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 Kim (CA) Perry
 Krishnamoorthi Peters
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1707

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 4545

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 4545, a bill originally introduced by Representative GALLAGHER of Wisconsin, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARTER of Georgia). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

HONORING JOHN W. MIXON

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

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Georgian, Mr. John W. Mixon. Mr. John has made almost an immeasurable impact on the State of Georgia.

After graduating from the University of Georgia, Mr. John went to work in the timber industry for the Great Southern Paper Company and then worked for the Georgia Forestry Commission.

For the next 34 years, John Mixon played the leading role in turning Georgia into the number one State in America for forestry. His work was both visionary and comprehensive.

Starting as a technician and rising to the director of the commission, he worked tirelessly toward his goal of making the Georgia forest industry into what it is today.

He started the Reforestation Commission that was responsible for planting a world record 600,000 acres of pine trees. He established Georgia's first forestry museum, an educational forest, and the Georgia Tree Coalition, which planted thousands of trees in the 1996 Olympic venues throughout the State.

John served and held leadership positions in numerous professional and civic organizations and received the Soil Conservationist of the Year award from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Speaker, perhaps the highest recognition of his professional contribution was receiving the Wise Owl Award from the Georgia Forestry Association. This significant achievement was well earned and deserved.

As a result of Mr. John Mixon's vision and hard work, literally thousands of Georgians work in the timber industry, and the industry has massively impacted the economic well-being of Georgia.

Just as importantly, Georgia's environment is better off, and the timber industry is environmentally sustainable. We all owe Mr. John Mixon a debt of gratitude for making our world a much better place.

□ 1715

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

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

Mrs. LEE CARTER. Mr. Speaker, today on U.N. Human Rights Day we reaffirm our commitment to justice, equality, and human dignity, values that are reflected in Texas' 18th Congressional District. I hope that we, as Members of Congress and Americans, reflect it, as well.

Houston resettles over 3,000 refugees annually through the U.N. Refugee Agency, supported by organizations like the Alliance and YMCA International, providing housing, education, and healthcare for refugees.

With over 300,000 human trafficking victims in Texas, collaboration with the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime has been vital, supporting programs like the Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition.

My mother, the late Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, worked closely with the U.N. to address human rights issues. She partnered with the World Health Organization to combat public health disparities, focusing on maternal health and HIV/AIDS in underserved communities.

Additionally, she supported the U.N.'s efforts after Hurricane Harvey, helping to coordinate relief and provided essential resources to displaced families.

As we honor Human Rights Day, let us remember the dignity of all who traverse this great Earth we call our home, and let us continue these efforts and advance justice and equality for all.

CONGRATULATING JACK FELTON, A LIFELONG VOLS FAN

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate a very fine young man from Tennessee's Second District, young

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Jack Felton. Jack is a proud member of the fall 2024 pledge class of the Sigma Chi fraternity at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he was recently initiated.

Jack graduated from the Webb School of Knoxville, where he served as captain of the baseball team and played shortstop. He thinks quickly, he has got steady hands, and he works very hard.

Jack is majoring in agribusiness. I know he will find success wherever his life takes him. I know his parents, and they have raised him well.

Jack has four sisters; three are here, and one sweet little girl is in heaven.

Jack has been a lifelong Vols fan, and he is fourth in the family to attend UT. He truly bleeds orange, Mr. Speaker.

I have no doubt Jack will continue to make his family proud by attending every single class, as his father did, and not staying out late when he should be in the library.

Mr. Speaker, as a reminder, one of our other fraternity brothers, Scott Davis, owned a bar on the Cumberland Avenue Strip, and its name was The Library.

I look forward to seeing all the great things he will accomplish, and I expect to see his pledge class at the top of the GPA leaderboard this semester.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Jack on his initiation. Go Vols. "In hoc signo vinces." "In this sign you will conquer."

FALL OF SYRIAN DICTATOR ASSAD

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, this past Sunday morning, a new day dawned in Syria. The world saw stunning images of liberty emerge in the world's oldest continuously inhabited capital city of Damascus.

Syria was freed from the 55-year-old regime of Bashar al-Assad, who had turned it into a dictatorship.

It was not totally clear who the rebel factions were that swarmed through the towns of Aleppo, Hama, and Homs, and then the capital city.

As a result of the fall of Assad, the spiderweb of tyranny between Russia, Iran, North Korea, and China has been weakened.

Iran and Russia could no longer prop up their puppet. The days ahead for Syria are uncertain, but the Syrian people deserve a chance to rebuild a civil nation of their choosing after decades of turmoil. Hopefully, it will be a tolerant society, accepting of people from all religious confessions.

Under that dictatorship, over 500,000 people suffered horror and death at the hands of Assad. Others were held warrantlessly in captivity by this ruthless dictator. My hope is that the Syrian people may have the chance to write their own intelligent chapter in human history.

While the future of Syria remains uncertain, we should recognize this spirit of triumph. Millions who fled the scourge of war will have a chance to return home free of bombs.

CONGRATULATING WARE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ware County, Georgia, for celebrating its 200th year anniversary.

Ware County was founded in 1824 and resides in Georgia's First Congressional District, which I have the honor and privilege of representing.

Originally carved from Appling County, Ware County was named after the United States Senator, Nicholas Ware, who served as the mayor of Augusta, Georgia, before his term in the Senate.

Today, Ware County is recognized as one of the leading counties in south Georgia, as it is home to the 451st militia district, the oldest in our entire country.

The county site, Waycross, has grown from a small town with nothing more than a log courthouse to a city serving 14,000 people and large manufacturing companies such as Stewart's Candy Company.

Waycross is also bordered by the beautiful Satilla River, which became a busy route in the early 1800s for transporting longleaf pine trees to sawmills on the coast.

In fact, Waycross is the largest city in the largest county in the largest State east of the Mississippi.

I am proud to celebrate this anniversary with Ware County and our great State of Georgia.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL ALEXANDER RAIMONDI

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Michael Alexander Raimondi, a remarkable young man from Westchester County, who was tragically taken from us far too soon. Michael was a bright and imaginative soul who brought joy to everyone around him.

A student at Somers High School and a member of the Westchester County Police Cadet program, he had begun exploring his love for forensic science and criminal justice. His creativity knew no bounds, from crafting intricate origami designs to building automotive LEGO masterpieces with his brother and grandfather.

Michael's gentle and nurturing spirit shone through in his love for animals, his deep bonds with family, and his quiet yet purposeful way of expressing himself. His love for music, gaming,

and endless laughter with his brother, Matthew, created memories that will live forever in the hearts of those who loved him.

Though his time with us was far too brief, Michael's vibrant spirit and boundless imagination left an indelible mark on Somers and all of the Hudson Valley.

May his memory be a blessing to his family and all who knew him.

CONGRATULATING MAYOR JIM LUKE

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

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to extend heartfelt congratulations to Mayor Jim Luke on being named the recipient of the prestigious 2024 Excellence in Government Award. This is a remarkable achievement, and Mayor Luke is only the second mayor in history to receive such an honor.

Luke has spent his career improving the city of Picayune, Mississippi, starting his career as a police officer at the Picayune Police Department. Under Luke's leadership, the Picayune Police Department achieved significant advancements in community engagement and public safety.

Luke initiated innovative programs such as the Teen 411 Program and the police camp aimed at fostering positive relationships between law enforcement and youth.

As chief, he spearheaded the Partnership, Pride, and Progress Program which revolutionized public safety technological capabilities without incurring additional cost to the city.

Through innovative partnerships with local businesses, the program facilitated the exchange of information and resources beneficial to law enforcement and the community. His outstanding dedication and visionary leadership and tireless commitment to improving the lives of those in Picayune have truly earned him this recognition. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated leader guiding our community.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mayor Luke for his exceptional contributions and for serving the city of Picayune with unwavering distinction.

CHRISTMAS 1777

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WIED). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the time to come here in December. I am not sure if we will get time next week here on the floor.

As we look forward to Christmas, I think it is important to remember why we are here and why we are here in the House.

Christmas 1777 was one of the lowest and most desperate points of American