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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HURD of Colorado).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Washington, DC, March 24, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF HURD 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 1:50 p.m.

HONORING JAMES E. NEENAN

(Mr. KENNEDY of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of my dear friend, Mr. James E. Neenan, who passed away on January 30, at the age of 96.

Jim was a first-generation Irish American and a man of great moral character. His experiences as a young man helped to forge the values that would guide the rest of his days: hard work, humility, humor, faith, and an unwavering devotion to family.

When his country called, Jim answered, serving in the United States

Army during the Korean war. Like so many veterans of his generation, Jim returned home not seeking recognition but simply the opportunity to build a life rooted in purpose and community.

That is exactly what he did, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of all whom he encountered, reflecting the very best of the City of Good Neighbors, Buffalo, New York.

At St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, my alma mater, thousands of athletes, including myself, knew Jim as Coach Neenan. Although small in stature, he was a giant on the football field, teaching proper technique to young men, many of whom went on to successful collegiate careers and a number who went on to play in the NFL.

Jim also coached tennis, but Coach Neenan taught far more than just the fundamentals on the courts or on the field. He taught discipline, teamwork, and respect. Above all, he instilled in countless young men that character mattered more than the scoreboard.

Generations of Marauders carried those lessons with them long after the final whistle or graduation day. We remember a coach who listened and challenged us to be the best versions of ourselves.

For all he gave to his students and athletes, Jim's proudest role was that of being a husband, father, and grandfather. Jim shared 66 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Anita, a partnership built on love, loyalty, and mutual respect. Together, they raised three children, Jim, Mark, and Margaret, and took great joy in their grandson, Michael.

Jim was the husband who never missed a chance for a small act of affection, the father who never missed a game or a milestone, and the grandfather who always had time for a round of golf or a Fighting Irish game on a Saturday afternoon.

Those who knew Jim also knew his remarkable energy and discipline. Even well into his later years, he remained committed to physical fitness, con-

vinced that staying active was essential to living well. It was typical of Coach Neenan: always focused on improvement and always leading by example.

Those qualities carried over into his faith. After retiring, he made a habit of walking to church every day, a simple but powerful reflection of the humility and gratitude that defined his life and his devotion to the Lord.

On a personal note, I will never forget the sight of Coach Neenan regularly walking hand in hand through the neighborhood with his beautiful and loving wife, Anita.

There are some people who pass through our lives who truly embody our Nation's highest virtues. Jim Neenan was one of those people: a veteran, neighbor, educator, coach, devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, and a mentor whose influence echoes through generations of Marauders and families across western New York.

On behalf of a grateful community and Nation, I extend my deepest condolences to the Neenan family. May we all strive to live with the same humility, generosity, and resolve that defined Coach Neenan.

May James E. Neenan rest in peace. Go St. Joe's.

RECOGNIZING LEVI HAINES

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Penn State wrestler Levi Haines of Adams County, Pennsylvania, a two-time NCAA champion, a four-time All-American, and a four-time Big Ten Conference champ.

At the NCAA championships this weekend, Levi captured his second title in his final collegiate match with a score of 2-1. The victory capped an undefeated 26-0 season for Levi.

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As the number one seed in the 174-pound class at the NCAA championships, Levi won five consecutive matches. He concluded his collegiate career with a record of 99–4.

Levi's achievements were integral to Penn State's fifth—yes, I said fifth—consecutive NCAA championship for 13 of the past 16 years.

A graduate of Biglerville High School, Levi is the son of Ken and Aimee Haines.

On behalf of the constituents throughout Adams County and the entire 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Levi. I congratulate his parents, Ken and Aimee, and his wife, Madelin, on his remarkable collegiate wrestling career and offer him best wishes for continued success.

RECOGNIZING MARY JO CASALENA

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mary Jo Casalena as the recipient of the Wayne Bailey Lifetime Achievement Award that was presented at the annual convention of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

This award recognizes a wildlife biologist, trapper, or wildlife manager who has devoted their career to the wild turkey and played a major role in the turkey's restoration and management.

Mary Jo officially retired last October after working 33 years for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including 32 years for the Pennsylvania Game Commission. She was Pennsylvania's wild turkey expert for 26 years.

Mary Jo has noted that she wanted to speak up for wildlife since she was in the seventh grade. She has dedicated her career to working on the management and research of wild turkeys. She has been described as one of the most accomplished wild turkey managers of our time.

I congratulate Mary Jo on this prestigious award, and I offer best wishes for joy and contentment in her retirement.

HONORING LEHMAN'S FEED & HOME CENTER

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Lehman's Feed & Home Center of York Springs, Pennsylvania, for 90 years of success as a source of home and agricultural products for customers throughout Adams County and the surrounding area.

Founded as Lehman's Feed Store in 1936 by J. Paul Lehman, the business originally focused on meeting the needs of the rural agricultural community through its feed mill and farm supplies. Lehman's also served as the local Purina dealer, supplying dairy and livestock feed to area farmers.

J. Paul Lehman and two of his sons owned the business for 60 years before selling it to Allen Hartzell. By expanding the inventory and range of services, Allen transitioned the operation to a one-stop destination for rural and household products.

I congratulate Allen Hartzell on this milestone anniversary and thank him for his continued efforts to support the agricultural industry in Adams County and beyond.

HONORING DAVID BURKET, SR.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and agricultural legacy of David Burket, Sr., of East Freedom, Pennsylvania, who passed away earlier this month at his home on the family farm, where he was born.

Married to his late wife, Betty, for 72 years, David dedicated his professional life to establishing and successfully operating Burket Falls Farm with Betty and their family.

Over the years, thousands of visitors from over 40 different countries on six different continents were welcomed to the farm by the Burket family. The farm was recognized as one of the top 25 influential breeders in the world by Holstein International. David was recognized with numerous honors and awards.

As we pause to remember David, we also keep his loved ones in our prayers. Please join with me in remembering the life and the professional achievements of David Burket, Sr.

HONORING DENNIS DUNLAP

(Mr. SUBRAMANYAM of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dennis Dunlap, who passed away this past weekend, just before his 105th birthday.

Born in Missouri during the Great Depression, Dennis grew up in a small farmhouse without electricity or water. When the U.S. entered World War II, Dennis answered the call to serve.

Dennis joined the United States Army Air Corps in 1943, serving as a corporal in North Africa and later on in Corsica. He actually repaired P-47 Thunderbolts damaged in combat. He played a major role in the war.

After the war, Dennis pursued his American Dream by becoming a master mechanic and starting a family. Despite all of his accomplishments throughout his life, what Dennis treasured most was the time he spent with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. At 104 years old, he continued to inspire and remain active in his community in Prince William County.

His story is a reminder of a generation that built this Nation. It is a story of perseverance and purpose.

Today, we honor and celebrate Dennis' service and Dennis' life.

Rest in peace, Dennis.

SUPPORTING FEDERAL TRIO PROGRAMS

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the Federal TRIO programs.

Federal TRIO programs provide services to disadvantaged students to support their success from middle school all the way through college and beyond.

These critical programs service over 800,000 students nationwide, including 15,000 in Virginia. They focus on vet-

erans, students with disabilities, low-income students, and first-generation college students.

TRIO programs are vital to the success of students across the country in preparing for and entering college. They also aid adult learners in preparing to enter the workforce.

Unfortunately, this administration and the Department of Education right now are failing to support Federal TRIO programs. Grant applications that should have opened last fall for two TRIO programs, the Talent Search and Education Opportunity Centers, are still nowhere to be found.

If these delays continue, programs will be unable to open on time come this August, harming students across the country. That is why I am calling on the Department of Education to immediately release this year's TRIO applications. We need to support these students' achievements, not hamper them.

I know many Senators have written a letter, as well, to the administration about this. It is bipartisan, and we need to get it done.

OPPOSITION TO CRIMINALIZATION OF WOMEN HAVING MISCARRIAGES

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I don't usually do this, but I rise in opposition to a bill that hasn't reached the floor yet. It is called the Clean Water for All Life Act.

Apparently, this bill would make it illegal to flush abortion or miscarriage remains down a toilet to protect both human dignity and America's water systems.

The problem with this, of course, is that a lot of women who are having miscarriages don't even know that they are having a miscarriage, or maybe they don't realize that that blood clot was a miscarriage. There isn't really another place in many cases to have your miscarriage except on a toilet because of our healthcare system.

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It is usually the worst day in a woman's life. Now, with this bill, apparently it is a crime. Women can face up to 5 years in prison for that happening, and this is all in the name of protecting America's waterways, even though there is no credible evidence that this actually pollutes our waterways.

If Congress wants to protect our waterways, Congress should not pass the budget bills that make it easier to pollute them like has been done in this Congress. Congress should actually fund water infrastructure improvements in our country or create a healthcare system that makes women be able to manage this incredibly difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I oppose criminalizing women for having miscarriages, and I hope this bill never sees the floor.