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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GUEST) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

O bless the Lord, with all our soul. May all that is within us bless Your holy name.

May this be a day where we keep our tongues from speaking evil of other people with opposing thoughts. May this be the day when we do not allow ourselves to speak deceitful words against those who have angered or frustrated us, but let all that is within us bless Your holy name.

May we commit ourselves to turn from evil and do good, even when the wrong seems easier or more expedient. May we dedicate ourselves not just to seek peace but to pursue it.

Let all that is within us bless Your holy name. May we lift up holy hands, faithful hearts, and righteous minds without anger or dissension in prayer to You, not only on this day but in all the days of our service to You and to Your people.

Let all that is within us bless Your name, the name in which we pray.

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.

TELEHEALTH WEEK

(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 to recognize National Telehealth Awareness Week.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and in recent years, telehealth services have added tremendous reach and value to communities across the country, especially in rural America.

As a former healthcare professional who spent nearly 30 years serving rural populations, I appreciate how telehealth has increased access to care across rural communities like those that I am proud to represent.

It is essential that we protect this vital resource as a viable option for patients.

During my time in Congress, I am proud to have led efforts to expand telehealth services for veterans and members of the armed services and their families.

To continue this progress, last year I introduced the bipartisan HEALTH Act to cut red tape and permanently allow community health centers and rural health clinics to provide telehealth services to their patients, including audio-only appointments for Americans who may not have access to broadband or the necessary technology to complete video appointments.

Mr. Speaker, telehealth is a crucial resource for providing care in underserved communities, and I will continue to advocate for the expansion of this essential resource.

CUTTING BACK ON WASTEFUL GOVERNMENT SPENDING

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

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the passage of my bipartisan bill to cut back on wasteful government spending, the LIVE Beneficiaries Act.

My bill, with my colleague, Representative GUS BILIRAKIS, passed the House with unanimous bipartisan support this week. That level of support speaks to just how much sense this bill makes.

It requires Medicaid to check the death records each quarter, so they stop paying benefits to deceased enrollees sooner. Between 2009 and 2019, more than \$249 million in these improper payments were made across 14 States, \$3.7 million in my State of Minnesota.

It is a commonsense bill in a town where more common sense is needed.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their support.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. VLADIMIR UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Or-

thodox Cathedral in our district in Parma, Ohio.

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral was established in 1924 to fulfill the spiritual and social needs of the newly-arrived Ukrainians. After an increase in membership from World War II refugees, a new temple and parish center were built in Parma in 1958.

Parishioners established educational opportunities on religion, Ukrainian language, dance, music, and art that have benefited the local community to this day.

I commend St. Vladimir Cathedral for its role in producing upstanding citizens of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, and I wish them a very happy anniversary.

IMMIGRANTS BAIL OUT FEDERAL PROGRAMS

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the hypocrisy of the No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act.

My Republican colleagues seem to have missed the irony of proposing this bill. Right now, this month, we honor the contributions of the Latin community to this Nation, knowing that immigrants contribute nearly \$100 billion in Federal taxes every year.

Immigrants bail out Federal programs with their labor and taxes, but it is the Federal Government that has to stop the bailouts?

Mr. Speaker, you miss me with that. Chicago and Illinois know immigrants contribute to the economic and social vibrancy of our communities.

Mr. Speaker, you have to ask yourself: Why else might Republicans propose a policy that would strip billions in Federal funds from States like New York, California, and Illinois?

Can you think of a reason, Mr. Speaker?

I can. It is a political stunt to take money away from diverse communities and Democratic cities.

Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, I will be voting "no" on H.R. 5717, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

HATE HAS NO PLACE ON LONG ISLAND

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

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, hate has no place on Long Island.

Recently, we Long Islanders witnessed a disturbing act of vandalism and hate targeting the BAPS Temple in Melville, a sacred place for countless peaceful, family, and faith-focused Hindus who proudly call Long Island home.

In response, I joined more than a dozen elected officials and religious and community leaders who stood together to send a clear message: Acts of

hate and intolerance will never be tolerated in our communities.

America's strength comes from our foundation of religious and political freedom, and when these core values are attacked, then we unite as one.

I am proud of the bipartisan and united effort shown in standing with the BAPS community of Long Island in this difficult moment.

Together we will always rise to defend the principles that bind us as Americans and reject hate in all its forms.

RECOGNIZING MEDICAL RESEARCH WEEK

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

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce a resolution recognizing Medical Research Week from September 16 through September 20, 2024.

This bipartisan resolution recognizes the breakthroughs of medical research improving health outcomes, securing global competitiveness, boosting job creation, educating the next generation of scientists, and strengthening our economic growth.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent Indiana's Seventh District which has become a healthcare and innovation hub in America. In my district alone, the NIH has contributed \$264 million in grants to 9 different research sites in 2023. In Indiana the NIH has supported 5,300 jobs for Hoosiers and over \$1.1 billion of economic activity.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

HONORING CHIEF JUSTICE HEAVICAN

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Justice Mike Heavican of the State of Nebraska who has announced his retirement after almost two decades of exemplary service as the head of Nebraska's Supreme Court and its entire judicial branch.

Through the years, the chief justice has led Nebraska's judiciary with integrity. Before his time on the bench, he served as a deputy county attorney, a county attorney, the U.S. Attorney, and then the chief justice.

Throughout his career he has preserved the independence of our judiciary while collaborating with the State's leaders to strengthen its engagement with the public.

During my time as Speaker of the Unicameral, I had the great honor of working with Chief Justice Heavican to establish the first and now annual tradition of the State of the Judiciary address to our State's legislature.

On behalf of the people of the first district, I want to extend best wishes to Chief Justice Heavican and our sin-

cere gratitude for his decades of remarkable public service.

CELEBRATING NASA'S HIDDEN FIGURES CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS

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

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with passion and pride as an Ohioan to celebrate yesterday's Congressional Gold Medal recipients: Dorothy Vaughan, Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, and Dr. Christine Darden, and all of the brilliant women who powered NASA's success during the space race.

Katherine Johnson's calculation made the Moon landing possible. Dorothy Vaughan became NASA's first Black supervisor. Mary Jackson broke barriers as NASA's first Black female engineer, and Dr. Christine Darden revolutionized supersonic flight.

Known as hidden figures, they calculated rocket trajectories, Earth orbits, and solved complex problems. Their genius was hidden by the shadows of segregation. They were the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of Ohio astronaut and former U.S. Senator, John Glenn, into orbit.

Mr. Speaker, let us continue to honor their legacy in the days ahead.

CONGRATULATING LAMYAH N. BOONE

(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. Mr. Speaker, the National Society of High School Scholars announced that LaMyah Boone has been selected to join the prestigious organization.

Boone is a sophomore at KIPP Gaston College Preparatory. She is a member of her school's yearbook committee and the Dance Girls in the Panthers Marching Band.

Boone is the daughter of Kennedy and LaToya Boone. LaMyah is now a member of an exclusive community of scholars, a community that represents the bright future of eastern North Carolina.

Congratulations to LaMyah.

We look forward to seeing what the future has for her next.

ACCREDITATION FOR COLLEGE EXCELLENCE ACT OF 2023

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3724.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Ohio). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1455 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 3724.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. GUEST) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3724) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit recognized accrediting agencies and associations from requiring, encouraging, or coercing institutions of higher education to meet any political litmus test or violate any right protected by the Constitution as a condition of accreditation, with Mr. GUEST in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in the first section of House Resolution 1455 and shall not exceed 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or their respective designees.

The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX), and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3724, the End Woke Higher Education Act. No woke week could possibly be complete without a robust debate regarding the state of free speech on college campuses. However, first I can't help but acknowledge the juxtaposition of this floor debate and debates in the university setting.

The Constitution's Speech and Debate Clause grants Members of Congress the absolute freedom of speech on the House floor. It is a privilege that has survived 248 years of nationhood.

Sadly, the privilege of the First Amendment and campus free speech has not. Therefore, I will use this time at this pulpit to make three conservative statements to express three truths that would otherwise be punishable offenses on today's college campuses.

Men and women are biologically different. This position held by swimmer Riley Gaines endangered her very life on a trip to San Francisco State University. Student activists assaulted Ms. Gaines during a speaking engagement, forcing police to lead her into a safe room.

DEI policies overlook qualified candidates. This sentiment expressed in a tweet by conservative-libertarian