

challenges and harsh conditions, he continued to fight for his fellow countrymen and never lost his commitment to justice and freedom.

After the war, he built a joyful life, carrying with him a quiet strength from his time in service.

Edward's lifetime of service and his courage, grace, and patriotism will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

We will never forget the sacrifices that he and countless soldiers made for our freedoms. I thank Edward for his service, and may he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING CARLO RIVERO AND CLAYTON RATLIFF

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and highlight Clayton Ratliff and Carlo Rivero, two young athletes from Arizona who were selected to play on the 12U USA Baseball team. This is a monumental achievement that reflects their dedication and perseverance to the sport.

Tryouts start with 25,000 hopeful participants with three rounds of eliminations, ultimately creating a final roster of only 18 players.

Clayton is a proud resident of Casa Grande and an aspiring baseball player who is well respected by everyone in his community. He is a pitcher and outfielder.

Carlo lives in Tucson and comes from a proud baseball family. His dad played college baseball, and his grandfather played professionally in the MLB. He plays as a pitcher and an infielder.

I am grateful for the opportunity to honor these two young athletes for their accomplishments at such a young age. I know we all look forward to rooting for them and seeing all the amazing things that they will accomplish in their baseball and academic careers.

RECOGNIZING ANDRADA POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Andrada Polytechnic High School for receiving an A-plus School of Excellence Award by the Arizona Educational Foundation, the highest State-level recognition given to a public school.

Go Mavericks.

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 10 o'clock and 55 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 pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God, You are the giver of all good things. Thank You for having granted to us all that brings life and directs us toward godliness. We pause to reflect in this moment how countless and comprehensive are these gifts of grace that You have laid before us to enjoy and to steward.

Cause us to understand that we can only appreciate the responsibility You have placed in our hands if we first acknowledge that all this is ours that we would know both Your power and appreciate Your grace. All that we have is ours to glorify You and to reveal Your generosity to each and everyone we encounter.

On this day, in all that we do, in all that we say, in the use of our time and the stands that we take, may Your good gifts, especially the immeasurable gift of Your steadfast love, flow through us and reveal Your glory and excellence.

In the name of Him who is able to do far more than we could ask or imagine, we offer our prayers.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. JACOBS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. JACOBS 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 159

Whereas, on June 10, 1932, John Bennett, Johnston, Jr. (referred to in this preamble as "Senator Johnston"), was born in Shreveport, Louisiana;

Whereas Senator Johnston graduated from C.E. Byrd High School in Shreveport, and later attended Washington and Lee University, the United States Military Academy at West Point, and Louisiana State University Law School;

Whereas Senator Johnston excelled in his academic pursuits at Louisiana State University Law School, graduating with distinction as a member of the Order of the Coif in 1956;

Whereas Senator Johnston married Mary Hunter Gunn in 1956, and they later had 4 children and 10 grandchildren;

Whereas Senator Johnston served as a First Lieutenant in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, and was stationed in Germany from 1956 to 1959;

Whereas Senator Johnston began his career in public service to the State of Louisiana as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives from 1964 to 1968, where he served as floor leader before his election to the Louisiana State Senate, where he served from 1968 to 1972;

Whereas the people of the State of Louisiana elected Senator Johnston to represent the State of Louisiana in the Senate, where he served from 1972 to 1997;

Whereas Senator Johnston served on several important committees throughout his Senate career, including—

- (1) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources;
- (2) the Committee on Appropriations;
- (3) the Committee on the Budget;
- (4) the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship;
- (5) the Special Committee on Aging; and
- (6) the Select Committee on Intelligence;

Whereas his tenure as Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources from 1987 to 1995 cemented the legacy of Senator Johnston as guiding the energy policy of the United States;

Whereas Senator Johnston achieved many legislative triumphs important to the State of Louisiana during his tenure in the Senate, supporting and passing legislation on—

- (1) flood control and hurricane protection;
- (2) natural resource conservation;
- (3) expanding offshore oil and gas drilling off the coast of the State of Louisiana;
- (4) deregulating the natural gas industry; and
- (5) national energy security, including Senate Bill 2166, 102d Congress, a comprehensive energy measure providing for national security and reducing the dependency of the United States on foreign energy;

Whereas Senator Johnston championed legislation to create national wildlife refuges, to preserve more than 120,000 acres of Louisiana-inland wetlands, and to honor the rich history of the State of Louisiana through the establishment of the New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park and the Cane River Creole National Historical Park;

Whereas Senator Johnston lived to be 92 years old; and

Whereas, throughout his life, Senator Johnston served the State of Louisiana and the United States with integrity and distinction, and never wavered in his commitment to honorable public service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(A) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable John Bennett Johnston, Jr. (referred to in this resolution as "Honorable Bennett Johnston"), former Senator from the State of Louisiana; and

(B) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate—

(i) communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives; and

(ii) transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of the Honorable Bennett Johnston; and

(2) when the Senate adjourns on the date of the adoption of this resolution, the Senate stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Bennett Johnston.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-263, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, announces the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission on Reform

and Modernization of the Department of State:

The Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS).

Michael C. Casey of the District of Columbia.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 8468(a), as amended by Public Law 118-159, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy:

The Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) (Committee on Appropriations).

The Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 99-661, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, appoints the following individual to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation:

The Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) vice Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 118-49, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, and in consultation with the Vice Chair of the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate and the Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) Reform Commission:

The Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF).

Alexander W. Joel of Maryland.
David S. Kris of Washington.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO DISCHARGE COMMITTEE ON RULES FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 164

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(c) of rule XV, I rise to provide notice my intent to offer a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the further consideration of House Resolution 164.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Did the gentlewoman sign the petition?

Ms. PETTERSEN. I did, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(c) of rule XV, a motion to discharge is privileged only at a time designated by the Speaker within 2 legislative days after the intent to offer such motion is offered. The Chair will entertain the gentlewoman's motion at that time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

RECOGNIZING JESSE GRAPES

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

Mr. MCGUIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a fellow veteran and champion for students in the Goochland and Richmond community, the president of the Benedictine Schools of Richmond, Jesse Grapes.

Mr. Grapes embodies the spirit of service.

The day after the September 11 attacks, Mr. Grapes joined the Marine Corps as an infantry platoon commander. He deployed for three combat tours in Iraq and earned the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

He continued his life of service after he returned home. In 2010, he became headmaster of Benedictine College Preparatory, and in 2020 he was announced as president of Benedictine Schools of Richmond.

The Benedictine Schools of Richmond offer a good, Christian-based education that prepares their students for life.

Mr. Speaker, as a fellow veteran and Navy SEAL, I know you can never have enough marines around. I thank Mr. Grapes for his service to our country and our community.

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, on March 24, the Trump administration abruptly terminated the highly successful Patrick Leahy Farm to School grant program which helps schools incorporate healthy, locally grown foods into their school meal programs.

USDA's own findings report that 61 percent of schools using the program saw increased fruit and vegetable consumption among students.

The bottom line is this program is good for kids, good for families, and good for farmers. That is why last week I led a letter to Agriculture Secretary Rollins, along with Congresswomen SUZANNE BONAMICI, STACEY PLASKETT, CHELLIE PINGREE, and 34 other Democrats, demanding answers on why the administration suddenly canceled this congressionally authorized and funded program with no notice to Congress.

Mr. Speaker, despite promising to support farmers and promote health, this is just another of many recent examples of the Trump administration callously undercutting our farmers, schools, and the well-being of our communities.

We should be expanding wonderful programs like Patrick Leahy Farm to School grants, not gutting them, to end hunger now.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act and the Emergency Economic Powers Act, I move to discharge the Committee on Foreign Affairs from further consideration of H.J. Res. 72, relating to a national emergency by the President on February 1, 2025.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The motion is not in order.

H.J. Res. 72 relates to the emergency declared by the President on February 1, 2025.

Pursuant to section 4 of House Resolution 211, each day of the first session of the 119th Congress after March 11 does not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 202 of the National Emergencies Act for purposes of that emergency. Therefore, no motion to discharge with respect to the emergency declared on February 1, 2025, is in order because the requisite 15 calendar days have not elapsed.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S RESPONSIBLE BUDGET

(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, under the Biden-Harris administration, America experienced wasteful spending harming families and destroying jobs.

This week House Republicans will consider the Senate version of the budget and set forth budgetary levels for 2026. Originally introduced by House Budget Chairman JODEY ARRINGTON, this is essential for a single bill to enact the agenda of President Donald Trump.

The budget resolution provides for Congress to secure the border, unleash American energy, prevent the largest tax hike in history, create jobs, and bring common sense back to government.

Wasteful spending will be eliminated, putting the American people first.

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

Our sympathy to the family and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity brothers of beloved USC student, Nathaniel "Nate" Baker, of Glen Allen, Virginia.

RECOGNIZING THE 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF COLONEL RALPH PUCKETT'S PASSING

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

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 1-year anniversary of the passing of Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr.