

provide basic care to the hardworking farmers and ranchers and energy producers and their families. We have welfare reforms that stop trapping people in dependence on the Federal Government and encourage them to get out and work and do something with their hands and be blessed by it and to restore the dignity of work.

Mr. Speaker, I know my time is up. God bless rural America, and God bless west Texas.

RECOGNIZING NEW FREEDOM FARM AND LOIS MCGILL

(Mr. CLINE of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable impact of New Freedom Farm in Botetourt County, Virginia, and to honor its founder, Lois Dawn McGill, as she prepares for a well-deserved retirement.

Since 2016, New Freedom Farm has served as a place of healing for veterans, first responders, and rescue animals, offering a sanctuary where pain met purpose and isolation gave way to hope.

Through Lois' tireless dedication, lives were transformed and bonds were forged between heroes and horses. As the farm prepares to close on July 31, we reflect not with sorrow but with deep gratitude. The legacy of New Freedom Farm will live on in the hearts it healed and the community it united.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Lois for her vision, compassion, and unwavering service. She has left an indelible mark on all she has touched.

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HONORING RETIREMENT OF FIRE CHIEF TIM WILLIAMS

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend an extraordinary public servant, Shenandoah County Fire Chief Tim Williams, who will retire on October 1 after an astounding 50 years of dedicated service in fire and rescue.

Chief Williams began his journey as a volunteer with the Strasburg Volunteer Fire Department in 1975. He went on to serve 25 years with Fairfax County, ultimately retiring as a captain, and then brought his leadership to Shenandoah County, where he has served since 2005, including the past 9 years as chief.

Chief Williams has been a unifying force, skillfully bridging the gap between volunteer companies and career staff. Under his leadership, the department launched a strategic plan that brought all stakeholders together and set a path for the future. His guidance has ensured operational readiness and the expansion of essential services, even as challenges grew more complex.

Chief Williams leaves behind a legacy of integrity, collaboration, and tireless dedication. I thank him for his service, leadership, and enduring commitment to the safety of our communities. He

has truly earned this next chapter in his life.

ELIMINATING WASTEFUL FEDERAL SPENDING

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, the House is finally doing what the American people have demanded for years. We are cutting wasteful spending and restoring fiscal sanity.

This week, we are voting on a rescission package sent by President Trump to eliminate \$9.4 billion in reckless spending. That includes \$3 million for Iraqi Sesame Street, \$500,000 for electric buses in Rwanda, and millions more for climate projects in Southeast Asia and Latin America, as well as taxpayer dollars that have been flowing to radical gender ideology programs around the world. That is not the role of the Federal Government, and that is not an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars of American citizens.

Taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund woke projects overseas or bloated government programs at home. They should be funding efforts that protect our border, defend our Nation, and serve the American people.

House Republicans promised to root out waste, fraud, and abuse. H.R. 4 keeps that promise and takes a critical step forward toward a leaner, more accountable government. I urge my colleagues to support it.

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 11 o'clock and 1 minute 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 at noon.

PRAYER

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

Holy God, in this simple act of prayer, help us to realize that we unleash a power far greater than we can possibly imagine. You alone have the authority to move mountains, bringing every hill low and lifting up every valley. It is You who levels uneven ground and smooths the rough paths.

Such power is too wonderful for us to conceive and yet You listen carefully to our feeble voices. Your might is unfathomable and yet You give us access to it that we can wield it when we but ask.

Temper our desire to use this privilege for our personal gain. But enlighten us to the needs of those who are powerless over their present circumstance.

Guide us to discern, in response to local and global challenges, how and

when to act. And direct us in the use of the wealth of resources You have made available to us to steward.

Humbled before You and honored to serve You, may we yield ourselves to You, that You would use us as instruments of your powerful love and abounding mercy.

In the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCGOVERN 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

RECOGNIZING ROCKINGHAM COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Rockingham County government and Kevin Berger, chairman of the Rockingham County Commissioners Board, in the planning and implementation of the Rockingham County Veterans Treatment Court.

In October of last year, the Rockingham County government received a \$900,000 grant to help fund this novel endeavor. It was one out of five counties within the United States to receive this level of funding for such programs.

This money will go on to make a real difference in the lives of veterans by offering evidence-based treatment for substance abuse and mental health.

The process of obtaining this grant was very competitive, and I am immensely pleased that Rockingham County has this opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our Nation's heroes.

END HUNGER NOW—SNAP SKIMMING

(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, last December, Democrats and Republicans negotiated a bipartisan deal to extend the law replacing stolen SNAP benefits for an additional 4 years.

At the eleventh hour, Speaker JOHNSON and Republicans reneged on that deal, blocking reimbursement of stolen SNAP benefits.

Since that time, thieves have stolen \$10 million from 20,000 families in Massachusetts alone, leaving them with decimated food budgets and nowhere to turn, through no fault of their own.

Now, some Republicans of Congress seem to be just discovering this problem after being shamed by their constituents. They are rolling out new bills to reimburse benefits.

I ask my Republican colleagues, where were you in December when the law expired? Republicans tanked the bipartisan deal to continue benefit replacement.

We don't need more gratuitous bills from Republicans who just voted to cut SNAP by \$300 billion. We need them to step up and tell Speaker JOHNSON to schedule a vote on benefit replacement this week.

Hungry families can't wait another 6 months for relief. Unlike so many of my Republican colleagues, they don't get invited to fancy dinners at Mar-a-Lago or billionaire-hosted fundraisers.

Let's get serious and protect families from theft and end hunger now.

CCP, PUTIN MOCK TRUMP

(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, war criminal Putin, the Chinese Communist Party, and the illegitimate Georgian Dream party are betraying the people of Georgia.

The Chinese Communist Party aids Putin with mass murder in Ukraine. According to Media Center Ukraine, the Russian-occupied Ukraine is being illegally mined for granite using Chinese equipment.

In April, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said: "Chinese representatives are engaged in production of weapons in Russia."

Additionally, a Georgian port on the Black Sea awarded to Georgian, European, and American companies was terminated and given to Chinese companies. The Georgian Dream is colluding with the CCP.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing more war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump with increasing mass murder of civilians of Ukraine with world-record illegal drone attacks.

RECOGNIZING GWEN WATSON

(Mr. DESAULNIER asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Gwen Watson, who worked to uplift vulnerable populations throughout her life in my community in the East Bay of the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout the State of California.

Gwen began her career as a teacher in Louisiana, working with high school students seeking vocational services.

She later moved to the San Francisco Bay Area where she served Contra Costa County's homeless population through the St. Vincent de Paul Hope Conference and the Interstate Faith Council of Contra Costa.

Gwen also served as the president of the League of Women Voters Diablo Valley, overseeing the "You Don't Need a Home Vote" project. In addition, in that position on the League of Women Voters, she facilitated candidate forums. I remember many years ago when I first ran for the Concord City Council, Gwen was there doing her civic best with the League of Women Voters.

Sadly, Gwen passed away in May. She will be remembered for her advocacy and her commitment to service. She was an inspiration to all of us who knew her and called her a friend. Please join me in honoring Gwen Watson for her invaluable contributions to her community and to our country.

RECOGNIZING AVIATION PROFESSIONALS

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of our Nation's aviation professionals and their need for mental health support.

Scientific studies of aviation professionals reveal that many are hesitant to seek mental health treatment due to fears of professional consequences. For example, pilots often speak about their careers with deep passion, and the prospect of losing their wings is seen as one of the worst possible outcomes. As a result, many choose not to self-report mental health concerns, fearing they might be grounded or face stigma within the industry.

As a physician, I understand how deeply mental and physical health are connected. When a profession so crucial to our daily lives faces this challenge, I believe it is time we take a second look and see how we can aid in combating this.

Destigmatizing mental health treatment for FAA employees and pilots is essential to fostering a culture of safety, trust, and well-being in aviation. Encouraging open dialogue and providing confidential, nonpunitive access to mental health support helps ensure pilots receive the care they need without fear of professional repercussions.

We cannot allow these essential professionals to suffer in silence. Instead, let's create a system that supports their well-being and keeps our skies safe.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 884, PROHIBITING VOTING BY NONCITIZENS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2056, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERAL IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2096, PROTECTING OUR NATION'S CAPITAL EMERGENCY ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 331, HALT ALL LETHAL TRAFFICKING OF FENTANYL ACT

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 489 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 489

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 884) to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2056) to require the District of Columbia to comply with federal immigration laws. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2096) to restore the right to negotiate matters pertaining to the discipline of law enforcement officers of the District of