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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. STUTZMAN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 5, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARLIN A. STUTZMAN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

CONGRATULATING VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL

(Mr. PALMER of Alabama was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Vincent High School on winning the baseball State championship for the 2A division in Alabama.

On Monday night, the Vincent Yellow Jackets were headed into the bottom of the seventh inning, tied 1-1 with Pike Liberal Arts. That is when Landon Archer delivered an RBI single

that sealed the deal and crowned the Yellow Jackets as State champions for the first time in 40 years.

The Vincent players demonstrated the kind of grit, teamwork, and commitment to excellence that define championship-winning programs. If the State of Alabama knows anything, we know what it means to win a championship.

Congratulations to Coach Timothy Junkins, MVP Landon Archer, and the entire team on a fantastic season. They have made their school and entire community proud. I couldn't be more excited to join them in honoring the team's success.

CONGRATULATING HACKLEBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my alma mater, Hackleburg High School, on winning the 1A baseball State championship.

In the fourth inning, the Panthers were tied with Leroy High School 4-4. Ross Hudson, who was named MVP, singled, driving in the go-ahead run that proved to be the difference. Pitchers Maddox Vickery and Blaise Vickery held Leroy scoreless for the remainder of the game, securing the 1A championship. This was Hackleburg's second State 1A championship in baseball.

As a proud alumnus, I stand here excited to congratulate Coach Jon McKinney and the entire team on an incredible season and for winning the title of State champion for the first time since 2007.

CONGRATULATING SECOND LIEUTENANT CAROLINE ROBINSON

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Second Lieutenant Caroline Robinson on her graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

A little over 4 years ago, I had the honor of nominating Caroline to West Point when she was a student at Mountain Brook High School. While at West Point, Caroline earned the rank of First Captain of the Corps of Cadets,

which is the highest ranking cadet in the Corps of Cadets' chain of command.

Second Lieutenant Robinson will now report for active duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

I am proud of Caroline and her desire to serve our Nation as an officer in the United States Army. I know she will serve our Nation with great distinction and honor.

HONORING RIGO PADILLA

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, over the weekend, I had the honor of joining the Gage Park community in Chicago to celebrate the life and legacy of Rigo Padilla, a beloved son of Chicago and a trailblazer in the fight for immigrant justice.

In 2009, Rigo faced deportation, but he didn't back down. He organized, fought, and helped bring a movement to its feet.

This month marks 13 years since DACA was created. It was leaders like Rigo who helped lay the foundation for that breakthrough.

Long before DACA and before his name made national headlines, Rigo was building power among undocumented youth and demanding that this country recognize our full humanity.

This weekend, a street was named after Rigo. At a time when immigrants are once more under attack, when ICE raids, visa bans, and threats to basic rights are making families feel unsafe, his story couldn't be more urgent.

He taught us that being undocumented didn't mean being powerless. We all deserve dignity. History doesn't change on its own. People like Rigo Padilla Perez make it move. Let this honorary street and anniversary be more than a symbol. Let it be a call to action.

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SUPPORTING MEXICAN MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to denounce this administration's move to unilaterally cancel the visas of Mexican musicians and artists.

Last week, Julion Alvarez, the proclaimed King of the Box Office, was denied entry to the U.S. and blocked from performing in back-to-back, sold-out shows at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas, Texas. This is not because of routine policy but because of targeted cultural suppression.

He is not alone. Grupo Firme and Espinoza Paz, both nominated artists for a Latin Grammy, and others have faced such abrupt denials.

Canceling visas for Mexican artists is not to mute a song. It is to try and silence a force. Mexican music is powerful. It fills stadiums. It breaks streaming records. It empowers communities. It connects generations. It drives economies on both sides of the border.

Festivals like Suenos in Chicago bring vibrancy, pride, and tourism to our cities. It is a celebration of identity. Jeopardizing it means lost jobs and sends a message that our community and our joy are not welcome.

Our culture is not fragile. It is booming. It won't be erased. It is more than a visa issue. It is a campaign to criminalize culture, demoralize communities, and create a permanent underclass.

These targeted bans on certain people, history, languages, books, and now the arts and entertainment are tactics to control, invalidate, and exclude us.

In a country that prides itself on valuing freedom, it is a threat to freedom of expression, freedom of speech, and the right to exist. This administration wants our labor without our families or our culture. They want profit from us without our voices.

It is more than a war on music. It is a war on dignity. It is a war on Mexicans, on Mexican Americans, immigrants, and all diverse communities.

We will not stay quiet. We will continue to defend our culture with pride "that we are from here and from there"; "que somos de aquí de allá," inspired by the generations before us and encouraged for the generations after us.

CHINESE NATIONALS

(Mr. LAMALFA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, recently two Chinese nationals were arrested in Michigan for having smuggled in a pathogen that would be greatly harmful to our agricultural crops, livestock, and even the human use for these crops.

A fungal pathogen, known as *fusarium graminearum*, was identified in scientific literature as being a potential agroterrorism weapon. This is what the two Chinese nationals, Yunqing Jian and Zunyong Liu, brought into the country.

They smuggled this pathogen in via their electronic devices, which also contained evidence of Chinese Communist Party membership. The different methods with which they brought the pathogen in were hidden in devices or in tissues. There were various ways of smuggling it past customs.

We can't imagine what kind of a threat this would be toward our agricultural production in this country if something like this was allowed to get loose. They tried to get into the University of Michigan through their test labs and through the work that the university does through agriculture.

What did they want to do? Maybe they wanted to infect everything that was going through Michigan and coming out in the new crops.

Some of the effects of it on certain grains would be devastating, for example, to wheat, barley, grains, and rice. Indeed, the world's most important staple crops would be infected during their flowering stage.

The grains would often appear shriveled, bleached, or pinkish, making them unusable. Also, with these mycotoxins in here, it would cause toxicity to humans and animals. It would cause them to vomit or experience even worse effects in the livestock or people that would happen to use it.

What would the possible impact be? It would mean billions of dollars in crop losses globally each year due to lost yields, contamination, and rejection in the market. As I mentioned, these mycotoxins would cause vomiting, liver damage, immune suppression, and reproductive defects in both humans and livestock.

This is pretty nasty stuff that the Chinese Communist Party is sneaking into this country by one means or the other. In this case, it is at the University of Michigan.

It is known to be funded by the Chinese Government, though the University of Michigan states it has received no funding directly from the Chinese Government for this work. It points out that we need more clarification and more clear knowledge of the status of who is funding the research, who is funding the colleges, and who is funding the universities for things like this.

This is a bigger threat than we could imagine to the American food supply with what we produce, both domestically and those it would support around the world.

One of the two nationals has been accused of multiple smuggling attempts from 2022–2024. Again, I mentioned hiding samples of whatever they might be carrying in boots or mailed in, in a textbook.

What will we do about it? Are we going to tighten up the restrictions on what is coming in through China and have closer checks of who is being allowed to import things and what is happening at our universities?

Are we going to just let this go and have our food supply devastated by the

constant threat of people trying to undermine and break down our country?

We can't have these contaminated harvests. We can't have the continued threat to the confidence people in this country and our exporters have in the American food supply.

We can't overstate what this means for agriculture, what it means for the U.S. economy, and what it means for our national security with the food supply we grow and the overall health of U.S. citizens.

We need to do a much better job, whether it is going to be what is smuggled through our airports; who is allowed to bring things into this country; what their research consists of, and who is funding it. Mainly, in this case it is the Chinese Communist Party and their government.

Mr. Speaker, it is a dead serious issue. We better take it seriously, or we are going to be in big trouble.

HONORING OFFICER DANIEL CANDELARIO

(Mr. KENNEDY of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of a Buffalo police officer, Daniel Candelario, a devoted public servant, a loving husband and son, and a proud father of three.

At just 34 years old, Officer Candelario was taken from us far too soon after sudden complications from the flu.

Daniel worked for 10 years, earning his badge and serving the C-District with pride, integrity, and compassion. He embodied everything I ask of our public servants: selflessness, kindness, and unwavering commitment to his duty.

Officer Candelario was a protector, an avid Bills fan, and, above all, a family man. Daniel's wife, Dariana, described her husband as her best friend and rock. He was the beloved father to Danny, Dominic, and Diana, and the brother of Victoria.

To his parents, Modesto and Lucy: Western New York mourns with you and thanks you for raising such an honorable and wonderful man.

Today, we honor Daniel's memory, lift up his family in prayer, and grieve alongside his brothers and sisters in uniform.

May Officer Daniel Candelario rest in peace, and may his memory be a blessing to us all.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE PATRICK H. NEMOYER

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Judge Patrick H. NeMoyer, a devoted husband, father, public servant, and friend.

Judge NeMoyer lived a life of service to our community, State, and Nation. From his early days as a law clerk and