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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

Holy God, speak Your Word into this day, for it is enduring. Your precepts are righteous.

When we imagine that listening to the rhetoric of the day will increase our worth or improve our stature, remind us that Your decrees are more precious than even the purest gold. When we assume that human praise and accolades will delight us, remind us that approval from You is sweeter than honey.

Keep us then from knowingly attending to anything but Your own voice. Prevent us from willfully ignoring Your guidance. Teach us how to speak and to think as You would have us do, that on this day in the work You have set before us, we would bring honor to You.

Then may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in Your sight and acceptable to Your ears, our rock and redeemer.

In Your merciful name, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WILLIAMS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING COACH DARYL MURPHY

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

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daryl Murphy, head coach of Murphysboro High School basketball team who recently secured his 600th win for the Red Devils.

Coach Murphy has led his team with commitment, discipline, and heart since 1996. His teams have been models of consistency, including an incredible 34-1 record during the 2010-2011 season. That year, the Red Devils finished second in the State of Illinois, with their only loss coming at the championship game.

Coach Murphy's legacy goes far beyond the wins and losses. It is found in the character he builds in his players and the pride he brings to his community.

That same Murphysboro pride that I was taught when I was in school there myself, which emphasizes punctuality, respect, integrity, discipline, and excellence, is always front and center when the Murphysboro Red Devils step on the court.

Coach Murphy is a staple in our community, a devoted husband to his wife, Diana, and father to his son, Daryl.

Being a lifelong resident of Murphysboro and a graduate of Murphysboro High School myself, I congratulate Coach Murphy, his wife, Diana, and their son, Daryl, on this remarkable moment.

I know Coach Murphy won't let this accomplishment slow him down. As a matter of fact, I think he has had three other wins since that time.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Daryl Murphy for all he has done for the city of Murphysboro and the young people of that community.

HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS

(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 stand with deep gratitude and respect for our dedicated first responders who exemplify the true spirit of commitment to their oaths to protect and serve.

When this past weekend's explosion rocked Perdue's feed mill in Cofield, North Carolina, it was our first responders who rushed toward danger, demonstrating an unwavering sense of duty without hesitation.

I thank Captain Kendail Swain, Sergeant Tymesha Cherry, Deputy Holden Brickhouse, along with firefighters Alex and Robert Ward, who put their lives on the line, and to all of our first responders who remind us of the importance of selflessness.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt prayers to the families affected in the Hertford County community. I also recognize Sheriff Hayes and Chief Askew. I truly am honored to recognize these remarkable first responders as the heroes that they are.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

(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 today to recognize

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the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program and our current CBYX intern, Max Groene.

For more than 40 years, thousands of young Germans and Americans have had the opportunity to live, learn, and work in the program's respective countries.

As co-chair of the German-American Caucus, I am proud to support the CBYX program and will continue working to strengthen the relationship between our two great nations.

The CBYX program is a great opportunity for participants to gain a new perspective on global affairs and politics and immerse themselves in new cultures.

Max, a native of Berlin, Germany, began interning on Capitol Hill earlier this year. Before moving to Washington, D.C., he spent a semester at Snow College in Utah.

Max has spent this month helping our office with everyday operations. Following his time in D.C., he will complete an internship in Oregon with an energy company.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Max for joining our office this month. He has represented Germany well, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

WAVERLY DAVIS AND RION WALKER WIN BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY COMPETITION

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

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the student winners of my first annual Black History Month Essay Competition: Waverly Davis from Reeves Middle School in Olympia, Washington, and Rion Walker from Curtis Senior High School in University Place.

I created this program to help students share the stories of Black leaders who have influenced Washington State, especially in the times we are in today.

Waverly highlighted Dorothy Hollingsworth, the first Black woman elected to the Seattle School Board in 1975, who went on to serve on the Washington State Board of Education. Hollingsworth's commitment to civil rights and equality laid the foundation for all Washington students.

From Waverly's essay: "Her story has made me feel hope that things aren't always as set in stone as they seem."

Rion wrote about Quincy Jones, producer, composer, and musician, who started his journey in Seattle and broke racial barriers across the music and film industries.

From Rion's essay: "Talent exists everywhere, but opportunity does not, and addressing this gap is a civic responsibility."

I thank our judges and all the students who participated. These essays remind us that Black history is Washington State history and American history.

Happy Black History Month.

STEPHENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AWARDED NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION HATCHELL CUP

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephenville High School, which I am honored to represent in the United States Congress.

On February 9, the National Football Foundation named Stephenville High School the national winner of the Hatchell Cup award. This is the highest academic team honor in high school football, and the Yellow Jackets were awarded this distinction with an outstanding 4.0 team GPA.

Our community is proud to see Stephenville High School complete the football season undefeated and bring home another State title. The young men and coaches on this team have spent countless hours preparing both on and off the field. The Hatchell Cup recognition is a testament to their hard work and success.

I congratulate the players, Head Coach Sterling Doty, and the Stephenville community. Go Yellow Jackets.

In God we trust.

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CREATE TARIFF POLICY THAT SUPPORTS U.S. ECONOMY

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution grants Congress, and Congress alone, the "power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises."

As Chief Justice John Roberts correctly noted last week, the Framers were explicit: The executive has no given power to reach into the pockets of the people to impose taxes and tariffs.

The Supreme Court has now confirmed two truths that we have known: Tariffs are a tax on consumers, on you and me; and number two, the President's disastrous, on-again-off-again tariffs are not just illegal, they are also unconstitutional. I am thankful to the Court for so clearly recognizing and rooting their opinion in our Constitution.

Now we must turn our focus to those who unjustly suffered because of this President's economic chaos. The Treasury Department must immediately issue refunds for the \$134 billion stolen from American families and businesses.

I call upon all of my colleagues in Congress, Republicans and Democrats, let's work together to create tariff policy that supports U.S. economic objectives, laws that give businesses the se-

curity and time needed for investments, and that bring costs down for consumers.

CONGRATULATING DR. ROOSEVELT NIVENS

(Mr. NEHLS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate and honor Dr. Roosevelt Nivens, Superintendent of Schools for Lamar Consolidated Independent School District for recently being named the 2025 National Superintendent of the Year by The School Superintendents Association.

Dr. Nivens leads the way with innovation, high standards, accountability, and joy for leading.

Lamar Consolidated Independent School District is one of the fastest-growing school districts in Texas, serving nearly 49,000 students across nearly 60 campuses.

Before being named the 2025 National Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Nivens was named the Texas Superintendent of the Year by the Texas Association of School Boards.

Under Dr. Nivens' leadership, Lamar Consolidated performs above the State average in academics, with all 57 campuses meeting accountability standards.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Nivens for investing in the education and future of our children and for his commitment to our community. He continues to make the 22nd Congressional District of Texas proud.

CONGRATULATING THE SANTA ANA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING TEAM

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Santa Ana High School girls wrestling team. They finished as Empire League champs, Southern CIF champions, champions of the Division I dual, and Eastern Division individual tournament champs. They finished fourth place in the CIF Southern Section Masters.

Mr. Speaker, five of these wrestlers will be moving on to wrestle in the State's championship tournament.

I thank Head Coaches Tim Byers and Fernando Serratos. I also thank Assistant Coaches Liborio Salazar, Alex Becerra, Monica Serratos, Jose Leon, and Stephanie Zamora for teaching our young Saints leadership qualities, and what hard work and dedication can mean at the end of the day.

These young ladies are wrestling champs all while maintaining a GPA of 3.48.

Mr. Speaker, I offer congratulations to the Saints. Once a Saint, always a Saint.