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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

Rabbi Mendy Deitsch, Chabad of the East Valley, Chandler, Arizona, offered the following prayer:

May it be Your will, O Lord, our God and God of our fathers, give blessings to these special individuals, the Members of Congress, who have been chosen by many to represent and bring freedom, comfort, peace, and harmony while ensuring we live in a just, educated, and respectful world.

We pray for the safe return of the hostages and for our troops around the globe to continue to carry out their mission and tasks with integrity, strength, and dignity.

The revered Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, whose anniversary of his passing we recently observed, posited that latent within each individual lies a reservoir of untapped potential. By harnessing these innate faculties to actualize our distinctive purpose in a beneficial way by bringing justice to all, we fulfill one of the seven universal laws of Noah entrusted to humanity.

As our Nation continues to fight for its identity, we pray that this legislative body continues to show our youth the inner strength and positive potential that they harbor within and encourage them to use it in unity with respect for all without infringing on the freedoms of its fellow citizens.

We implore Almighty God to grant them the strength and moral courage to enhance our world daily. Bestow upon them wisdom, justice, grace, and empathy, enabling them to bring honor to Your name and blessings to humankind with joy and happiness for all.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GARCÍA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois 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.

### WELCOMING RABBI MENDY DEITSCH

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STANTON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to welcome Rabbi Mendy Deitsch from Chandler, Arizona, as he just led us in a wonderful opening prayer.

Rabbi Deitsch, a Brooklyn native, founded Chabad of the East Valley more than 25 years ago as a center for Jewish life in our fast-growing community in Arizona District Four.

When Rabbi Deitsch was first getting started, he led services from his living room. Now, he leads a center for Jewish life for over 300 families.

Rabbi Deitsch and his wife have built a community rooted in the Jewish value of *tzedakah*. Together, they founded and operate two nonprofits, the Comfort Food Pantry and the Community Tuition Grant Organization, to help low-income families.

His presence here today reminds each of us in this room that we have a God-

given purpose to love and care for our neighbors.

May the rabbi's beautiful words that we just heard remain with us as we take up our work for the day.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LALOTA). The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the Nation's 250th anniversary, which we will celebrate in 2026.

As we prepare for this momentous occasion, I am proud to have joined more than 100 of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle on the America250 Caucus. This caucus has been instrumental in helping guide and shape this celebration.

As part of the work on this caucus, I was proud to recently cosponsor legislation with my Pennsylvania colleagues, Congressman BRENDAN BOYLE and Congresswoman MARY GAY SCANLON, to authorize a joint commemorative session of Congress on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

This would only be the third time since 1800 that a session of Congress would be held outside of Washington, D.C.

Now that we are officially less than 2 years away from this celebration, I urge my colleagues to join the America250 Caucus and help support these efforts.

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### CONGRATULATING HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM HOUSTON

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two Houston-area institutions, the Harris County Public Library and the Children's Museum Houston, for winning the 2024 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the highest honor in their field.

This is an incredible achievement for the museum and library staff, who pour their hearts into ensuring that every child can reach their full potential.

Growing up poor in south Texas, we didn't have a library, but we had the county send us the bookmobile that came to our farm every month. I enjoyed every single book in that bookmobile. I have always said that but for the books that that bookmobile brought to me, I probably would not be where I am today.

Books and museums allow kids to explore, dream, create, and open their eyes. These resources are vital and must be preserved, especially during the summer. Access to museums and libraries over the summer allows children to be ever inspired and entertained.

Instead of banning books, we should be building libraries, making them a learning hub for our communities. We must put books over bans.

### RECOGNIZING GLIOBLASTOMA AWARENESS DAY

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness for the millions of patients, families, and caregivers who are battling glioblastoma.

Glioblastoma is the most common malignant brain tumor in the U.S., with 14,490 new cases diagnosed last year.

Recently, I introduced a bipartisan resolution expressing support for the designation of July 17, 2024, as the Glioblastoma Awareness Day. This resolution increases glioblastoma awareness, which is critical to research and treatment advancements and brings hope to those fighting this devastating disease.

This is personal to me, as my wife, Patty, battles glioblastoma.

Together, we will continue to build on the progress we have made as we search for a cure. I thank my colleagues for their support in bringing the crucial legislation to raise awareness by designating July 17, 2024, as Glioblastoma Awareness Day to the House floor and across America. In God we trust.

### HONORING BERKELEY, ILLINOIS, AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. GARCIA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the centennial anniversary of The Rose Town, the village of Berkeley, Illinois.

From its origins as a town of German and Dutch farmers with a population just under 800 residents, Berkeley has become a residential town with transportation corridors that give easy access to the metropolitan region.

Although nestled between two interstates and home to a major railroad and commuter train, Berkeley has managed to maintain a small-town atmosphere.

One hundred years later, with a population of just over 5,000, Berkeley's streets are lined with residential homes, green spaces, and a bike path, reflecting a community that values its past while embracing progress and diversity.

Here is to the next 100 years, Berkeley.

### AMERICA NEEDS SALTY ELECTIONS

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

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the House for passing the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act led by fellow Texan Representative CHIP ROY.

Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution establishes Congress' role in Federal elections. While it is limited in this role, Congress does have an obligation to ensure that only citizens vote in Federal elections.

Today, this legislation is more critical than ever. Preservation of our Republic necessitates free, fair, and honest elections.

As I have said a number of times as county judge in Texas, what we need are SALTY elections—secure, accurate, legal, transparent elections—with you, the American citizen, involved every step of the way.

Right now, in America, there is growing distrust in election results because of growing abuses and documented instances of election fraud. Yet, there are continuing efforts to allow illegal immigrants to participate in our Federal elections when it is already against the law. This is incomprehensible to me.

The SAVE Act makes commonsense reforms to preserve integrity in our elections by requiring proof of citizenship when individuals register to vote, and it will remove noncitizens from voter rolls.

By passing the SAVE Act, the House has taken an important step to ensure every single American vote counts

with full measure. I applaud Congressman ROY for bringing this action.

### IMPROVING AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, when creating the National Highway Program, President Eisenhower wrote to Congress: "The uniting forces of our communication and transportation systems are dynamic elements in the very name we bear—United States."

Nearly 70 years later, we once again reached a critical moment: Our aging infrastructure could not meet the modern demands of a united society—internet access, roads and public transit, clean water.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act did meet that.

As a member of the Regional Leadership Council, I have seen the hard work of congressional Democrats and President Biden up close: a fundamental improvement to the very foundations of our country, including in my home State of Pennsylvania.

In our Commonwealth, we are investing \$11 billion in highways and bridges, public transit and rails, airports, and EV infrastructure; nearly \$2 billion in affordable high-speed internet; and \$1 billion in clean drinking water. Those investments have spurred nearly \$3 billion in commitments from Pennsylvania's private sector.

Together, we are not simply rebuilding. We are reimagining a stronger, greener future with the collaboration of Federal, State, and local governments. We are the United States of America.

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### CONGRATULATING SHAINÉ CASAS

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

Ms. De La CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a swimming great from McAllen, Texas, who will represent our Nation at the upcoming Olympic Games in Paris, Shainé Casas an 11-time world championship medalist and a three-time NCAA champion who recently qualified for the Olympics in the 200-meter individual medley.

When the 200-meter individual medley begins on August 1, all of south Texas will be rooting for Shainé. We congratulate him on his achievement and representing our hometown with honor. I am proud to call him a constituent and a role model for our region's rising athletes.

### EMBRACING AUTHORITARIAN TACTICS

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House