

and I will do everything I can to ensure that you can live, worship, and celebrate safely and freely.

CLEMENT FORD

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

Mr. ONDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Raj Clement on the opening of his new state-of-the-art Ford dealership in Wentzville, Missouri.

Raj began selling cars online to help pay for college and went on, through vision and hard work, to build his business into a thriving enterprise with seven locations that now contribute significantly to our region's economy.

This new, 71,000-square-foot Ford 2.0 facility will bring 150 jobs to Wentzville, supporting families, strengthening local businesses, and boosting economic growth. Projects like these are exactly what we hope to see: local entrepreneurs investing in Missouri, expanding opportunity, and helping our region thrive.

Raj's dedication and hard work reflect the very best of the American spirit.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Raj Clement and the entire Clement Auto Group for their commitment to our community and for the positive impact this investment will have for the people of Missouri's Third Congressional District.

CHAMPION OF THE WEEK: AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS MASCOT PETER GEORGE

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

Mrs. SYKES. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Peter George as Ohio's 13th Congressional District's Champion of the Week.

For 25 years, Peter George, or as many know him as Gilby, has played the part of the Akron Public Schools' districtwide mascot. In a canine costume that was heavy and hot, Peter showed up lighthearted and energetic to meet the hugs, high-fives, and smiles of Akron children. As Gilby, Peter has danced at pep rallies, walked in parades, posed for photos, and comforted ill or disabled youth.

What mattered most wasn't the costume. It was the care. Peter understood that for some kids, Gilby wasn't just a mascot, but rather a highlight of someone's day or the lightening of someone's load. From school hallways to hospital rooms, Peter met children where they were and made them feel seen.

In fact, although he says he is retiring, he will never turn down an opportunity to put a smile on a child's face who happens to be in the hospital.

Today I honor someone most of us have known not by his face, but by the joy he brought into our lives.

Peter's work reminds us that joy is a form of service. I thank him for his 25 years of love, laughter, kindness, and APS school pride.

RECOGNIZING DR. LISA SAYLES-ADAMS, MINNESOTA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

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

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Minneapolis Public Schools superintendent, Dr. Lisa Sayles-Adams, on her achievement of being named the 2026 Minnesota Superintendent of the Year.

Bringing over 30 years of experience as a teacher, principal, and district leader, Dr. Sayles-Adams is the second Minneapolis school superintendent to win the State honor.

Since stepping into this role, Dr. Sayles-Adams has been committed to working alongside families, faculty, and students to improve our public schools, visiting over 50 schools, and hosting seven community listening sessions.

Under her leadership, Minneapolis Public Schools have been marked by positive change, with community trust and academic performance improving districtwide.

I am incredibly grateful for her dedication to ensuring Minneapolis' children receive the support they need to succeed.

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PUTTING HEALTH OVER PARTISANSHIP

(Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today because I believe healthcare is a basic human dignity and right.

Sadly, due to a refusal to extend Affordable Care Act tax credits, millions across this country are at risk of losing their healthcare on January 1, just 2 weeks away.

Now, my colleagues across the aisle are undermining key achievements of the ACA in favor of the ill-conceived policy choices like CHOICE Arrangements and association health plans. Under these proposals, insurers can cut corners and neglect essential services for mental health, substance abuse, and chronic disease management.

Let me be clear: The failure to extend ACA tax credits or present a viable alternative is simply unacceptable.

Without these tax credits, 21,000 families in Maryland's Sixth District will see skyrocketing premiums and nearly 9,000 of my neighbors stand to lose coverage entirely. Moreover, many of our rural hospitals and health providers are at risk of closing or stopping essen-

tial services. Finally, over a quarter of our farmers rely on ACA tax extensions and will be priced out of healthcare.

In sum, together, in community, we must take care of one another. We must protect affordable care and put people's health over partisanship.

HEALTHCARE BILL FAILURES

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today and every day for the working families of northwestern Ohio. This includes rural Americans across this country who are being left behind by the bills not reaching this floor this week.

Right now, Congress is debating healthcare as if it were an abstract policy exercise, but back home, it is very real. It is the factory worker in Defiance choosing between insulin and groceries. It is the farmer in Fulton County driving an hour to see a doctor and then opening a bill he simply cannot pay.

These proposals do nothing to protect them. Let's be clear. A \$1,000 health savings account is not insurance. It is a coupon, one that disappears the moment you walk into an emergency room.

That money helps people who already have savings. It does not help families living paycheck to paycheck. One hospital visit costs more than a month's rent.

Instead of stabilizing premiums, extending ACA subsidies, and protecting coverage, these phony bills gamble with people's lives.

Madam Speaker, healthcare should not depend on your ZIP Code, your job title, or the balance in your bank account. Working Ohioans deserve real coverage, not false, empty promises.

JIMMY LAI VERDICT

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

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today on a subject that is very timely and important, but before I go into that, I thank my colleagues, the Congresswomen from Maryland and Ohio, for their speaking truth about healthcare and what the negligence of this body is in not bringing up a bill for us to have to extend the subsidies. It is taking a toll on our families. It is really immoral, in my view.

However, I rise today in response to the unjust guilty verdict handed down by China against Jimmy Lai. Jimmy Lai is a publisher and a prisoner of conscience convicted not for committing a crime but for exercising the fundamental freedoms of speech and press.

His work at Apple Daily gave voice to the people of Hong Kong and held power to account. For that, he has been

targeted, silenced, and now formally condemned by a system designed to crush dissent.

This guilty verdict sends a chilling message that truth is on trial in Hong Kong. It shreds the promises of autonomy and rule of law and exposes the reality of Beijing's crackdown on democracy.

His son, Sebastien, and his daughter, Claire, have lobbied for his freedom.

The United States must speak with moral clarity. We must condemn this verdict. We must demand his immediate release.

HONORING LIFE OF FIRE CHIEF KAZUO TODD

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Hawaii County Fire Chief Kazuo Todd.

I was fortunate to spend time with Kazuo—visits to the firehouse and dispatch center, meetings and conferences, catching him around D.C. and Hawaii Island. He even suited me up in full fire gear to break down a door so I could experience the training his firefighters endure.

In all the time I got to spend with him, one truth came through very clearly: Kazuo cared, deeply and genuinely, about people. He was a devoted son, a loving husband, and a proud father who cared for the Hawaii Island people the same way he cared for his own “family” “ohana,” with a calm sense in crisis, humility in leadership, and an unshakable sense of responsibility and aloha for others.

To the Todd “family” “ohana,” while our time with Kazuo was far too short, “thank you” “mahalo” for sharing him with us. He poured his heart into serving the people of Hawaii Island, and all of us are better for it.

HONORING REMARKABLE LIFE OF LUCIEN MORIN

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

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life and legacy of Lucien A. Morin, who passed away this year at 104. Lu, as he was known to all, was a proud World War II veteran.

He began his public career as a Henrietta Town Justice who literally held court in his own home. He then served in the very first Monroe County legislature and as county manager before being elected the first-ever Monroe County Executive. He spent his entire life answering the call to serve.

Lu brought practical wisdom and fairness to each role he took on and led with a spirit of collaboration and a belief that public service should uplift ev-

eryone. This was evident in his landmark Morin/Ryan legislation, which strengthened the finances of local governments and our local schools.

Lu Morin leaves us a legacy of integrity and a deep faith in our community. I was honored to know him, to work with him, and to call him my friend. May we continue to carry his extraordinary example forward.

JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 10, 2025, the following joint resolution was presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.J. Res. 131. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision”.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2411. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-206, “Closing of a Public Alley in Square 3524, S.O. 23-06402, Act of 2025”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2412. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-205, “Malcolm X Extension of Disposition Authority and Term Sheet Amendment Act of 2025”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2413. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-203, “Uniform College Athlete Name, Image, or Likeness Amendment Act of 2025”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2414. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-202, “Uniform Commercial Code Financing Statement Forms Amendment Act of 2025”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2415. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-201, “Uniform Special Deposits Act of 2025”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2416. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, trans-

mitting DC Act 26-200, “Veteran Spouse Homestead Deduction Amendment Act of 2025”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2417. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2025-4004; Project Identifier MCAI-2025-01666-R; Amendment 39-23195; AD 2025-23-52] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2418. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2025-5031; Project Identifier AD-2025-01681-T; Amendment 39-23203; AD 2025-23-53] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2419. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2025-5025; Project Identifier AD-2025-01595-T; Amendment 39-23197; AD 2025-24-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2420. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2025-0917; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00740-A; Amendment 39-23155; AD 2025-20-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2421. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2025-0470; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00579-T; Amendment 39-23165; AD 2025-20-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2422. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2025-3423; Project Identifier MCAI-2025-00811-T; Amendment 39-23162; AD 2025-20-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2423. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2025-0340; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00462-T; Amendment 39-23158; AD 2025-20-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.