

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 15, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on July 15, 2025, at 4:35 p.m., said to contain a message from the President on the Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Hostage-Taking and the Wrongful Detention of United States Nationals Abroad.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk of the House.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL
EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO
HOSTAGE-TAKING AND THE
WRONGFUL DETENTION OF
UNITED STATES NATIONALS
ABROAD—MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-69)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad declared in Executive Order 14078 of July 19, 2022, is to continue in effect beyond July 19, 2025.

Hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals are heinous acts that undermine the rule of law. Terrorist organizations, criminal groups, and other malicious actors who take hostages for financial, political, or other gain—as well as foreign states that engage in the practice of wrongful detention, including for political leverage or to seek concessions from the United States—threaten the integrity of the international political system and the safety of United States nationals and other persons abroad. Hostage-taking and the wrongful de-

tention of United States nationals abroad continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14078 with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 15, 2025.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY
OF ERIC TARPINIAN-JACHYM

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

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the life of Eric Tarpinian-Jachym of Granby, Massachusetts, who was an intern in my office.

Eric's life was tragically cut short by a senseless act of violence in our Nation's Capital. Eric was an innocent bystander who was gunned down as he walked down the street less than one mile from the White House.

I offer my prayers and condolences to Eric's family, friends, and loved ones.

Eric was a rising senior at the University of Massachusetts Amherst who came to Washington to participate in our government. He was a kind and friendly presence in my office, greeting everyone who came through the door with a smile.

The loss of Eric will be felt for a long time. We will never forget his presence and kindness in my office. Those he met in his short time in my office will not forget him either.

Eric Tarpinian-Jachym was a dedicated, thoughtful, and kind person who loved our country, and he gave his life in service to others. I thank him for his service and for the impact he made on our lives. May he rest in peace.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL).

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. ESTES) in paying tribute to Eric Tarpinian-Jachym of Granby, Massachusetts, who tragically lost his life here in Washington.

Eric was a rising senior at the University of Massachusetts, a proud graduate of Granby Public Schools, and a young man of great promise. He came to Capitol Hill eager to learn, contribute, and serve the people and this great institution, only motivated by idealism and a commitment to public service. Through his determination and intellect, he accomplished all of that.

Those who were close to Eric speak of his thoughtfulness, curiosity, and noteworthy commitment to learning about his government. He loved archery, fishing, and the great outdoors, but surely it will be his character that is remembered most.

To his parents, Tamara and Robert; his siblings, Angela and Jeremy; and

all who loved him, including his best buddy Hunter, our deepest condolences on behalf of the United States of America. May his memory be a blessing for all of us.

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House observe a moment of silence to remember Eric Jachym.

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RESTORE FUNDING FOR EDESIA'S
PLUMPY'NUT

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the 28th time to call on the Trump administration to restore lifesaving food aid for malnourished children. I see some of my friends and colleagues are here who perhaps haven't heard this before. I will set aside my prepared remarks.

This is Plumpy'Nut. It is a peanut paste that is used to treat children with malnutrition whose organs are no longer able to process food because they are starving.

Prior to January, the United States of America saved the lives of millions of children by shipping this peanut paste that is manufactured here in the United States to children around the world. That program was halted when funding for USAID was stopped by the Trump administration.

However, the Trump administration has said repeatedly that they intend to restore funding for this program. Marco Rubio said it. Elon Musk said it when he was still running DOGE. They have still yet to do it.

There are thousands of boxes of this product sitting in warehouses in Georgia and in Rhode Island. All that we need is for someone in the administration to sign a piece of paper to get the shipments going again. Every day that we do not is a day that children are starving.

We are not asking the administration to change their policy. We are just asking them to deliver on their stated policy. We are asking them to restore the shipments and to save lives.

FIXING OUR FORESTS

(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, with the budget reconciliation package now signed into law, we are finally taking real steps to fix our forests. This is something we have needed for many years in California and all over the West.

The law directs the Forest Service to increase timber sales by 250 million board feet each year and the Bureau of Land Management by another 20 million.

My colleagues might wonder: Wow, 250 million sounds like a lot. It would

sound like a lot, but if my friends knew that our forests are growing ten times the amount of board feet versus what is being taken out each year, they would know we are going to fall farther and farther behind unless we get more aggressive on forest management policy.

Therefore, we will get many more million-acre wildfires and smoke plumes coming all the way to the East Coast, as came for my district in what was known as the Dixie fire just a few years ago.

We will get more and more dead trees coming out of the forest. We will get more logs heading to our local mills. Why is the U.S. the number one importer of wood products when we are burning it in our own Western States? There will be less fields sitting there, waiting to burn if we take this stuff out of the forest.

It is very important in northern California, and in the Western States it is very important. We have lived through these devastating wildfires time and time again, and we are getting really tired of it.

Better forest management isn't an option. It is a necessity. This is the people's lands and the people's asset. If the Federal Government isn't going to take care of it, we need to find more partners to do it otherwise.

This requires long-term contracts, giving the industry more continuity. They will know that if they invest tens of millions of dollars building a mill, they will be able to pay for that mill over the years by having a continuous flow of timber to them.

It is important for our small towns and for the jobs that used to be in them and for the businesses that are now boarded up because of the issues of crime and domestic abuse when people don't have work. They need that work. They need those jobs. We need that for our economy. Make it in the USA.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF CAMP MYSTIC

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. ROY of Texas was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, earlier today here on the House floor, I rose to lead the Texas delegation, my friends, and this entire body in a moment of silence for all of those who have been affected by the floods in Texas, particularly those that were affected in the district in which I am proud to represent in central Texas.

It has always been an honor, as I often say out on the campaign trail, to represent the best part of the best State in the best country in the history of the world. That particular part of the State is, as one of my staffers describe it, Heaven on Earth. At least that is how many of us have viewed it historically.

For now a century, it is the reason why there have been multiple camps for children along this beautiful part of

the Texas Hill Country, the centerpiece of which is the Guadalupe River.

Those people who live along it cherish it. Those people who go there for camp cherish it. We have been experiencing the tragedy and the loss of life that now so many across the country have associated with it.

I will turn time over to my colleagues because I have certainly been able to express a lot of my views about this. I want to say just a couple of things in kicking this off.

I view things through the lens of the stories of heroism, the stories of courage, the lives that were saved, the people that were airlifted, the Coast Guard that responded, the sheriffs and the local law enforcement that showed up, the first responders that helped, the State that was on the scene, the camp counselors who showed up, the camp directors who gave their lives, all of the people who showed up and the spirit and the strong faith of a community bonded together by faith that now endures.

That, to me, is the enduring legacy. I tend to look through that lens. From those of us who understand Texas best, I don't think we should miss this moment for the people of this Nation to understand how horrific this truly was.

When I went on the scene—and several of us were there quickly for a variety of reasons, which we will all hear about in a minute. When I went on the scene on the night of July 4 and then again on the 5th and the 6th, and then driving out to go look at the damage and meet with my constituents and meet with people affected, it looked like an F5 tornado had just rolled down the river.

Mr. Speaker, 100-year-old trees were leveled and flattened. Houses were totally destroyed and lifted off the foundation. There was debris. Pickup trucks were fully buried with a little part of them sticking out of the ground.

Of course, as we have been talking about, there is the extraordinary loss of life. We are now at well over 100 individuals who are now deceased that are officially known in Kerr County, but many more are expected. There are well over 100 individuals who are missing.

Of course, now somewhat of note for the entire country are these wonderful little girls associated with Camp Mystic. My children are 15 and 14. They are a rising sophomore and freshman. Many of their schoolmates and many of their friends go to Camp Mystic or go to Camp La Junta or one of the other wonderful camps up and down this area and this part of Texas.

It is hard to put into words how much this is a part of the fabric of our community in central Texas but really particularly the entire State of Texas and even nationwide.

Many of our colleagues were impacted by this. We have colleagues from Georgia and other colleagues across the entire Nation. I had col-

leagues from Alabama reach out because they had constituents who were lost. It is a wonderful vacation spot that was obviously turned on its head.

The extraordinary impact is going to be felt for a long time, and we are going to have to rebuild. We will have to take the time and the energy necessary to do it. It is, as I believe, the spirit of the entire community that will endure.

As I said earlier—and I will talk about more of this later—it is for me the enduring image of those little girls leaving the camp, singing hymns, while they surveyed the damage.

It is the people who showed up with crosses and the people who showed up in prayer groups. It is the people who showed up from churches.

They are the Samaritans and first volunteers who showed up within days to clean out mud and the people who have rallied around this community.

They are the people across this country who have done so through faith and belief and the power of what these little girls represent and the charm bracelets that they wear. These bracelets were made by the local jewelry store, James Avery, which is a part of the rich history and tradition.

I could go on, but my colleague from West Texas has personal experience with this because his family has been associated with these camps for generations. I am going to let my friend, Mr. PFLUGER, fill in a little bit of the personal nature of this. I look forward to hearing from the remainder of my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PFLUGER).

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that he has done a great job of representing in a very tough time. It is easy to lead when times are good. When times are tough, we see character. Mr. ROY has done a very nice job, an extraordinary job, in leading in a very challenging situation.

It is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor all of the lives that were lost during this devastating and tragic series of floods that swept through central and west Texas last week and to recognize the bravery and the selflessness of the heroes who stepped up when they were needed most. I will start by honoring the memory of the 11 lives that were lost from my district.

They were: Officer Bailey Martin, Bobby Martin, Amanda Martin; and Jayda Floyd from Odessa. Lost from Midland were Michelle and Cody Crossland; and Joel, Kyndall, and Tasha Ramos; Tanya Burwick from Blackwell, who worked in San Angelo for many years; and Steve Edwards from San Angelo.

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These lives were lost far too soon, selfless individuals, leaders, officers in the police force, and people whom we