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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 4, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE COLLINS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

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

Holy God, who are we to stand before You? Who among us can appear blameless in Your sight? For there is not one of us who hasn't fallen short of Your perfect righteousness.

With humility, then, we lay before You our faults and flaws, founded in our human obsession with controversy and verbal dispute, asking that You redeem us from our inclination for dissension and slander.

Instead, may we subject ourselves to Your sovereignty. May we turn to Your truth, shunning all that sows discord and division, and pursue righteousness, godliness, love, endurance, and gentleness.

And when we find ourselves caught up in the throes of confusion and conflict, arouse in us a desire to strive instead to pursue Your divine will. When we are aggravated by the multitude of issues assailing our interests, may the fight we choose to engage in prove to be the good fight of faith.

Together we pray, turning our hearts and minds back to You, that You will receive us into Your merciful presence.

In the truth to be found in Your name, we pray.  
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 gentleman from New York (Mr. KENNEDY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KENNEDY 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.

### RECOGNIZING CHRISTENSEN FARMS

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

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Christensen Farms, one of the Nation's leading pork producers, and to congratulate them on celebrating 50 years of excellence in the pork industry.

Founded in 1974 in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, Christensen Farms began when Bob and Lynn Christensen were gifted two pigs from a neighbor.

Over the past half-century, Christensen Farms has grown into one of the largest family-owned pork producers in the United States, marketing more than 3.6 million hogs per year and operating facilities in five States.

I am proud to represent so many farm families that partner with Christensen Farms as contract producers to make this happen.

Since their humble beginnings 50 years ago, Christensen Farms now serves as Minnesota's largest producer of pork and ranks in the top 10 producers nationwide.

I am always proud to say that my first job out of college was working at Christensen Farms. I am continually thankful to the Christensen family for the impact they have made in the pork industry and for their many contributions to the Sleepy Eye community and our southern Minnesota region.

I congratulate the entire team at Christensen Farms on celebrating this incredible milestone, and I wish them all continued success for the next 50 years and beyond.

### LEARNING FROM KIDS CONGRESS

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address this House to salute Assistant Democratic Leader JOE NEGUSE.

Today was a historic day as we sat on this very floor at 8 a.m. today for Kids Congress. Today, we had children from preschool to high school, and from California to New York to Columbus, Ohio.

My grandchildren were able to sit here and hear about this amazing gallery that we sit in, this Chamber. Leah, 10 years old, and Spencer, 9 years old, sat here with Congressman JOE NEGUSE's daughter, young Natalie.

Speaker Emerita NANCY PELOSI reminded us that the time has found us.

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She talked about Abraham Lincoln and the jacket that he wore with that pin that she wears that was inscribed and monogrammed in his jacket: "One Country, One Destiny."

Madam Speaker, today, this House Chamber could learn a lot from what Kids Congress did today. They practiced civility, respect, and decorum for this Chamber. So let today be a day that we are proud of, and maybe we too could emulate Kids Congress.

#### RECOGNIZING CORPORAL MIGUEL ANGEL

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

Ms. De La CRUZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a McAllen, Texas, native who died in service to our Nation. Marine Corporal Miguel Angel Maya died on April 23 during an aviation incident at Camp Pendleton, California.

Corporal Maya was a decorated marine, having been awarded the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. He died just days before celebrating 4 years of Marine Corps service.

Corporal Maya leaves behind his mother, Guadalupe Maya. I speak for all of Congressional District 15 when I thank Ms. Maya for her son's service and sacrifice. They are in our prayers. God bless them.

#### CELEBRATING 110TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. BRUNETTE WASHINGTON

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 110th birthday of Mrs. Brunette Washington, a mother of 4, grandmother of 9, great-grandmother of 9, great-great-grandmother of 10, and great-great-great-grandmother of 1.

Mrs. Washington was born on June 6, 1914, in Forkland, Alabama, migrating to Lackawanna, New York, with her husband, James, and two daughters in 1937. She was married to James for 70 years until he passed in 2001.

While she was a homemaker for much of her life, during World War II, she worked as a metal stamper for Michael Electric and made airplane and gun parts for Curtis-Wright.

Mrs. Washington is an inspiration to all lifelong learners. In her sixties, she chose to complete her education, enrolling in eighth grade and continuing until she graduated with a diploma from Bennett High School.

She is a dedicated and active member of Macedonia Baptist Church, living God's lesson of love each and every day.

The entire United States House of Representatives wishes Mrs. Washington a happy 110th birthday with her adoring family, with many more to come.

#### HONORING JAYDEN DANIEL

(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 honor Mr. Jayden Daniel, a young man from Eatonton, Georgia, who has earned the esteemed Congressional Award Gold Medal.

Jayden Daniel is the son of Shannon and Mark Daniel and graduated from Gatewood School in 2024. He is an athlete, an Eagle Scout, a student pilot, and an entrepreneur, actually starting his first business at the age of 17.

If he is not helping with the local Easter baskets for foster kids or out there raising money for children with childhood cancer, Jayden is certainly making an impact on others.

That is why, Madam Speaker, I applaud Jayden and congratulate him on being bestowed Congress' Congressional Award Gold Medal.

May God bless Jayden. It is an honor to serve him in Congress.

#### HONORING BIRMINGHAM NATIVE CAPTAIN MALCOLM SMITH

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

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, as we prepare to observe the 80th anniversary of D-day, I rise to honor the late Captain Malcolm Smith of Birmingham, Alabama, who selflessly gave his life defending our Nation during World War II in Normandy, France.

An Alabama native, Captain Smith graduated from Birmingham's own Ramsay High School before attending West Point and becoming a pilot for the United States Army Air Forces in 1942.

Captain Smith flew many combat missions in one of the most heavily engaged air groups in Normandy leading up to D-day. He was awarded five Air Medals for his heroic efforts.

Just 2 weeks before D-day, and at the age of 27, Captain Smith was killed in his P-47 Thunderbolt while completing a ground mission. He is buried in the Normandy American Cemetery.

As I will join the congressional delegation traveling to Normandy for the 80th anniversary of D-day, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Birmingham native Captain Malcolm Smith for his courageous service to our Nation.

#### RECOGNIZING PATRICK GOTTSCH OF THE COWBOY CHANNEL

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable life of Patrick Gottsch, the founder of the Rural Media Group, Inc., the parent company

to RFD-TV and a fixture in rural America. The programs broadcast are an essential tool to all who work in agriculture and live in rural America.

Patrick dedicated his life to building an ever-present rural television network, one that made sure that the countryside was informed and one that could showcase the best of American agriculture.

As a lifelong supporter of cowboys and cowgirls, he brought the sport to households all over the world through The Cowboy Channel.

Reading the memories put forth by Patrick's family, colleagues, and friends shows just how much he was cherished and just how much he loved what he did.

I join all in the agriculture and cowboy community in wishing peace to all who knew Patrick. I am honored to have met him and to have spent time with him at The Cowboy Channel, and I am honored today to spend time talking about him this morning.

May we always remember Patrick and his zest for life. Madam Speaker, please join me in keeping Patrick's family and friends in your prayers.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE PUERTO RICAN CULTURAL CENTER

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise as the "Congresswoman," "Congresista," of the biggest Puerto Rican community in the Midwest to commend the Puerto Rican Cultural Center.

PRCC is a fixture of the Humboldt Park community, where I grew up. Every year since 1978, through the Puerto Rican People's Day parade, PRCC showcases and celebrates the Puerto Rican community's rich culture and heritage on "Puerto Rico Town," "Paseo Boricua," now known as Barrio Boriken.

The team at PRCC, including executive director and cofounder, Jose Lopez; chief operating officer, Juan Manuel Calderon; and director of Vida/SIDA Ricardo Jimenez, are visionary leaders with deep roots in our barrio.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my great privilege to honor and commend the Puerto Rican Cultural Center for being a beacon that reminds us of the legacy, the power, and the possibility of the Puerto Rican diaspora in Illinois' Third Congressional District and beyond.

#### HARD CHOICES TO STAY AFLOAT

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, prices continue to climb due to the economic