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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 10, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID J. TAYLOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

HONORING MALIK TODD MURRAY

(Mrs. BEATTY of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Malik Todd Murray, senior vice president and head of business development at Ariel Investments, one of the Nation's leading Black-owned asset management firms.

Malik stood tall, literally and figuratively. A former athlete and NBA referee, he brought a team-first mindset to business, mentoring talent, opening doors, and proving that excellence and equity go hand in hand.

I salute him today especially for his work in promoting and expanding opportunities for minority businesses. Along with Ariel's founder, John Rogers, he championed using business diversity versus minority procurement.

He was an influential force behind the work of the United States Congress' first Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion under the powerful Financial Services Committee led by the Honorable MAXINE WATERS. Ms. WATERS then appointed me to be the first chair in the history of this Congress of the Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion.

He and those at Ariel reminded us early on that there is no shortage of high-performing and diverse-owned firms. I could clearly do a roll call, listing all of those firms.

It reminded me of something that I was told. As John Rogers was testifying and Malik and I were witnesses to watching him, he said: As Reverend Jackson says, baseball became a better sport when Jackie Robinson was allowed to play.

The financial services industry is well-served by many dynamic leaders who look like Jackie Robinson. They are job creators and philanthropists. They play important roles in being role models in our communities and across America.

Malik, along with John Rogers, taught me a lesson that I carry with me today. Diversity is not only those we hire but with whom we do business.

True economic power is going beyond service contracts. True business diversity includes diverse hires in private equity, in wealth management, those who handle our money, the accountants who protect our books, and the lawyers who advise clients.

That is why it is important that we look at all industries, whether they be hospitals, museums, universities, or tech companies—and the list goes on—because this is America.

We all deserve to have equality and equity. That is what this great America is about. It is about opening doors, expanding opportunities, and making sure that our young children can dare to dream. If they can see it, they know they can be it. It is for them to know that while they are here today, they are reaching for their "there" tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, to the family of Malik Todd Murray, we salute him. We thank his family for allowing him to share his young life with us. He will be deeply missed, but I promise his work will not be forgotten.

CONGRATULATING MISS OHIO OLIVIA FOSSON AND MISS OHIO'S TEEN ALLISON PAYTON

(Mr. TAYLOR of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two of southern Ohio's outstanding young women who have proudly made the Second Congressional District home to both Miss Ohio and Miss Ohio's Teen: Olivia Fosson and Allison Payton.

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Allison, a Chillicothe native and rising senior at Zane Trace High School, was crowned Miss Ohio's 2025 Outstanding Teen this past June.

A newcomer to the pageant world, Allison was encouraged to get involved last year by a friend from her dance studio. She has been a competitive dancer for 15 years, with tap being her favorite, which she performed during the competition.

Allison's service initiative focuses on one-to-one mentoring relationships, a meaningful way to empower and uplift youth in our communities. Examples like hers inspire students to work hard, serve those around them, and find ways to give back to their communities.

Just this past weekend, Allison went on to represent Ohio in the 2025 Miss

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America's Teen competition, finishing as a semifinalist. Southern Ohio is so proud of her and will continue cheering her on in her future endeavors.

Olivia Fosson earned the title of Miss Ohio 2025 in June of this year. She grew up on a Christmas tree farm in Kitts Hill and made history as the first Miss Ohio from Lawrence County.

Olivia is proud of her rural and Appalachian roots and hopes to be a role model for other small-town girls. She is a musical theater graduate of Oklahoma City University and is currently pursuing a law degree at The Ohio State University.

Olivia's community service initiative focuses on the importance of fueling your body and recognizing when you need rest. It is her mission to share her story so that those struggling with body image issues know they aren't alone. She hopes to promote sustainable habits and a positive self-image for the next generation.

Olivia represented our Buckeye State in the Miss America competition this past weekend, showcasing the best Ohio has to offer and making her hometown proud.

These programs are a part of the Miss America scholarship organization, the largest scholarship provider to young women in the world.

As a father of three girls, I am happy to see young women like Allison and Olivia setting a great example for girls around them of confidence, a solid work ethic, and a drive to serve others.

This program is more than just a pageant. It promotes healthy living, creative expression, and academic achievement, while offering scholarship opportunities that help young women achieve their educational dreams. It fosters personal growth, professional development, and a powerful network of female leaders who are making a difference in their communities and beyond. Its mission is simple yet powerful: to prepare great women for the world and the world for great women.

Southern Ohio is proud of Allison's and Olivia's accomplishments and the ways they have given back to our Buckeye State communities. We are cheering them on and can't wait to see what they will achieve in the years ahead.

REMEMBERING MATTHEW JUNIPER

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Matthew Juniper, a former member of the Wellston Police Department, who tragically passed away on August 30, 2025, due to an off-duty accident.

Throughout his life, Matthew demonstrated a deep commitment to his community, serving as a police officer, a former deputy sheriff, and a volunteer firefighter.

Matthew consistently put his community first and was a beloved member of the police department. His colleagues described him as a joy to be around and everything you would want in a police officer.

Beyond his role as a first responder, Matthew was a loving father, son, and brother who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life: hunting, fishing, and spending time with family.

Matthew will be fondly remembered by his friends and family, who will carry him with them in everything they do.

It is people like Matthew who put service above self that make this country exceptional.

My thoughts and prayers are with Matthew's family. He will never be forgotten.

Please join me in a moment of silence to recognize Matthew and pray for his family.

CELEBRATING EXTRAORDINARY CAREER OF HERBERT BELLAMY, JR.

(Mr. KENNEDY of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the extraordinary career of my dear friend, Herbert Bellamy, Jr., the longest serving member and chairman of the Buffalo Sewer Authority board, who recently retired after 33 years.

After being appointed to the board in 1991, Herb was elected as chair on July 1, 1994. As chairman, Herb championed diversity, equity, and inclusion among the authority's workforce, appointing the first Black general manager in the authority's history and expanding contract opportunities for minorities and women-owned businesses.

Through his steady leadership, Herb has set a standard for navigating challenges while keeping the focus on service and community, so when the Niagara Business Association sought a new president, it was only fitting that Herb was entrusted with the role this past July.

In each and every endeavor, Herb has built a culture of accountability and empowerment. As CEO of Bellamy Enterprises, Buffalo Black Achievers, and Niagara Falls Black Achievers, among many other hats he wears, Herb has consistently created platforms that amplify excellence in our community and nurture the next generation of leaders.

Building on his father, Herb Bellamy, Sr.'s legacy, the Bellamy name remains synonymous with leadership, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to uplifting communities too often overlooked.

The Bellamy family's impact on our community is also felt through Herb and Marilyn, his wife; their three children, Jason, Chantelle, and Brandon; and their grandson, Jaxon.

I have had the distinct privilege of working alongside Herb over the years, and I have seen firsthand the quiet strength, humility, and conviction he brings to every room.

Herb has helped lay the foundation for a more just, more inclusive, and

more vibrant future for every western New Yorker. I thank Herb for his service, for his vision, and for showing all of us what it means to lead with heart, with purpose, and with people in mind.

May his next chapter be filled with the same passion and dedication that have defined his incredible journey so far. On behalf of a grateful community, State, and Nation, I wish my good friend, Herb Bellamy, Jr., nothing but the best and Godspeed.

CELEBRATING MAVERICK INNOVATION GATEWAY GRAND OPENING

(Mr. FINSTAD of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Minnesota State University, Mankato, on the grand opening of their new Maverick Innovation Gateway.

This center represents the very best of southern Minnesota, where innovation meets hard work and where our next generation of leaders will gain the skills to drive our economy forward.

With the support of community partners like Nidec and many others, this facility will provide students with hands-on experience, foster entrepreneurship, and prepare young people to meet the workforce demands of tomorrow.

As a proud Minnesotan, I know firsthand the impact that institutions like MSU-Mankato have on our families, our businesses, and the vitality of our region.

The Maverick Innovation Gateway will be an invaluable resource for students not only to build the skills necessary to fill critical jobs but to take what they are learning in the classroom and translate it to real-world job experiences.

This new addition to the MSU campus is more than just a building. It is a promise to students and employers that southern Minnesota is and will remain a hub of opportunity and innovation across our State and Nation.

Mr. Speaker, today, I congratulate President Inch, faculty, staff, students, and the entire Mankato community on this exciting achievement.

TAXING EXCESSIVE CEO PAY

(Ms. TLAIB of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, working people are sick and tired of corporate greed. It is time to say enough is enough.

Last year, Starbucks CEO Brian Niccol made almost \$96 million. The average Starbucks worker made less than \$15,000 a year. They would have to work more than 6,000 years to match Starbucks' CEO pay.

While Starbucks is among the worst, it is not the only one in the United States. Among the 100 S&P 500 companies with the lowest worker pay, the