

DISMISSING THE ELECTION CONTEST RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I call up H. Res. 308 and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The title of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 308

Resolved, That the election contest filed on November 17, 2024, relating to the office of Representative from the Fourteenth Congressional District of Florida is dismissed on the grounds that, under section 2(1) of the Federal Contested Election Act (2 U.S.C. 381(1)), the House of Representatives has jurisdiction over official general and special elections to choose a Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress, but does not have jurisdiction over a primary election, or a caucus or convention of a political party.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DISMISSING THE ELECTION CONTEST RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TWENTY-EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I call up H. Res. 309 and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 309

Resolved, That the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Twenty-eighth Congressional District of Texas is dismissed on the grounds of untimely filing with the House of Representatives.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DISMISSING THE ELECTION CONTEST RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AT-LARGE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF ALASKA

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I call up H. Res. 310 and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 310

Resolved, That the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the at-large Congressional District of Alaska is dismissed on the grounds that, under section 2(1) of the Federal Contested Election Act (2 U.S.C. 381(1)), the House of Representatives has jurisdiction over official general and special elections to choose a Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress, but does not have jurisdiction over a primary election, or a caucus or convention of a political party.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DISMISSING THE ELECTION CONTEST RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE THIRTIETH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I call up H. Res. 311 and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 311

Resolved, That the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Thirtieth Congressional District of Texas is dismissed on the grounds of untimely filing with the House of Representatives.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DISMISSING THE ELECTION CONTEST RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I call up H. Res. 312 and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 312

Resolved, That the election contest filed on January 9, 2025, relating to the office of Representative from the Fourteenth Congressional District of Florida is dismissed on the grounds of untimely filing with the House of Representatives.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING REPRESENTATIVE CAROLYN CHEEKS KILPATRICK

(Mrs. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Representative Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, a devoted public servant to Michigan for decades.

Congresswoman Kilpatrick began her career as a public school teacher in Detroit before being elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, where she became the first Black woman to serve on the powerful appropriations committee.

She would serve nearly 20 years in the State House before being elected to the United States Congress, where she also served on the House Committee on Appropriations. She was chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and cared deeply about mentoring and empowering the next generation of leaders.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus have joined the bipartisan Michigan delegation to honor her memory tonight.

Over her 14 years in the House, she fought for much-needed Federal funding to revitalize southeast Michigan when it needed it the most.

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Her work helped bring Detroit back from the verge of bankruptcy and grow into the flourishing city it is today.

She secured money for education, infrastructure, medical services, and other much-needed investments. Our beautiful, clean riverfront is just one permanent reminder of her impact on our community.

We are thankful for her lifetime of service to our great State.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG), who is the dean of the Michigan delegation.

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise today on behalf of all Michiganders to honor the life and legacy of a former member of the Michigan delegation, Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, who, unfortunately, passed away in early October.

Ms. Cheeks Kilpatrick's journey began in classrooms, as has been mentioned, in Detroit where she worked as a dedicated teacher who was committed to the task of all of her children. That early calling to uplift young minds and invest in their future shaped the course of her life.

I was fortunate to serve with the former Congresswoman in both the Michigan State legislature where I served on the appropriations committee with her. In fact, that one term in office was historic when there was an equal number of Republicans and Democrats, and we shared the chairmanship of the transportation subcommittee together.

I found out what it was to work in concert in a bipartisan way for the

good of the State with a lady who was willing to work together.

She showed firsthand how committed she was to serving our community, regardless of what community, and advocating for education and opportunity for working families.

Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick inspired countless others by leading with integrity, resilience, devotion, and also strength.

Today, we mourn her passing, but we also honor the lasting mark she left on this Nation and on this body.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for all of us to join in a moment of silence and honor for Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO DISCHARGE COMMITTEE ON RULES FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 432

Mr. GOLDEN of Maine. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(c) of rule XV, I rise to provide notice of my intent to offer a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from further consideration of H. Res. 432.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Did the gentleman sign the petition?

Mr. GOLDEN of Maine. I did, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(c) of rule XV, a motion to discharge is privileged only at a time designated by the Speaker within 2 legislative days after the intent to offer such motion is offered.

The Chair will entertain the gentleman's motion at that time.

RECOGNIZING ELLIOT ABRAMS

(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 Elliot Abrams for 42 years of dedicated service to the residents of Patton Township, Pennsylvania.

Elliot was first elected township supervisor in 1980, after service on both the Patton Township Sign and Review Board and the Planning Commission. Elliot has a long history of service to Patton Township and to the entire Centre region.

For more than 50 years, Elliot delivered the weather report as chief forecaster and senior vice president of AccuWeather. He was first hired at AccuWeather in 1967. In 1971, Elliot graduated from Penn State University with both a bachelor's and a master's degree in meteorology.

Elliot holds the title of certified consulting meteorologist and the AMS Seal of Approval for both radio and television from the American Meteorological Society. He is one of only a few living individuals to earn this distinction.

Mr. Speaker, Elliot has dedicated his life in service to the Centre region both

on and off air, and he will formally retire from the Patton Township Board of Supervisors at the end of this year.

Mr. Speaker, I wish him all the best.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

(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, I rise to recognize the charitable work in Yonkers during this holiday season of Operation Santa Claus, raising money to support organizations that work directly with individuals, especially children with developmental disabilities.

The funds raised provide essential services, support, and adaptive equipment during the holidays and throughout the year ahead.

The annual event fundraising is a breakfast to be held this Sunday, December 14, in Castle Royale in Yonkers, where State Senator Nick Spano is chairman with Tom Meier and Gail Burns as co-chairs.

We salute their good work and the individuals and groups honored at this year's breakfast, including Dr. Iyad Annabi, who is receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate all involved.

GEORGIA TECH THANKSGIVING

(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 highlight a remarkable act of kindness happening right here in the State of Georgia.

Georgia Tech faculty and staff opened their homes to students who could not travel home for Thanksgiving. Through a program called Home for the Holidays, students were welcomed like family.

Many of these students are international, far from home, and experiencing an American Thanksgiving for the first time. Faculty members cooked meals, shared traditions, and offered community to those who needed it most.

This is a very best example of what it means to look out for one another. It shows that a university is more than classrooms and textbooks. It is a community.

These volunteers gave students comfort, belonging, and memories that will last a lifetime. Their generosity reflects the values we cherish in Georgia: hospitality, kindness, and service to others.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Georgia Tech faculty and staff for making Thanksgiving feel like home for every student.

JUNK FEES

(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, I am here today not just as the Representative for Oregon's Fifth Congressional District, but as a mom getting ready for the holidays.

Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, costs are out of control.

Every time I go to make a purchase, these companies keep charging me fee after fee after fee. So whether it is booking travel for my son to come home for the holidays or buying tickets for my daughter as a Christmas gift, these fees are driving up the cost of everything.

You get to the checkout page, and suddenly the price feels like it is 40 percent higher. There are payment processing fees for a flight, venue fees for a concert, airport concession fees for a rental car, or service charges on just about everything.

I have had it with these junk fees, and I have heard from so many others that they have too.

Americans deserve transparency, not bait-and-switch pricing models.

That is why I introduced the Junk Fee Prevention Act. It is past time that we get corporate greed under control and protect American families.

I am calling on the House to get it done for the holidays.

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CONGRATULATING CORNER CANYON AND LONE PEAK HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate both the Corner Canyon and the Lone Peak High School football teams who recently faced off in the Utah 6A State Championship. Their matchup showcased exactly what Utah embodies: determination, grit, and exceptional spirit.

Corner Canyon emerged victorious, securing their sixth State title in the past 8 years and their third straight championship. This championship capped a phenomenal season where they finished with a record of 12-1 and boasted one of the highest scoring offenses in the Nation. Their success reflects the leadership of head coach Eric Kjar, who instilled in these men values of dedication, perseverance, and hard work.

I hope you all join me in wishing them good luck as they play in their first ever Overtime National Championship against St. Frances Academy.

I would also like to congratulate Lone Peak High School and their head coach Bart Brockbank. Despite their loss in the championship, they played admirably throughout the entire season, even giving Corner Canyon their only loss of the season back in September.