

heinous crime that was committed in Charlotte on a light-rail system there.

Iryna Zarutska, escaped from Ukraine as a refugee, a true refugee to the United States, and lost her life because of the inability for us to stop crime in our large cities in the USA from a guy who had been arrested 14 different times and turned loose. Remember her name, Iryna Zarutska.

CALIFORNIA'S WATER SITUATION

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I speak often on this floor about California's water situation and how important it is not just to California, to California farmers, but to the country as a whole.

The crops that we grow in my home State indeed are important to the nutrition and the economy of the whole country. So many of the crops that we grow, up to 90 percent and more, are grown in California. You would have to import it from some other country if it wasn't grown there, and indeed, it would be at a lower level of quality, lower level of availability, under less constraints of proper environmental rules of usage of chemicals and labor. Those regulations go way beyond, a lot of times, like the California Air Resources Board, but I digress.

What is the key to California crops? It is our water supply. I speak often about how important it is to carefully guard our water supply that is available in our State.

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Mr. Speaker, this graphic shows how much water is wasted each year. We wouldn't have to take away from fish. We wouldn't have to take away from farmers. We wouldn't have to take away from cities. We wouldn't have to take away from washing cars and filling swimming pools like they talk about in L.A. a lot. Nobody has to have less if we would be a little bit smarter on how we allocate it and how we store it.

We have opportunities in California to store more water. We can raise the Shasta Dam 18 feet and gain 630,000 more acre-feet of water. Down the Sacramento River a little way is an opportunity to build a place called the Sites Reservoir, which would be 1.5 million acre-feet of supply.

One of the topics I am working on with the Shasta Dam is an amendment to put the language into the next bill on what is called FIRO, which is called Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations. Basically, we will do what a lot of people do, which is look at the weather forecast and look at the long term. We would see what the effects of the weather would be on the storage of the water in the dam.

The dam is required to have a certain amount of a buffer zone in the winter months so that if an extreme amount of rain or melting snowpack happens, the reservoir would have room to absorb that water instead of going straight down the river at an uncontrolled rate. That is what our flood control system is for.

This dam holds 4.5 million acre-feet full. They don't allow it to fill all the way up until April 1. They start filling it on approximately April 1 when the conservation period is over.

At that point we have to rely on how much snow might be on the mountains here on Mount Shasta, for example, and the other areas in the watershed to melt enough to bring the lake back up to that last 1 million acre-feet or so. We don't always have the weather to do that after April 1. A lot of times we run short. We don't fill the lake all the way up.

What we are talking about with the FIRO, the Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations, is we will look at the weather patterns. What do we expect will happen in the period of February or March? We can look offshore and see there are no storm fronts coming in for 3 weeks. They can tell with a satellite.

Obviously, we can't predict the weather to the nth degree. We can tell if there is a big issue or a lack of issue. Is it El Nino or La Nina? What will happen there?

If we see there is no weather coming in for a period of time, we can bump up that level of water the lake is holding in February and in March to a little higher degree than we would if we are afraid it will fill up and overflow. That is why FIROs are important.

The amendment we are working on will put some resources forward so they can plan for FIRO on Shasta Dam, which is the largest one in the State. They have done FIRO on some smaller reservoirs around the State. Why wouldn't we do it to the biggest one first that can have the most gain on water supplies in the State?

Mr. Speaker, let's get that done. We can save 200,000 or 300,000 acre-feet easily just by looking at the weather.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 12 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

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

PRAYER

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

Sovereign God, to You belongs all wisdom and insight. On this day, may we open ourselves to the truths creation itself professes. The array of animals on the Earth, the birds in the sky, the seasons and their turning, the tides of the great oceans—all these proclaim

Your divine plan for this world. The rhythms of life and the perfection of their design testify to the depth of Your knowledge and the breadth of Your authority.

To You belongs all strength and power. When You hold back the waters, there is drought. When You let them loose, they devastate the land. Such might is too great for us to comprehend, too awesome to grasp. Our own noble attempts and our best intentions fall short of Your glory.

But like the birds of the air and the fish of the sea, the creatures of the land, may we submit ourselves to Your grand design for this day.

For You have called us Your beloved children. As such, may we rejoice in the knowledge that Your everlasting arms uphold us in the living of each day. May we give testimony to our desire to serve You, almighty God, and that we would do so faithfully.

It is in your eternal 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 South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Matthew Hanley, one of his secretaries.

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.

COUDERSPORT 2025 HERITAGE COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Coudersport, Pennsylvania, as the 2025 Heritage Community of the Year through the PA Route 6 Alliance.

This award is presented each year to one designated heritage community

that has embraced their heritage tourism work plan and has implemented worthwhile projects that show impact and results in their community.

Coudersport will be officially recognized during a ceremony on Wednesday evening at the Wilds Sonshine Factory in Kane. The PA Route 6 Alliance will also present awards in the categories of Heritage Partnership, Heritage Tourism, Heritage Leadership, Lifetime Achievement, and the Artisan of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coudersport on this recognition. Located in the heart of Potter County, Coudersport is often referred to as "God's country." The scenic countryside and nearby Allegheny River create an outdoor paradise with recreation opportunities like fishing, hunting, camping, kayaking, hiking, skiing, snowmobiling, and more.

Coudersport's historical downtown and charming shops make it a small-town community that has it all. Thank you to the PA Route 6 Alliance for its efforts to preserve and promote our treasured communities like Coudersport.

CELEBRATING VIRGIN ISLANDS- PUERTO RICO FRIENDSHIP

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Virgin Islands-Puerto Rico friendship, celebrated throughout the month of October—but I just wanted to get everybody geared up for it now—in which we recognize the bond between our territories, united by history, culture, and shared values.

For generations, our islands have been connected by more than just Caribbean waters. We share a history of oppression and colonialism, linguistic heritage, cultural traditions, and Caribbean resilience. Our families have deep ties, our businesses have collaborated, and we have supported each other through hurricanes and celebrations alike.

From Carnival to culinary traditions, from music to literature, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico continue to enrich each other's cultural landscape.

Today, we recommit to strengthening these ties through greater collaboration in education, economic development, and cultural exchange, and we will work together to fully include ourselves in the American experience.

TRUMP CREATES JOBS

(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, President Donald Trump is creating jobs, allowing families to keep more of the money they earn.

Under President Trump, over half a million jobs have been created. Job-de-

stroying regulations are being slashed, eliminating 10 regulations for every new regulation created, led by Administrator LEE ZELDIN and with the appointment of Chairman David Wright to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Trump America First trade policy has recruited \$8 trillion in new manufacturing, creating hundreds of thousands of jobs. The Trump tax cuts will benefit families by over \$10,000 a year.

President Trump and Republicans in the House and Senate are committed to cutting taxes, increasing wages, and increasing jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. We know that President Trump is standing firm for families, revealing war criminal Putin's lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, with increased mass murder of Ukrainian civilians while subverting Belarus, Georgia, and Moldova for a new U.S.S.R.

South Carolina is grateful for the success of our shared community, Charlotte. Sadly, it is clear Mayor Lyles should resign for shamelessly concealing the murder of Iryna Zarutska.

UMASS AMHERST CAMPUS PANTRY

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, students at the University of Massachusetts Amherst recently joined together to address the terrible problem of food insecurity on their campus. After witnessing—and some even experiencing—difficulty affording nutritious food, these remarkable students worked with Chancellor Reyes and his team, the Amherst Survival Center, and the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts to establish the UMass Amherst Campus Pantry.

Last Friday, I was proud to stand with them to officially open the pantry, which is a welcoming space that will provide anyone in the UMass community with a little extra help when they need it. The shelves are stocked with nutritious food, including food grown locally by the incredible farmers in western Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, times are tough. Food costs are high and people are struggling. No community and no college campus in our country are immune from food insecurity.

I am so proud of the students at UMass Amherst and the administration for working toward a food-secure campus. I encourage students across the country to work with their colleges and universities to address campus food insecurity and finally end hunger now.

CONGRATULATING WILLIE ADAMS ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Willie Adams, former president of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, who recently retired. For more than 40 years, Willie focused on supporting working families, workers' rights, and civil rights.

Born in Kansas City, he first came to Tacoma, Washington, as a longshore worker at the port in 1978, and worked his way up, including to secretary-treasurer of the executive board. In 2018, he broke barriers as the first Black international president of the ILWU.

He fought for increased wages and benefits for his longshore brothers and sisters and navigated the safety and supply challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the former mayor of Tacoma and now a Member of Congress, I have witnessed Willie's leadership firsthand for working people everywhere.

In Tacoma, he highlighted notable Black figures and entrepreneurs with celebrations of Black history, which led to his being the recipient of the City of Tacoma Destiny Award.

I thank Willie for his contributions to the international labor movement, and I congratulate him on his well-earned retirement.

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HONORING GEORGE HARRIS

(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 to honor George Harris, a giant in the Dallas community and someone who dedicated his entire life to fighting for LGBTQ equality.

Last month, George passed away at the age of 92, leaving behind a legacy of courage, service, and sacrifice. After serving in the Army and working at the CIA, he was discharged simply because he was gay. He built a life of love alongside his partner of more than 50 years, Jack Evans.

In 2015, George and Jack made history as the first same-sex couple legally married in Dallas County, a moment that inspired Americans from across the country.

George helped create institutions that still serve our community, like the Resource Center; the LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce; and The Dallas Way, one of our Nation's largest LGBTQ archives.

Preserving our history was one of George's last labors of love, ensuring future generations know the struggles and triumphs of those who came before him.

Dallas and our Nation are better because of George Harris.