

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 63; YEA on Roll Call No. 64; and YEA on Roll Call No. 65.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes because of an important family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 63; YEA on Roll Call No. 64; and YEA on Roll Call No. 65.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER FOR A CEREMONY AS PART OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 17, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of North Carolina). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 17

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring).

SECTION 1. USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR A CEREMONY AS PART OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center is authorized to be used on April 23, 2025, for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

(b) PREPARATIONS.—Physical preparations for the ceremony described in subsection (a) shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING JAMES MIN

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

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my chief of staff, James Min. He will be departing Capitol Hill.

James and I met as congressional interns. Over the years, he has become a close friend, mentor, and trusted adviser. On the Hill since 1999, James has held the title "chief of staff" for over 20 years, serving as chief of staff to House Committee on Ways and Means Chairman Bill Thomas; to Speaker Kevin McCarthy as the majority whip, majority leader, Republican leader, and Speaker; and became my chief of staff when I was elected last year.

James has not only dedicated his career to advising some of our top lawmakers but also devoted countless hours to mentoring the next generation of congressional staffers and public servants.

Mr. Speaker, I thank James for his constant support and loyalty. James helped develop and implement policies that made our country stronger. Words cannot describe the positive impact he has had on so many of us, and I am blessed to call him my friend.

HONORING FELICITAS AND GONZALO MENDEZ

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

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, Federal courthouses are usually named after judges, but history and the law are not just shaped by the judges who make the decisions. They are molded by the people who have the courage to challenge unjust laws.

In 1946, Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez joined with the Guzman, Palomino, Estrada, and Ramirez families to challenge segregation in California public schools and won, which led to California officially banning school segregation.

My bill was signed into law earlier this year to name the Los Angeles Federal courthouse in downtown L.A. in honor of Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez, the first Federal courthouse to be named after a Latina, which will stand as a monument to the bravery of these families and as a reminder that separate is never equal.

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RECOGNIZING JAMES MIN AFTER 25 REMARKABLE YEARS OF SERVICE

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize James Min who will be departing the people's House after 25 remarkable years of service.

Within the California delegation, he served in a variety of roles for three separate Members: Representatives Bill Thomas, Kevin McCarthy, and VINCE FONG.

His unwavering dedication in service to countless Californians over his 25 years in the people's House is extremely admirable, and I know there are many other people who agree.

This institution and the world needs more people like James Min in it.

Mr. Speaker, I thank James for his many years of service to this great institution and for his friendship. May God continue to bless him as he turns the page and begins a new chapter in his life.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF BLOODY SUNDAY

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

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend marked the 60th anniversary of Bloody Sunday where a triumphant march in pursuit of equality and justice for all was met with brutality and violence.

As I rise today, I rise thinking about the late John Lewis who crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, arm-in-arm with 600, 700 activists and driven by a conviction to secure the right to vote. I rise thinking about how 60 years later, we are seeing attempts to pull our country back in time, to bring us back to an era of barriers at the ballot box and restrictions on registration.

Mr. Speaker, as I rise today, I rise as a proud supporter of the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. It is a bill that honors the struggle and sacrifices of the civil rights activists who came before us, so that all Oregonians and all Americans will have our voices heard.

HONORING JAMES MIN FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. James Min for his 25 years of exemplary service to this House of Representatives.

A graduate from Stanford University and Georgetown Law, James served as the chief of staff to VINCE FONG; the 55th Speaker of the House, Kevin McCarthy; and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Bill Thomas.

In advance of this speech, I consulted with mutual friends of ours asking for stories that best describe James. One of our friends likened him to Jozef de Veuster, later known as Father Damien, who was venerated for his selfless acts in service to humanity. Another equated him to "the Nature Boy," Ric Flair. Others shared wonderful memories from a specific fish market along the Potomac River, but a theme developed across each story.

James Min always puts others first. Hundreds, if not thousands, of folks sought his advice when they first moved to Washington, D.C., the first step in successful careers for many.

Jackie Robinson once said: “A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.” James Min personifies that statement and sentiment.

Mr. Speaker, we wish James well in his next endeavor as his legacy here lasts for generations to come.

CELEBRATING THE REBUILDING OF THE BRUNTON FAMILY'S DAIRY FARM

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a Beaver County staple rising from the ashes and rebuilding after a tragedy.

The Brunton family has been milking cows on their Independence Township Dairy Farm for seven generations. They embody western P.A. values of hard work, deep roots in the community, and connection to the land.

That all went up in flames in October 2023 when an electrical failure sparked a barn fire. It was a major loss. Half a dozen cows didn't make it out in time. The family and the entire community was heartbroken, but the Bruntons are western P.A. tough. The community rallied around them to rebuild. Now 15 months after the fire, Brunton Dairy Farm's milking operation is back up and running.

The new barn is packed with state-of-the-art technology and things like robotic milkers and the cows have come home. It is a classic western Pennsylvania story of toughness and resilience. We know these stories. I am so glad to join the Brunton family and all of Beaver County in celebrating their big-time comeback.

OFFERING THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO JAMES MIN

(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 am glad to offer my thanks and gratitude to James Min, as well.

I appreciate the fact that when I was a brand-new Member of Congress, a while back, that he has always been a great help not just to me but to anyone who asks. I am grateful for his selfless public service. As was said before, I think it will last for generations. I am grateful, and I wish him well.

HONORING THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF NICOLE POSTAN

(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 Women's History Month, I rise to honor and celebrate the remarkable achievement of Nicole Postan.

Firefighter Postan has made history as the first full-time female firefighter in the Margaretta Township Fire Department.

A native of Brunswick, Ohio, Nicole's dedication and passion for serving her community have set an inspiring example for all of us. Nicole's journey in public service is a testament to her determination and commitment.

As a certified firefighter and EMT, she has worked tirelessly to protect and serve the people of northwest Ohio. Now, as a full-time firefighter, she continues to exemplify what it means to be a true trailblazer.

Beyond her technical skills, Nicole's compassionate approach to service is evident in her work with children, teaching fire safety in schools. She also is pursuing efforts in education as she trains to become a paramedic.

Nicole's story will undoubtedly inspire future generations of young women in Erie County and beyond to pursue careers as a trailblazer and first responder.

This Women's History Month, I am gratified to tell the story of a brave woman who has broken glass ceilings in our own community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE LATE FAISON KUESTER, JR.

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

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart to honor the life and memory of the late Faison Kuester, Jr., my friend who passed away peacefully at the age of 79.

A proud patriot, veteran, and fourth-generation Charlottean, he attended Myers Park High School, my alma mater, and UNC-Chapel Hill.

After graduation, Faison enlisted in the U.S. Army and served honorably as a first lieutenant in the 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam war. As a platoon leader, he earned a Bronze Star for his service to our country.

After returning to Charlotte, Faison began a career in commercial real estate, founded his own firm, and raised a family.

Like his father and grandfather, Faison was dedicated to serving his Charlotte community. He served as chairman of the Civil Service Board, continuing his family's legacy of giving back.

Faison will forever be remembered as a kind, gracious friend and neighbor to all, always leading with his strong and abiding faith.

Mr. Speaker, our hearts and prayers are with Faison's beloved wife, Carol, their three children, and nine grandchildren during this difficult time.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SHOULD SHOW UP TO WORK WITHOUT PAY DURING A SHUTDOWN

(Mr. VINDMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, as a veteran, I cannot support a budget that would cut \$23 billion from care for veterans exposed to burn pits and toxic substances during their service to our country.

This budget also harms local police by cutting hundreds of millions to COPS grants and justice assistance grants.

The Federal workers I represent know firsthand the disruptions and uncertainty that come when lawmakers fail to govern responsibly. Hard-working Americans understand that if you don't do your job, you don't get paid. Congress should be no different.

I am proud to work with Congressman FITZPATRICK on a bipartisan commonsense bill that forces Members of Congress to show up to work without pay during a shutdown. This would encourage real cooperation, prevent last-minute crises, and ensure that lawmakers are putting the American people first.

This budget is an unserious proposal that guts healthcare programs that Virginians count on. I won't vote for a bill that will lead to kids, veterans, and seniors losing the care they need.

CELEBRATING THE WYOMING VALLEY CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION

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

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Wyoming Valley Children's Association and their Cooking for a Cause fundraiser, which was held on Monday, March 3.

This event, hosted by the Brotherhood of Chefs, has raised more than \$250,000 since the cook-off first began in 2012.

The Wyoming Valley Children's Association was originally founded in 1923 to help children impacted by polio and tuberculosis. Today, they provide services ranging from infant and toddler daycare, therapeutic services for speech and hearing, programs for children with developmental disabilities, and more.

The WVCA does so much more for our children, helping to raise our next generation. Northeastern Pennsylvania has a history of coming together to help each other and build strong, vibrant communities.

I am proud to honor the Cooking for a Cause, and I am grateful for everyone in northeastern Pennsylvania who comes together to support our children.

ELON MUSK HAS NO IDEA WHAT HE IS DOING

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