

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

policies of the Biden administration. The latest Consumer Price Index report was up 3.4 percent from last year, keeping interest rates high and making it tough on all Americans to get by. That is Bidenomics.

Today, I rise in support of the hard-working families I represent, who are having to make hard choices to stay afloat. If they are having to tighten their belts, the Federal Government should do the same. We don't have a revenue problem in this country. We have a spending problem.

In fiscal year 2022, the Federal Government collected \$850 billion more in tax revenue than just the year before, yet the Federal Government spent \$1.4 trillion more than we brought in. In fiscal year 2023, the government spent \$1.7 trillion more than it collected.

That is just one of the many reasons why I opposed the President's \$7.3 trillion budget. We cannot continue spending money we don't have.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, in my hometown of Worcester, Massachusetts, I had the incredible honor of joining Congregation Beth Israel, under the leadership of Rabbi Aviva Fellman, to celebrate 100 years of faith, community, and service.

As Worcester's longest continuously operating synagogue, Beth Israel has been a beacon of hope, education, and charity. The congregants have made Beth Israel not just a place of spiritual renewal and worship but a hub of cultural activity and social justice. They represent the best of our community and all that is good.

Across faiths, Scripture teaches us that our values are not just theoretical but are lived through acts of kindness, community, service, and advocacy for justice. Congregation Beth Israel in Worcester exemplifies these values every day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Congregation Beth Israel's centennial.

TRUMP VERDICT

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

Mr. TIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, the weaponization of our justice system has been the hallmark of the Biden administration, and the verdict handed down against President Trump in New York last Thursday is further evidence that the Democrats will stop at nothing to silence dissent, limit speech, and oppress their political opponents.

The fact of the matter is that these charges would never have been brought

with such vigor against any other individual. It is no coincidence that this trial took place in a district that voted against Donald Trump by nearly 90 percent. It is also no coincidence that this persecution was perpetrated by a judge active in Democratic fundraising and a prosecutor who campaigned on going after President Trump.

From top to bottom, it is clear that this case was politically motivated and was only brought to disparage President Trump, the leading candidate for the Republican nomination.

That is why I call on the Supreme Court to utilize its original jurisdiction in this case and finally bring an end to these sham proceedings.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUNN of Iowa) laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable STEVE SCALISE, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 4, 2024.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117-263, and jointly with the Senate Republican Leader, I hereby appoint the following individual to serve as Co-Chairperson of the Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State:

The Honorable Bill Hagerty of Tennessee
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

STEVE SCALISE,
Republican Leader.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8580, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025 AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8282, ILLEGITIMATE COURT COUNTERACTION ACT

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1269 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1269

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8580) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. After general debate

the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-35, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived.

SEC. 2. (a) No further amendment to H.R. 8580, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution, and pro forma amendments described in section 4 of this resolution.

(b) Each further amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(c) All points of order against further amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

SEC. 4. During consideration of H.R. 8580 for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate.

SEC. 5. At the conclusion of consideration of H.R. 8580 for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommend.

SEC. 6. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 8282) to impose sanctions with respect to the International Criminal Court engaged in any effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute any protected person of the United States and its allies. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-37 shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be