

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. RANDALL. Mr. Speaker, due to family related matters, I was unable to vote today on H.R. 2096 and H.R. 884. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 162 and NAY on Roll Call No. 163.

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Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I was necessarily absent and missed the following votes on the House Floor. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 160, Motion on Ordering the Previous Question (H. Res. 489); NAY on Roll Call No. 161, H. Res. 489—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2096—Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act; 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; H.R. 2056—District of Columbia Federal Immigration Compliance Act of 2025; and S. 331—HALT Fentanyl Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 162, H.R. 2096—Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act; and NAY on Roll Call No. 163, 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.

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Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast two votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 162, H.R. 2096, and YEA on Roll Call No. 163, H.R. 884.

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CELEBRATING SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA SUMMER GAMES

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the incredible athletes, volunteers, and supporters of the 2025 Special Olympics Pennsylvania Summer Games.

This past weekend, more than 2,000 athletes from across the Commonwealth gathered at Penn State University in State College to compete, connect, and inspire.

Held on campus for over three decades, the Summer Games have become a cherished tradition built on courage, inclusion, and perseverance. Since the first Games in 1970, which featured just 135 athletes, Special Olympics Pennsylvania has grown into a statewide movement with 54 local programs and thousands of participants.

These Games are not just about sports. They are about unlocking potential, building confidence, and fostering friendships that last a lifetime.

This year's opening ceremonies at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park, hosted in partnership with the State College Spikes, featured the iconic Olympic torch lighting and an exhilarating action sports demo, setting the tone for a weekend of achievement and joy.

This program touches countless people in numerous ways and impacts regions far beyond the sphere of sports.

Mr. Speaker, I commend every athlete, coach, family member, and volunteer whose dedication made this celebration possible.

CONGRATULATING DANIELA SCHEFFLER

(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 recognize Daniela Scheffler for winning the 3,200 meter race at the Ohio Division I Track and Field Championships, earning her first State title, and recognizing her as Ohio's 13th Congressional District's Champion of the Week.

As a senior at Lake High School in Uniontown, Ohio, Daniela ended an exceptional high school track career, setting records and winning several awards along the way. On the road to her first State title last month, Daniela set the record for the 1,600 and 3,200 meters at the Federal League Track and Field Championships, the State qualifier meet.

As a testament to her hard work and dedication on the track, Daniela signed an offer with North Carolina State University, where she will be continuing her track and field career.

We are proud of Daniela. Even though she will be far away from home at college, we will be cheering her on as she finishes her career.

Again, I congratulate Daniela Scheffler for an accomplished high school track career and on being named this week's Ohio-13 Champion of the Week.

CELEBRATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARENTS CHALLENGE

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

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the tremendous impact of Parents Challenge in El Paso County, Colorado.

Parents Challenge, founded by Steve and Joyce Schuck, provides low-income families financial support for tuition, tutoring, transportation, and school supplies to provide their children with the best education available for them, including private, charter, and homeschool options.

Parents Challenge provides free online holistic empowerment sessions for all parents. They also offer a summer STEM program for middle and high school students, and the Rising Seniors Leadership Experience for graduating high school seniors. Each of these programs directly benefits the families in my community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Parents Challenge for prioritizing educational excellence and opportunity in

their service to El Paso County for over 200 families and over 400 individual children.

HONORING EDDIE MAE BARNES

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, today, we mourn the passing of a legend in Westchester County, the Honorable Eddie Mae Barnes. She was a role model for women in our area, as one of the first African-American female leaders elected to public office.

She served four 4-year terms on the Greenburgh Town Board, 16 years as a voice for those who had no voice across the community, especially in the Fairview neighborhood. She was the author of the town's Police/Community Advisory Commission, bringing residents and law enforcement closer together. She was the driving force behind naming the local community center in honor of Theodore D. Young, who did so much good for young people in Greenburgh.

She was, by profession, a nurse with a BS degree from Dillard University and an M.S. degree from Teachers College at Columbia. For 32 years, she was director of nursing at Rye Hospital Center. She was a true healthcare professional. She was kind and loving. She was as tough as nails. She fought for the things she believed in, and she offered a hug to all.

Eddie Mae Barnes was a wonderful friend, and we will deeply miss her.

HONORING LIFE OF KENT GREENWALT

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kent Greenwalt, former mayor of Terrytown, Nebraska, who sadly passed away last month after a lifetime of service to his community.

A veteran of the Vietnam war and an inexhaustible community volunteer, Kent's life was characterized by a readiness to step up to meet the needs of the moment. During his 12 years of service as mayor of Terrytown, he was known as a working mayor for his willingness to mow lawns, trim trees, and clear dead trees from Terry's Lake.

His sense of duty to his country was evident as a Nebraska National Guardsman for 8 years, and later as a Patriot Guard motorcycle escort for military funeral processions. In 2023, he was welcomed to Washington, D.C., for a veterans' Honor Flight.

The list of Kent's accolades is too lengthy to list in full, but his integrity and servant's heart are what stand out. My thoughts and prayers are with his family members and members of the community who knew and loved him.

While he could never be replaced, America needs more people like Kent Greenwalt.

MOURNING LOSS OF OFFICER GABRIEL FACIO

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

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the tragic loss of Officer Gabriel Facio of the Apache Junction Police Department.

This past Sunday, 6 days after being shot while responding to a road-rage incident, Officer Facio passed away from his injuries at just 47 years old.

Officer Facio lived the American Dream. Born in Mexico, Officer Facio earned his U.S. citizenship and dedicated his life to serving the community that welcomed him with open arms.

He began his law enforcement career with the Phoenix Police Department, and nearly 4 years ago joined the Apache Junction Police Department.

A devoted father and grandfather, a respected colleague, an upstanding American, he served Apache Junction with honor, bravery, and compassion. Tragically, he is the fourth Arizona officer to fall in the line of duty in just the past 12 months.

My thoughts are with his wife, family, his many good friends, and colleagues. I hope his memory brings comfort and strength in the difficult days ahead.

Officer Facio's ultimate sacrifice, his courage, and his selflessness will never be forgotten.

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CONTROLLING RIOTS IN CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, over the last few days, the country has been shocked by the horrifying images coming out of Los Angeles, but what is also shocking are the brazenly false statements made by the Governor of California.

Governor Newsom has asked us not to believe our eyes, not to believe the scenes that we are all seeing of officers being attacked, of cars being lit on fire, of roadways being blocked. The Governor has claimed that everything was fine and that everything was perfect until the National Guard arrived.

This is completely inaccurate, as a matter of the timeline. Things had spun out of control well before the Guard got there. That is why the Guard was called in. It is also deeply offensive to attack the men and women in our National Guard by claiming that their presence has somehow catalyzed this violence.

The Governor owes an apology to the men and women in our National Guard

who are serving our State and our country. He owes an apology to the people of Los Angeles for his role in egging on the riots.

The good news, if there is any good news at all, is that I believe the people of California have had enough. There is a coalition for common sense emerging in our State, and I believe we will return sanity and safety to our communities.

HONORING EFTON SAGER

(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, I honor a remarkable public servant and friend, Efton Sager.

Efton served in the United States Air Force, retiring as a master sergeant. His commitment to our community was evident in all the active roles he played, including serving on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. When he served in the North Carolina House of Representatives, we took great pride in representing Wayne County together.

Throughout the years, we kept in touch, and there were many cherished memories. For one, I recall how heartbroken Efton was when his beloved wife, Delores, passed after 68 years of marriage. He said to me: "I hope God doesn't keep me here for too many years without her." It brings comfort believing they are together again.

Efton passed peacefully on May 27. Today would have marked his 92nd birthday.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Debra, David, and the family as we honor Efton's life and lasting impact.

RECOGNIZING ST. SIMONS ISLAND

(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 recognize St. Simons Island's designation by U.S. News and World Report as one of the best underrated travel destinations in the U.S.

They evaluated over 1,500 vacation destinations worldwide and ranked them across numerous categories. St. Simons Island, the largest barrier island on Georgia's Golden Isles, offers low-hanging Spanish moss, salty air, and warm ocean water. It is home to pristine beaches, miles of walking paths and trails, ice cream shops, and award-winning restaurants. Despite this, St. Simons has still managed to keep a low profile and is often overlooked by out-of-State beachgoers.

I am proud that St. Simons Island, my new home, is being recognized for the stunning views and coastal relaxation it offers patrons.

HONORING BRIAN LAVIN

(Ms. GILLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life of Brian Lavin, a retired NYPD detective from Long Beach and a true American hero.

In the aftermath of 9/11, the worst terrorist attack on American soil, Brian was one of the courageous first responders who ran toward danger, working tirelessly amid toxic rubble at Ground Zero. His bravery and selfless service in those harrowing days embodied the very best of our Nation.

Unfortunately, Brian's life was cut short this year by an illness directly linked to the hazardous conditions he endured on 9/11 as a first responder. His passing is a heartbreaking reminder of the enduring pain of that day.

Thousands of law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency personnel, and New Yorkers who lived or worked near Ground Zero continue to get sick and die from cancers, respiratory illnesses, and other debilitating conditions caused by exposure to the aftermath of the Ground Zero attack.

This is a powerful reminder of the need to fully fund and staff programs that support 9/11 first responders.

Today, we honor another hero. I thank Brian for his sacrifice, and may he rest in peace.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, here is something to get excited about in the month of June—ice cream. National Dairy Month is a good time to recognize the work of our Nation's dairy farmers.

My home State of California leads the Nation in dairy production, with thousands of family-run farms that have been at it for generations. These farmers aren't just producing milk. They are driving a big part of our local economy and providing jobs in rural agricultural areas.

Dairies are also making strides in using modernized processes to keep the land and water healthy. However, dairies are often under fire from environmental groups, such as those in Point Reyes, that are trying to push them out using fake environmental pronouncements and basically running them out of business in Point Reyes. They deserve a lot better than that.

Remember, when you enjoy a glass of milk, a slice of cheese, or one of your favorite ice creams, there are real people doing the really good, sustainable, and responsible work of operating these dairies, many of them organic, to keep it on the table for all of us.

Let's celebrate and remember during National Dairy Month the work that these farmers put in and what it means to all of us.