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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. FOXX) at noon.

## PRAYER

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

Holy God, may the words of our mouths—those we speak, those we write, the ones we use to influence, and those we wield to disagree—and the meditations of our hearts—the thoughts we have toward others, the ideas we conjure, the self-reflection within our own souls, and the intentions we pursue—may all of these be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord.

From the same mouths that we use to praise You, may nothing come that disparages those with whom we serve, for each is made in Your image.

Within our hearts are our deepest desires and our truest opinions. Stand watch over the innermost corners of our souls and guard us from allowing animosity to take the place of generosity, malice over mercy, and grudges over grace.

You, O Lord, are our rock and our redeemer. Speak through our words and reside in our hearts this day, that in all that we think, that we do, and that we say, we would bring glory to You.

In Your eternal and merciful name, we pray.

Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. CISNEROS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CISNEROS 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.

## ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

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*Resolved*, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the fol-

lowing standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Mr. Fine.  
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY: Mr. Garbarino, Chair.

Mr. HERN of Oklahoma (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## 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.

## RECOGNIZING USCG PETTY OFFICER SCOTT RUSKAN

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

Mr. KEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Scott Ruskan, a native of Oxford, New Jersey, who displayed extraordinary bravery during the devastating flooding in Kerr County, Texas.

On his very first rescue mission, Petty Officer Ruskan saved 165 people, many of them children, including campers and staff from Camp Mystic. Serving as the only triage coordinator on the scene, he played a critical role in one of the largest rescue efforts in recent Coast Guard history.

Scott grew up in Warren County, attended Rider University, and answered the call to serve by enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard, where he trained as a rescue swimmer before deploying into action with courage far beyond his experience.

I am grateful to the first responders and to volunteers, especially heroes like Petty Officer Ruskan, who risk their lives to protect others in need. I thank them for their service and for their sacrifice.

## INCINERATING 500 TONS OF EMERGENCY 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. Madam Speaker, I rise for the 32nd time to call on the Trump administration to restore lifesaving food aid for malnourished children.

Last week, it was reported that the Trump administration is incinerating 500 tons of emergency food aid because it expired while sitting in a warehouse. This is food that had already been paid

for, had already been produced, and was just waiting to be shipped to starving people who needed it to survive. Instead, it is being incinerated.

In my district in Rhode Island, 87,000 boxes of lifesaving nutrition are sitting in Edesia Nutrition's warehouse. It is already paid for, already produced, and waiting to be shipped. This is food aid that is designed to treat starving children whose organs have shut down to the point where they cannot process normal food.

Madam Speaker, what are we doing here? This is food that is already paid for, already produced, and sitting in warehouses while kids starve.

I am going to stand on this floor every day until the administration honors its word and restores lifesaving food aid.

## RECOGNIZING TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(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. Madam Speaker, 6 months have passed since Donald Trump received the mandate of the people to fulfill his promises with extraordinary accomplishments.

Among the accomplishments by President Donald Trump are the following:

Illegal alien border crossings are at historic lows, and border wall construction has resumed.

Costs for everyday goods are near their lowest in 4 years, and wage growth has seen the largest increase in 60 years.

Oil and natural gas production have surged, and gas prices are at their lowest level in 4 years.

Trump tax cuts have been extended, creating jobs.

The President is promoting peace through strength and modernizing American military forces with cutting-edge technology, ensuring that our troops are the best equipped in history.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing that war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump, mocking Trump, and murdering Ukrainian civilians with rocket attacks as he conducts lovely conversations.

Madam Speaker, I wish a happy birthday to Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman David Wright.

## RECOGNIZING EMILY GREEN

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

Ms. MCBRIDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary work of Ms. Emily Green, a

teacher in the POLYTECH School District in Woodside, Delaware.

Through her participation in National History Day, Ms. Green has worked with her students to preserve the stories of Delaware's silent heroes, everyday individuals who answered the call to serve our Nation.

This past school year, Ms. Green and her students chose to research two Korean war veterans. They researched the lives that these veterans led before their service, the communities they returned to, and the legacies they left behind not only as servicemembers but as local leaders.

Ms. Green and her students visited cemeteries across Delaware where they honored these veterans by writing and delivering eulogies, ensuring that their stories, sacrifices, and names are remembered.

This project reflects the very best of Delaware. I am grateful to Ms. Green for teaching her students our Nation's history and respect for our silent heroes.

#### HONORING BRADLEY MICHAEL LINK

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

Mr. FINE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a hero who tragically lost his life in the line of duty.

Bradley Michael Link, age 28, was a beloved figure of the Lake County area. At a young age, he was committed to serving his community.

Bradley started as an Explorer, which is a Boy Scout program, with the Lake County Sheriff's Office as a teenager. That motivated him to join the Polk County Sheriff's Office for 2 years and then, later, the Lake County Sheriff's Office for 4½ years.

On Friday, August 2, 2024, almost 1 year ago, Bradley and his fellow deputies responded to a disturbance at a home on Brookside Drive in Eustis, where he was shot. He later died the next morning.

Master Deputy Sheriff Bradley Link embodied what it means to give. We must always remind ourselves that our men and women in blue are someone's loved ones. They are fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters—people who are willing to give up their time and peace to serve and protect.

Bradley was one of those people, and he left behind his wife, his mom and dad, and his brother.

I recognize the Link family and continue to remember Bradley. May God bless the Link family, and may God bless all of our officers in blue.

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#### CONGRATULATING LESLIE ROOK

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Leslie Rook of Monrovia, California.

Earlier this year, Leslie completed a truly impressive feat of running 50 marathons in all 50 States with an average of three marathons each year.

Over the past 14 years of this challenge, Leslie ran more than 1,300 miles during these marathons alone, but thousands more to train for this incredible accomplishment.

Leslie balanced her love of running with her already busy life as an occupational therapist, wife, and mother of two. I am truly amazed by Leslie's dedication, stamina, and drive.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Leslie on this remarkable achievement. She has made our district proud.

#### CALIFORNIA'S HIGH-SPEED RAIL IS OFF THE RAILS

(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, I heartily applaud Secretary Duffy's decision the other day to repeal and rescind the \$4 billion that the Federal Government has put in at the end of the Biden administration for the high-speed rail in California. Indeed, it has been a clown show. The thing is off the rails with any kind of goal it was ever going to meet.

It was supposed to have been completed by 2020, and at best now it would be completed by 2040, 2045, with just one segment between Bakersfield and Merced completed by 2033 they hope.

Instead, let's move that \$4 billion to something useful such as expanding State Route 99 in California, I-15, I-5, Interstate 395, Interstate 80. That money could be used to repair roadways designated as farm-to-market roads or State Route 152. By raising it a little bit, we would be able to add more water supply to the San Luis Reservoir or the bridge over I-5 over the Shasta Lake. In doing so, that would allow us to raise the level of that lake and provide much more water for the State of California in order to grow crops which would bring inflation down on the food prices by rechanneling money into something useful instead of something useless like this clown show that is the high-speed rail for 20 years.

#### RECOGNIZING BROWNTOWN IN GREENE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

(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 rise to recognize Browntown in Greene County, North Carolina.

The community dates back more than two centuries, and it has a rich history. Browntown embodies the enduring contributions of African Ameri-

cans, indigenous people, and European families who built and sustained it through many generations.

The land belonged to the Tuscarora Nation and later became a refuge for blended families who worked the land, worshiped together, and educated their children despite obstacles.

Many will unite in August for the Browntown Community Day which brings neighbors and descendants together to honor their ancestors, preserve their traditions, and inspire future generations.

Madam Speaker, I am glad to celebrate this community as a part of the American story and commend their contributions to Greene County, our State, and our Nation.

#### COST OF AMERICA LAST TRADE POLICIES

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

Mr. DAVIDSON. Madam Speaker, for decades, Washington, D.C., has allowed international trade organizations to put our competitors ahead of the American people. Groups like the World Trade Organization allow China to exploit trade loopholes while claiming to be a developing nation, stealing our intellectual property, and manipulating their own currency.

Under these America last trade policies, Ohio has lost a third of its manufacturing jobs. Between 2000 and 2010, Hamilton County in the Eighth District lost 66,000 good-paying, high-skilled jobs. My district heard the giant sucking sound of American industry fleeing overseas.

These jobs drove innovation and productivity, and they built our middle class. America last trade policies not only exported jobs and outsourced our defense industrial base, but they exported much of our future. Our trade policy ought to put American industry and American citizens first.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF CHRISTINA MARIE HENDERSON BLAKE

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

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Christina Marie Henderson Blake, known to all of us as Tina, who entered her heavenly home on July 3, 2025, after a courageous battle with glioblastoma.

Born in Fort Worth, Texas, and raised in Galveston, Tina graduated University of Texas at Austin, where she formed lifelong friendships through her beloved Kappa Kappa Gamma. She married the love of her life, Bruce, and together they raised two children, Jessica and Alex, first in Midland and later in southeast Texas in my district.

Tina was a pillar of every community that she called home, leading in the