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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, June 28, 2024, at 2 p.m.

## House of Representatives

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Illinois).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 27, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARY E. MILLER 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:

God, You are the giver of every perfect gift. On this day, we give You thanks for all that You have given us—our lives, our work, our families, our friends, and so much more. All of these we count as joy, for they reveal to us in countless ways Your love and care for us. How do we give back to You, O Lord, for all Your goodness?

Mindful of Your steadfast and loving kindness, may we trust in Your provision when things don't go our way, when money gets tight, and numbers don't add up.

Sure of the strength You supply, may we set before You our deepest needs, our overwhelming doubts, and our uncertainty for the way ahead. Remind us that we can do all things because You are the source of our power.

In all circumstances, O Lord, whether we live in plenty or in want, may we know that the secret of our happiness, the reason to be content in all situations, is that You alone are our hope and our salvation.

We pray these things in the strength of Your name.  
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 Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania 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 EMMA ZACHERL

(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 extraordinary artistic ability of Emma Zacherl, a freshman at Clarion-Limestone High School and winner of Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District Art Competition.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents.

Since then, more than 650,000 high school students have participated in the nationwide competition. This year my office received a record 125 submissions for the competition.

Ms. Zacherl's artwork will be displayed in a special exhibit in the U.S. Capitol for 1 year with winners from each congressional district in the Nation. Thousands of visitors, guests, and Members of Congress will have the opportunity to see her artwork every day.

Emma won for her water-mixable oil painting of her dog, titled: Good Boy, Archie. Her artwork blew me away, and I am glad that I can welcome her to Washington, D.C., to celebrate this accomplishment today.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate all the students that participated in this year's Congressional Art Competition and to Emma for being an amazing example of the talent in Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District.

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# RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT CALVIN PEARSON

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

Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Senior Master Sergeant Retired Calvin Pearson, who passed away on June 19, 2024.

I knew Mr. Pearson as a man who loved his country, who served his country, loved his community, and loved his family.

Mr. Pearson was born in Moultrie, Georgia, on October 6, 1938. At the age of 17, he enlisted and joined the U.S. Air Force, beginning a remarkable 30-year career of excellence and distinction in service to his country.

Mr. Pearson loved sports. He loved playing music. He loved being present at the milestones and moments in the lives of his children and his grandchildren.

When he was in his fifties, he used his GI Bill benefits to obtain a business degree from Bellevue College.

He was married for 60 years to Mrs. Olimpia S. Pearson, who he met when he was stationed in Madrid. They shared a life of travel, friendship, and a loving family.

Mr. Pearson will always be known as a great husband, a great father, grandfather, and loyal friend to all. He was respected by all. He served his country. He loved his country, and those who knew him loved him deeply.

Madam Speaker, it was an honor to know and work with Mr. Pearson. May he rest in peace.

# HONORING JUNE VETERAN OF THE MONTH, SERGEANT MAJOR THOMAS HUMPHRIES

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Sergeant Major Thomas Humphries as Tennessee's Second District June 2024 Veteran of the Month.

Sergeant Major Humphries joined the Marine Corps in January 1983 and spent years working on helicopters at Marine Corps Air Station New River in North Carolina and Naval Air Station Atalanta.

He then spent a couple years as a drill instructor at Parris Island, where he completed boot camp a decade before.

He went back to serve in New River again, then moved to Palms, California, after he was promoted to first sergeant. In 2003, he was deployed to Iraq and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He was then promoted to sergeant major and served in Fort Lewis, Washington, and a few years later, he re-

tired from the Marine Corps in 2007 after more than 24 years of service.

Sergeant Major Humphries became a veterans benefit representative with the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs until July 2012 and then became the Knox County veterans service officer when I was mayor.

He represented almost 30,000 veterans living in Knox County during that time and he used his knowledge of the VA system to help veterans get the benefits they deserve.

He is now taking a well-deserved retirement. He truly cares about our veterans and troops and used his career to serve them however possible.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate him on a great career, and I wish him the best in retirement.

The Marine Corps motto is "Semper Fidelis," which means "always faithful," and Tom has always been faithful to his country and his beloved corps, his fellow veterans, and he has been a good friend of mine.

# RECOGNIZING THE REMARKABLE CAREER OF DR. LAWRENCE ROUSE

(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, I rise to recognize the remarkable career of Dr. Lawrence Rouse as he begins his well-deserved retirement.

Dr. Rouse has dedicated an impressive 42 years to higher education, serving as the president of the Pitt Community College Bulldogs for the past 6 years.

Throughout his tenure, he has been an instrumental force in the growth and success of students across eastern North Carolina.

Before this, Dr. Rouse served as the president of James Sprunt Community College for 13 years. He earned the distinguished title of North Carolina Community Colleges System President of the Year in 2016.

Dr. Rouse's dedication to North Carolina students has been unwavering despite his South Carolina roots.

Madam Speaker, I acknowledge, too, the vital role that his wife, Janie, has played in supporting him throughout his career. I say thank you to Janie, and I sincerely thank Dr. Rouse and bid him a fond farewell as he enters retirement.

# HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF TRUDI WALEND

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of former Representative Trudi Walend, a leader and a fierce advocate for her community, for Transylvania County, and for North Carolina.

Trudi held a great many titles in her 80 years of life: Daughter, wife, mother, businessowner, county commissioner, and to the pride of her family and friends, North Carolina State Representative.

After arriving in 1998, she was appointed to seven House committees, and she once described her mindset as she set foot in the House for the first time, "I arrived with the objective of being as effective as I could be," and effective she was.

As we honor Trudi's many contributions to western North Carolina and a life well lived, I hope all of us serving in the people's House follow her example as we go forth in service of our constituents.

I applaud and commemorate Representative Trudi Walend's service to improve the lives of the citizens that she so passionately represented.

# KILLING OF HIND RAJAB AND HER FAMILY

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, there is audio from January 29 of 6-year-old Palestinian girl, Hind, as she was calling the paramedics, begging them to come rescue her after the rest of her family in the car had already been killed by the Israeli military. She kept begging: "Come get me. Please come get me. I am so scared. Please come."

No one was able to reach the car for 12 days, when her decomposing body was found alongside the bodies of five of her family members.

The bodies of two Palestine Red Crescent Society workers, missing since the day of her call when they were dispatched to rescue her, were discovered in an ambulance just feet away.

Madam Speaker, I am here to talk about it because a new forensic analysis found that the Israeli military fired not one, not two, not a dozen, not 20, but 355 tank bullets at the car that Hind was in, and the tank was so close that the Israeli soldiers would have had a clear view of Hind in the car.

Six months later, the State Department and President Biden has yet to hold the Israeli Government accountable for these executions.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a link to the forensic report: <https://forensic-architecture.org/investigation/the-killing-of-hind-rajab>.

# HONORING JUNE VETERAN OF THE MONTH, BEN TROUT

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

Mr. ALFORD. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor our June Veteran of the Month for the Fourth Congressional District of the great State of Missouri, Ben Trout, a Vietnam war veteran.