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The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. STRONG).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 9, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DALE W. STRONG to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

You, O Lord, are our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer. Be the sanctuary in which all those who flee from the deadly Palisades, Hurst, and Hollywood Hills wildfires in California can find refuge. Be their shield against the flames which threaten to engulf them, their stronghold in the midst of destruction.

Hear all those who call to You in their distress, the street people and the screen stars, and all whose homes and livelihoods are endangered. Hear those who cry to You for help. Hear their voices, and may their cries reach Your ears, that You would shelter them from the fires raging around them.

Gird up the first responders, the firefighters, the emergency medical personnel, and the rescue teams with Your strength. Be their shield and defender, that they may be effective agents in saving the imperiled. Arm their hands for the battle before them. Equip them with the weapons of deliverance. Keep them from growing weary in the face of the relentless hours ahead, and protect them from all harm.

These, our fellow Americans, are precious in Your sight. Give them shelter

in these days within the protection of Your loving arms.

In Your saving 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 Texas (Mr. LUTTRELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LUTTRELL 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

(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 and celebrate National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

It is a privilege to honor the more than 800,000 sworn officers serving across the United States for their unwavering dedication to upholding the law and safeguarding our communities.

The challenges they face and the importance of their work cannot be overstated.

Since its establishment in 2015, National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day has been observed annually on January 9. This day provides a meaningful opportunity for our Nation to express gratitude for the brave men and women who wear the badge with honor and integrity.

I thank the Capitol Police, the Secret Service, and the Metropolitan Police Department for their continuous efforts to keep us safe here in our Nation's Capital.

I am also deeply grateful to the law enforcement officers in my home State of Pennsylvania, including the State troopers and the dedicated local police departments across the 15th District, for their steadfast commitment to protecting our families and communities.

I thank all law enforcement officers across the United States for their selfless service and the sacrifices they make every day in defense of public safety.

HONORING PAUL REYES

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and to pay tribute to the late Paul Reyes, a boxing legend from Fort Worth, Texas.

Paul was not only a legend in the ring, but he was also a man of humility and great faith.

If my colleagues followed boxing in the 1980s and 1990s, they will remember Donald "The Cobra" Curry and Paulie Ayala, who were world champions. They were students of Paul Reyes.

Paul's gym was more than just a place to go train for boxing. His gym was a place to keep kids off of the streets and give them a different direction to go in. Again, he trained some of

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the most amazing boxers in the country and really put Fort Worth, Texas, on the map for this sport.

He was a beloved member of the community. He is going to be missed, and I want everyone to know what an important legend and icon this man was. He truly changed Fort Worth and made the lives of so many young people better.

HONORING PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

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

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, today, as our country remembers the life of the only President from my home State of Georgia, I rise to honor a few notable moments of President Jimmy Carter's legacy within Georgia's Third Congressional District.

President Carter was an avid fan of NASCAR, and he enjoyed many races at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton.

As Governor in 1971, he celebrated the 150th anniversary of Fayette County. In 1973, he visited Newnan as a part of his Operation Feedback tour.

He traveled to Meriwether County several times. Through his leadership as Governor, the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation continued to care for Georgians with disabilities.

He purchased his suits from Bowdon in Carroll County, and he enjoyed Chick-fil-A sandwiches during his many visits to Columbus.

Following his Presidency, he honored my hometown, Peachtree City, by leading our Independence Day parade in 1995. In 2003, working with Habitat for Humanity, President Carter built over 20 homes for Georgians in need in LaGrange.

I thank the Fayette County Historical Society, The Newnan Times-Herald, the Meriwether Historical Society, and the Heard County Historical Center and Museum for helping to compile this research, allowing me to honor the life and legacy of a remarkable Georgian, the 39th President of the United States of America, Jimmy Carter.

READY TO DELIVER

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

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell the people of Oregon that I am ready to deliver for them. As someone who has lived, operated businesses, and raised my four children in our community, I know that families are struggling and feel like their voice isn't heard.

I am here to say that I am listening and I am fighting for our families. My top priorities are making sure that our kids are learning, healthy, and thriving; supporting hardworking families who feel like their government has left

them behind; and working to bring new and good jobs back to Oregon. I will work with anyone to do it.

It is important to me to have open communication with my constituents so that they can always contact me and get updates from me by going to my website at bynum.house.gov.

I thank my constituents for trusting me.

COMMONSENSE MAGA AGENDA

(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, the FBI defines "domestic terrorism" as: "Violent, criminal acts committed by individuals and/or groups to further ideological goals stemming from domestic influences . . ."

America is experiencing an ongoing war, as witnessed in New Orleans, in Las Vegas, and a plot to kill in Florida.

The moral fabric of America has suffered with 4 years of Biden-Harris policies, including dangerous open borders, destroyed jobs, crushing inflation, campus anti-Semitism, woke mentality, the failure to lead globally, and more.

Unified Republican leadership will advance the conservative agenda to make America great again.

Corrupt Judge Merchan has shamefully revealed Trump derangement by scheduling sentencing. This confirms the lawfare backfiring, electing Donald Trump, with the corrupt judge receiving my invitation for the Trump inauguration, which he unintentionally promoted.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators put all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks imminent as warned by the FBI. Trump will reinstitute existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HECTOR SERRANO

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

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and enduring legacy of Hector Serrano, beloved artist, storyteller, and visionary creator of Viva! El Paso.

For over four decades, Hector brought the history and culture of our region to life through the magic of Viva! El Paso. His groundbreaking work celebrated the diverse stories of the borderland, intertwining the heritage of indigenous, Mexican, Spanish, Anglo, and Fort Bliss communities through music, dance, and drama. His passion turned Viva! El Paso into an iconic tradition that has captivated audiences, inspired pride in our shared history, and has united our community.

Hector dedicated his life to the arts and uplifting his hometown of El Paso. His commitment to preserving our cultural identity and showcasing the beauty of our beloved borderland makes him a cornerstone of the artistic and cultural fabric of El Paso.

I extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. We honor his life and his immeasurable contribution to our cultural heritage.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN PILOT PETER L. FOSTER

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter L. Foster, a proud American and distinguished commercial and test pilot, who shattered a set of world aviation records in 1988.

On August 31, 1988, while flying a Lake LA-250 Renegade aircraft with an internal combustion engine, Mr. FOSTER broke two world records by reaching an altitude of 7,468 meters during a horizontal flight and 7,498 meters of altitude overall.

For 36 years, those records have stood unbroken, and to this day have helped the United States maintain its place as a world leader in aviation.

For Mr. FOSTER's achievements for our country and contributions to American aviation and aerospace, I thank him.

END HUNGER NOW

(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, criminals are stealing SNAP benefits from hungry families, leaving them without enough money to buy food.

That is why I worked with Speaker Emerita PELOSI and leaders at the House Agriculture Committee to write a law reimbursing these families who were the victims of theft through no fault of their own.

Since the law was enacted in 2022, over 20,000 families in my home State of Massachusetts have gotten their benefits back. That is a huge success.

Sadly, the law expired at the end of last year. We won a hard-fought extension in the continuing resolution to ensure that no families fall through the cracks, but this is one of the provisions billionaire Elon Musk ordered the Republicans to take out of the bill, and families are now left on the hook.

The stories are heartbreaking, Mr. Speaker. One mother said: We aren't going to be able to survive like this.

Enough is enough. Let's extend the law and end hunger now.