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CONGRATULATING COOPER LEHMAN AND BRAYLEN GARCIA, TENNIS DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Cooper Lehman and Braylen Garcia of Hempfield High School on winning the 2025 PIAA Class 3A boys' Tennis Doubles championship on May 24.

Senior Cooper Lehman and freshman Braylen Garcia dominated the 2025 tennis season. Their doubles team was instrumental in Hempfield's 15-win start and claiming the Section One title, second place finish in the Lancaster-Lebanon League, and fourth place finish in the district 3A team tournaments. Ending with a 16-4 record, the Hempfield Black Knights advanced to states. On May 24, Lehman and Garcia defeated their opponents from Dallastown after climbing back from a large deficit.

Lehman and Garcia crowned an excellent season with their state title. The duo also won the Lancaster-Lebanon League title and the District Three title weeks prior. This run wraps up a prolific high school career for Cooper Lehman, who will be continuing to play tennis at the University of Mary Washington, and it shows great promise for Braylen Garcia who is just beginning his high school playing career.

Winning the Class 3A boys' tennis doubles championship is an exceptional achievement for Hempfield's Cooper Lehman and Braylen Garcia, and I congratulate them on their victory. May they hoist their medals high with great pride in their efforts. I look forward to seeing what these students accomplish next.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MASCOTTE, FLORIDA

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the City of Mascotte, Florida. Officially incorporated on November 23, 1925, Mascotte has grown, flourished over the past century, and this year, the city will mark this historic milestone with a Centennial Celebration on Saturday, June 21, 2025.

The roots of Mascotte trace back to around 1885, when founder J.W. Payne first settled the area. The city takes its name from the *Mascotte*, a ship owned by Tampa civic leader Henry B. Plant. The vessel, which played a role in transporting tobacco from Cuba during the Spanish-American War, is proudly on the city's official seal.

Located in the southwestern portion of Lake County, the City of Mascotte today is a thriving and diverse community providing a full range of essential municipal services to its residents. Now home to over 9,000 residents, Mascotte continues to grow while preserving the small-town charm and close-knit community spirit that has defined it for generations. Mascotte is a place where families raise their children, businesses find opportunity, and neighbors support one another.

It is my privilege to honor and celebrate the City of Mascotte on the occasion of its centennial anniversary. May the next 100 years be as vibrant and prosperous as the first.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, due to obligations, I was unable to vote on June 9, 2025 on H. Res. 481, H. Res. 488, and H.R. 2035. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 157; YEA on Roll Call No. 158; and YEA on Roll Call No. 159.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I was unexpectedly detained during vote proceedings. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 162.

HONORING THE STAGLIN FAMILY VINEYARD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Staglin Family Vineyard as they celebrate 40 years of business. The longevity of this great establishment is a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to the Staglin family's efforts in our community.

In 1985, the Staglin family purchased an historic estate on Rutherford Bench in the heart of Napa Valley. The family estate was founded by Shari and Garen Staglin. For four decades, the Staglin family has produced wines of remarkable quality from their 61-acre Rutherford vineyard.

The Staglin family approaches winemaking with a deep sense of responsibility to the land and our community. They farm their Rutherford Bench vineyard organically, invest in renewable energy through solar power, and operate a cutting-edge underground production facility that reflects their commitment to sustainability. Their work is not only about producing high quality wines, but also about preserving the character of Napa Valley and developing meaningful relationships.

The Staglin Family Vineyard produces top quality wines in our district, most notably Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay from their estate under the Staglin and Salus labels. Additionally, they grow and bottle a small production of Stagliano Sangiovese, named after Garen's father, and INEO, a Bordeaux Blend.

The Staglin family has proven to be dedicated members of our community through more than just winemaking. The family motto, "Great wines for great causes," rings true as they regularly engage in philanthropic wine and other donations. Since 1985, they have collectively raised over \$1 billion to support charities, including championing their main cause, mental health. Their efforts have culminated in the founding of a non-profit, known as One Mind, which has raised over \$600 million in the past thirty years. The organization's mission seeks to radically accelerate cures for brain illnesses and injuries by funding and fostering scientific research collaborations and initiatives, to achieve healthy brains for all. I was proud to collaborate with Garen Staglin and introduce the bipartisan Mental Health Research Accelerator Act to incentivize private companies with financial resources to collaborate with academic or nonprofit research institutions on neurological and mental health research to tackle the root causes of mental health conditions.

The Staglin's are leaders in our community. They are actively involved in the Napa Valley Vintners, Napa Valley Grape Growers, Napa Communities Firewise Foundation, Mentis, Copia, and many other community organizations.

The Staglin family is distinguished by a strong foundation in higher education and public service. Garen Staglin earned an MBA from Stanford University and Shari Staglin received an MPA from New York University. Shannon Staglin holds an MBA from UC Davis, and Brandon Staglin earned a Master of Science in Healthcare Administration and Interpersonal Leadership from UC San Francisco.

Mr. Speaker, the Staglin family has established a legacy befitting their enduring commitment and passion to serving our community through winemaking and philanthropy. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor their work here today.

APPRECIATING FRIENDSHIP GROUP BULGARIA—USA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, a dream come true and answer to prayers has been the restoration of friendship of the people of Bulgaria with America after decades of separation by the Iron Curtain.

The latest achievement has been the establishment in the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria of the Friendship Group Bulgaria—USA. This duplicates the Bulgarian Caucus I founded in 2004 in the U.S. Congress, which I now co-chair with Congressman BRAD SCHNEIDER of Illinois, confirming Republican and Democrat appreciation of Bulgaria and valued Bulgarian-Americans.

My affection for the people of Bulgaria began when I was selected by Lee Atwater of

the Reagan Administration to be an observer of the Bulgarian National Assembly elections on June 10, 1990, on behalf of the International Republican Institute. With the collapse of the Soviet Empire, countries of Europe, the Baltics, Central Europe, and Central Asia conducted the first post-communist elections, replacing totalitarian dictatorships.

Before arriving in Sofia, my research incorrectly identified Bulgaria appreciated being the most subservient Soviet satellite. Upon arriving, I found that this was not true as it was instantly inspiring to meet courageous Bulgarian patriots restoring democracy, which had been destroyed by Nazis and communists.

Additionally, getting my attention was that Bulgaria and my home state of South Carolina were so similar—beautiful beaches to the east, mountains to the west, and our respective capitals of Sofia and Columbia are both in the center.

I enjoy confirming to Bulgarians that an extraordinary feature in Bulgaria that we do not have in South Carolina are the phenomenal structures and antiquities of ancient Thrace, Greece, and Rome being the foundation of Western Civilization and remain to remind us of our shared heritage.

Pumping gas myself in college, I especially understand gas stations. In 1990, arriving Bulgaria, I only recognized that a pathetic building appearing as an outhouse was actually a gas station because there were lines of cars waiting patiently—with no gas. Then, I found out the cars were not actually cars, but Russian Ladas and East German Trabants, being 2-stroke motorcycle engines with a hood.

Now, I see modern Circle K's convenience stores fully stocked with a Wendy's or a Lukoil with a Burger King. And especially good, many cars are now X-5 BMW's made in South Carolina—and I want every Bulgarian to have a BMW.

The foundation of the Friendship Group Bulgaria—USA encourages Black Sea patriots of Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia who are under attack by war criminal Putin who is insanely seeking to resurrect the failed Soviet Union, oppressing the people of Russia.

One day, Russians will liberate themselves for freedom.

Last month, I was honored to meet with Defense Minister Atanas Zapryanov and Ambassador Georgi Panayotov, with talented Bulgarian pilots in Greenville, South Carolina, receiving F-22 jet fighters produced by Lockheed Martin.

We join valued NATO allies Romania and Türkiye in support of Bulgaria, as Bulgaria is a vital ally with the Novo Selo NATO Base, where young Bulgarians and young Americans train side-by-side for Peace Through Strength.

INTRODUCTION OF MEDICAL RESEARCH FOR OUR TROOPS ACT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Medical Research for Our Troops Act, a bill to amend the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, by restoring essential funding for Congressionally Directed Medical Research Pro-

grams within the Department of Defense Account. I thank my colleague, Rep. Mike Levin for joining me as a co-lead of this important legislation, the 21 original cosponsors who support the bill, and the 66 organizations who endorse the bill text.

Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs have been instrumental in advancing groundbreaking medical research that directly benefit our service members and veterans. Over the years, this program has supported lifesaving innovations in areas such as traumatic brain injury, PTSD, breast cancer, and other conditions that disproportionately affect our military community. Many treatments and therapies that were once experimental are now standard care, thanks to the success and dedication of Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs-funded research.

Our bill restores funding to levels aligned with the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, ensuring continuity of these vital research efforts. By doing so, we reaffirm our commitment to sustaining the momentum of these proven programs that save lives and improve the health outcomes of those who serve our Nation.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation to ensure that medical research for our troops and veterans remains strong, innovative, and fully funded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, my plane was delayed in arriving to Washington, D.C. on June 9, 2025, and I was unable to vote on H.R. 2035, the American Cargo for American Ships Act—Roll Call 157. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

For the vote on H. Res. 488 Denouncing the antisemitic terrorist attack in Boulder, Colorado—Roll Call 158, it was my intention to vote NAY, but I inadvertently voted yes when rushing to the chamber thinking it was still the first vote. I do not support this resolution as it exploits the horrible incident that took place in Boulder Colorado on June 2, 2025, where makeshift firebombs were thrown at a crowd hosting an event raising awareness about hostages still held by Hamas in Gaza. The resolution also falsely criticizes sanctuary cities and praises Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) agents. These issues distract from the important message of condemning anti-semitism and the domestic terrorism that occurred in Boulder.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and

any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 17

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine scammers exposed, focusing on protecting older Americans from transnational crime networks.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the intelligence community.

SVC-217

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for military construction and family housing.

SD-124

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Technology, and Data Privacy

To hold hearings to examine the World Anti Doping Agency, focusing on swimming in denial over Chinese doping.

SR-253

JUNE 18

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program for the Department of Defense; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety

To hold hearings to examine modernizing America's rail network.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jonathan Berry, of Maryland, to be Solicitor, Andrew Rogers, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, and Anthony D'Esposito, of New York, to be Inspector General, all of the Department of Labor, and Andrea Lucas, of Virginia,