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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

## House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NEWHOUSE).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 21, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAN NEWHOUSE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2026, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

### RECOGNIZING BRUCE DART

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize

Bruce Dart, who closed his photography studio after more than 40 years.

Bruce is a native of Mansfield, Pennsylvania, earned a bachelor of arts degree from Mansfield State College, and later served in the Navy.

During his time in the Navy, Bruce was trained as a journalist and took courses focused on broadcast journalism and photography, sparking his interest in the industry.

Following his tenure in the Navy, Bruce worked for a newspaper in Connecticut and later returned to Pennsylvania and worked for the Williamsport Sun-Gazette as a photographer. In 1973, Bruce accepted a position as assistant director of public relations at Mansfield State University and left after 6 years to fully pursue a career as a freelance photographer.

Bruce studied for more than 10 years at the Triangle Institute of Professional Photography in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and attended New York State's photography workshop, crediting this to his extensive experience.

Bruce is a member of various photography associations and has won multiple awards over his 40-year career. In 1986, Bruce earned the Certified Professional Photographer competency and has held this achievement for more than 30 years, a testament to Bruce's expertise and technical proficiency within the industry.

Bruce served on the board of directors of the Northeast Pennsylvania Professional Photographers Association, and he is the only photographer to be awarded the organization's Photographer of the Year Award five

times. Additionally, some of Bruce's photographs have been published by the Associated Press.

Aside from photography, Bruce has been an active member of the community. He was president of the Greater Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce and served on the Mansfield Borough Council for over 20 years. Bruce is also an active member of the Austin Cox American Legion Post and VFW Post 6757.

Bruce has been pivotal in capturing key moments throughout the Mansfield area but also moments in people's lives.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Bruce for his service to the community, capturing important moments throughout the years. Bruce has been a great leader in the photography community, but also a great mentor to many aspiring photographers. I wish Bruce all the best.

### RECOGNIZING WAYNE BARTH

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wayne Barth, a physical trainer at Union General Hospital, who has been named one of the 2025 Hospital Hero Award recipients by the Georgia Hospital Association. This prestigious award recognizes the amazing hospital workers in our State for their longtime service in healthcare.

Mr. Barth serves as director of rehabilitation services, where his team is committed to delivering quality care

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to their patients and clients in Blairsville and Union County, Georgia.

Mr. Barth has provided extensive care for disorders that affect speech, function, movement, and swallowing. His specialization lies in restoring mobility in patients, reducing pain, rehabilitating injuries, and increasing movement and overall health. Mr. Barth's allegiance to his patients highlights the importance of leaders stepping up and caring for patients across Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Barth for all his hard work and for being a trusted and compassionate professional in his field.

#### HONORING NURSE BARBARA HARN

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara Harn, a breast health nurse at Northside Hospital Cherokee, who has won the 2025 James Shepherd Lifetime Achievement Award.

This award honors a hospital employee who has dedicated a lifetime of service to the healthcare field and has made a significant impact in enhancing operations in patient care at their hospital.

Ms. Harn is a longtime Northside Hospital faculty member, compassionately caring for patients for more than three decades. She personifies this commitment through her outstanding and unwavering dedication to her patients, colleagues, and hospital.

Additionally, Ms. Harn is a loving mother, grandmother, and friend to all those around her.

This achievement speaks not only for Ms. Harn's fantastic skills as a professional, but also for her grateful and compassionate attitude.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Ms. Harn for her professionalism, dedication, and commitment to her field.

#### HONORING NURSE HEATHER DANIELS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nurse Heather Daniels, a perinatal services nurse at Liberty Regional Medical Center in Hinesville, Georgia, who has been named a 2025 Hospital Hero Recipient by the Georgia Hospital Association.

This award recognizes the time, talent, and expertise of hospital employees in their respective fields. Ms. Daniel exemplifies this by being dependable, unfailing, and caring in all she does.

In addition to faithfully serving patients, Ms. Daniel has served as director of perinatal services and secretary for the Georgia Perinatal Association, and she worked diligently in reducing morbidity and mortality in pregnant mothers and infants.

Ms. Daniels' passion and dedication for her profession are truly inspirational. This recognition speaks not only to her skill, but also to her compassion and commitment to healing and serving others.

#### RECOGNIZING SEVEN DISTINGUISHED GEORGIA GOLF COURSES

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize seven

Georgia golf courses as being named Golfweek's top 200 resort golf courses in America.

Among these, three were ranked in the top 100: Seaside Golf Course on Sea Island Resort ranked No. 24, The Keep at McLemore Resort came in at No. 25, and Great Waters at Reynolds Lake Oconee tied for No. 73. Additional courses at Reynolds Lake Oconee, McLemore, and St. Simons Island also earned national recognition.

Georgia is home to hundreds of golf courses, but our resort golf courses stand among the very best in the Nation.

These rankings are based on expert evaluations of course design, conditioning, and overall quality, highlighting Georgia as a premier golf destination. This distinction showcases both Georgia's natural beauty and wonder in our State's renowned golf courses.

#### FUNDING CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS

(Ms. DEXTER of Oregon was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the proposal Republicans voted on to take money from families in need and divert it to anti-abortion crisis pregnancy centers.

As a medical doctor, I want to be crystal clear. Crisis pregnancy centers are not medical facilities. They do not even have to employ licensed medical professionals.

Women who seek help at these centers routinely report being misled, pressured, or given false information during one of the most vulnerable periods in their lives.

Democrats offered commonsense amendments that would have required facilities receiving these Federal funds to provide medically accurate information. That should not be too much to ask. Republicans rejected those amendments.

The American people deserve to know exactly what that means: Republicans are knowingly funding centers that do not have to uphold basic medical standards, and they are doing it at the expense of families who are already struggling.

Let us not ignore the cruelty of the timing. The day before the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, which Trump gutted, Republicans are making it even harder for women to get honest information to make decisions about their own bodies.

#### HONORING SHERIFF CLINT McRAE AND WALKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

(Mr. LUTTRELL of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheriff Clint McRae and the outstanding men and women of the Walker County Sheriff's Office.

For over 20 years, Sheriff McRae has led with distinction and unwavering commitment to the people of Walker County. His hands-on leadership and devotion to community policing set the standard for excellence.

The Walker County Sheriff's Office fulfills its mission each day. From volunteer programs engaging citizens in public safety to responsive patrol operations, these deputies exemplify what it means to serve with honor.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for their tireless dedication and proud to represent them in Congress.

#### RECOGNIZING SHERIFF BYRON LYONS AND POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Byron Lyons and the brave men and women of the Polk County Sheriff's Office for their exceptional service to our community.

Under Sheriff Lyons' leadership, the patrol division of 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 4 sergeants, 4 corporals, and 15 deputies keeps 1,100 square miles and 1,500 miles of roads safe day in and day out.

Beyond their patrol duties, these law enforcement officials engage our community through innovative programs that build trust and strengthen the bond between law enforcement and the families they protect.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent these outstanding officers who serve with integrity, professionalism, and unwavering dedication to Polk County.

#### RECOGNIZING SHERIFF SAM HOUSTON AND SAN JACINTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheriff Sam Houston and the dedicated deputies of the San Jacinto Sheriff's Office.

Serving over 27,000 residents across 628 square miles, these law enforcement officers protect our county and keep our families safe every single day.

Sheriff Houston leads with commitment to community and engagement in public safety training programs that make our communities stronger and safer. Beyond enforcement, they build trust with our families and serve with honor.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for their dedication to the people of San Jacinto County.

#### 2025 FINAL PRIORITY RESULTS SURVEY

(Mrs. SYKES of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, when I am back home in the district, I make it clear that although my name is on the ballot and I am the elected Member of Congress, when I go to Congress, we all go to Congress.

Instead of assuming that I knew what mattered the most to people in my district, we sent out a survey to ask people in Ohio's 13th what mattered most to them. Thankfully, more than 2,000 people took the time to respond.

What they told us was pretty straightforward. They wanted me to