

HONORING GREEN BERETS

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, across the world today, brave men and women servicemembers are standing watch, protecting our freedoms, and defending the liberties we all hold dear.

Among them is a group of soldiers whose mission is often carried out far away from the spotlight, and they would prefer it that way. They are known as the Quiet Professionals.

They are the men and women of the United States Army Special Forces, the Green Berets. They serve in some of the most demanding environments on Earth, often behind the scenes, carrying out difficult missions that protect American interests and defend freedom for the people they probably will never meet.

This April, the northeast Florida community will gather at the Jacksonville National Cemetery to unveil a memorial honoring these extraordinary soldiers. Many Green Berets from units such as the 7th Special Forces Group, who have lived, trained, served, and now, in some cases, rest there, are among the patriots who answered our Nation's call. This monument will stand as a lasting tribute to their courage, their sacrifice, and the families who carry the burdens of service alongside them.

Mr. Speaker, the Green Berets live by a simple motto: De Oppresso Liber, To Free the Oppressed. They have never sought recognition, but now it is our honor to give it to them.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 34 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CRAWFORD) at noon.

PRAYER

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

God of the ages, we recall the words of Saint Patrick's breastplate, when we too bear witness to the strength of Heaven revealed in the light of the Sun, in the speed of the lightning, in the swiftness of the sea, in the stability of the Earth, and in the firmness of the rock.

This is the strength that You have provided us to face this day. And You, O Lord, alone are the source of that strength.

From You and through You and for You are all things. Deep are the riches of Your wisdom and knowledge.

And it is Your omniscience that directs us, Your might that upholds us, and Your spirit that inspires us to serve You. May we live up to the responsibility You have entrusted to us as we labor in these Halls.

To You, God Almighty, be all praise and honor. 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 New York (Mr. GOLDMAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York 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 PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER MERIWETHER DEMM

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

Mr. McDOWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Christopher Meriwether Demm as he prepares to retire later this month.

A true legend of his craft, morning talk radio will never be the same.

Chris Demm of the "2 Guys Named Chris" show has been a fixture on radios across my district for the better part of three decades.

To the loyal PIs who listened to him every day, he is more than just a morning show host. He is a trusted source for a solid deep cut. He is a reliable bet for a laugh. He is the Michael Jordan of rock-and-roll trivia and the king of thoughtful interview questions.

Every morning thousands of people across North Carolina start their day listening to Chris Demm: people on job sites, folks on their morning commute to the office, or kids who got their start, like me, listening with my dad in the car on the way to school.

Mr. Speaker, while we prepare for our mornings to sound a little different, I speak on behalf of thousands of listeners in saying thank you to Chris for 27 years. We all enjoyed it. I extend congratulations to Chris on his retirement. His poor back has earned it by

carrying Chris Kelly for all of these years.

END HUNGER NOW

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, a key ingredient for making America healthy is better access to cooking classes to teach people how to prepare nutritious meals.

As part of my End Hunger Now tour across Massachusetts, I joined my friend Representative SETH MOULTON on a visit to the Phoenix Food Hub at Greater Lynn Senior Services. We participated in cooking classes where we learned how to make carrot muffins.

We talked with the CEO of Lynn Senior Services, Kathy Burns, and clients of the food hub who shared how important these classes are to their ability to eat nutritiously. We heard firsthand how Trump's reckless cuts to SNAP and other nutrition programs such as SNAP education, which was eliminated in the big, ugly bill, are making it even harder for them to put nutritious food on the table for their families.

Mr. Speaker, the bottom line is that Republicans are taking away money for food and tools to help improve nutrition. If we want to make America healthy again and end hunger now, Congress must reverse these cuts now.

CONDEMNING WEALTH INEQUALITY

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

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to condemn the skyrocketing wealth inequality in this country.

Over the last couple of decades, the rich have gotten richer while working families have been left behind. The very wealthiest of Americans pay an average effective tax rate of 3.4 percent. Elon Musk pays 3.3 percent. Jeff Bezos pays 1 percent. Yet, wage-earning Americans pay nearly 30 percent.

Put simply, our tax system is rigged. That is why I introduced the ROBINHOOD Act, to make these billionaires pay their fair share so that we can deliver universal childcare and Medicare for all.

These billionaires avoid paying taxes because their assets and money is in stock. They don't sell their stock. Instead, they take out loans against their stock, and they don't pay taxes on their loans.

Put simply, this bill would tax those loans and would generate nearly \$30 billion of revenue. This is the right way to tackle our wealth inequality and to make the wealthy pay their fair share.

RECOGNIZING
MYHOMETOWNBRONXVILLE

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, let me salute the excellent online news outlet, MyHometownBronxville, which has provided a bedrock of local news and information about the comings and goings of the village of Bronxville since 2007.

Under the leadership of editor and publisher Sarah Thornton Clifford and the original leadership of Marcia Lee, MyHometownBronxville provides the latest news, sports, events, and information about the Bronxville community.

The team in charge attends village meetings and events at the library, schools, houses of worship, and the business community to give a firsthand view of the people and the activities that drive the cultural and community life of Bronxville.

Editor Clifford, a graduate of Princeton and Yale with professional media experience at Time Inc. and Sports Illustrated, is ably abetted by Neely Bower, Sue DeJoy, Jeannie Murrer, and others, and we recognize the past contributions of Allaire Warner in providing the hometown connection that is sadly lacking in so many other places.

From the floor of the House of Representatives, we acknowledge the outstanding work of MyHometownBronxville and its dedicated team.

SPENDING HABITS OF DEMOCRATS

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I wasn't going to say anything during 1-minute speeches today, but I really get irritated when people stand up on this floor and tell half-truths to the American people.

One of our colleagues just talked about the fact that wealthy people pay small percentages of their income on taxes, but what he didn't say is that they pay over 50 percent of all the taxes paid in this country and that working-class people don't pay nearly as much as they do.

Mr. Speaker, don't buy the empty rhetoric of congressional Democrats. They ran on affordability in the Commonwealth of Virginia, but they just recently slapped on a regressive payroll tax that will squeeze billions of dollars out of workers' paychecks.

Congressional Democrats are on record voting against tax relief for tipped workers, Social Security recipients, working moms, and the working class, when they voted against the Working Families Tax Cut Act.

Don't listen to what they say. Watch what they do. They are lying in wait to

vote for higher taxes on working families yet again if they have the opportunity, but what they don't understand is that the government doesn't have a tax flow problem. We have a spending problem.

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DELIVERING FOR EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

(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, for those who may not follow my work closely, they may ask: What have you done for eastern North Carolina?

The answer is straightforward. Because of my work in Congress and, most importantly, my vote on key appropriations bills, I have secured 15 projects, totaling nearly \$54 million.

Traveling across the region and meeting and connecting with local leaders and community members, I have seen firsthand that Federal investments are delivering real results.

In rural communities where resources are already stretched thin, investments such as a new fire truck in Williamston, a sewer infrastructure project in Sharpsburg, and a public safety project in Ahoskie are making real differences by addressing long-standing needs.

I am putting all political divisions aside to make a difference for our families. These are not Democratic or Republican issues. They are eastern North Carolina issues.

It is always good to be back home. To be clear, I come to Washington, D.C., to fight for eastern North Carolina.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 556, PROTECTING ACCESS FOR HUNTERS AND ANGLERS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1958, DEPORTING FRAUDSTERS ACT OF 2026; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4638, BILL TO OUTLAW WOUNDING OF OFFICIAL WORKING ANIMALS ACT OF 2025; AND RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1115 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1115

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 556) to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the

bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1958) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify that aliens who have been convicted of defrauding the United States Government or the unlawful receipt of public benefits are inadmissible and deportable. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 4638) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an alien who has been convicted of harming animals used in law enforcement is inadmissible and deportable, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 4. Debate on motions that the House suspend the rules, under clause 1 of rule XV, relating to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 139) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring a balanced budget for the Federal Government, shall be extended to one hour.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from North Carolina is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may