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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EDWARDS).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 22, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHUCK EDWARDS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2024, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

JUSTICE ALITO'S UPSIDE-DOWN FLAG

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, through recent confirmed reports, we now know that after the January 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito flew an upside-down American flag in front of his home for several days.

This is just the latest brazen act by an out-of-control, extreme MAGA Jus-

tice whose conduct is directly responsible for the current public opinion on the Supreme Court being at record lows.

The inverted flag was a well-known symbol flown by far-right, extreme MAGA activists in early 2021. These were extremists who believed the former President's nonsensical election lie and who supported the goals of the January 6 assault on this body and our democracy.

Federal judges cannot make political displays, and Alito is a Supreme Court Justice. He knew exactly what he was doing when he expressed solidarity with January 6 criminals. To quote Esmeralda Santiago: "Tell me who you walk with, and I'll tell you who you are."

Time and time again, Alito has shown us who he is, a far-right, extreme MAGA ideologue who is anything but impartial with regards to justice.

In 2022, Alito followed the directives of the former President and the far-right, extreme MAGA camp to defy the will of the American people and 50 years of legal precedent by writing the decision to reverse *Roe v. Wade*.

Along with his fellow extreme MAGA Justice Clarence Thomas, Justice Alito has routinely failed to report large, luxury gifts paid for by some of his friends, private flights, and other payments to him and his family by wealthy, far-right extremists.

Worst of all, Justice Alito has also openly failed to recuse himself from any of the several January 6-related cases currently before the Supreme Court. His bias is clearly showing.

During last month's oral arguments before the Supreme Court in the Donald Trump election interference case, Alito cozied up to Trump's absurd legal argument that past Presidents are completely immune from criminal prosecution.

You should recuse yourself.

In last month's oral arguments in a separate case involving charges against January 6 Capitol insurrectionists, Alito revealed his view that prosecutors may have gone too far by daring to charge these defendants.

You should recuse yourself.

Justice Alito is someone who will do everything in his power to make sure Donald Trump and the January 6 insurrectionists evade prosecution and accountability for their crimes.

For the sake of our democracy, Justice Alito must immediately recuse himself from all and any January 6-related cases before the Supreme Court.

Justice Alito's behavior also underscores the need for Congress to immediately pass H.R. 926, the Supreme Court Ethics, Recusal, and Transparency Act. With H.R. 926, Supreme Court Justices like Samuel Alito will finally be held subject to the same ethics and recusal standards as other Federal judges in a manner that is meaningful and enforceable. Until this occurs, Justice Alito and his insurrectionist worldview will continue to dominate our highest court, representing a threat not just to the rule of law but also to American democracy itself.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members to refrain from engaging in personalities toward presumptive nominees for the Office of President and to direct their remarks to the Chair.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN DAVID ROBERT WITTE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Captain David Robert Witte for his exceptional service to Arkansas' Fourth Congressional District and to extend my heartfelt congratulations on his upcoming new role with

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the Arkansas Air National Guard as Chaplain for the 189th Airlift Wing at Little Rock Air Force Base.

David has been an invaluable member of my team for nearly a decade, demonstrating his dedication and commitment to public service. He currently serves as my deputy district director and military and veterans' affairs representative, as well as the assistant pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Little Rock and as chaplain for the 777th Aviation Support Battalion for the Arkansas Army National Guard, all roles in which he has excelled.

Since 2015, he has played a crucial role in the service academy nomination process for Arkansas students and assisted thousands of his fellow veterans, helping them navigate complex casework and ensuring they receive the support they deserve. His work has not only benefited those individuals but has also had a significant impact on Arkansas' Fourth Congressional District.

David holds an impressive resume, with an undergraduate degree from Concordia University and master's degrees from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Liberty University.

He also shares my love for the great outdoors and loves visiting our national parks, as you can see pictured here, with his lovely wife, Megan, and their four children: Milo, Ike, Ames, and Etta.

It has been a pleasure getting to know David and watching his family grow over the past 10 years. I look forward to many more years of continued friendship.

While his absence from our office will be greatly felt, we wish David well on this next endeavor of service to our country. He will undoubtedly make a positive and faithful impact in his new capacity with the Arkansas Air National Guard.

HONORING MARICELA GARCIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maricela Garcia, whose distinguished career we celebrate today.

Maricela will soon retire as the CEO of Gads Hill Center after 12 years of transformative impact.

A fellow Guatemalteca, Ms. Garcia immigrated to the U.S. in the 1980s seeking refuge from the civil war.

In her country, Garcia founded Casa Guatemala to support newly arrived refugees and cofounded Women for Guatemala to build solidarity among women in the U.S. and Guatemala.

Maricela's impact has been felt across the State of Illinois. In addition to her years at Gads Hill Center, she has led the Illinois Coalition for Refugee Rights and the Latino Policy Forum. Her work has empowered countless families, especially Black, Brown, and immigrant families, pro-

viding them with education, resources, and hope.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District and the Guatemalan community in my district, it is my great honor to commend Maricela Garcia for her exceptional leadership.

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

Her legacy reminds us of the strength, resilience, and contributions of immigrants in building a better future.

Su legado nos recuerda la fuerza, la resiliencia y las contribuciones de los inmigrantes a la hora de forjar un futuro mejor.

Congratulations.

HONORING DEBBIE REZNIK

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Debbie Reznik for 30 years of distinguished service to our communities, especially working to address homelessness.

It is well known that Debbie has a standout philanthropic career. She has changed systems, strengthened sectors, and launched life-changing programs.

What is lesser known is her legacy as a champion for young leaders.

I met Debbie at the age of 19, having just been promoted to a leadership position in a Chicago nonprofit, and she made a commitment to me then to support me that day and has honored it every single day since. Twenty-one years later, I am who I am standing here in Congress in no small part because of Debbie.

While Debbie is stepping down from her position at the Polk Bros. Foundation to pursue new adventures, we know that she will continue to be a tireless advocate for a more just and loving society.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my great honor to commend Debbie Reznik for the lives changed and the impact made through her service to our communities.

I congratulate and thank Debbie.

HONORING REVEREND WALTER "SLIM" COLEMAN

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Reverend Walter "Slim" Coleman, whose transformational leadership and powerful legacy has shaped the political and spiritual consciousness of so many. There is so much we have won in Chicago and across the Nation that would not be possible without the witness of Reverend Slim Coleman.

A retired United Methodist pastor, Reverend Coleman and his wife, Emma Lozano showed us how to truly love our neighbors when they opened the doors of Adalberto Memorial United Methodist Church in Humboldt Park to provide sanctuary to Elvira Arellano and many other undocumented immigrants fighting their deportations. They laid the groundwork for Chicago to declare itself a sanctuary city.

As a movement builder across several decades, his work with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Students for a Democratic Society, and, eventually, the Rainbow Coalition

showed us how to build multiracial, multicultural solidarity movements that center our mutual liberation.

He laid a foundation of solidarity for both Chicago's first Black mayor, Harold Washington, and Chicago's most recently elected mayor, Mayor Brandon Johnson, to take up their positions on the fifth floor of city hall.

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As an organizer, Reverend Coleman showed us what people power can do. Whether through his work to establish local school councils throughout Chicago, register thousands of voters in the 1983 mayoral election, or build coalitions around housing, education, and jobs, his life and his legacy will continue to be a light in dark places, reminding us that "a united community will never be defeated," "un pueblo unido jamas sera vencido."

To his wife, Pastora Emma Lozano, she is loved: I am with her. Pastor Coleman may have preceded her in his homegoing, but she is not alone.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my privilege to submit this commendation in the RECORD to honor the life and the legacy of Reverend Walter "Slim" Coleman.

May Pastor Coleman rest in power. May he rest in power.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Illinois will provide a translation of her remarks to the Clerk.

RECOGNIZING SAM SIMMERMAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sam Simmermaker, who is retiring this week after 64 years with White River Broadcasting in my hometown of Columbus, Indiana.

Sam grew up in Pulaski County and graduated from Indiana University in 1954. He started his radio career in Goshen and later covered the Indianapolis Indians for WTTV. Sam joined WCSI on January 1, 1960, and over the past six decades, he has covered generations of high school athletes.

Receiving multiple awards, including the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame, Sam and his trademark "holy cow" will be truly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate and wish Sam the best of luck in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING ED JENKINS

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I recognize Ed Jenkins, who was named Indiana Teacher of the Year.

An Indiana native, Ed teaches English at Franklin Community Early College, a high school in my district. Those who know him say that Sam is dedicated to his students and passionate about instilling a love of reading.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Ed for his work to grow our next generation of leaders.