deemed to be a reference to the Under Secretary.

#### (5) EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(i) in section 5314, by adding at the end the following:

“Under Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.”; and

(ii) in section 5315, in the item relating to the Assistant Secretaries of Commerce, by striking “(11)” and inserting “(10)”.

(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subparagraph (A) (establishing the annual rate of the basic pay of the Under Secretary) shall take effect on the first day of the first pay period beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### (c) AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—

(1) COORDINATION OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH VIEWS ON MATTERS BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.—Section 105(a)(1) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 904(a)(1)) is amended—

(A) by striking “to ensure that the conduct” and inserting the following: “to ensure that—

“(A) the conduct”;

(B) in subparagraph (A), as so designated, by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) the views of the executive branch on matters presented to the Commission are, consistent with section 103(b)(2)(J)—

“(i) appropriately coordinated; and