

country for their good work and for helping our local communities be successful.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT GORDON LEE HOGAN

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, legacy, and sacrifice of Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Gordon Lee Hogan.

An Orange County native, Staff Sergeant Hogan served our Nation bravely in Korea and Vietnam, and he made the ultimate sacrifice while fighting for our values in Vietnam.

During his 19 years of service, Staff Sergeant Hogan had many roles. He worked on trucks as a motor transport chief, waged the invisible war as a psychological operations specialist, and made relationships with civilians as a civil affairs officer.

In his many roles, Staff Sergeant Hogan would go on to be recognized with many awards and commendations. Among these, the National Defense Service Medal, the Navy Presidential Unit Citation, and a Purple Heart. These are just a few that I am naming today.

Sadly and tragically, on April 1, 1967, Staff Sergeant Hogan made the ultimate sacrifice when his unit was ambushed by the Viet Cong while on patrol in Thua Thien province in Vietnam. His body would be sent back home to Orange County where he would be laid to rest in our very own Westminster Memorial Park.

Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Gordon Lee Hogan was a model soldier, a model American, and a true patriot.

THE MANDATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, when I last spoke on this floor, I laid out the choice the country had before us. Then, on November 5, 2024, America made its choice loud and clear. America gave Washington, D.C., a mandate endorsing the greatest political comeback in American history with the election of President Donald J. Trump as the 47th President of the United States and Republican majorities in both the House and the Senate.

Kansas and the Big First District rejected 4 more years of the chaos we have experienced under President Biden and Vice President HARRIS. They voted for a government that works for the people and makes their lives easier, not one that handcuffs them and their families with overreaching regulations. They voted for a government that enforces the law and seeks commonsense solutions, not open-border policies that put our national security at risk. They voted to reduce Federal spending, to end the weaponization of the Federal Government once and for all, and for our future.

When I came to Congress almost 4 years ago, America was strong, our streets were safe, and our border was much more secure. House Republicans

and President Trump had passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, putting more money in the pockets of American families and spurring economic growth that led to the strongest U.S. economy in decades.

The Trump administration had spearheaded historic trade agreements and peace agreements across the globe that kept Americans competitive and secure.

Rather than capitalizing on that momentum and strength, the Biden-Harris administration wasted 4 years pushing through partisan, trillion-dollar spending packages and using the Federal Government to air its grievances with the previous administration. America clearly said: No more.

Mr. Speaker, those days are long gone. This House Republican majority, alongside President Trump and the incoming Senate Republican majority, are ready to restore American greatness and the American Dream. We are committed to securing a future American families can feel optimistic about.

When I ran for Congress, I promised to fight for agriculture and our conservative Kansas values. That commitment stands. While there is a lot of work to do to get this Nation back on track, I humbly accept that challenge. I am committed to working with my colleagues to unleash American energy and finally rein in energy prices that have crippled American families for the past 4 years. I will fight to make the 2017 tax cuts permanent and once again empower working and middle-class families who have been strangled by the record-level inflation caused by Washington Democrat spending. I will work for commonsense policies that don't empower the Mexican cartels or incentivize illegal immigration. Americans deserve an immigration system that makes it easier for people to come here legally and more difficult for people to come here illegally. That should not be controversial.

The task before us is a big one, but I have never been more confident in our ability to deliver for America and get this country back on track.

FAREWELL TO SYDNEY ROBINSON

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, for the past 2½ years, my family and team have been blessed and honored to call Sydney Robinson a colleague and, most importantly, a friend. Sydney is a fellow believer, an incredibly hard worker, and one of the best that Capitol Hill has to offer.

Sydney joined my team in 2022 and has served as staff assistant, scheduler, and, most recently, as our director of operations. She often served as the face of the front office, ensuring that whether it was a Kansans' first or fiftieth trip to our office, they were met with enthusiasm, kindness, and professionalism. Over the years, she oversaw our internship program; assisted Kansans during their visits to the Nation's Capital; balanced an ever-changing schedule, prioritizing time in the district, votes, and committee activity; and much more.

On top of all that, Sydney helped our team host weekly prayer breakfasts for Members of Congress and the 2024 National Prayer Breakfast. As the co-chair of the National Prayer Breakfast, I am honored to plan and host the event for congressional leaders, the President of the United States, and spiritual leaders. It is no easy task, but Sydney served as a partner in bringing every detail and logistic to life.

Sydney will always be part of Team Mann, and Audrey and I are deeply grateful for her service to our team, my family, and to the Big First District of Kansas. She will be deeply missed in Cannon 344, but we will all be praying for her and rooting for her in the days ahead.

I thank Sydney for serving so incredibly well. She makes everything she touches better. It is an honor and privilege to call her a friend.

CONGRATULATING DR. JEFFREY NASSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. CISCOMANI) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Jeffrey Nasse on his recent selection as Pima Community College's new chancellor.

As my alma mater, I am a proud product of Pima Community College and can confidently say that it helped shape me into who I am today. It equipped me with the tools and knowledge I needed to pursue my own American Dream.

Dr. Nasse brings over 20 years of experience across multiple areas of higher education and is committed to helping his students succeed.

His focus is on improving student outcomes, scaling online and flexible learning modalities for students, and raising the graduation rate.

As a Marine Corps veteran, Dr. Nasse has dedicated his life to service, first to our Nation and now to our students.

His story of commitment and dedication is just one example of the American Dream that we all cherish. I am grateful for his hard work safeguarding that American Dream for our next generation.

I know Dr. Nasse is well suited to continue leading Pima Community College into an even brighter future. I look forward to working with him to support and uplift the college and its students and, along with that, our community.

REMEMBERING GREG JOHNSON

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sierra Vista Councilman Greg Johnson. Greg was a Marine Corps veteran, businessman, lawyer, professor, and devoted public servant.

Before his time on the city council, Greg served on the board of directors of various chambers of commerce and hospitality and tourism organizations.

While he was a staunch advocate for fiscal responsibility, Greg believed

deeply in making strategic investments in his community that grew the economy and improved the quality of life for everyone.

He was passionate about the causes he believed in and had an unwavering commitment to the residents of Sierra Vista. I saw this firsthand for many years.

Laura and I will hold his amazing wife, Suzanne, their family, and his loved ones in our prayers. His work and legacy will continue to have a positive impact in our community long into the future as he always desired.

HONORING CRAIG MCFARLAND

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Craig McFarland for his outstanding tenure as mayor of Casa Grande.

Since his tenure began in 2016, Mr. McFarland has been a pillar of his community, a devoted public servant, a strong local partner for me, and a dear, dear friend.

From diversifying the economy in Casa Grande through companies like Lucid Motors and others, to expanding the I-10 and protecting the region's water, Mayor McFarland has ushered in growth throughout Casa Grande and Pinal County.

Then, in fiscal year 2025, Mayor McFarland and I partnered together to provisionally secure \$2.8 million in Federal funds for Casa Grande to invest in a new community center for students and expand access to affordable housing for our educators.

Luckily, despite his tenure ending as mayor, Craig will continue to serve Casa Grande and Pinal County as the new president and CEO of Pinal Partnership, one of the leading economic development organizations in the region. They regularly host informative discussions on important issues such as water security, infrastructure, and economic development with key stakeholders and industry leaders, as well.

I look forward to working together alongside Craig McFarland to continue advancing Casa Grande, Pinal County, and our entire region forward.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSIE-TATUM CARLSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the life of Josie-Tatum Carlson of Blackshear, Georgia.

At the age of 21, Josie-Tatum leaves behind a legacy of service, compassion, and love for her savior, Jesus Christ.

Josie-Tatum grew up in Blackshear, Georgia, where she graduated from Pierce County High School as the class valedictorian. She attended Mercer University and was awarded the prestigious Presidential Scholarship.

Upon graduation from Mercer University, she married her high school sweetheart, Ethan Carlson.

Josie-Tatum will be remembered for her servant's heart and her willingness to help others. She was a shining light in a world of darkness and will be dearly missed by those who knew her and loved her.

Our hearts break for this young lady and her family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of them.

CELEBRATING COACH MARK STROUD

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Coach Mark Stroud's career at Calvary Day School in Savannah, Georgia.

Following this season, Mark Stroud will be concluding his time as the head football coach of the Cavaliers.

Stroud has coached the Cavaliers for 16 seasons, boasting an incredible 148 wins and 43 losses. During his 16 years at Calvary Day School, Stroud led his team to six regional championships, including the last 4 years in a row.

Stroud began his legacy as a head coach in 1992 at Toombs County High School and coached the school's program for 16 seasons until 2007. He also amassed an impressive record with the Toombs County Bulldogs, winning five regional championships.

Over the course of his 33 seasons, Stroud put together a remarkable career in the State of Georgia, winning 272 games and earning himself the second-most all-time wins in south Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Stroud on his outstanding career at Cavalry Day School.

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RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 47 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

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

A thousand years in Your sight are like a day when it has passed, or a watch stood in the night. These last 1,000 days and nights of the assault on Ukraine's sovereignty, soldiers, and civilians keeping watch every hour, are naught in light of Your immeasurable and eternal strength.

You alone have upheld the resolve of the Ukrainian people, and Your sure protections have maintained their spirit of faithfulness despite weapons of hate and hegemony firing ceaselessly into their homeland.

For their faith and fortitude in the face of the enemy's audacious offenses, they have given the free world a testimony that cannot be silenced, a witness to the unwavering certainty of Your divine presence in the valley of the shadow of the death around them.

It is You, O Lord, who have gone before them. You, O Lord, will ever be with them. You will not fail or forsake them. By this promise, may their fear never overwhelm them or their dismay ever overcome them.

Would that all of us in times of such testing and torment turn to You with the same faith in Your sovereign protections. Grant Ukraine Your peace and Your people Your divine provision in the face of all evil.

In Your merciful name we pray.
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 gentlewoman from California (Mrs. KIM) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. KIM of California 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.

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

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

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on a very important topic, carbon monoxide poisoning, particularly in relation to the