

The world would be a much better place if there were more Jack Roemers in it. May Jack treasure this monumental milestone as he celebrates with family and friends. Happy 100th birthday to Jack, and may God continue to bless him and give him many more years on Earth.

ADMIRATION FOR REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER WEXTON

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I want to say how much I admire JENNIFER WEXTON and the role model she has been as she has struggled with her disease.

We saw her here on the floor a few minutes ago, and I commend her for her willingness to speak openly about the challenges that she is facing and to show the world that one can deal with such a debilitating disease and continue to work for her constituents. I commend her for what she has done.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 4467. An act to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to assess contracts for covered services performed by contractor personnel along the United States land border with Mexico, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7177. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to consolidate certain divisions in the Northern District of Alabama.

H.R. 7524. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the submission of reports on certain information technology services funds to Congress before expenditures may be made, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8219. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8413. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 465. An act to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 5300. An act to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to reimburse the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia, for costs directly associated with the removal and replacement of certain drinking water wells.

S. 5465. An act to clarify where court may be held for certain district courts in Texas and California.

S. 5543. An act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports containing adverse items of information about a consumer that resulted from that consumer being unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad or held hostage abroad.

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 11 o'clock and 35 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:

O eternal God, You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Although we cannot see You with our eyes, touch You with our hands, or hear Your voice with our ears, give us a clear awareness of Your realness and presence among us. Reveal to us the hidden power You wield in our lives and in this world.

Do not let us consider this time and place as our only reality, that the only thing that matters is our own perspective but give us sight to see that there is so much more than meets our eyes.

Do not let us grasp jealously the things that we own or which we, by our efforts, have accomplished, but give us hands to reach out to lift up one another, to enable each to succeed in discovering and using the skills and talents with which You have endowed them.

Do not let us get caught up in the noise of compliments and accolades or even criticisms and disparagements but give us ears to listen to Your wisdom that we would hear Your own "well done" when the day has ended.

You, O Lord, are the first and the last, the alpha and the omega. May our time and talents be used to glorify Your eternal name, in which 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 gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURGESS 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

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATING NICK DAWKINS ON RECEIVING ALLSTATE WUERFFEL TROPHY

(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 today to recognize the outstanding achievement of Penn State University football player, lifelong Pennsylvanian, and starting center, Nick Dawkins.

Nick recently won the Allstate Wuerffel Trophy, college football's premier award for community service.

Every year, this trophy is given to one player across the country who combines exemplary community service with leadership achievements on and off the field.

Throughout his time at Penn State, Nick took great pride in founding the Dawkins Family Foundation. His foundation has hosted back-to-school supply drives, organized Christmas present donations, and continues to support and provide for children and families throughout the Pennsylvania community.

On the field, Dawkins was named team captain and continues to have an outstanding season, helping the Nittany Lions secure a home football game in the college football playoffs. He is a vocal leader who picks up and supports those around him, both teammates and coaches.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Nick on this outstanding achievement and wish him and the rest of the Penn State Nittany Lions good luck this weekend as they host their first college football game in Beaver Stadium.

We are.

END HUNGER NOW

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, imagine dumping over 30 percent of the food in our refrigerators into the garbage every week. That is what we, as a country, have been doing for decades with the nearly 80 million tons of food that goes to waste every year. That is enough food for nearly 149 billion meals.

Food waste costs families, businesses, and municipalities money. It produces greenhouse gases that drive climate change, and it means fewer people have access to nutritious food.

I am proud to be from Massachusetts, a State who is taking this problem seriously. A study recently published in the Journal of Science called my home State a benchmark for success in reducing food waste through our successful commercial food waste ban, extensive infrastructure network, and robust inspection program.

Last month, Boston Mayor Wu's Office of Food Justice issued a report to

bolster food recovery efforts and improve food security.

I urge my colleagues from across the country to learn more about our efforts in Massachusetts to reduce food waste and end hunger now.

RECOGNIZING PHYLLIS COOLIDGE

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phyllis Coolidge and the thousands of Nebraskans among America's 6 million Rosie the Riveters, who earlier this year were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for their role in achieving victory in the Second World War as members of our Nation's workforce.

At 19 years old, Phyllis Coolidge began working at the Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant near Grand Island, Nebraska, which employed some 15,000 workers between 1942 and 1945.

Reflecting on her experience, Phyllis said: I just went to work. It was something we were doing for the war effort.

Even her 59-year-old mother worked alongside her, a testament to the extraordinary willingness of Nebraskans to do their patriotic duty.

A resident of McCook, Nebraska, Phyllis is now 102 years of age, and her irrepressible can-do attitude is a prime example of the unity and resolve of the American people during one of the most challenging times in our Nation's history.

Recently, in one of the most meaningful moments of my time here in Congress, I had the privilege of presenting a gold coin to her, thanking her, and introducing her to my own family.

From the vital impact of our Rosie the Riveters to the monumental volunteerism of the North Platte Canteen, doing our part was at the heart of Nebraska's rich history of home-front contributions to the war effort. Nebraskans understood that, as Americans, we are all in this together, and so many volunteers answered the call.

DISAPPROVAL OF BLANKET PRESIDENTIAL PARDON FOR HUNTER BIDEN

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

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my disapproval of Joe Biden's decision to issue a blanket pardon for his son, Hunter Biden.

During the time covered by the pardon, Hunter was working for entities controlled by foreign governments without registering as a foreign agent.

According to the House Oversight Committee, \$20 million in cash and diamonds was paid to Biden LLCs by enti-

ties controlled by China, Russia, Romania, and Ukraine. Yet, there were no Foreign Agents Registration Act charges.

Now, Biden issued his son a blanket pardon covering a decade of illicit activity. Hunter's crimes were published in the "Marco Polo Report." This report can be found at bidenreport.com.

The American people deserve to know the truth.

MONTH OF WAR CRIMINAL PUTIN FAILURES

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, 5 years ago, partnering with Speaker MIKE JOHNSON and National Security Advisor designee MIKE WALTZ, we called for sanctions on corrupt Bidzina Ivanishvili, the puppet of Putin in Georgia, in the Republican Study Committee's National Security Strategy.

It is time to impose these sanctions as war criminal Putin tries to destroy Georgian democracy. War criminal Putin continues to threaten global stability, but he can be defeated, as evidenced by the fall of the Assad dictatorship in Syria, with the expelling of Putin's military from Syrian bases, as well as the rebuke of Russian intervention this week in Romania, with defeat last month in Moldova, as Putin still occupies territory in Georgia.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has courageously offered wheat to Syria after war criminal Putin announced he would cease all grain exports.

Türkiye is appreciated for its leadership as a NATO ally for leading in Syria with its call for democratic elections and protection of Christians and minorities.

I agree with President Donald Trump, who said yesterday that: "I think Türkiye is very smart" and that Türkiye is key to what happens next in Syria.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators puts all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks imminent, as warned by the FBI. Trump will be reinstating laws to protect American families with peace through strength.

BIDDING FAREWELL TO CONGRESS

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

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today one final time in this Chamber after 8 years of serving northeast Indiana in the House of Representatives.

I thank my supporters, my friends, and my family, who have allowed me the great honor of serving in Congress. I will always be grateful to them.

Most of all, I thank my wife, Amanda; and our three daughters, Lillian,

Elizabeth, and Joann. I am only able to do this job because of the sacrifices that they make.

I thank my incredible staff over the last 8 years for their hard work on behalf of my constituents as well.

I am proud of where I come from, and it has been an honor to represent the best place in the world and the best people in the world in the U.S. House of Representatives.

This is the greatest country in the history of the world, and we have a duty to keep it that way.

I am thankful on behalf of my great State of Indiana, though I will have an opportunity to continue to serve my country and my State in January beginning in the United States Senate.

It has been an incredible honor to serve the people of Indiana.

RECOGNIZING MEDINA MAYOR VANCE COLEMAN FOR 20 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

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

Mr. KUSTOFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vance Coleman, who recently retired as the mayor of Medina, Tennessee, after 20 years.

In 2004, 20 years ago, Vance was approached to run for mayor by citizens who thought his involvement with the school system and his deep affection for Medina made him a great candidate.

Mr. Speaker, Vance Coleman was elected mayor of Medina in 2004, and the population of Medina has grown by four times since he became mayor.

Mayor Coleman was instrumental in constructing the new municipal building, updating the city's infrastructure, and prioritizing public safety by expanding the police and fire departments.

Under his leadership, the Medina Sports Complex was opened to better serve the needs of athletes and children. Vance Coleman made Medina a great place to live and to raise a family. Vance's integrity and his commitment to family has been the foundation of his service.

He and his wife, Kay, have been married for over 40 years. After two decades of dedicated service, Medina is a better place to live, work, and raise a family because of Mayor Coleman.

I congratulate Vance on a job well done. Roberta and I wish him the best in his next chapter.

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SHINING A LIGHT ON THE INJUSTICES BLACK WOMEN FACE IN OUR NATION

(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, I rise to shine light on various