

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on Roll Call Nos. 502, 503, 504, and 505 today. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Nos. 502, 503, 504, and 505.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1765

Mrs. McIVER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 1765, a bill originally introduced by Representative DONALD PAYNE, Jr., of New Jersey, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1361

Mrs. McIVER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 1361, a bill originally introduced by Representative DONALD PAYNE, Jr., of New Jersey, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

BIDEN-HARRIS DEI SPENDING BINGE

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, a new report from Parents Defending Education, PDE, revealed that the Biden-Harris administration spent over \$1 billion of taxpayer money on so-called diversity, equity, and inclusion programming.

DEI is the woke addiction that the Biden-Harris administration simply cannot quit. Instead of becoming a more perfect Union, DEI turns our schools, communities, and cities into cesspools of divisiveness and hate. We know DEI bureaucracies are also notorious drivers of campus anti-Semitism.

PDE's new report is jaw-dropping, and it confirms that this administra-

tion was more concerned about controlling the minds of America's future leaders rather than educating them.

This relentless push to tell students what to think instead of how to think must stop. Fortunately for parents, students, and hardworking taxpayers, President Trump sees DEI for what it is: a cancer that is divisive, excessive, and ineffective.

CONGRATULATING ATTORNEY BORDEN PARKER

(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, I was told sometime ago that a good name will carry you a long way.

I rise to congratulate Attorney Borden Parker on the recent naming of the new Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services building in his honor.

Borden has a long history of public service. He served our Nation in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Borden returned home to follow in his father's footsteps and became the county's attorney. I may add that he has also provided incredible counsel to the Greene County Board of Commissioners.

The naming of this building is not just a tribute to Borden's extraordinary career, but it is a symbol of the lasting impact he has made in improving lives across eastern North Carolina.

I congratulate Borden. His good name has made a difference.

HONORING DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS RECIPIENTS IN TENNESSEE'S SECOND DISTRICT

(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 rise to honor 11 brave airmen who were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for their part in Operation True Promise on April 13, 2024: Lieutenant Colonel Willis Parker, Major Cody Gaby, Major Lance Welch, Major Stacy Sells, Captain Joshua Johnson, Captain James Spearman, Captain Andrew Weber, Technical Sergeant Gage Seymour, Technical Sergeant Joshua Osborne, Technical Sergeant Hunter Ricks, and Senior Airman Jonah Parham.

On April 13, 2024, Iran launched a salvo of missiles and drones at Israel. Iran's assault marked the first time the country directly struck Israel from within Iranian territory and was the single largest drone attack carried out by any country.

Crew members of the 134th Air Refueling Wing courageously took off during this attack and offloaded tens of thousands of pounds of fuel to ensure the fighters remained airborne for the

defense and protection of Israel. Due to the efforts of those 11 brave members, 99 percent of the drones and missiles launched by Iran were intercepted.

It is my honor to recognize these airmen as Tennessee's Second District's December 2024 Veterans of the Month.

DISASTER RECOVERY

(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, I rise on behalf of Texas' 18th Congressional District, which has endured devastating disasters, from Hurricane Katrina in 2005, which displaced over 200,000 New Orleans families to Houston, many of which now live in the 18th; to Hurricane Harvey in 2017, which displaced 30,000 families across the city.

In 2021, the Texas Freeze left millions without power statewide. Over 100,000 households in my district and all 254 counties were impacted by power outages.

Just this year, Hurricane Beryl and Houston's derecho storm destroyed more than 12,000 homes.

These are not just numbers. They are real people whose communities have been torn apart.

My late mother, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, worked with every President to ensure that her residents received what they needed, working with churches and nonprofits like the Houston Food Bank to provide critical resources.

I am grateful that President Biden has requested an additional \$98.6 billion in funding, including \$40 billion for FEMA, to support continuing relief, and I urge it to be included in the funding legislation going forward. We can always use more because so many families are still suffering. I call on my colleagues to support funding for FEMA so that communities can rebuild back stronger than ever.

HONORING COMMANDER STEVE DMETRUK

(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 honor Commander Steve Dmetruk, a distinguished member of my Military Academy Nominations Board and Navy veteran whose life of dedicated service exemplifies the very best of America.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Commander Dmetruk served 6 years on Active Duty and 16 years in the Navy Reserve.

As a supply officer aboard the USS *Rogers*, he bore the heavy responsibility of supporting a 300-member crew, ensuring they were well equipped during critical operations in Vietnam.

His ship witnessed the emotional release of American POWs at the war's

end, a moment etched in history and in the hearts of all who served.

Commander Dmetruk's commitment extended beyond Active Duty. In the Reserves, he modeled the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment while continuing to impact lives through his civilian career and volunteerism.

Today, Commander Dmetruk and his wife, Suzy, serve as guardians for Honor Flights, welcoming veterans home and ensuring they feel the gratitude they deserve. He reminds us of the enduring importance of saying: "Thank you for your service," a simple act of recognition that carries profound meaning.

We salute Commander Dmetruk and all veterans who have shaped our Nation's legacy. May we honor their sacrifice with unwavering gratitude.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FORMER CONGRESSMAN FRANK GUARINI

(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, at this holiday season, please let me pay tribute to a remarkable American, a patriot who has dedicated his life to building our Nation and world into a more just and livable planet.

I extend grateful holiday wishes to the now current oldest-living former U.S. Congressman, Frank Guarini of Jersey City, New Jersey. He and his family and friends are celebrating his 100 years of life as an American patriot, faithful to his family, his friends, Jersey City, and Hudson County.

His milestone life includes service in this House from 1979 to 1993. Hailing from Jersey City, New Jersey, Frank distinguished himself as an extraordinary patriot, a champion swimmer, and a World War II Navy decorated combat veteran of the Pacific campaign.

He rose to the rank of lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, and he continues to pursue his business and philanthropic interests as a proud son of Jersey City. Here, he served as a distinguished member of the Ways and Means Committee, specializing in international trade and fair taxation.

Frank endowed his alma mater, Dartmouth College's School of International Relations, as well as John Cabot University in Italy, the Italian American Foundation, and countless and endless works of good will toward others.

We wish him, his family, and friends, like former New York Members Charles Rangel and posthumously Ben Gilman and his family joy in these holidays. Celebrating Frank's life makes 2024 a memorable holiday season. I send heartfelt congratulations to Congressman Frank Guarini at age 100.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to place an important newspaper article in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, CONGRESSMAN FRANK GUARINI

(By David Wildstein)

America's oldest living former congressman; Jersey City Democrat served in N.J. State Senate from 1966 to 1972, ran for U.S. Senate in 1970, and was a congressman from 1979 to 1993.

Frank J. Guarini, Jr., who served as a congressman from a Hudson County district for fourteen years, celebrates his 100th birthday today.

The Jersey City Democrat is the oldest living former congressman from New Jersey, the oldest living former statewide candidate, the oldest living former state senator, and the oldest living member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Guarini had spent most of his life around politics. His father had represented Hudson County in the State Assembly in 1931 and 1932. A Dartmouth graduate, Guarini was a decorated World War II combat veteran.

A 40-year-old attorney and the chairman of the America Red Cross' Jersey City Chapter, Guarini decided to run for office in 1965 when reapportionment following the U.S. Supreme Court's One Man, One Vote ruling increased Hudson County's presence in the New Jersey State Senate from one seat to three.

Hudson County Democratic Chairman John V. Kenny and other party leaders picked Guarini and William V. Musto, an eleven-term assemblyman and the mayor of Union City, to run for State Senate on a slate with two-term incumbent William F. Kelly (D-Jersey City). Musto had been an automatic pick, but Guarini edged out Bayonne city attorney James Dugan.

The Democrats won the general election by over 100,000 votes.

During his first term, Democrats controlled the Senate and Guarini became chairman of the newly created Senate Air and Water Pollution and Public Health Committee.

Another round of reapportionment gave Hudson a fourth Senate seat in 1967, Kenny and the Hudson Democrats put Assemblyman Frederick Hauser (D-Hoboken), who had spent eighteen years in the lower house, on the ticket.

The four Democrats easily outdistanced their Republican rivals: Norman Roth, who had come within just 56 votes of winning a seat in Congress in 1956 against Rep. Alfred Sieminski (D-Jersey City); Cresenzi W. Castaldo, who had won 21 percent in a congressional bid in 1964; Eugene P. Kenny, who won 21 percent in his 1962 House campaign; and 31-year-old attorney Geoffrey Gaulkin, who later served as the Hudson County Prosecutor and Superior Court Judge.

In his second term, Guarini championed the construction of a new stadium in the Meadowlands and was among the first to meet with New York Giants owner Wellington Mara to pitch New Jersey as a future NFL home.

U.S. SENATE BID

In 1970, Guarini decided to challenge two-term U.S. Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr. in the Democratic primary. A decade before the Abscam scandal that ended his career, Williams had been censured by the New Jersey NAACP for showing up drunk at a meeting where he was the main speaker.

In late 1969, Williams had released endorsements from eighteen Democratic county chairmen, in a bid to prevent a primary fight from Guarini, some party leaders offered him

the post of Senate Minority Leader—the incumbent, J. Edward Crabel (D-Milltown) was willing to give up—but Guarini (and Kenny) refused.

Guarini, who had won two Democratic primaries for State Senate with the support of the Hudson County Democratic organization, made a bid for an open primary. He essentially sought to end New Jersey's system of preferential ballot positions for organization-backed candidates more than fifty years ago, but without success.

He did that with the support of Kenny, the Hudson boss who had split from most of the state's Democratic establishment when he refused to back former Gov. Robert Meyner's bid for a third term against Rep. William Cahill (R-Collingswood). Cahill carried Hudson by fifteen percentage points.

Former New Jersey Attorney General Arthur Sills, supporting Guarini, attacked Williams for his alcoholism, a move backfired after the Democratic Senator had acknowledged his drinking problem.

With just the Hudson organization line, Guarini lost to Williams by 90,647 votes, a 66 percent-34 percent race. Guarini carried only Hudson County—he scored a 16,194-vote plurality (62 percent-38 percent)—and Williams won everywhere else.

After the primary, Guarini refocused on local issues. He proposed the construction of a freeway that would have connected Tonnelle Avenue in North Bergen to Route 80, sponsored legislation to change the legal voting age in New Jersey from 21 to 18, attempted to legalize Jai Alai, and tried to persuade the San Francisco Giants to move to New Jersey and play in a new baseball stadium he wanted built in the Meadowlands.

The lifelong bachelor was the only senator to vote against a bill to make it easier for New Jerseyans to get a divorce.

But in 1971, Guarini decided to eschew a bid for re-election to the State Senate. That happened when reapportionment reduced Hudson's Senate delegation from four to three and Guarini became a redistricting casualty.

Hudson County lost a congressional seat in 1972, when a new district was created in Morris Warren, Sussex and Hunterdon counties. Rep. Cornelius Gallagher (D-Bayonne), had been expected to keep the seat—party leaders were going to tell Rep. Dominick Daniels (D-Jersey City), who was 20 years older than Gallagher, to retire. Gallagher was indicted on tax evasion charges and the accusations against him came at a considerable cost.

The Hudson County Democratic Organization, in deep trouble. Kenny had gone to prison and reformer Paul Jordan was elected Mayor of Jersey City in 1971. Guarini was a fierce critic of Jordan.

For a short time, there was talk of dropping Daniels and Gallagher with Guarini becoming the compromise machine candidate against Jordan's candidate, West New York Mayor Anthony DeFino. But they decided to stick with Daniels, who won the primary by a 51 percent-32 percent margin against DeFino. Gallagher came in third with just 15 percent of the vote, with 2 percent going to former Congressman Vincent Dellay, who had won the other Hudson House seat in 1956 as a Republican and later switched parties.

Guarini also explored taking on three-term Republican U.S. Senator Clifford Case in 1972, but party leaders settled on former Rep. Paul Krebs (D-Livingston) for a nomination not worth fighting for.

In late 1972, a list of potential gubernatorial candidates drawn up by Democratic State Chairman Salvatore Bontempo to take on Cahill the following year included Guarini, but he never made any moves to run.