

(3) is censured with the public reading of this resolution by the Speaker.

Sec. 2. Removal from Committee on Homeland Security:

The following named Member be, and is hereby, removed from the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Homeland Security:
Mrs. McIVER.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILL of Texas). Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Louisiana will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DESMOND "DESI" PATRICK FLAHERTY

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Desmond "Desi" Patrick Flaherty of Stony Point who passed away last week at the age of 86.

Born in the Bronx, Desi dedicated his life to service, spending 20 years with the NYPD's 44th Precinct, where he helped found the 44 Forever Club. He spent more than 50 years driving a schoolbus with Haverstraw Transit, safely carrying generations of children to school.

He coached Stony Point Little League for 25 years. He was an active member of the Rockland County Shields, the North Rockland Social Club, and his parish, St. Gregory Barbarigo.

Above all, Desi was a family man. He leaves behind his wife, Eleanor, with whom he shared 63 years. He also leaves behind 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was a proud North Rocklander whose legacy will live on in his family and in all the lives he touched. May Desi's memory always be a blessing to his family and to the North Rockland community.

FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE

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

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, it is wildfire season in Oregon, and the Trump administration is making it harder for

fire crews to do their jobs. I met with them, some of whom voted for the President. They told me that the funding cuts are a problem, and they don't have the resources they need.

Now this administration is pulling people off the front lines of wildfires to conduct immigration enforcement? Give me a break.

Mr. Speaker, 5 years ago, the Labor Day fires killed nine people and destroyed thousands of homes in Oregon. Central Oregon is currently fighting the Flat fire. Thanks to the hard work of our fire crews, it is now at 52 percent containment.

Mr. Speaker, now is not the time to make life harder on our firefighters. This administration needs to stop the foolishness. I don't mess around with the safety of my constituents and neither should the President.

HONORING ARMY SERGEANT MICHAEL VERARDO

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

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Army Sergeant Michael Verardo, a true American hero who passed away last week following a 15-year battle with injuries from his deployment in Afghanistan.

Michael served his country with distinction as a proud infantryman in the 82nd Airborne Division. He survived devastating injuries from IED explosions that claimed one of his legs and left him with countless other seen and unseen injuries, resulting in over 120 surgeries and hours and hours of therapy.

Michael's life was not simply defined by his courage but also by the love that he had for his dear wife, Sarah, and their three precious daughters.

Mr. Speaker, his legacy will continue to empower thousands upon thousands of wounded veterans with hope as they live full lives back here at home. Michael's life is a powerful reminder that freedom is not free, and it comes at a cost.

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TOWARD A MORE DIGNIFIED AND JUST IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

(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, back-to-school season should be a time of excitement, a time when families pick out backpacks, meet teachers, and look ahead to a year of learning and growth.

However, for the Merlos family, a Portland family, homeowners, businessowners, and vital members of our community, this school year begins in fear and heartbreak.

Jackie Merlos and her four U.S. citizen children were detained by Customs

and Border Protection and held for 2 weeks in a windowless cell without access to legal counsel.

After public outcry and a temporary restraining order from a judge, these U.S. citizen children were released from detention, but now they have been separated from their parents who remain in ICE custody.

Let's be clear. This cruelty is not accidental. It is family separation by another name, and it is doing nothing to make our communities safer.

As a mother, a physician, and a lawmaker, I will not stay silent. We need an immigration system rooted in dignity and justice, not fear.

HONORING THERON DARIENG

(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 the life and legacy of Theron Darieng, Sr.

For 90 years, Theron lived with faith, service, and love at the heart of all he did. Born and raised in Bryan County, he proudly served our Nation in the U.S. Air Force.

Theron dedicated decades to Richmond Hill as a city council member, a public works supervisor, and a volunteer fireman. His steady leadership and tireless service helped shape the community we know today.

Yet his greatest impact went beyond titles or positions. He was remembered most for his kindness, his generosity, and his willingness to lend a helping hand.

He was a devoted husband to Janine, a loving father and grandfather, and a guiding light in the First Baptist Church. He leaves behind a legacy of integrity and devotion that will endure for generations.

May we honor him by carrying forward his example of faith, service, and love.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARY PERRY

(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 recognize the extraordinary life and legacy of Mary Perry, who sadly passed away in August.

She left a mark on our community that will live for generations to come, first through her role as the president of the Wendell-Wake NAACP for decades and later when she made history as the first African-American chair of the Wake County Democratic Party.

From the civil rights movement to today's struggles for fairness in education, healthcare, housing, and voting, she led our community through many fights for justice and equality.

She faced threats while standing up to Jim Crow, fought against restrictive

voting laws, and inspired the next generation of leaders.

Mary Perry's story is one of perseverance and courage. We will proudly carry her legacy with us in the challenges ahead.

ORLAND PROJECT IN GLENN COUNTY

(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, in my northern California district in Glenn County, there is a water district called the Orland Project. It was built to capture and store water, yet outdated Federal laws tie our hands on how it can be used.

Right now, those supplies can only be transferred to the Central Valley if the Governor declares a drought emergency. That restriction makes no sense as water isn't as flexibly used as it could be.

In most years, surplus water is sitting behind a Federal dam while farms just down the road are short and our aquifers are getting pumped harder and harder to make up the difference from the surface water.

If we don't start pulling down these Federal roadblocks, then more water will keep going to waste just running out to the sea and not being used.

My legislation, the Orland Project Water Management Act, is a simple fix. It allows that water to be moved whenever it is available, not just during emergencies or when the Governor feels like it. There is no new construction and no extra costs, just smarter use of what we already have.

It is really, in terms of government, a no-brainer bill that supports agriculture, protects groundwater, and improves reliability.

Why don't we build in the flexibility to move the water where it is needed instead of just wasting it out to the ocean.

HONORING MARC FISHER

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marc Fisher, a constituent of mine who has spent more than 35 years leading our Jewish community in Cincinnati.

For the past 13 years, Marc has served as CEO of the Mayerson JCC. He has worked incredibly hard for the community in which he grew up, and because of his leadership, the J has thrived. Membership grew. Early childhood and senior programs expanded, and partnerships flourished. During the pandemic, the J was a reliable source of strength and connection.

That is what Marc brought to this work: a true effort to make sure everyone could find a place in our community.

He will retire at the end of the year, but the impact he has had will last for a very long time.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Marc for all he has done for the Mayerson JCC and for all of southwest Ohio.

REDISTRICTING

(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, President Trump has called on several Republican Governors to redistrict congressional districts no matter what the cost to fairness, voter inclusion, or proper geographic representation.

If his big, beautiful, ugly bill and its related policies were so popular, then he wouldn't need to do this. Cutting Medicaid for rural hospitals and food programs for the needy isn't so popular after all. His irrational tariff policies are backfiring. If his backtracking on environmental progress, threats to Social Security and VA benefits weren't creating a grassroots pushback, then this wouldn't be necessary. The unpopularity of his policies should lose him the tightfisted control of this House.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot box following the Marquess of Queensberry rules of fair and impartial districting while the World Wrestling Federation rules allow you to hit your opponent over the head with a chair.

This is a desperate power grab by a President whose agenda has failed the American people. We cannot let gerrymandering silence voters. Democracy demands fairness, and we must fight for it.

HONORING HARI VADLAMUDI

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Hari Vadlamudi, a husband, dad, and beloved member of the Loudoun County community who tragically passed away in July.

Hari was deeply respected through his professional work in the IT field and through his service. He was the treasurer of HealUSA, a nonprofit organization that supports thousands of underprivileged children in India.

He was known by many as a proud volleyball dad. He was always the loudest one in the Broad Run High School gym cheering on his daughters.

Hari had a reputation for always going above and beyond for his family, friends, and community. Hari Vadlamudi's memory will live on and leave a lasting impact on all those who were lucky to know him.

May he rest in peace.

HONORING IGNACIO "ZIGGY" GONZALEZ

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Ignacio Gonzalez, whom we lovingly called Ziggy, a beloved son of Detroit.

Ziggy was a proud veteran and dedicated educator. He lived a remarkable life of 94 years.

Born in 1930, Ziggy served in the United States Air Force before returning home to raise a family and dedicate his life to teaching and coaching.

As a beloved educator at Western International High School, Mr. G inspired countless students with his humor, wisdom, and unshakeable belief in their potential.

Ziggy was also the heart and soul of Clark Park, where he got the name Mr. Clark Park, and built hockey and baseball programs that gave young people a place to play and belong.

His love of family, sports, community, and music, especially jazz, reflected the very best of Detroit.

The 12th Congressional District extends our love to his wife and loved ones as we celebrate his life and commitment to carrying forward his legacy.

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BIDDING FAREWELL TO OFFICER SUZANNE O

(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, last week, I joined our Maui "ohana"; "family," law enforcement, and officials from across Hawaii as we bid farewell to Suzanne O, a beloved member of the Maui Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty, the first for our department in 26 years.

Raised in American Samoa and a graduate of Farrington High School, Officer O hoped to be a role model for other Pacific Islander girls, and she was. One of those girls, her niece Oleya, spoke at her memorial, calling her aunty "my favorite, beautiful police officer" and asking her to visit her in her dreams.

Officer O was a proud member of the MPD Honor Guard, and she received a certificate of merit for her heroic efforts during the Maui wildfires.

In a final act of "aloha"; "love and fellowship," 911 dispatchers issued a special broadcast across all channels: "She embodied skill, tenacity, courage, and compassion in all she did. We are all better for having known her. Employee number: 30881; Call sign: One-Alpha-30; Officer: Suzanne O; end of watch: August 15, 2025."

As Officer O watches over us now from above, we will do our very best to serve, live, and lead like she did.