

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FULCHER 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1815. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain actions in the case of a default on a home loan guaranteed by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HONORING "THE BUSHWHACKERS"

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the U.S. Army Special Combat Engineers 59th Land Clearing Company, also known as "The Bushwhackers," for their immense sacrifice to our Nation during the Vietnam war.

The company was tasked with clearing the Vietnam jungle, which was heavily infested with deadly mines, booby traps, and enemy personnel. It was a daunting task.

They were met with sniper fire, fire-fights, rockets, and mortars, which led to countless injuries, meriting many members with Purple Hearts and the death of 13 of our Bushwhackers.

The longest serving officer of the company, Mr. Ronald Evans, currently resides in my district in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Today, I rise to honor Mr. Evans' service to our country along with that of his entire company. Their bravery and service are what has made America the greatest country in the world.

LAYOFFS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, the Supreme Court's ridiculous decision this week to allow the President to proceed with mass layoffs at the Department of Education is a grave blow to the rule of law and defies congressional authority.

Justice Sotomayor's dissent warns that the Court is enabling the execu-

tive branch to undermine Congress' power of the purse, and she is absolutely right.

Perhaps the Republicans in the House and in the Senate and the White House do not understand that nothing brings more money to the U.S. Treasury than the education of the American people, early childhood education, K-12, higher education, post grad, and lifetime learning for our workers. They are cutting education to give tax breaks to the richest people at the expense of America's future, the education of the American people.

The Court's disregard for the authority of the legislative branch empowers executive overreach at the expense of accountability and democracy. My colleagues should take pride in being a Member of the House, support this institution and our constitutional right of the power of the purse.

HONORING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS IN IDAHO

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

Mr. FULCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life, service, and sacrifice of two of Idaho's bravest we have lost way too soon during an appalling ambush attack in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

On Sunday, June 29, 2025, Battalion Chiefs Frank Harwood and John Morrison answered the call, as always, to reports of a fire on Canfield Mountain.

Upon arriving at the scene, they were cruelly ambushed by gunfire from a disturbed, cowardly individual.

As a result of shots fired, Chiefs Harwood and Morrison tragically succumbed to their injuries, and their colleague, David Tysdal, an engineer with the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department, was severely wounded, but thankfully is now recovering.

This evil act against our firefighters does not represent the Idaho way. I ask all Idahoans and Americans to pray for full recovery for Mr. Tysdal and for comfort for all families involved. These men represent the very best of Idaho. Their courage, heroism, and dedication will never be forgotten.

RESTORE FUNDING FOR LIFESAVING FOOD AID

(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.

This program began 70 years ago, an idea from a Kansas farmer, and it was launched by President Eisenhower. They called it Food for Peace, and it sent American-grown grain to hungry people around the world. It has enjoyed bipartisan support from Democrat and Republican Presidents for 70 years.

This Republican Congress passed a funding bill to continue to fund the program, but the Trump administration continues to hold up funding. Every day they do, children are starving and American farmers are not getting paid.

The crazy part is that the administration has said over and over that they intend to relaunch the program, but it has been 6 months. What are they waiting for?

They should do what they say they are going to do, stop delaying, and stop gaslighting. They should just do it. Every day counts.

I will continue to speak on this floor until they do.

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TRUMP SUPPORTS SYRIAN PEOPLE

(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, as a member of the Syria Caucus, I am grateful to co-lead bipartisan legislation to repeal the Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019.

Even with the support of war criminal Putin and the terrorist Tehran regime, the murderous Syrian dictator Assad was forced out of the country by the Syrian people. The Syrian people deserve an opportunity for the reconstruction of Syria, assisted by Turkiye, Saudi Arabia, and Israel.

By issuing an executive order, Donald Trump temporarily waived the Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act, which imposed sanctions on Syria. Now is the opportunity to make it permanent.

Special Envoy to Syria Tom Barrack is doing an incredible job for freedom.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating peace through strength. He is revealing war criminal Putin's lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump with lovely talk while murdering civilians in Ukraine.

Today, we celebrate Guam Liberation Day with Delegates Madeleine Bordallo and Jim Moylan, appreciating the courage of 1,200 Navy and Marine servicemembers who died for the liberation of Guam.

CLEAN AIR AND HEALTHY PARKS GO HAND IN HAND

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

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as someone who cherishes both the breathtaking beauty of our national parks and the fundamental right to clean air.

When one asks what sets the United States apart, our national parks top the list, yet, increasingly, so does our

dirty and polluted air. That should alarm us all.

The Washington Post recently reported on what too many of us already know: Air pollution and climate change are choking even the most treasured corners of our country.

Wildfire smoke now blankets our parks each summer. Haze clouds once-clear views. The places we go to breathe deep and reconnect with nature are being smothered by our inaction.

At Look Rock in the Great Smoky Mountains, I saw how long-term air quality monitoring helps us track these threats, but data alone isn't enough. We must have the courage to act.

As a physician and mother, I know what is at stake. Every child deserves to explore our parks without wheezing from smoke or smog.

Clean air and healthy parks go hand in hand, and they are worth fighting for.

RECOGNIZING DALE ANDERSON

(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 honor and thank Dale Anderson for his service to the Fifth Congressional District of Colorado for over 18 years.

Dale served my predecessor, Congressman Doug Lamborn, in several roles, and he served as a senior adviser in my office.

Before working for Congress, Dale served our country in the Army for 9 years, and his keen strategic eye and leadership are evident in everything that he does.

Dale has served me in building relationships in the business community, the defense sector, and our district. His extensive knowledge of the district has proven invaluable to me and my team.

I am certain that these relationships and skills will serve him well as he continues to serve the Pikes Peak region in his new role at the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce as the senior vice president.

I wish Dale and his wife, Jennie, the very best as they return to Colorado Springs, and I thank them for their service and their sacrifice to the Fifth Congressional District of Colorado.

HONORING JUANITA BRYANT

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a North Carolina trailblazer, Juanita Bryant, who, sadly, passed away last month.

Juanita spent her career fighting for the women of North Carolina. She made history by becoming the first woman in North Carolina appointed by

the Governor to chair a State board or commission.

When Governor Hunt appointed her as executive director of the North Carolina Council for Women in 1993, he said: "Mrs. Bryant is one of North Carolina's most knowledgeable citizens in the area of women's issues."

On the council, Juanita led critical programs for women, including initiatives to help survivors of domestic violence, women in the military, women businessowners, and so much more.

Juanita Bryant advanced equality for women in North Carolina, but her legacy lives on in all the women and girls who walk in her footsteps today.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN THOLEN

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

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Chief Brian Tholen for his distinguished career in law enforcement and his lifelong commitment to serving the people of Minnesota through education, volunteerism, and public safety advocacy.

For over 25 years, Chief Tholen served with dedication and integrity as a police officer for the city of Edina. He then continued his service as chief of police for the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department, leading with professionalism and courage.

A graduate of the University of St. Thomas and the FBI National Academy, Chief Tholen exemplified Minnesotan excellence throughout his law enforcement career. His tenure includes a decade in the patrol division, where he served as a field training officer, a defensive tactics instructor, and a member of the Southwest Metro SWAT Team Consortium.

In the past 12 years, Chief Tholen has worked to train officers, paramedics, firefighters, and civilians across the metro area in active shooter response protocol. Through his work, he has emphasized the importance of awareness, prevention, and survival, equipping individuals and businesses with life-saving tools and strategies.

On behalf of myself and the Minnesotans who have benefited from his decades of leadership and service, I offer my sincere gratitude to Chief Brian Tholen.

REDRAWING CONGRESSIONAL MAPS AN ATTACK ON DEMOCRACY

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a robbery being planned by a felon.

In the first 6 months of this administration, Republicans have lost the battle of ideas. Now set on making sure that they don't lose power, they lie and cheat in order to steal the midterm elections.

Governor Abbott bent a knee to the felon in the White House, calling an emergency session to redraw congressional maps in Texas. These are maps that he himself approved in 2021.

While Texas Hill Country is still reeling in grief and trying to recover from devastating floods, Republicans prove that it is always the right time to do the wrong thing.

Texans are struggling and deserve so much better than what Abbott has cooked up for them. This is an attack on democracy and nothing more than a power grab.

We must fight them with everything we have because, in this country, the voters choose who they elect and not the other way around.

CELEBRATING EXONERATION OF PORT CHICAGO 50

(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, 1 year ago tomorrow, our community in the bay area and the country rejoiced as the Port Chicago 50 were finally exonerated 80 years after the explosion that changed the course of their lives and American history.

On July 17, 1944, an explosion rang out at the shipyard at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in California, killing or wounding 710 people, predominantly African Americans in the Navy, which was segregated at that time.

Mr. Speaker, 50 of the enlisted survivors who refused to return to the same unsafe working conditions that led to the explosion were indicted, defended by Thurgood Marshall, and convicted of mutiny.

After decades of advocacy from community veterans groups, civil rights groups, and more, last year, the Port Chicago 50 were finally exonerated by President Biden and the Navy.

While this action does not erase the historical injustice that they suffered, it does correct the record and recognizes them as the heroes that they were.

I am very proud to have been part of this endeavor to exonerate these innocent, brave American sailors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DARREN FOXWELL

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

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, last month, Maryland lost a son, brother, grandson, teammate, mentor, and friend, Darren Foxwell, far too early.

Darren grew up playing Little League and working as a camp counselor at the YMCA. He had just graduated from Easton High School, ready to start college and take the first steps in his beautifully bright future this fall.