

Dick will be missed. May his memory live on in the smiles of those he profoundly impacted.

RECOGNITION OF ARROWHEAD POINTE GOLF COURSE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Arrowhead Pointe Golf Course, a well-kept, picturesque green nestled within Richard B. Russell State Park in the Georgia mountains.

Offering breathtaking views of Lake Richard B. Russell, this course has become a destination for golf lovers seeking both challenges and tranquility. Ranked number eight on the 2025 USA Today 10 Best List, Arrowhead Pointe is described as the epitome of serenity and offers an excellent recreational experience to locals and visitors alike.

Beyond its natural beauty and top-tier design, Arrowhead Pointe is praised for its affordability, making it accessible for golfers of all ages and budgets. This course is more than just a place to play. It is a retreat where families and friends can connect with nature, enjoy healthy competition, and create lasting memories.

Arrowhead Pointe exemplifies the best of public golf, offering a world-class experience, welcoming players with warm southern hospitality, and fair prices.

Today, we celebrate Arrowhead Pointe Golf Course and its contribution to Georgia's tourism, recreation, and community well-being.

CONGRATULATING BERRY COLLEGE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Berry College, a well respected and prestigious university located in Mount Berry, Georgia.

Leisure and Travel ranked Berry College as the second-most beautiful campus in America. The institution is breathtakingly picturesque, offering stunning views of lakes, fields, forests, and mountains. Not only is it one of the most beautiful, but it is reportedly the world's largest as well, encompassing nearly 27,000 acres and offering 88 miles of trails.

Beyond its attractive exterior, Berry College offers state-of-the-art education to over 2,000 undergraduates and nearly 200 graduate students. As a private, nonprofit college, Berry consistently gives back to Georgia and the United States through generous contributions to student scholarships, academic resources, classroom technology, the arts, athletics, and high-quality facilities.

Berry College exhibits the best of private education, providing students with limitless opportunities to pursue their academic and professional aspirations.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Berry College for elevating the standard of higher education in Georgia.

RECOGNITION OF NFA BURGER, THE BEST BURGER IN GEORGIA

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the unexpected but powerful example of American entrepreneurial spirit.

Recently, Southern Living Magazine named NFA Burger the best hamburger in the entire State of Georgia.

Sometimes, the American Dream looks different from what you would expect, and in this case it looks like a cheeseburger served from a Chevron gas station.

Founded by Billy Kramer, NFA Burger has served roughly 200,000 perfectly seasoned patties to long lines of locals and travelers since 2019.

NFA Burger's recognition was earned without flashy branding and large investors. This emphasized the quality, consistency, and community support of a small business operating in a humble setting.

This commendation serves as a reminder that entrepreneurship thrives in small towns and family-owned storefronts across America.

Today, I congratulate NFA Burger for this tremendous achievement.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Lord, lead us to the joy to be found only in You. Whatever we are to face this day, may we find that in all things, our joy and our contentment can be found in You.

While it is easy to say that when life is pleasant, when the going is easy, we soon realize that pleasure is often hard to find and life is not always easy. Remind us that You want more for us than passing moments of happiness, but a contentment that carries us through the trials, challenges, and turmoil life brings.

Whatever test we face this day, set our feet on the firm foundation of faith that You have laid for us.

As we tap into the strength and encouragement You offer us in prayer and Scripture, may we soon appreciate the endurance You build up in us daily.

In the facing of this day, instill in us the spiritual maturity that ensures that we are not overtaken by fear, nor overwhelmed by change, but produce in us the confidence in Your abiding presence and the certainty of Your perfect plan in the facing of all circumstances.

Lord, we lack nothing. We need not fear anything when we trust in You.

In Your eternal name, we pray.
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 Guam (Mr. MOYLAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MOYLAN 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.

MARITIME SECURITY

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution to condemn the illegal and international use of flag of convenience practices in maritime efforts. I am honored to be working alongside Representative TOKUDA and the Oceana in this effort, a leading maritime conservation NGO.

Flags of convenience is a practice that allows a ship to register their ship under another country to avoid certain regulations, taxes, and fees associated with their country. Among other things, this is a growing threat to U.S. maritime security, labor standards, and economic interests.

To quote Dr. Max Valentine of the Oceana organization:

Transparency at sea isn't just a tool for ocean conservation. It is essential for protecting workers, enforcing maritime security, and ensuring a level playing field for the global fishing industry.

OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES CEREMONY

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to proudly recognize the class of 2025 enlistees of our armed services who participated in the Our Community Salutes ceremony at Elizabeth City State University.

It was a true privilege to meet 27 talented young men and women from northeastern North Carolina and Virginia, all of whom have made the commendable decision to serve our Nation.

Our Community Salutes deserves praise for including northeastern North Carolina in their national graduation season tour, and I commend Dr. Ken Hartman for founding this exceptional program.

I extend special thanks to Ryan Bauman for expertly organizing this event, Lieutenant Commander Charles Michael Wise for prayer, and Rear Admiral John Vann of the United States Coast Guard for his motivating words.

It was an honor to present each enlistee with a copy of the United States Constitution, an important document they have sworn to uphold.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STRONG). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1500

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KNOTT) at 3 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

AERIAL FIREFIGHTING ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2025

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 160) to amend the Wildfire Suppression Aircraft Transfer Act of 1996 to reauthorize the sale by the Department of Defense of aircraft and parts for wildfire suppression purposes, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 160

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Aerial Firefighting Enhancement Act of 2025".

SEC. 2. MODIFICATION AND REAUTHORIZATION OF AUTHORITY FOR SALE BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF AIRCRAFT AND PARTS FOR WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION PURPOSES.

Section 2 of the Wildfire Suppression Aircraft Transfer Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-307; 10 U.S.C. 2576 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) by striking "a period" and inserting "the period"; and

(B) by inserting "or water" after "fire retardant";

(2) in subsection (b), by striking "sold under subsection (a)" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting "sold under subsection (a) may be used only for the provision of aircraft services for wildfire suppression purposes.";

(3) in subsection (c), by inserting "or water" after "fire retardant";

(4) in subsection (d)(1), in the second sentence, by striking "subsection (a)(1)" and inserting "subsection (g)"; and

(5) by striking subsection (g) and inserting the following:

"(g) PERIOD FOR EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY.—The period specified in this subsection is the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Aerial Firefighting Enhancement Act of 2025 and ending on October 1, 2035."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to support S. 160, the Aerial Firefighting Enhancement Act.

This bill will amend the Wildfire Suppression Aircraft Transfer Act of 1996 to allow the Department of Defense to, once again, sell excess aircraft and aircraft parts for wildfire suppression.

This will help facilitate the acquisition of excess military aircraft for the aerial wildfire suppression fleet.

This lifesaving authority protects our aerial firefighters and brings in revenue from military aircraft that are not needed. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office anticipates this legislation will reduce government spending.

Our brave first responders work tirelessly on the front lines, fighting wildfires that continue to get more dangerous every year.

This bipartisan, commonsense bill gives these brave men and women access to more equipment that is critical in an emergency.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Senators TIM SHEEHY and MARTIN HEINRICH for introducing this important legislation which passed the Senate unanimously in April.

I also thank Representative DAN NEWHOUSE for introducing the House companion bill and leading the charge in this Chamber. I encourage my colleagues to once again support S. 160.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 160, the Aerial Firefighting Enhancement Act.

This bill amends the Wildfire Suppression Aircraft Transfer Act of 1996 to reauthorize the sale of aircraft and

parts by the Defense Department for wildfire suppression for 10 years.

This bill reauthorizes the Secretary of Defense to sell excess Department of Defense aircraft and aircraft parts, which are acceptable for commercial sale to persons or entities that contract with the government for the delivery of fire retardants or water by air to suppress wildfires. The aircraft and parts could only be used for fire suppression.

This bill will help the U.S. suppress wildfires and recognizes the unfortunate reality that fire season is now year-round and additional resources, including aircraft, are required to effectively suppress catastrophic wildfires.

S. 160 is a bipartisan, commonsense bill that will help the United States maintain a robust fleet of wildfire suppression aircraft. I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill, the Aerial Firefighting Enhancement Act.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation, which will protect our brave aerial firefighters across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 160.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GERALD E. CONNOLLY ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AWARENESS ACT OF 2025

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3490) to require the Government Accountability Office to produce a report on esophageal cancer, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3490

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Gerald E. Connolly Esophageal Cancer Awareness Act of 2025".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) esophageal cancer is the fastest increasing cancer among American men;

(2) esophageal cancer is one of the fastest growing cancer diagnoses among all Americans, increasing more than 700 percent in recent decades;

(3) esophageal cancer kills 1 American every 36 minutes every day;

(4) esophageal cancer is among the deadliest of cancers, with only about 1 in 5 patients surviving 5 years;