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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Pastor Frank Rice, Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Hookerton, North Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Father, I love You and I thank You for the privilege of being an American. I am thankful to live in a nation whose Founders understood the importance of the providence of God, if our country would succeed.

It was Benjamin Franklin who reminded his countrymen at the constitutional convention:

"If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without [H]is notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without [H]is aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that 'except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.'"

So this morning, I ask You, Heavenly Father, to guide our elected officials of this 119th Congress as they continue to be tools used by You to build the house.

Please grant them wisdom, guidance, boldness, empathy, protection, stamina, and courage as they represent us in these sacred Halls. May they live each day by the motto, "Duty is ours, results are God's."

I ask all of this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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 Wisconsin (Mr. WIED) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WIED 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.

WELCOMING PASTOR FRANK RICE

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, with honor I stand before you to introduce Pastor Frank Rice, an extraordinary man of faith and a true pillar in our community.

Originally from West Virginia, he felt God's call on his life at the age of 13. He dedicated his youth to studying theology, and it was at Southeastern College where he met the love of his life, Genell. Together they were blessed with four wonderful children.

For 25 years, Pastor Rice has devoted his life to ministry in eastern North Carolina, including the past 12 years as the senior pastor at Mount Calvary Free Will Baptist Church and administrator of Mount Calvary Christian Academy in Hookerton, North Carolina.

However, his work doesn't stop there. Hailing from a long line of veterans, Pastor Rice has a deep commitment to our men and women in uniform, constantly reaching out to offer them God's Word.

He is also known for God and Country Day to honor the first responders: fire and rescue, EMS, law enforcement, government officials, and all branches of the military.

I am incredibly proud to call Pastor Rice a beloved member of my home community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor I present him today. Pastor Rice's passion for God's work truly inspires me. He challenges each and every one of us to walk boldly in our faith, striving to make the world a better place through our actions and devotion to God.

Mr. Speaker, I thank him for this morning's prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WIED). The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING GRANT SMITH

(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 an instrumental partner in bringing about change to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Grant Smith, deputy director of the Office of Federal Affairs at the Drug Policy Alliance, works tirelessly to promote policies that reduce instances of recidivism among those formerly incarcerated.

However, today my words are less about the policies and more about the man who spent the last many years fighting for them.

Before joining the Drug Policy Alliance, Grant served as a victim services advocate with the Federal Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency right here in the District of Columbia.

Grant has spent his young life thinking about others and finding ways to help elevate their issues.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I ask that we lift Grant up in our hearts, our minds, and our prayers. We recently learned that Grant is receiving hospice care, and I want him, his family, and all who know him to understand his impact. He roamed the Halls of Congress, indifferent to politics, to make sure the

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voiceless were heard and reflected in our policymaking.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Grant for his work, which has inspired so many, including myself.

God bless.

VETERANS DESERVE BETTER

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

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, Louisvillian Tim Nicolazzi has dedicated his life to service. He served in the Air Force and then Army, deploying to Kuwait and Iraq, where he earned a Bronze Star.

After his honorable discharge, Tim's call to public service brought him to HUD, where he has helped victims of domestic abuse in Louisville find safety, helped veterans get off the streets, and helped first-time home buyers achieve their American Dream.

A few weeks ago, Tim was fired with no notice and no severance or compassion.

As we speak, the Trump administration is carrying out the biggest layoff of veterans in history, including tens of thousands announced just last night.

That is why today I am cosponsoring an act to protect veterans' jobs and to reinstate veterans who have been illegally fired by Elon Musk and DOGE.

Veterans put on the uniform. They served something higher than themselves. They deserve better.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Tim for all of his service. I won't stop fighting for veterans like him.

RECOGNIZING BILL JARTZ, THE VOICE OF LAMBEAU FIELD

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

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a Green Bay local legend, Bill Jartz, who is retiring from WBAY after more than four decades, including 27 years at the evening anchor desk.

Bill grew up right in Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District in Clintonville and started his career with WBAY as a sports reporter in 1983. He made the jump to evening news in 1998.

Bill's legacy extends far beyond the newsroom. It lives in his warmth, wit, and unwavering dedication to our community. In fact, Bill is known for not being able to say no to any charitable cause where he can make a difference.

He has been a familiar voice emceeing, speaking, or judging countless local fundraisers and events for charitable organizations, including the CP Telethon and Make-A-Wish's Gourmet Wishes. Throughout his career, it is estimated that he dedicated more than 5,000 hours of community service.

While all of us in northeast Wisconsin will miss Bill's news coverage, thankfully, we will still get to hear the

voice of Lambeau Field during Green Bay Packer home games.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Bill for his many years of service to northeast Wisconsin and congratulations on his retirement. May this next chapter be as fulfilling as the legacy he leaves behind.

RECOGNIZING JENNIFER AND STEPHANIE HAN

(Ms. ESCOBAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jennifer and Stephanie Han, two remarkably accomplished sisters from El Paso whose dedication and success in women's boxing has inspired all of us.

Jennifer Han, former IBF world featherweight champion and soon-to-be member of the International Women's Boxing Hall of Fame, has paved the way for women in the sport, making her one of the most accomplished female boxers in the country and the world. She now lives a quiet life as a mother and trainer at a local gym where she teaches youth programs.

Her sister, Stephanie Han, has built her own legacy in boxing with an undefeated record. She earned this year's WBA lightweight title by way of knockout in the first round in under 2 minutes. She is ranked as number two in the world, and beyond her success in the sport, she is a dedicated mother, wife, and officer with the El Paso Police Department where she dedicates herself to public service.

We are so proud of both of them.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION BURDENS TAXPAYERS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the costs of illegal immigration to this country and to my home State of California according to a 2023 report, the benefits and services provided to the estimated 3.23 million illegal aliens just in California costs local taxpayers just under \$23 billion annually. Factoring in about 1.15 million U.S.-born children of illegal aliens, sometimes known as anchor babies, adds more than \$8 billion in costs making it roughly \$31 billion total.

This total cost under these findings of \$31 billion works out to a per capita cost to Californians of \$7,074 annually.

This report pegs the combined Federal, State, and local costs nationwide associated with illegal immigration at \$182 billion annually, and that is probably a low number.

State and local taxes paid by Californians accounts for one-sixth just in my home State of the nationwide costs associated with illegal immigration, including in K-12 education, housing, and nutrition assistance, in-State tuition

at public colleges and universities, health coverage under the State's Medi-Cal program, which is the trouble, and sweeping sanctuary policies that make our cities less safe.

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RECOGNIZING SHERIFF RANDY RETTER

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

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the outstanding leadership of Sheriff Randy Retter, who dedicated 37 years of law enforcement experience to my district in Wayne County.

Over that career, Sheriff Retter has worked tirelessly, holding positions of ever-increasing responsibility, beginning as a road patrol officer before being ultimately elected sheriff of Wayne County and having served as president of the Indiana Sheriffs' Association.

It was as sheriff that Mr. Retter met with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to diligently detain illegal criminal migrants, making the Sixth District far safer for Hoosiers to live and work in.

It was this past Tuesday in the joint session that I had the privilege of hosting Sheriff Retter as my guest for the President's joint address to Congress. It was our first. We shared that experience together.

It was there that the President reaffirmed his steadfast support for our Nation's law enforcement officers and their vital work to protect our communities.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT RELATING TO "PROTECTION OF MARINE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES"

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 177, I call up the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 11) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management relating to "Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources", and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 177, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

S.J. RES. 11

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management relating to "Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources"