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#### HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. LAWLER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF CHRISTOPHER KATZ

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

Mr. LAWLER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Christopher Katz, a young man of extraordinary dedication, courage, and service.

At just 22 years old, Christopher had already built a legacy of leadership, mentorship, and commitment to his community and country before he was tragically taken too soon.

A native of Crompond, New York, Christopher was a standout athlete at Walter Panas High School where he played football and baseball. His love for sports extended beyond the field. He mentored young athletes, coaching with the same dedication and passion that defined his life.

Christopher pursued his dream of serving others, earning a degree in criminal justice from Temple University and serving as a military police officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. In November, he joined the U.S. Capitol Police, training to protect all of us here. Tragically, his journey was cut short in a car accident in Georgia while training with fellow recruits.

His kindness, bravery, and commitment to service left a lasting impact on all who knew him. Today, we honor his memory, and may his legacy continue to inspire us all.

#### PROTECTING NIH GRANT FUNDING

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

Ms. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to President Trump's attempt to dramatically reduce NIH grant funding for research institutions, including those in my home State of North Carolina.

Immediately after Trump implemented these extreme funding cuts over the weekend, my staff and I heard directly from universities and researchers in The Triangle about how devastating this decision would be. By slashing NIH funding, Trump would undercut groundbreaking research on cancer, Alzheimer's, heart disease, and other conditions that kill millions of Americans.

While I am relieved that the Federal judge temporarily blocked these cuts from taking effect, the fight is far from over. This is just another example of Trump's complete lack of concern for the health of the American people. His actions would cost lives and jobs. I won't stop fighting until these life-saving resources are permanently restored.

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#### HONORING SHERIFF JANIS MANGUM

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

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize retired Jackson County Sheriff Janis Mangum as the very first Special Georgian of the Ninth. This award highlights those who make a real difference in north Georgia, and Janis has done just that.

For nearly four decades, Janis dedicated her life to law enforcement, starting as a radio operator in 1985, serving 19 years as a criminal investigator, and then leading as Jackson County Sheriff for 12 years. Janis rightfully earned the Georgia Sheriffs' Association's 2023 Sheriff of the Year award, and she recently retired in December after 39 remarkable years of dedicated service.

Her impact extends beyond the Peach State, as she has also done inspiring work to help North Carolinians recover from the devastating destruction of Hurricane Helene.

The Ninth District is blessed to have heroes like Janis Mangum who continuously display a true servant's heart.

I thank Janis for her service and unwavering dedication to our North Georgia community. She is truly a Special Georgian of the Ninth.

In her retirement, may the Lord give her fair winds and following seas.

#### UNPRECEDENTED INFLUENCE

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

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today as we find ourselves in a situation where a small group of very powerful individuals led by Elon Musk are gaining unprecedented influence over critical national systems.

Right in front of our eyes, we can see how Republicans are allowing Musk to take full control of key resources, including access to Treasury payments and government-backed projects.

The consequence of this unchecked power is a billionaire's unchecked ability to take earned services away from American families, distort markets for personal gain, and influence the future of American democracy.

It is time to ask the tough questions: Why are Republicans enabling this concentration of power, and who is really benefiting from this arrangement?

It is time to take a stance for transparency and accountability in our government. It is time to stand for the rule of law and for our democracy.

#### HONORING CHIEF PATRICK F. KANE, JR.

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

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Chief Patrick K. Kane, Jr., a dedicated public servant, a beloved family man, and a pillar of the Jessup community.

Chief Kane devoted nearly five decades to law enforcement, proudly and faithfully serving as a Jessup police officer from 1960 before leading as chief of police from 1971 until his retirement in 2008.

A U.S. Army veteran, Chief Kane stood watch at the Berlin Wall before returning home to continue his lifelong mission of protecting and serving his community. His leadership was defined by integrity, humility, and an unwavering commitment to his officers and community.

Chief Kane lived a life worth living in service of others. Known for his calm demeanor and firm determination, he truly embodied the words of Theodore Roosevelt: "Speak softly and carry a big stick."

Chief Kane leaves behind a lasting legacy of service, love for his family, and devotion to his community. He will be deeply missed.

#### MUSK-TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

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

Ms. BROWNLEY. Madam Speaker, yesterday, Elon Musk, an unelected, unvetted billionaire who has seized control of our government, addressed the Nation from the Oval Office.

Instead of tackling issues like rising costs, the Musk-Trump administration is consumed by an agenda to dismantle our democracy and deliver nothing but chaos.

It has provided no relief at the gas pump or at the grocery store. Worse, today, reports show a 3 percent inflation rate, the highest since June 2024, due to Musk-Trump tariffs.

While the Musk-Trump administration is on track to rack up over 100 lawsuits in its first 100 days, a direct result of its illegal, unconstitutional actions, it has failed to take any steps to help everyday Americans with everyday challenges.

House Democrats are working to protect Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, nutrition assistance programs, Head Start, the Department of Education, and much more. I urge this administration and House Republicans to

work with us on real solutions that prioritize the interests of working families over the interests of billionaires.

#### RECOGNIZING KAMILLE NUQUE

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Kamille Nuque, a seventh grader who won the Glynn County Spelling Bee on January 15.

Kamille, who is a student at Needwood Middle School in Brunswick, Georgia, won first place in the competition with 14 other spelling bee champions by correctly spelling the word "astringent."

Kamille's inspiration to compete is her older sister, Kara, who won back-to-back Glynn County Spelling Bees in 2021 and 2022.

In addition to inspiration from her older sister, Kamille was supported by her parents, Karl and Mary, who helped her study by asking her to spell words from books.

Because of her hard work and dedication, Kamille was able to stay relaxed and focused on stage during the intense competition.

I would also like to congratulate Needwood Middle School eighth grader Julia Knight, who came in second place and will serve as the alternate to Kamille in the region competition.

I wish Kamille luck as she represents Glynn County in the region 8 competition at Georgia Southern's Savannah campus on February 22.

#### SUMMER EBT PROGRAM

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

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, when school lets out and the heat of summer comes, the promise of daily meals falls away for too many children.

Last year, summer meal programs in Georgia failed to serve one-third of our counties and reached less than 15 percent of eligible children.

The Federal summer EBT program fills in the gaps for hardworking parents who some nights might take less for themselves so there is enough to go around the table.

I have led three letters to the Governor of Georgia to encourage him to accept the Federal dollars that would give every eligible child access to summer meals. We have received no substantive response.

The next deadline is this Saturday.

Without this program, kids in Georgia might have to rely on only half a sandwich from a friend at the park picnic table or, God forbid, go without.

Please don't let Georgia families be left out again this summer.

#### HONORING CORPORAL ROBERT WILLETT, JR.

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Willett family and the life of Corporal Robert Willett, Jr. Ninety-eight-year-old Corporal Willett bravely served our Nation in both World War II and the Korean war.

The son of World War I veteran Roger Willett, Sr., he fought for his family's legacy. When Roger Willett, Sr., passed away, he was laid to rest at Canaveral National Cemetery.

Corporal Willett made a simple request to honor his parents, which was that his late mother receive the memorial plaque next to her family where Corporal Willett himself will one day rest. However, due to bureaucratic resistance, this has resulted in 3 years of denial from entrenched bureaucratic agencies.

Denying recognition is a failure to those who serve.

My office will not stand by as bureaucracy overrides honor. We will continue to fight for all Americans.

The Willetts' dedication reflects our Nation and serves as a powerful reminder.

It is my privilege to speak today, and I thank him for his service and resolve.

#### STANDING WITH UKRAINE

(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, today, I stand with the long-suffering people of Ukraine. Theirs is a valiant fight to reclaim their territory, their sovereignty, their security, and their destiny.

Vladimir Putin brutally invaded 11 years ago with no provocation. Russia must be pushed back inside its own borders, and today, Secretary of Defense Hegseth stood on territory freed by 400,000 American soldiers, whose graves mark liberty's greatest victory over tyranny across Europe. Their sacrifice birthed the free world.

General Omar Bradley, one of our Nation's most beloved and great generals, created NATO. He would have been astounded at what Hegseth did in stating: It is unrealistic for Ukraine to return to its pre-2014 borders.

Why would Hegseth take Russia's side with its war criminals and murderous plunder of a free people? Why would he do that?

Ukraine's President Zelenskyy has consistently emphasized Ukraine's position that no peace negotiations with Russia are possible before the complete restoration of Ukraine's stolen territory and return to Ukraine's 1991 internationally recognized borders. The free world must achieve that.

#### GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT BORDER SECURITY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I had a chance to participate in the Border Security Caucus discussion with Chief Mike Banks of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

With over 25 years of experience securing the border, he gave us a clear look at CBP's operations and challenges they face.

One thing was very obvious, though. Under President Trump, morale has improved dramatically and illegal crossings have dropped dramatically into the low hundreds, numbers they haven't seen in many, many years.

Strong leadership and real enforcement policies have made a big difference there. Chief Banks made it clear that CBP has a solid plan to finish the border fence, along with all of the attending technology and equipment that needs to go with that. However, without proper funding, that plan will not work out. That is not an option.

Securing the border means enforcing the law, stopping horrific traffickers, and holding illegal immigrants accountable for breaking the law. If we are serious about border security, we need to back CBP 100 percent with the resources they need to get the job done.

No more delays. No more excuses. It is time to act. Indeed, you can see by the improved morale that things are moving in the right direction.

#### WE CANNOT NORMALIZE CRUELTY

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act, which I introduced with my colleague, Representative ESPAILLAT of New York, last week. No one, no child in the classroom, no mother in a hospital, no family at a place of worship, should live in fear that an immigration raid should shatter their lives in the very spaces meant to protect them.

Under the prior established norms, we understood that schools and hospitals and places of worship were off limits to Federal agencies. Now, in my district and across the country, patients are skipping their appointments, fearful that they could be detained by ICE and separated from their families.

Churches are turning to virtual worship services so that they will not put their parishioners at risk, and teachers have been training to stop ICE from entering their schools, to protect children.

We cannot become a government that normalizes cruelty. This bill will ensure that the promise of safety in those places is enshrined in law.