

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on the House floor this morning because of a weather-related travel delay. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on a Roll Call No. 16 and NAY on Roll Call No. 17.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in the family, I needed to attend the funeral proceedings and was unable to vote on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 16, Motion to Recommit, and YEA on Roll Call No. 17, Passage of H.R. 30.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Deirdre Kelly, one of his secretaries.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY,
JANUARY 16, 2025, TO MONDAY,
JANUARY 20, 2025

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARIDOPOLOS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

REMEMBERING ANTHONY "AL"
ADDISON

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, today we gather to honor and remember a remarkable leader, Anthony "Al" Addison.

Al's life was defined by service, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to the Northern Arapaho Tribe, leaving a legacy that will inspire generations.

Al served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, demonstrating the same integrity and devotion that he later brought to the Northern Arapaho Tribe. As the longest serving member of the Northern Arapaho Business Council, his leadership and vision guided the community through significant growth and change.

Beyond his professional achievements, Al was a compassionate father, a mentor, and a trusted friend. His true legacy lies not only in the projects he championed, but in the lives that he enriched and the community that he strengthened.

Al will be deeply missed, but his memory lives on in the hearts of those whom he touched.

KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on August 28, 1963, the Rev-

erend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered one of the most famous speeches of the century, "I Have a Dream."

During the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, he shared his dream, which was deeply rooted in the American Dream. His speech reminded us of our Nation's promises of freedom, justice, and equality.

Mr. Speaker, North Carolina State University Professor Jason Miller discovered a recording of this iconic speech. However, this recording captured Dr. King delivering it to about 1,800 people at Booker T. Washington High School in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, 8 months before the March on Washington. The speech in Rocky Mount is the first recorded evidence of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Eastern North Carolina has a rich history, and during this MLK holiday, I encourage all of us to keep the dream alive.

HONORING ZUZA, YAKIMA COUNTY
FALLEN HERO

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a fallen hero in central Washington. Zuza served the Yakima County Sheriff's Department at the hand of Deputy Nick Ward.

In her 7-year career with the sheriff's department, Zuza had an incredible record of 138 captures, including dangerous criminals and murder suspects. Tales of her heroism and ferocity spread quickly throughout Yakima County, with many stories of her taking down criminals at record speeds and even more stories of suspects only hearing her bark before giving themselves up to authorities.

Outside of her bark and her bite, she was a comforting presence for officers in tense situations and offered a sense of security when things got difficult. Yakima County is safer because of Zuza, and I thank Deputy Ward for his commitment to her handling and to the safety of our communities.

HONORING COUNCILWOMAN
SHIRLEY MCCRACKEN

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Councilmember Shirley McCracken, a beloved servant, neighbor, and good friend.

After spending 10 years as a nun, Councilmember McCracken moved to Anaheim, where she would marry her beloved Paul and raise two children.

Once she settled in our community, Mrs. McCracken taught math with the Anaheim Union School District and became a very active member of our community. She donated her time and energy to organizations like the YMCA and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Orange County.

She later was elected to the Anaheim City Council in 1996, becoming the second woman to be elected to the Anaheim City Council. Mrs. McCracken would go on to serve 8 years on the Anaheim City Council and two years as mayor pro tem in 1999 and 2000.

I ask my colleagues today to join me in honoring her legacy and service to our community.

HONORING SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.,
ON 65 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
GEORGIANS

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Senior Citizens, Inc., a cornerstone of our community in Savannah, Georgia, as they celebrate their 65th anniversary.

Since 1959, this remarkable organization has been dedicated to helping older adults age successfully, providing essential services that enhance their quality of life. Senior Citizens, Inc., offers a comprehensive range of programs, including in-home care, Meals on Wheels, adult day health services, and The Learning Center, which provides lifelong learning opportunities. Their care navigators serve as a vital resource, connecting seniors and their families to the support they need.

Through initiatives like the Senior Companions program, volunteers provide friendship and assistance to their older neighbors, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

Their commitment to our veterans through partnerships like the VetAssist program ensures that those who have served our country receive the care they deserve.

As the Representative of Georgia's First Congressional District, I am deeply grateful for the unwavering dedication of Senior Citizens, Inc. Their compassionate services have touched countless lives, embodying the service of community and care that makes our district exceptional.

Please join me in congratulating Senior Citizens, Inc., on 65 years of outstanding service and in wishing them continued success in the years to come.

RETIRED COLONEL GREG GADSON

(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, I rise today to honor the patriotic and inspiring service of retired Army Colonel Greg Gadson. He recently addressed students at Central Catholic High School in my northwest Ohio district.

Colonel Gadson's story is one of unparalleled courage in the face of profound adversity, from humble beginnings to the football fields of West Point and combat in Iraq to his intrepid mission to others after losing

both legs in severe injuries sustained in a roadside bomb attack.

Despite all that he endured, he easily could have given up in despair. However, instead, he chose a path of hope, determination, and exemplary service. He has since become a beacon of hope as a motivational speaker, actor, author, and living testament to the strength of the human spirit.

Colonel Gadson's words: Be present in your life, be your best, resonate deeply.

Let us carry his message forward, ensuring every veteran receives the honor, support, and opportunities they deserve. I deeply respect Colonel Gadson for his unwavering dedication to our Nation. Let us all thank him for inspiring our next generation of leaders to take on any challenges and obstacles that come in their path. Colonel Gadson is truly an American hero and inspiration for us all.

HONORING JESUS JESSE VARGAS

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

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, my Texas colleagues and I rise today to honor a hero, Brazoria County Sheriff's Deputy Jesus Jesse Vargas.

Deputy Vargas was a proud husband and father of three school-age children. Deputy Vargas was shot and killed in the line of duty while working as a member of the U.S. Marshals' Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force, serving a warrant on a repeat offender. He was a dedicated public servant who was with the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office for 17 years.

As a former law enforcement officer and sheriff of Fort Bend County, Texas, I know all too well the sacrifices our Nation's law enforcement officers make.

Deputy Vargas was a hero to Brazoria County, the great State of Texas, and our Nation.

My prayers are with the Vargas family, Brazoria County Sheriff Bo Stallman, and the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office, the community, and every man and woman in blue.

The war on our law enforcement must end.

I ask everyone in the Chamber to bow their heads in a moment of silence.

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SERVING IN THE LINE OF DUTY

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. I rise today with a very heavy heart, Mr. Speaker, because while we hear the words "in the line of duty," we have a wife and three children who will understand the true meaning of "in the line of duty."

They have lost a husband. A father has made a transition. They will have

to suffer and, unfortunately, live with this for the rest of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I beg that all would understand that our officers are out there trying to do the very best that they can, and when this happens, let's make sure that we let the world know that we appreciate the job that they do.

This was a 17-year veteran, 17 years of work, and he is no longer with us.

I, too, ask for a moment of silence in recognition of his service and in respect of his wife and children.

HONORING MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BOBCAT RODEO TEAM

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

Mr. DOWNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Montana State University Bobcat rodeo team as they prepare to participate in the 2025 Presidential inaugural parade.

The inclusion of a collegiate rodeo team in the inaugural parade is a historic first and a unique representation of our culture and the way of life as Montanans.

I am thrilled that these talented ropers and riders will get the chance to experience all that our Nation's Capital has to offer during such an exciting time for our country.

This effort would not have been possible without the collective support of the State, the MSU community, university leadership, namely Bobcat Rodeo Coaches Kyle Whitaker and Savannah Bolich, and MSU President Waded Cruzado.

I highlight the advocacy of my colleague, First District Congressman RYAN ZINKE, whose support helped get this initiative across the finish line.

Heather and I cannot wait to join our fellow Montanans cheering the team on as they take to Pennsylvania Avenue on Monday and make their way toward the White House.

Go Cats. I know they will make Montana proud.

CELEBRATING GOODYEAR BLIMP CENTENNIAL

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate the birthday of a very important fixture of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the country, and the world: the Goodyear Blimp. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the inaugural flight of the first Goodyear blimp, known as *Pilgrim*.

The Goodyear Blimp is a cultural icon, creating a memorable and recognizable connection between Akron, Ohio, the United States, and the entire world, bringing smiles to many people, including those here in this Chamber.

Over the last 100 years, the blimp has helped fight in World War II, assisted

first responders with disaster relief, and, perhaps its most well-known role, covering important sporting events. This includes this year's Rose Bowl game, which marked the 70th year of aerial coverage from the Goodyear Blimp, and I might add, it was a win by The Ohio State University.

I congratulate Goodyear on this historic milestone and, most importantly, for lighting the skies with the hope and wonder of American ingenuity.

We look forward to the skies being graced by the Goodyear Blimp for years to come, bringing pride to Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

Godspeed, Goodyear.

CONGRATULATING GANADO HIGH SCHOOL INDIANS

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

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Ganado High School Indians' football team on their incredible victory in the 2024 Texas Class 2A, Division 1 championship.

With a 30-28 win that happened in triple overtime, the Indians capped off a remarkable 15-1 season. Under the guidance of Head Coach Josh Ervin, the team showed unparalleled resilience and unity. From the first snap of the season to the thrilling final play, they demonstrated the power of teamwork and perseverance.

This championship is not just a testament to their athletic talent but to the unwavering support of the Ganado community. It is a moment that will inspire future generations to strive for excellence, both on and off the field.

I congratulate the Ganado Indians on this well-deserved championship, and may God continue to bless the players, coaches, families, and the entire community. God bless them.

CONDITIONING DISASTER AID IS UN-AMERICAN

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

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say: Los Angeles, we are with you.

Our hearts are with every single family who has lost a loved one, a livelihood, or some part of their community.

We give thanks to the heroic first responders working to contain these fires.

I also rise to ask, Mr. Speaker, are these families not American? What makes these families different from families we have helped after hurricanes, tornadoes, or floods in other States?

To suggest that we should hold hostage the aid we give to these American families, families who have lost everything, is wrong and un-American. Just look at what has been approved over the past decade, especially for so-called red States, I might add.