

Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 169, YEA on Roll Call No. 170, and NAY on Roll Call No. 171.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. RANDALL. Mr. Speaker, due to family related matters, I was unable to vote on S. 331, H.R. 4, and H.R. 2056. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 166, YEA on Roll Call No. 167, NAY on Roll Call No. 168, AYE on Roll Call No. 169, YEA on Roll Call No. 170, and NAY on Roll Call No. 171.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent and missed the following votes on the House Floor. Had I been present, I would have voted accordingly: NAY on Roll Call No. 166, Passage of S. 331; YEA on Roll Call No. 167, Motion to Recommit on H.R. 4; NAY on Roll Call No. 168, Passage of H.R. 4; AYE on Roll Call No. 169, Motion to Adjourn; YEA on Roll Call No. 170, Motion to Recommit on H.R. 2056; and NAY on Roll Call No. 171, Passage of H.R. 2056.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
SPEAKER

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 12, 2025.

I hereby designate the period from Thursday, June 12, 2025, through Sunday, June 22, 2025, as a "district work period" under clause 13 of Rule I.

MIKE JOHNSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY  
OF PULSE NIGHTCLUB VICTIMS

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

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, 9 years ago today, on June 12, 2016, at 2:02 a.m., our little happy town of Orlando, Florida, was changed forever as we saw 49 angels killed and 53 others who were injured in a mass shooting during Latin Night at the Pulse nightclub, a safe place for the LGBTQ community located just south of downtown Orlando. At the time, it was the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.

I was proud to work on both sides of the aisle in June 2019 to introduce the National Pulse Memorial. In June 2020, it passed the House but did not pass the Senate. Finally, in June 2021, it was introduced, passed into law, and signed by President Biden.

We know that the National Pulse Memorial happened because this was a national tragedy. At the time, we saw memorials and moments of silence across the Nation, across districts, from sea to shining sea.

In remembrance of those who we lost and those who were injured and their families, I ask my colleagues to please stand and join me for a moment of silence.

HONORING FALLEN OFFICER GABRIEL FACIO

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

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory and selfless service of Officer Gabriel Facio of the Apache Junction Police Department: End of watch, June 8, 2025.

Gabriel was wounded in the line of duty on June 2, 2025, while attempting to apprehend a suspect who was brandishing a weapon and waving it at motorists and residents. Gabriel and his fellow officers bravely responded to the call and pursued the suspect further south.

After using all available means to bring in the suspect without incident, the commands were not obeyed, and the suspect could not be brought down with less lethal tools. The suspect fired his weapon at Gabriel and his fellow officers, who returned fire. Sadly, in the exchange, Gabriel was struck in the face before the suspect was hit and taken into custody.

Gabriel fought valiantly but could not overcome the wounds he sustained. Six days later, he passed away at only 46 years old, surrounded by his family and fellow officers.

We honor his sacrifice as the first Apache Junction police officer to be killed in the line of duty. He was beloved by his fellow officers and his dear family, with whom we mourn.

Gabriel, we pray for your family and brothers in blue. Your service and protection of the people of Apache Junction in Arizona's Fifth District will live on forever. Thank you, and may God welcome you home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence.

□ 1620

WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

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

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a veteran of the United States Air Force on this national Women Veterans Day to tell Secretary Hegseth and President Trump that women who raise their hand and swear an oath to protect and defend this Nation are not going anywhere and we will not be silent.

From the earliest days of our Nation, women have always served, both officially and unofficially, facing off against America's enemies. Today, women make up nearly 18 percent of the Active-Duty force and 22 percent of our National Guard and Reserve.

Studies prove that their service improves innovation and mission outcomes, making our military stronger, smarter, and more prepared to face the challenges of modern warfare.

The administration's artificial barriers on who can lead and who can serve are disrespectful and irrespon-

sible. Firing and pushing aside decorated female leaders who earned their positions diminishes military readiness and devalues the standards and integrity of the very military itself.

Women in our military are not insignificant or inconsequential. We are indeed essential, and we cannot be pushed out or erased.

REMEMBERING AVA MOORE

(Ms. VAN DUYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor Ava Moore, a tremendous young woman from the 24th Congressional District. She was a leader, a patriot, and a bright light in our north Texas community.

From the first time that we reviewed her application to the U.S. Air Force Academy, it was clear that she was destined for greatness.

In May, Ava was home for just a short break before heading off to basic training. While kayaking with friends on Grapevine Lake, Ava's life was taken in a senseless and preventable tragedy. Our entire office is heartbroken about her loss.

I had the privilege of speaking with Ava's father, a man of great faith, kindness, and forgiveness. Even in the face of unimaginable loss, he told me that he was remaining hopeful and positive because, in his own words, that is how Ava would have wanted it.

Our Nation is at a loss with Ava's passing. May we honor her by remembering the incredible woman that she was. May God bring peace to her family, knowing that her legacy and her example will last with all of us.

HONORING REVEREND WILLIE  
RAINWATER

(Ms. JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Reverend Willie Rainwater of Carrollton, Texas.

Reverend Rainwater was more than a pastor. He was a pillar of justice, a steward of history, and a relentless voice for civil rights.

From preserving the Carrollton Black Cemetery to organizing the city's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day parade for more than 25 years, he brought our community together in the spirit of equity and remembrance.

His work wasn't just in the pulpit. It was in the streets, in our schools, in our city hall meetings, and in the daily struggle to make north Texas more just and united.

Reverend Rainwater now joins his beloved wife, Juanita, with whom he shared a life of faith, service, and community leadership. Together, they made north Texas better.

Today, we remember a man whose faith was inseparable from action, whose love for his neighbors left an imprint on our institutions, and whose memory is a blessing to us all. May we continue to carry his torch forward.

#### RECOGNIZING ADAM WYATT AND RIA GANDOTRA

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

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two exceptional students from the greater Lehigh Valley, Adam Wyatt and Ria Gandotra, recipients of the 2025 Congressional Award Gold Medal, the highest honor Congress can bestow upon a civilian youth.

Adam, a student at Nazareth Area High School and an Eagle Scout, has used the program to build leadership skills, service, and discipline. From studying Russian and leading his family on a 19-day European tour to interviewing local veterans, he has taken on challenges that show real initiative and follow-through.

Ria, a student at Moravian Academy, volunteered at a camp for children with special needs, worked to better herself academically, played on her school's tennis team, and planned a family trip to Toronto. Her work reflects both compassion and determination and a clear commitment to personal and civic growth.

Adam and Ria exemplify the values of service, perseverance, and personal development. I am proud to recognize their achievements and the positive impact they have had on their local community as young leaders in the greater Lehigh Valley.

#### HONORING LEADERS AND ADVOCATES

(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, I rise to recognize a group of Westchester residents who have taken on the role of civic involvement on issues of importance to the local, county, State, and Federal level. I am speaking about the leaders and advocates in my home district.

These individuals have taken on that most traditional of American values, which is active citizenship in matters of public policy. We have seen our values such as the right to vote, the rights of free speech and due process, and the rights to benefits earned through honest work or service to our Nation under attack.

It will take everyday citizens to stand up and say, no, we don't agree with what is happening today. We see a better future for America.

I recognize Margaret Bradbury, Kim Snyder, and Rhiannon Navin in New Rochelle; Jenny Geer in Mamaroneck;

Suki van Dijk in Rye; Khrista Tahmin in Eastchester; Jenny Bernhard and Liz Scafidi in White Plains; Gaby Bordwin and Marjorie Hsu in the Rivertowns; Eileen O'Connor and Elizabeth de Bethune in Yonkers; Susan Van Dolsen of Harrison; and Shannon Powell of Mamaroneck.

The work they are doing has earned our respect and deserves our praise.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, \$168 billion was the amount the Federal Government improperly paid last year. We paid some bills two or three times. We paid the wrong invoices altogether. We paid invoices we didn't know we paid because there was no tracking mechanism.

If only, Mr. Speaker, there was a bill to require the Department of the Treasury to ensure accuracy and eligibility in Federal spending.

Wait, there is. I just filed it, Mr. Speaker. It is the Delivering On Government Efficiency in Spending Act, DOGE in Spending Act.

The war on waste, fraud, and abuse begins today by requiring the Treasury Department to simply track, verify, and cross-check payments. That is what the DOGE in Spending Act will do.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve accountability and transparency. I urge all my colleagues to join me, and I am saving a cosponsorship for each of them.

Mr. Speaker, let's deliver results. Let's go get them.

#### HONORING WOMEN VETERANS DAY

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of national Women Veterans Day.

Last week, I spoke with a combat veteran from Kaneohe, Hawaii, my hometown. She was among the first class of women to graduate from West Point. Two decades after leaving the Army, she returned to serve as a chaplain. She deployed to Afghanistan, earned Airborne and Air Assault qualification, and was awarded the Legion of Merit and five Meritorious Service Medals.

Yet she felt compelled to come all the way to Washington, D.C., to join in a veterans protest on D-day because the very progress she helped to secure she now saw being callously unraveled.

These include women's history erased from Defense websites; senior female leaders pushed out; accountability on sexual assault fading; and a narrow, male-centric culture of lethality that sidelines women in service.

She asked me: How is it we are fighting and having to refight the battles we have already won?

Shame on this administration for turning its back on women like my constituent who have worn the uniform and are now made to fight again for the dignity and respect they have already earned.

Women veterans are watching, and they will not be silent.

□ 1630

#### FREDERICA ACADEMY BASEBALL TEAM

(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 the Frederica Academy baseball team who won the program's first-ever State championship this season.

Since 1969, Frederica Academy has earned 76 State titles across all its athletic programs, except for one. Their baseball program had battled a history of ups and downs, not quite being able to finish the drill, until now.

Fighting back from near elimination early in the playoffs, the St. Simon's team overcame adversity to make their first State title series since 2018. The boys swept their opponents from Pinewood Christian to earn the GIAA Class 3A baseball State championship and made history for their athletic program.

Under Head Coach Tim Orlosky, these young men exhibited persistence, sportsmanship, and humility in their title run.

Mr. Speaker, join me in congratulating this team of incredible young men and everybody who supported them in their journey to achieve history for Frederica Academy.

#### RESCISSION PACKAGE

(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, I rise today to address the cruel rescission package that passed the House strictly on partisan lines.

Let me be clear: This legislation is a shameful, backwards attempt to cancel \$9.8 billion in funding that had already been passed into law. It cuts critical investments in lifesaving programs that support reproductive health and education.

It also slashes funding for the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, also known as PEPFAR. This bipartisan initiative has been supported by both parties for 20 years.

As a volunteer who stood on the front lines of the AIDS epidemic, I witnessed firsthand and remember when an HIV diagnosis was tantamount to a death sentence. However, because of programs like PEPFAR, this is no longer so.