

CONGRATULATING ROBERT
ARRINGTON

(Mr. HILL of Arkansas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate President Robert Arrington on his recent selection to lead the Arkansas Development Finance Authority.

President Arrington succeeds President Mark Conine, who served the authority from May of 2021 until his departure during 2025. President Arrington has worked at the authority since 2014 and was previously the vice president of homeownership and public finance.

The ADFA was established by then-Governor Clinton in 1985 to promote economic growth and community development across Arkansas.

President Arrington is a former municipal securities principal with over 25 years of public finance experience and is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate President Arrington on his selection and wish him many years of faithful service to the great State of Arkansas.

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PETIT JEAN STATE PARK 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recent celebration of the 100th anniversary of Petit Jean State Park, a landmark of natural beauty and historical significance in central Arkansas.

Established in 1923 and dedicated in 1925, Petit Jean was Arkansas' first State park and helped inspire and initiate the entire Arkansas State Park System. The Civilian Conservation Corps later built many of the enduring features, including cabins, trails, and the historic Mather Lodge. For a century, families have enjoyed its scenic overlooks, hiking trails, Cedar Falls, and the landscape.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Petit Jean State Park on its centennial and its enhancement of the beauty of the Natural State. I thank the many State park rangers and related staff for all of their contributions to conservation, recreation, and enjoyment in the Natural State.

COMMENDING NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTMENT IN
THE SECOND DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding patriotism of Arkansas' Second Congressional District, which was the highest-producing district for Arkansas National Guard enlistments in fiscal year 2025.

Our district led the State in Army National Guard recruitment, contributing 314 new soldiers, and accounted for 47 percent of all Air National Guard recruits statewide. In total, the Second District produced 351 enlistments in 2025, surpassing any other congressional district in the State.

These young men and women have chosen a path of duty, sacrifice, and leadership. Their decision to serve re-

flects on the strong values of central Arkansas and the deep respect our communities all hold for our Nation, its defense, and the men and women who wear the uniform.

HONORING DR. LINDA JACKSON

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Linda Jackson.

Last year, Dr. Jackson was honored with the Outstanding Alumna of 2025 Award from the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton.

This incredible woman overcame life's toughest challenges and hardships, experiencing extreme poverty at a young age. She was forced to drop out of school in the eighth grade to take care of her disabled brother.

Despite this, Mr. Speaker, she earned her associate of science and associate of arts degrees at the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton in 2014 at age 33. She continued her education, earning seven more degrees after leaving UACCM, balancing her time between her studies and raising her 10 children. In 2025, she passed the State board exam for the credential of family nurse practitioner.

Dr. Jackson's story is a story of hard work, perseverance, determination, and triumph.

CELEBRATING DOUG ZOLLNER'S RETIREMENT

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Doug Zollner, dedicated advocate for the Natural State.

After three decades of being a mentor, leader, and giant in the world of conservation, Doug has decided to retire from the Nature Conservancy offices in Arkansas.

Doug's efforts and expertise in conservation have enriched our State. Doug's leadership helped drive more than \$30 million in public funding to Arkansas for forest management.

He also cofounded the Fire Learning Networks, a national collaboration of fire practitioners helping 14 countries around the world. Just last year, he visited Tanzania to share fire and forest management strategies and tour Katavi National Park.

Congratulations to Doug for his dedication to conservation, to the Nature Conservancy, and to forest management practices. I wish him the very best in retirement.

CELEBRATING MAGNOLIA JUNIOR
HIGH SCHOOL'S SEVENTH GRADE
BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

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

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a group of young Americans whose achievement reflects the very best of our communities, our schools, and our future.

For the first time in history, the Magnolia Junior High seventh grade boys' basketball team completed a season as undefeated district champions, finishing with a perfect 10-0 record.

Ten games, ten victories, zero losses. That accomplishment alone is remarkable. However, what makes this team truly special is not just that they won, it is how they won. Game after game, these young men represented Magnolia Junior High with discipline, respect, teamwork, and integrity. They showed us what it means to compete with character.

This team averaged 61 points per game while holding opponents just to 40. That is excellence on both ends of the court—offense and defense. Perhaps, though, even more impressive, not one player fouled out all season. Not a single technical foul was issued.

That tells us something important. It tells us these students played with maturity beyond their years. They respected the officials. They respected their opponents. They respected the game. That is leadership. That is discipline. That is sportsmanship.

Those are the values we want to see in every classroom, every community, and every generation. Every championship team has leaders. This season, Mason Houston helped set the tone, averaging an outstanding 36.5 points per game. His dedication, effort, and competitive spirit lifted the entire team.

However, championships are never won by one player. They are built by teammates who trust one another, who sacrifice for one another, who hold each other accountable, and who work together toward a shared goal. That is exactly what this team did.

Today, we recognize the young men who made history: Beckett Albe, Daniel Alonso, Jayse Baker, Caleb Gooch, Donnell Hartley, Mason Houston, Brodie Kehoe, Tucker Kowalski, Carter Shephard, Evan Shepherd, and Griffin Spires. These students remind us that excellence is built on one practice, one game, and one decision at a time.

This success would not have been possible without outstanding leadership. I recognize seventh grade coaches Taylor Sowders, Tim Stewart, and Joseph Waddle, along with Head Coach Christopher May, Assistant Coach Jim Barber, Campus Athletic Coordinator Brian Venghaus, Principal David Slater, and District Athletic Director J.D. Berna.

These educators and mentors do far more than coach basketball. They teach responsibility. They teach perseverance. They teach young people how to lead. They are helping shape citizens, leaders, and future public servants.

Years from now, people may remember the undefeated record of these players. They may remember the scoring averages. They may remember the championship, but what matters most is what these players learned along the way. They learned discipline. They learned teamwork. They learned accountability. They learned how to believe in themselves and each other. Those lessons will serve these players long after the final buzzer sounds. They

will serve them in their academics. They will serve them in college. They will serve them in their careers, and they will serve them in life.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when our Nation is focused on preparing the next generation for leadership, service, and success, this team stands as a powerful example of what happens when students are supported, challenged, and inspired.

They didn't just win games. They represented their school, their families, and their community with honor. They made history, and they made Magnolia proud.

Congratulations to the Magnolia Junior High seventh grade boys' basketball team, the 2025–2026 undefeated district champions. May their example continue to inspire us all.

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 22 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. WITTMAN) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Loving God, how is it that we are so graced to enjoy each day the embrace of Your everlasting arms? There is not a day that goes by that You do not provide us—if we have ears to hear and eyes to see—evidence of Your steadfast love and kindness.

Though there is much in this world, in our lives, and even in our own minds that seeks to convince us otherwise, nothing can overshadow or separate us from Your unconditional and unwavering devotion to each person.

Your love is invincible, even in the face of danger and death. Many waters cannot quench it. Torrents of rain or any reign of terror cannot extinguish it. Neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow, not even the powers of hell, can conquer Your insurmountable love for us.

May we trust in Your boundless compassion and live this day believing that we are called in response to Your grace and mercy, to be worthy reflections of Your redeeming love.

In Your sovereign 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 South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

HISTORIC TRUMP TAX CUTS

(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, led by House Republicans with Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, President Donald Trump has signed the Working Families Tax Cut Act into law. As a result, the tax code will be simplified for over 90 percent of families, turning tax season of dread into a season of historic relief.

Families will pay no taxes on the first \$31,500 earned. As these tax cuts are retroactive to 2025, the average refund is projected to increase by \$1,000, with a total of \$91 billion of additional refunds being returned to the American people this spring, allowing hard-working families to keep their own money.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump, attacking civilian utilities in Ukraine to freeze the Ukrainians to death as Stalin starved the Ukrainians to death.

As Americans endure freezing temperatures, war criminal Putin is murderously destroying the infrastructure of Ukraine, freezing Ukrainians now with the incredibly disgusting situation of no electricity, no heat, no water, betraying a pledge by war criminal Putin that he would not destroy the utilities. This is as the people of Ukraine are freezing temperature of 4 degrees and freezing to death by war criminal Putin.

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 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1500

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. FISCHBACH) at 3 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 the postponed questions at a later time.

SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CONGRESSIONAL TIME CAPSULE ACT

Mrs. BICE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 3705) to provide for the creation of a congressional time capsule in commemoration of the semiquincentennial of the United States, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 3705

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 "Semiquincentennial Congressional Time Capsule Act".

SEC. 2. SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CONGRESSIONAL TIME CAPSULE.

(a) CREATION BY ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL.—The Architect of the Capitol shall create a congressional time capsule, to be known as the "Semiquincentennial Congressional Time Capsule" (in this Act referred to as the "Time Capsule").

(b) CONTENTS.—

(1) DETERMINATION BY CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP.—The Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Office of the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, Office of the Majority Leader of the Senate, and Office of the Minority Leader of the Senate shall jointly determine the contents of the Time Capsule, taking into account the requirements of paragraph (2).

(2) CONTENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The contents of the Time Capsule shall include—

(i) a single, joint letter from the offices described in paragraph (1); and

(ii) any other item that the offices described in paragraph (1) jointly determine appropriate.

(B) LIMITATIONS.—Any item included in the Time Capsule under subparagraph (A)—

(i) shall be made of materials that pose a low risk of degrading, such as metal or archival paper; and

(ii) shall not be made of any organic or inorganic material that poses a high risk of degrading.

(3) SIZE.—The Time Capsule shall be not more than 50 inches wide, 32 inches deep, and 48 inches high.

(4) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this subsection, the offices described in paragraph (1) may consult with the Architect of the Capitol, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and such other entities of the Federal Government as the offices consider appropriate.

(c) DUTIES OF ARCHITECT.—The Architect of the Capitol shall—

(1) prepare the Time Capsule to be sealed and buried in the Capitol Visitor Center, at a location specified by the Architect, with the approval of the Committee on Rules and