

# COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 28, 2024.

I hereby designate the period from Friday, June 28, 2024, through Sunday, July 7, 2024, as a “district work period” under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

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

## HONORING ABIT MASSEY

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Abit Massey who recently passed away at the age of 96.

Abit Massey was a respected leader across the State of Georgia. He was appointed in 1959 as the director of what is now the Georgia Department of Economic Development before he was named the president of the Georgia Poultry Federation, a position he served in for 48 years. In 2009, he retired and served as president emeritus until his death.

Mr. Massey was known as an icon and leader across the agricultural community and is responsible, in part, for the growth and success of Georgia’s poultry industry, earning him the title “dean of the poultry industry.”

He used his free time to give back by serving on boards and advisory committees of countless organizations.

More than this, Mr. Massey was known for his outstanding character and being a friend to everyone he met.

I join all Georgians in honoring the life and mourning the loss of a Georgia giant, Mr. Abit Massey, whose legacy will be felt for generations to come.

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## CELEBRATING HALE PERFORMANCE COATINGS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate a local small business that has served our northwest Ohio community for 95 years. I congratulate Rick and Mike Deye, father and son owners/operators of Hale Performance Coatings, who are celebrating 95 years of business in Toledo.

Phil Hale started Hale Chrome Services on Albion Street in 1929, during the height of the Great Depression.

Gordon Deye, an employee of Mr. Hale, eventually bought the business and continued to build on the Hale legacy. Mr. Deye famously loved to say, “If you give the customer quality and service, the rest will follow,” a motto that Hale still lives by to this day.

Today, Hale is owned and operated by Mike Deye, who represents the third generation of Deye family ownership. Over the years, Hale grew from its humble beginnings, expanding its original location, creating a second building on campus, and purchasing another building on Albion Street in the heart of Toledo.

Hale remains committed to family ownership and reinvesting in our Toledo community as the largest and oldest local business along the vast Monroe Street corridor.

I look forward to 2029, when Hale celebrates 100 years. Onward, Hale.

## BIDEN POLICIES UNDERMINE FOURTH OF JULY BARBECUES

(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, Tennesseans celebrating America’s independence will have to pay more for their Fourth of July barbecues thanks to President Biden’s disastrous economic policies that have caused rampant inflation.

According to the American Farm Bureau, the cost of a cookout has reached record highs, 30 percent higher than just 5 years ago or \$71.22 for a 10-person barbecue.

Madam Speaker, while the President attempts to take away our freedoms by implementing his burdensome and wrongheaded policy agenda through executive action and administrative rulings, he is also undermining our ability to celebrate our freedoms by making almost everything more and more unaffordable.

Tennesseans have rightfully had enough and will have their voices heard this November. Until then, House Republicans are committed to holding the line on the Biden administration’s desire to recklessly spend our country into oblivion.

## NATION’S GREATEST FOURTH OF JULY RODEO

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

Ms. SALINAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the St. Paul Rodeo.

For nearly 88 years, St. Paul, Oregon, has been home to the beloved, long-standing tradition of the Nation’s greatest Fourth of July rodeo.

They sure do live up to their moniker. Just last year, the St. Paul Rodeo was inducted into the esteemed ProRodeo Hall of Fame as one of the Nation’s greatest rodeos. This honor will bring more folks into St. Paul, which is a huge boon to the local economy.

The momentum of achievements keeps on coming because for the first time ever, the rodeo will now feature the women’s breakaway roping event,

an event that requires careful precision and dedication.

I know from personal experience how hard they work. When I was a kid, I competed in barrel racing for a hot minute.

Though I have since changed my career, I am so proud of these decorated and talented cowgirls who stand as a beacon of excellence, not just in Oregon but across the Nation.

Not to mention, celebrating America’s birthday among the traditions of our Western heritage feels like an appropriate way to honor our country’s freedom and liberty.

Here is to another successful rodeo, St. Paul.

## ENACT STRATEGY TO SECURE SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Madam Speaker, I just got back from the U.S.-Mexico border in San Diego, and that was my sixth trip to the southern border since I have been in Congress.

Communities I represent are hurting from this border crisis that has become worse than ever before under the policies of this administration. It is a national security crisis, a humanitarian crisis, and a public health crisis.

My bipartisan amendment to force the Biden administration to finally create a strategy to secure every mile of southern border was added to the Homeland Security appropriations bill that was passed today.

President Obama signed into law in 2016 a bill to require a northern border strategy, but no similar law exists today for our southern border. This will change that.

We must secure our southern border, and I will keep fighting to get this done.

## HONORING TEAM FLAMEGUARD AS CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

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

Mrs. SYKES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jackson High School students Justin Lackey, Joe Lattarulo, Zachary Ferguson, Matt Smith, and Jack Lancy, operating as Team FlameGuard, as the Champions of the Week for Ohio’s 13th Congressional District.

These students won first place in the Company of the Year competition at the Junior Achievement National Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., this year. They were inspired to create a company that sells fire safety kits after witnessing a tragedy in our community that killed a family of four.

I had the opportunity to meet these amazing students just a few weeks ago

when they came to our Nation's Capital to compete, and they told me about their mission to help their fellow community members protect what matters the most by equipping individuals with the tools they need to prevent dangerous house fires and protect themselves from harm.

The FlameGuard team worked with local fire safety officials to assemble two different fire safety kits. In just 3 short months, FlameGuard arrived at the summit, having sold 355 items with net sales of over \$16,000.

Students like the FlameGuard team are what makes our district the Birthplace of Champions. I congratulate FlameGuard on their entrepreneurial success and their tireless dedication to community safety.

#### JOHN L. AUGUSTINE RECEIVES LEADERSHIP NORTHEAST ALUMNI AWARD

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

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true pillar of my community, my friend, John L. Augustine, the recipient of the Leadership Northeast Distinguished Leadership Alumni Award.

Now serving as president and CEO of Penn's Northeast, John's service to northeastern Pennsylvania has extended over the past 25 years. Community leaders like John are essential in economic and industrial development in communities throughout Pennsylvania.

As president and CEO of Penn's Northeast, John has played a vital role in planning over 45 million square feet of new industrial development throughout our district, throughout our communities, which host over 350 businesses and employ more than 35,000 people.

I have known John for many years, and it is people like him who make communities thrive, expand job opportunities, and improve the quality of life.

John Augustine proves that you don't need to be in elected office to make communities better. I appreciate the service of all those who do just that.

#### COMMENDING CHRISTOPHER LOPEZ

(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, I rise today to honor my constituent, Christopher Lopez, a generous and passionate community leader whose life has impacted countless people.

Born in Cuba, Chris immigrated to the U.S. in 1966, beginning a journey marked by community-building and service. After graduating from Lane

Tech High School in Illinois' Third District, Chris' job allowed him to travel across Latin America.

While traveling, Chris took the opportunity to serve others, including helping at an orphanage in Mexico, where he grew his family by adopting his son, Mario. Chris now lives with his husband, Miguel, in Bensenville and serves as treasurer of Naper Pride, advancing services, programs, and opportunities for the LGBTQI+ in DuPage County.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, I commend and congratulate Christopher Lopez for his service and involvement in our communities and his advocacy across the community to increase LGBTQ+ inclusion.

#### CONGRATULATING TIM ROGERS ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a fellow Kansan, a great neighbor, a public servant, and an even better friend.

Since 1985, Tim Rogers has served as executive director of the Salina Airport Authority. For almost 40 years, he has been at the helm of bringing the Salina Airport Authority's mission to life—to become a trusted leader, to propel economic growth, and to strengthen partnerships. Under his leadership, the Salina Regional Airport has become well known as America's fuel stop and as one of the leading forward operating locations for military and research missions in the U.S.

For those of us who live in Kansas, we have seen the Salina Regional Airport grow into the thriving airport and airport industrial center that it is today. That is no easy task, but Tim has led the charge to make it happen.

On behalf of all of us who live in Salina, I thank Tim. We are deeply grateful for his service, and our community is stronger because of his hard work and leadership. I wish him well in retirement.

#### CONGRATULATING CELESTE CLINE ON HER RETIREMENT

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

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Celeste Cline, who recently retired after 52 years of teaching.

Ms. Celeste taught at my alma mater, St. Helena-Incarnation Catholic School in the Olney neighborhood of Philadelphia. She has impacted thousands of families and mentored dozens of new teachers throughout her many years in the classroom. In recent years, she began teaching children of some of her former students.

Over the course of five decades, she has taught every grade, from kinder-

garten through eighth grade. As the husband of an elementary school teacher myself, I know that is no small feat.

Ms. Cline is an exceptional teacher and a shining example of the importance of teachers to our Nation. Her legacy will live on at St. Helena-Incarnation Catholic School.

I congratulate Ms. Cline and her wonderful family. I wish them all the best in this next chapter of their lives.

#### CELEBRATING CULLEN EDDIE CHALKER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Cullen Eddie Chalker of Jacksonville, Florida, on the occasion of his 100th birthday and to congratulate him for his many years of dedicated service in the United States Navy and on the Jacksonville Fire Department.

Mr. Chalker was born on July 10, 1924, in Fernandina Beach, Florida. At 17 years old, he enlisted in the United States Navy just months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. After 4 years of service to our country, he was discharged on April 6, 1946, as a seaman first class, aviation mechanics mate, U.S. Navy Reserve.

Shortly after completing his military service, Mr. Chalker joined the Jacksonville Fire Department as an entry-level fire private, eventually rising through the ranks to the position of district fire chief.

Not long after joining the Jacksonville Fire Department, he met the love of his life, Illa "Dubie" Mae. The two were married in April 1949, and by 1952, they had saved up enough money to buy a home on Fourth Avenue North in Jacksonville Beach, a home that Mr. Chalker still lives in 72 years later. Sadly, after 64 years of marriage, Mrs. Chalker passed away in 2013.

I congratulate him on his milestone 100 years.

#### CORRIGAN WILLIS NAMED CAL-HI SPORTS STATE COACH OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to address the House with immense pride to congratulate Mr. Corrigan Willis on his well-deserved recognition as Cal-Hi Sports Coach of the Year.

Coach Willis led the Granada High School baseball team to an outstanding 32-1 record, winning the NorCal D-1 title. The journey with the Matadors spans 16 seasons, where, under his guidance, they qualified for the NCS playoffs for nine consecutive seasons.

He is a proud alum of Granada High School, including where he pitched one season with an 8-2 pitching record and a .418 batting average.