

we love them and how much we care. I can't be there, but I will be on the phone.

She was on the phone. We couldn't see her. I suspect she may have been in the hospital, but she spoke with the same degree of love, passion, and strength for the family who had been so wronged.

I was honored when she made that call to me personally in May to partner with her on the press conference promoting this critical piece of legislation. It is one of my most recent and fond memories of working closely with her. It was one of the very last official actions of her passion, and there are so many.

We will forevermore miss the intellect, the passion, the strength, and the courage of SHEILA JACKSON LEE. Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE will be sorely missed by her immediate family, her Congressional Black Caucus family, her Democratic Caucus family, all the citizens of Texas, and countless others she touched around the world. Her unwavering commitment to her principles and her tireless advocacy for the underrepresented has left an indelible mark on our Nation.

On a personal note, SHEILA was not just a colleague but also a treasured friend and mentor to me and many others. We devoted a bond of service for mankind. Her wisdom, compassion, and strength have guided us through many challenges. Her legacy will continue to inspire all of us as we strive to be better, do better, and try to continue the incredible work that she has done.

Rest in peace, my dear sister. Rest in peace.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Madam Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman has until 10 p.m., so there are about 9 minutes remaining.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON), my co-anchor.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I thank the Honorable SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, my co-anchor on this Congressional Black Caucus Special Order hour, for yielding.

I affiliate myself with all the comments that my colleagues have shared regarding this remarkable woman, our colleague and dear friend, SHEILA JACKSON LEE.

Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to lend my voice to the chorus of those who have gathered in this Chamber to honor and give mournful recompense to the life and legacy of Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, a woman of such grave significance who even in repose remains a towering figure among us.

SHEILA JACKSON LEE was no shrinking violet. She was no harbinger of demure expectations, and she did not cower in the face of adversity, nor did she retreat in the midst of a storm.

SHEILA JACKSON LEE did not do as some have already done; namely, get

elected to political office and forget where they come from. SHEILA JACKSON LEE carried the people of Houston with her because her dreams were their dreams too. Their adversities were her adversities too. She wanted for them no less what she wanted for herself.

Here is a woman who in her lifetime had to deal with policies who told her she had to sit in the back of the bus. She went from having people tell her she had to go through the back door to being a Member of Congress who passed laws to make America a better place for all people.

She lived long enough to see President Barack Obama ascend to the Presidency. She lived long enough to see Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown elevated to the Supreme Court. She was just a few days away from living to see Vice President HARRIS selected to be the Democratic nominee for the Presidency of the United States. What a life. What a witness. What a legacy.

Tonight, I say to you, a mighty oak has fallen. I shared so many evenings and days and times with Congresswoman LEE, my heart is filled, and I thank God for her having come this way.

I felt in many ways like the words in the book of "Animal Farm," "All animals are equal, but some are more equal. . . ." I never looked at myself as a peer of Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE. I was honored to carry her bags. I was honored to walk beside her. I was honored to be in the midst of her company. I thank God for having put me in a place where I could be from afar and then in my lifetime be able to work up close and hand in hand with her.

In this place where she will no longer stand is a hole that will never be filled in this Chamber because while none of us are indispensable, some of us can never be replaced. That is the legacy of SHEILA JACKSON LEE.

This is the brightness of the one who we remember, who in death has become both the singer and the song. Let the word go forth from this time and place that SHEILA JACKSON LEE was a steel magnolia, one of the daughters of thunder, a woman of such invention and personal power that you could hear the sound of the oceans gathering in her voice. She was, she is, and she will always be one of the great gifts of the African-American community to the future of America.

Tonight, we remember her. Tonight, we sit upon the ground and tell sad stories, and we laugh and joke about the death of a queen here in this Chamber. Under the canopy of this temple of democracy, we dare to make letters of her once and glorious life.

From serving as the first female ranking member of the judiciary Subcommittee for Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, Sheila's talents made room for herself.

She will be missed, she will be mourned, and she will be lamented, but now she belongs to the ages. Like Bar-

bara Jordan, Shirley Chisholm, John Lewis, and Donald Payne, she will be watching over us.

Sleep on, my sister. You deserve your rest. You have won the race. God will bless you.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

The Nation mourns the loss of a tireless advocate for justice and a beacon of hope for so many. Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE was not just a Member of Congress. She was a force of nature, a relentless champion for civil rights, and a voice for the voiceless.

For nearly three decades, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE's work in this Chamber showcased her unwavering commitment to justice and equality. Her reintroduction of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act is just one example of her dedication to fight for equal justice.

This bill, which I was so proud to co-sponsor, aimed to hold law enforcement accountable, improving training, and rebuilding the trust of the communities they serve. It is a testament to her vision for a fair and more just America.

Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE believed deeply in the power of the Federal Government to enact meaningful reform. She knew that while no single policy could erase decades of systemic racism, it was imperative to take bold steps toward structural change. Her legacy will be felt in every stride we make toward justice.

To me, SHEILA JACKSON LEE was the originator. We always joked around when she said: She is the first SHEILA, and I am the second SHEILA. I always said: SHEILA, you are the originator.

Every time she saw me, she asked if I needed anything. I remember when I last spoke to her, I said: SHEILA, you sound strong today. And she said: SHEILA, whatever you need, call me. I will be there. If you need to know how to do it, I will show you. She made me a promise. She said: I will always be there.

The day she passed, I said: SHEILA, we will remember your legacy. She was at every Special Order hour, every single one, and the last one I looked back, and I said: SHEILA, are you ready? And she said she couldn't do it. Jonathan held her, and I knew that was the last time.

Rest in power, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE. I yield back the balance of my time.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1105. An act to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Grant Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3019. An act to establish an inspections regime for the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK.
Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.), under its previous order and pursuant to House Resolution 1366, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 9 a.m., as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable SHEILA JACKSON LEE.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
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Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-4938. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting a certification of the Sentinel Intercontinental Ballistic Missile program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4376(b)(1); Added by Public Law 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, Sec. 1850(a); (134 Stat. 4265); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4939. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation in regard to the authority to accept gifts for purpose of participation in United States Senate Youth Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4940. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation in regard to military technician modernization; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4941. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Findings in Support of a Sustainable National Flood Insurance Program; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4942. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Establishing Financial Resilience; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4943. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Risk-Informed Approach for a Modern National Flood Insurance Program; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4944. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Disclosure of Flood Risk Information Prior to Real Estate Transactions; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4945. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Use of Replacement Cost Value in Determining Premium Rates; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4946. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Consideration of Coastal and Inland Locations in Determining Premium Rates; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4947. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Multi-Year Reauthoriza-

tion; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4948. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Excessive Loss Properties; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4949. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Flood Compliance and Mitigation Coverage; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4950. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Increase Maximum Coverage Limits; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4951. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Study the Efficacy of the Mandatory Purchase Requirement; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4952. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Prohibit Coverage for New Construction in High-Risk Areas/Commercial Properties; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4953. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Clarify Period to File Suit; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4954. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Reduce Reporting Complexity; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4955. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Remove Barriers to Switching to Private Polices; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4956. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation in regard to an amendment to the limitation on senior executive service personnel within the Department of Defense and codification of limitations; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4957. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting a notification of a designation of acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4958. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting two (2) notifications of a federal vacancy and nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4959. A letter from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's 2024 CEOSE report, Making Visible the Invisible: STEM Talent of Rural America, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 19172(f)(2); Public Law 117-167, div. B, title V, Sec. 10512(f)(2); (136 Stat. 1616); to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

EC-4960. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Borrowing Authority; jointly to the Committees on Financial Services and the Budget.

EC-4961. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of

Homeland Security, transmitting draft legislation regarding Means-Tested Assistance Program; jointly to the Committees on Financial Services and Ways and Means.

EC-4962. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting proposed legislation to clarify the Secretary of Energy's authority to designate beryllium vendors under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Education and the Workforce.

EC-4963. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the 2024 annual report on the financial status of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance System, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 369; Public Law 100-647, Sec. 7105; (102 Stat. 3772); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means.

EC-4964. A letter from the Secretary, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the 29th actuarial valuation of the railroad retirement system, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231u(a)(1); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 22(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-90, Sec. 108(a)); (115 Stat. 890) and 45 U.S.C. 231f-1; Public Law 98-76, Sec. 502 (as amended by Public Law 104-66, Sec. 2221(a)); (109 Stat. 733); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means.

EC-4965. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 118th Congress; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, the Judiciary, and Oversight and Accountability.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 4424. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to study and report on the prevalence of cholangiocarcinoma in veterans who served in the Vietnam theater of operations during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-600). Referred to the Committee on the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1631. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to reaffirm the importance of, an include requirements for, works incorporated by reference into law, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-601). Referred to the Committee on the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. FISCHBACH: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 1370. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8997) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8998) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for the purposes. (Rept. 118-602). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows: