

This month, the Opry celebrated its anniversary by showcasing songs and stories reminiscent of the days when the Opry first began. The week of festivities included a bluegrass-gospel jam session, an electric country music night, and a live band that had the old school auditorium floor packed full of dancers.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Woodbine Opry, the staff, and musicians for achieving this accomplishment and for bringing so much joy and good music to Georgia's First Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING WEXFORD, SAVANNAH'S IRISH PUB

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable achievement of Wexford, an authentic Irish pub in Savannah, Georgia, which recently has been named one of USA Today's 2025 Restaurants of the Year.

Established by siblings Tim and Jennifer Strickland, along with Chris Swanson, Wexford has become a beloved gathering spot for both locals and visitors since its opening.

Designed by Darren Fagan of the Irish Pub Company, the two-story, 150-year-old space reflects Savannah's rich Hibernian heritage, seamlessly blending industrial brick exteriors with burnished mahogany interiors and stained-glass accents.

Collaborating with Georgia Southern University's Center for Irish Research and Teaching, led by Howard Keeley, Wexford offers a revolving experience that tells the unique story of Irish immigrants in Savannah. The restaurant effectively serves as a living museum where patrons can enjoy both culture and cuisine.

The menu, crafted by Executive Chef Jason Cummings and Chef Dustin Hambrick, features traditional Irish dishes with a modern twist, including favorites like fish and chips, corned beef Reuben, and Guinness pot roast sandwiches. The food, culture, and atmosphere make it a cherished spot for business lunches, for family dinners, and for social gatherings.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PORT OF SAVANNAH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of the Port of Savannah, which was the fastest-growing port on the U.S. East Coast in 2024.

The impacts of Georgia's ports are felt across the State and all throughout the Nation. Georgia's ports and inland terminals support more than 609,000 jobs throughout the State annually, contributing \$40 billion in income, \$171 billion in revenue, and \$5.3 billion in State and local taxes to Georgia's economy.

The Port of Savannah also led the Nation in port-to-rail speed last year. The great State of Georgia has been ranked number one for business for 11 years now, and Georgia ports have played an integral role in maintaining this achievement.

The ports of Savannah and Brunswick are set apart from the competition by their commitment to building strong partnerships, ensuring ample capacity ahead of demand, and maintaining a responsible approach with communities.

We are so thankful for the hard-working Georgians employed by Georgia ports and their commitment to strategic investment and growth.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Georgia Port Authority and the Port of Savannah for being recognized for their continued outstanding performances.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 38 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of West Virginia) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Holy and most compassionate, most merciful God, our redeemer and friend, we pray Your blessing on our individual journeys of faith and ask Your guidance over believers of the Muslim faith as they commence their holy season of Ramadan and on Christians as they enter into the season of Lent later this week.

As each community dedicates these next several days and weeks to prayer and fasting, open their hearts, cleanse their minds, and purify their spirits. May their dedication to the disciplines which serve to deny the countless things that attempt to distract us from You lead them and us to cultivate compassion to each other and to those around us.

No matter what practices we use to draw closer to You, may they be motivated by the purest desire to know You more clearly, to love You more dearly, and to follow You more nearly.

Bless us and guide our steps and light our paths.

We offer these prayers in the name You have revealed to us, and I in the name of Jesus.

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 Utah (Mr. KENNEDY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah 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.

RECOGNIZING LEAKESVILLE GARDEN CLUB'S CENTENNIAL

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Leakesville Garden Club in Rockingham County, North Carolina's oldest active gardening club. It was formed in March 1925 and was recognized as the third garden club to be organized within the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, this club is more than just about gardening. It is about fostering pride in the community, strengthening bonds of fellowship between people, and upholding tradition.

This club is a shining example of the best that North Carolina has to offer. Its 100-year history is a testament to that simple fact.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Leakesville Garden Club and its members on this historic milestone. Here is to another 100 years.

RECOGNIZING READ ACROSS AMERICA

(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 to recognize Read Across America Week. On Sunday, we kicked off Read Across America Day, marking the start of National Reading Month.

Each March, teachers, students, parents, librarians, and more all acknowledge the importance of literacy and reading for all Americans.

For more than 20 years, Read Across America has been a nationwide tradition, held annually on March 2 in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers bring young people together to experience the magic of books. This celebration fosters a lifelong love of reading and reminds students that, with every page turned, they can explore new worlds and expand their horizons.

The message is clear, though: Through books, you can do anything and go anywhere.

Mr. Speaker, I join President Trump in committing to instilling a love for reading among all of our Nation's youth and recognizing this special occasion.

As Dr. Seuss wisely said: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

CONGRATULATING DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' WRESTLING TEAM

(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, I rise today with great pride to congratulate the Duchesne High School girls' wrestling team on their remarkable achievement of winning the 1A/2A State championship.

I also recognize their coach, Shane Ivie, for being honored with the prestigious title of Outstanding Coach of the Year.

Individual champions include Breann Ivie, Ariana Jones, McKenlee Sprecher, Daniella Spencer, and Abigail Woods. Additionally, Duchesne's Leah Ivie and Altamont's Preslee Thacker each earned second-place finishes in their respective categories.

Their success is a testament to their resilience as they overcame countless challenges along the way. Breann Ivie faced serious heart issues; Daniella Spencer competed with a broken arm; and Ariana Jones, with profound strength and courage, competed while mourning the recent passing of her mother.

These young women embody the values of hard work, perseverance, and grit. I am in awe of their determination and spirit. They have shown us what true resilience looks like.

We are incredibly proud to have such talented and dedicated individuals representing Utah's Third District. Their success is not just their own. It reflects the strength and character of our community.

HONORING SARAH KEYS EVANS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor civil rights trailblazer Sarah Keys Evans.

In 1952, Private First Class Evans, in the Women's Army Corps, courageously refused to give up her seat on a bus in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Her refusal took place 3½ years before Rosa Parks'.

Evans' refusal, leading to her arrest, paved the way for a crucial legal victory in the case of *Keys v. Carolina Coach Company*.

Sarah Keys Evans' legacy is significant in our country, which is why I filed legislation that would award her with the Congressional Gold Medal, an award that will honor her relentless spirit, reminding us that we must dare to create the world not as it is, but what we believe it should be.

SYRIAN JEWS INVITED HOME

(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 December collapse of the dictatorial and murderous Assad regime in Syria is a cause of celebration for the Syrian people and the world.

As the Syrian people decide their path forward, an encouraging sign was reported by NPR of Jewish officials being invited by the current Syrian Government for the Jewish community to help rebuild the country. Nearly all of the more than 30,000 Syrian Jews fled the country in the 1990s.

War criminal Putin's murderous puppet, Assad, fled to Moscow as mass graves were discovered of innocent civilians. Syrians will never forget the Russian-supported mass murders destroying Aleppo, and Russian bases should be expelled from Syria.

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 is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength.

CONGRATULATING REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on the National Day of the Republic of Bulgaria, I congratulate and appreciate Ambassador Georgi Panayotov and our valued NATO partner of Bulgaria. A dynamic member of the European Union is the beautiful Republic of Bulgaria.

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, February 27, 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, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 27, 2025, at 3:50 p.m.:

That the Senate passed H.J. Res. 35.

Appointments:

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

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, March 3, 2025.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Under Clause 2(g) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I herewith designate Ms. Michelle H. Reinshuttle, Deputy Clerk, and Ms. Sarah Meier, Legal Counsel, to sign any and all papers and perform all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House for which they would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

This designation shall remain in effect for the 119th Congress or until modified by me.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1540

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. VAN DREW) at 3 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

GUIDANCE OUT OF DARKNESS ACT

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1515) to increase access to agency guidance documents.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1515

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 "Guidance Out Of Darkness Act" or the "GOOD Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) AGENCY.—The term "agency" has the meaning given the term in section 551 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) DIRECTOR.—The term "Director" means the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

(3) GUIDANCE DOCUMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "guidance document"—