

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.

CONGRATULATING SHERIFF ROSIE CORDERO-STUTZ AND CLERK JUAN BARQUIN

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

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, Miami-Dade has a new sheriff in town.

I rise today to congratulate my dear friend, Rosie Cordero-Stutz, on being sworn in as the first elected sheriff in Miami-Dade in over 60 years and the first woman and Hispanic to hold the position.

Sheriff Cordero-Stutz has been with Miami-Dade Police Department for nearly 30 years, rising from patrol officer to assistant director. She has what it takes to run the largest law enforcement agency in the southeastern United States.

I also congratulate Juan Barquin on being sworn in as the clerk of the court and comptroller for Miami-Dade County. Clerk Barquin began his career in the Public Defender's Office, and he will now oversee the fourth largest judicial circuit in the Nation. As the watchdog for public records and taxpayer money, I have all the confidence that he will continue to do an excellent job.

I congratulate Sheriff Cordero-Stutz and Clerk Barquin. Godspeed to them both. On behalf of all of the residents of Miami-Dade, I thank them for their service.

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ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 21

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS: Mr. Rogers of Kentucky, Mr. Aderholt, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Carter of Texas, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Diaz-Balart, Mr. Womack, Mr. Fleischmann, Mr. Joyce of Ohio, Mr. Harris of Maryland, Mr. Amodei of Nevada, Mr. Valadao, Mr. Newhouse, Mr. Moolenaar, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Cline, Mr. Reschenthaler, Mrs. Hinson, Mr. Tony Gonzales of Texas, Ms. Letlow, Mr. Cloud, Mr. Guest, Mr. Zinke, Mr. Clyde, Mrs. Bice, Mr. Scott Franklin of Florida, Mr. Ellzey, Mr. Ciscomani, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Alford, Mr. LaLota, Ms. Maloy, Mr. Strong, Mr. Moore of West Virginia.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE: Mr. Latta, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Bilirakis, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Carter of Georgia, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Dunn of Florida, Mr. Crenshaw, Mr. Joyce of Pennsylvania, Mr. Weber of Texas, Mr. Allen, Mr. Balderson, Mr. Fulcher, Mr. Pfluger, Mrs. Harshbarger, Mrs. Miller-Meeks, Mrs. Cammack, Mr. Obernolte, Mr. James, Mr. Bentz, Mrs. Houchin, Mr. Fry, Ms. Lee of Florida, Mr. Langworthy, Mr. Kean, Mr. Rulli, Mr. Evans of Colorado, Mr. Goldman of Texas, Mrs. Fedorchak.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. Lucas, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Huizenga, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Barr, Mr. Williams of Texas, Mr. Emmer, Mr. Loudermilk, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Rose, Mr. Steil, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Stutzman, Mr. Norman, Mr. Meuser, Mrs. Kim, Mr. Donalds, Mr. Garbarino, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Flood, Mr. Lawler, Ms. De La Cruz, Mr. Ogles, Mr. Nunn of Iowa, Mrs. McClain, Ms. Salazar, Mr. Downing, Mr. Haridopolos, Mr. Moore of North Carolina.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Smith of Nebraska, Mr. Kelly of Pennsylvania, Mr. Schweikert, Mr. LaHood, Mr. Arrington, Mr. Estes, Mr. Smucker, Mr. Hern of Oklahoma, Mrs. Miller of West Virginia, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kustoff, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Steube, Ms. Tenney, Mrs. Fischbach, Mr. Moore of Utah, Ms. Van Dwyne, Mr. Feenstra, Ms. Malliotakis, Mr. Carey, Mr. Yakym, Mr. Miller of Ohio, Mr. Bean of Florida, Mr. Moran.

Mrs. HOUCHIN (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2001, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES) as members of the House Office Building Commission to serve with the Speaker.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 8, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on January 8, 2025, at 10:40 a.m., said to contain a message from the President regarding taking additional steps with respect to the situation in the Western Balkans.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk of the House.

TAKING ADDITIONAL STEPS WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-6)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message

from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order in order to take additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001 (Blocking Property of Persons Who Threaten International Stabilization Efforts in the Western Balkans), as amended by Executive Order 13304 of May 28, 2003 (Termination of Emergencies With Respect to Yugoslavia and Modification of Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001), and expanded in scope by Executive Order 14033 of June 8, 2021 (Blocking Property and Suspending Entry Into the United States of Certain Persons Contributing to the Destabilizing Situation in the Western Balkans).

The order is intended to provide additional prongs for targeting persons for designation under Executive Order 14033 and deter individuals from attempting to evade United States sanctions. This includes amendments to: add attempt as a basis for designation throughout the order; add a prong for leadership of membership in a sanctioned entity; add a prong for ownership or control of a sanctioned person; and add a prong for being a spouse or adult child of a sanctioned person.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.
THE WHITE HOUSE, January 8, 2025.

ILLEGITIMATE COURT COUNTERACTION ACT

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 5, I call up the bill (H.R. 23) to impose sanctions with respect to the International Criminal Court engaged in any effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute any protected person of the United States and its allies, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 5, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 23

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The United States and Israel are not parties to the Rome Statute or members of the International Criminal Court (ICC), and therefore the ICC has no legitimacy or jurisdiction over the United States or Israel.