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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

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

### PRAYER

Dr. John S. Repsold, Mosaic Fellowship, Spokane, Washington, offered the following prayer:

O Sovereign Lord God, we desperately need You today.

We are deeply grateful for Your vast blessings to us as a people.

But we need You right now more than anything.

Our divided Nation needs You. Please, give us eyes to see Your wisdom. Give us ears to hear Your voice, and hearts that love to obey Your truth. Show us how to build a nation that respects You and Your laws above all, that loves across our vast differences and gives life to all.

We confess today that we are not enough. Only You are. Forgive us for our pride and many sins. Please come to us once again in deep spiritual awakening and revival. Pour out on us an all-consuming love for You that delivers us from every false god. Teach us to love one another sacrificially.

This we humbly plead in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 New York (Mr. TONKO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TONKO 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 DR. JOHN S. REPSOLD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. RODGERS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I thank my pastor, Pastor John Repsold from Spokane, Washington, for opening the House in prayer this morning.

Pastor John has had a lifetime heart for prayer, the call to humble ourselves and pray. He currently pastors Mosaic Fellowship in downtown Spokane, bringing the heart of God to the heart of our city. He also leads Spokane Prays, calling our community to unite in prayer.

I thank Pastor John and recognize his wife, Sandy, and their family, their beautiful children, grandchildren, and friends who have traveled across the country to be here this morning.

It is written in Micah 6:8: "What does the Lord require of thee? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

Pastor John and Sandy Repsold have been faithful servants of the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, Albert Einstein once suggested that prayer is the most powerful force to be explored. Pastor John is helping us do that. I thank God and ask God to answer his prayer today in the people's House and for the United States of America.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

### RECOGNIZING POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

(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 POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Today, we remember the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who served honorably and who have not returned home. Currently, almost 82,000 servicemembers have not returned from the battlefield. This includes those who served in World War II, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, the Cold War, and both wars in Iraq.

Our servicemembers have made immense sacrifices, allowing us to live our lives in freedom and in peace. We thank those who served and returned

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home, but most importantly, we remember those who served and never returned.

Last September, I introduced a resolution that would enhance research and recovery efforts through future trade agreements with countries that still have our servicemembers. We must do everything in our power to ensure every U.S. servicemember returns home.

Recently, two brave soldiers, Sergeant Richard M. Sharrow and Corporal Francis Jury, made their way back home to the Commonwealth 74 years after bravely fighting in the Korean war.

Madam Speaker, on this POW/MIA Recognition Day, I urge my colleagues to honor our commitment to bring our servicemen and servicewomen home.

#### PROTECTING AMERICANS' PRIVACY ONLINE

(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. Madam Speaker, September is Suicide Prevention Month, so let's focus on saving lives for those who are struggling with our mental health crisis, a crisis worsened by malicious online activity where children, teens, and women often bear the brunt.

As the internet evolves, we have seen the scourge of bad actors sharing others' intimate private photos online. This is a violation of privacy and dignity, and it has metastasized in recent years, causing anguish for victims, many of whom consider suicide. Too many, including children, have lost their lives.

That is why I introduced the bipartisan SHIELD Act, with Representatives MORAN, PLASKETT, FITZPATRICK, and MACE, to close the loophole in current law so that those who share exploitive nude photos of children will be held to account; to ban sextortion, the act of threatening to reveal private or explicit images for money or access; and to protect adults and their private photos from being exposed.

The internet is ever-changing, and Federal law must catch up. The SHIELD Act will protect Americans' privacy online and save lives.

#### REMEMBERING GREENE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE BATTALION CHIEF CHRIS EDDY

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

Mr. COLLINS. Madam Speaker, in John 15:12-13, Jesus says: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Madam Speaker, Greene County Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Chris Eddy laid

down his life for his friends on September 4, 2024, while battling a tractor-trailer fire on Highway 15 north of Greensboro.

Chief Eddy grew up in Greene County and graduated from Nathanael Greene Academy in Siloam, Georgia. He spent his life dedicated to this community and lost his life in its service.

He leaves behind his wife, Lindsey, and son, Bryson, who are enduring the pain of loss that the families of all first responders know they could face.

Words can't adequately express our deep sadness at the loss of this incredible man and public servant, who was so dearly loved by his family and community.

We are thankful for who he was and know that it is men like him who keep our communities strong and safe.

May Chief Chris Eddy rest in peace. May he always be remembered for his honorable service to Greene County.

#### RECOGNIZING NEW YORK STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR COLLEEN KEOUGH

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

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual who exemplifies the best of New York's capital region, a leader and educator whose commitment to her students has changed lives for the better. That individual is Ms. Colleen Keough, a second grade teacher at Hamilton Elementary School in Schenectady who earlier this month was recognized by the New York Board of Regents as the New York State Teacher of the Year.

In 16 years with the Schenectady City School District, including 13 at Hamilton Elementary, Ms. Keough has been a relentless champion for her students in the classroom and beyond. She has made her classroom a safe, fun, and supportive place for every student to learn, and she has helped build community with students' families through the monthly PTO events she started with a colleague.

A teacher is someone who drives students' academic progress, but a great teacher is so much more. Colleen Keough is one of those great teachers. I thank Ms. Keough and congratulate her again. Her heart, her leadership, and her dedication serve as an inspiration to her students and to us all. She has enabled her students to discover their gifts, their abilities, and their passions. We thank her.

#### RECOGNIZING TENNESSEE SHERIFF OF THE YEAR JAMES "JIMBO" BERRONG

(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 recognize and congratulate my dear

friend and Blount County Sheriff James "Jimbo" Berrong on being named Tennessee's Sheriff of the Year. It was much deserved.

Jimbo has served for over 30 years, and he has done a great job keeping our constituents safe. He was appointed in 1989 and has been elected every term since 1990.

He is known for being a dedicated leader with a proactive approach in protecting the folks in Blount County. He knows his people and their problems, and he has taken great steps to address everything he can, from substance abuse to church safety to increasing the number of officers we have in our schools.

He started one of the first school resource officer programs as well as a senior outreach program. Sheriff Berrong also runs the top agency in the State for dealing with sex offenders and human trafficking long before it made the news.

I thank the sheriff for being my dear friend. He has always been good to me and my girls, and that means the world to me. I can't thank him enough, and I can't think of anyone I would rather have run the Blount County Sheriff's Office. His work does not go unnoticed. It has always been appreciated by me and my family. I know the folks of Blount County love him.

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#### PROJECT 2025

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

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, in recent months there has been a lot of rhetoric around Project 2025, but many Americans still don't understand its very dangerous implications. Donald Trump's Project 2025 is a well-funded Presidential transition plan which would empower a future antidemocratic Presidential administration to carry out an extreme power agenda.

Therefore, if enacted, Project 2025 would eliminate the Department of Education and eliminate the Head Start education program which serves 1 million children and further expose 386,000 children in foster care to risk of increased discrimination.

If Republicans impose Trump's Project 2025, they will criminalize abortion nationwide and create a national monitor to track women's pregnancies and miscarriages. They are even threatening to imprison doctors and nurses who provide necessary care.

Project 2025 is a strategic plan to cut overtime protections for 4.3 million workers.

#### WESTERN CATTLE TRAIL 150TH ANNIVERSARY

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