

strengthening the relationship between Guam and Japan—efforts rooted not only in policy but in humanity and compassion. During his tenure from 1995 to 2003, he helped deepen economic cultural ties that support thousands of families and reinforce Guam's role as a bridge between the United States and the Asian-Pacific region.

We recognize former Governor Gutierrez for his lifetime of service, for strengthening the bonds between the people of Guam and Japan, and for reminding us that leadership at best is defined by humanity.

The greatest honor of all is not a medal but the enduring friendship between nations and the lives impacted along the way. I thank Governor Gutierrez.

#### HIGHLIGHTING A VISIT TO MBI DIRECT MAIL + DIGITAL

(Mr. FINE of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to highlight a recent visit in my district where I had the privilege of touring MBI Direct Mail + Digital, a commercial printing facility in DeLand, Florida.

During my visit, I saw firsthand how hardworking people who show up every day and take pride in doing things the right way make Florida small businesses reach new heights every day.

Companies like this invest in their employees. I met people who had worked there who measured their time in decades, not simply in years.

I appreciate the assistance of PRINTING United Alliance in helping coordinate the visit and for their continued advocacy on behalf of America's printing and graphic communications workforce.

These are the kinds of businesses that form the backbone of our economy, creating good jobs, supporting families, and strengthening our communities. They represent the best of American enterprise: innovation, grit, and a commitment to serving their customers and neighbors alike.

It was particularly entertaining for me because a long time ago back when I worked in the private sector, I worked with companies like this every day using the mailbox to change how people made their purchasing decisions.

I am proud to represent businesses like MBI and will continue working to ensure all small businesses across Florida have the opportunity to grow and succeed.

#### FEDERAL ELECTIONS MUST BE SAFE AND SECURE

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, in the last election, the American people overwhelmingly elected President Trump and gave him and the Republican Party a mandate to Make America Great Again.

Core to that mandate was a promise to restore confidence in the security of our elections—to guarantee that only Americans vote in them.

This is a promise that virtually every American agrees with. Mr. Speaker, 81 percent of all Americans, the overwhelming majority of Democrats, Independents, Republicans; Black, White, Hispanic; men, and women; college educated, not college educated; everyone overwhelmingly agrees with this simple premise.

But this has become much more important in recent years. During the Biden Presidency, the border was thrown open, and millions, some believe tens of millions, of foreigners streamed into our country uncontrolled.

But worse, that administration and allies at the State and local level shoved millions of drivers' licenses and Social Security numbers into the hands of these illegal immigrants. They created the means and the opportunity for our elections to be stolen.

My friend and colleague CHIP ROY introduced the SAVE America Act that would fulfill a promise that we made to prevent foreigners from voting in our elections.

I and my Republican colleagues in this room have voted several times for this piece of legislation and passed it out of our Chamber.

The House agrees. Our elections must be safe and secure, where only Americans determine the leadership of this country.

If you don't think this is an issue, just last week in Florida in a local city election, someone won the election of mayor of one of our largest cities by only one vote.

It is critical that we have confidence in every single one of those votes, but unfortunately, as of now, the Senate does not agree with us. They have not been willing to state that only Americans should vote in American elections.

This legislation has been stalled, infuriating the American people. It stalled because the Senate refuses to use the talking filibuster to give the American people what they want.

Just yesterday, I toured the National Archives, and I was shown a document—I didn't ask to see it; it happened to be a document that they showed me—from when the Civil Rights Act was passed in the 1960s. Debate went on month after month after month in order to get it passed before they could bring that to a vote. Why did the Senate in the sixties, why were they willing to do that? They were willing to do that because making sure that every American who had the right to vote was able to do so.

Well, now we are faced with a similar challenge: making sure that only Americans can vote. If it takes months to make that happen in the same way it took months to make sure that Americans could vote, then that is what must be done.

To make that point clear, I and 24 of my distinguished colleagues signed a letter a week ago to Leader THUNE that said we will vote "no" on all Senate

legislation, save what is necessary to get the government reopened, until the SAVE America Act is passed.

I was encouraged to see debate for the SAVE America Act finally begin. The Senate should debate it for as long as it takes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, week after week after week until they figure out how to get the SAVE America Act to the President's desk.

Until that happens, I and, I presume, the other 23 who signed that letter alongside me will continue to vote against Senate legislation here on the House floor.

Let's do the work of the American people. Let's get the SAVE America Act to the President's desk.

#### HONORING DOROTHY LINSON

(Mr. HARIDOPOLOS of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary citizen from Florida's Space Coast, Dorothy Linson, affectionately known in our community as Ms. Dot. She is actually joining us here today on this very special day. I had the pleasure of meeting with her earlier today and sharing her experiences in the Sunshine State.

She came here at the age of 19 from the State of Alabama with her four kids to make a new start. Today we celebrate that success in helping others in our community.

Ms. Dot has dedicated her life to one simple powerful mission. No child in her community should ever grow hungry. Through the years of tireless service, compassion, and leadership, she has worked to provide meals, support families, and ensure children have the nourishment they need each and every day to learn, grow, and succeed.

Because of her tireless lifelong commitment to serve others, Ms. Dot earned the 2026 Citizen Honors Award Service Honoree by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. Each year the award is personally selected by living Medal of Honor recipients, our American heroes. They recognize the courage, character, and dedication of our Nation's finest just like Ms. Dot.

Ms. Dot's work reminds us that service is not limited to grand stages or national headlines. Often the most powerful acts of service and leadership come from our neighbors helping our neighbors.

Florida's Space Coast is proud of Dorothy Linson, an American leader and community champion. I recognize her for this well-earned award.

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#### HONORING ALEC HALL OF ALLIANCE CYBER

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding veteran, entrepreneur, and leader from Florida's Space Coast, Alec Hall.

Alec is the president of Alliance Cyber, a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business based in Cocoa, Florida, right in Brevard County.

Through his leadership, Alliance Cyber provides cybersecurity and IT security solutions to others. However, Alec's most important impact goes far beyond business success. Through the Alliance Cyber Gives Foundation, his team supports STEM education, workforce development, and career pathways for those transitioning service-members, investing directly in the next generation.

In recognition of his leadership and service, Alec was named the 2025 National Small Business Vetrepreneur of the Year and received the Veteran's Business Enterprise of the Year Award from the National Veteran-Owned Business Association.

These honors reflect a continued commitment to service first in uniform and now in our communities.

Florida's Space Coast is proud of Alec Hall and the work of Alliance Cyber.

#### VERO BEACH HIGH SCHOOL CTE PROGRAMS

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the incredible work being done at Vero Beach High School through its career and technical education programs.

During my recent visit to the school, I had the opportunity to tour programs in automotive technology, biotechnology, culinary arts, digital design, business management, and nursing. These programs are equipping students with real skills that translate directly into the workforce.

Career and technical education provides a strong alternative to a traditional 4-year college path. It allows students to graduate high school with hands-on experience, industry certifications, and a clear path into high-demand careers.

This approach strengthens our workforce, supports local industries, and gives students the opportunity to succeed on their own terms.

The leadership of the school districts in Indian River County and the educators at Vero Beach High School are preparing the next generation for the practical tools they need to find success. These programs reflect what education should be: focused, forward-looking, and connecting to real-world opportunity.

#### 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 46 minutes p.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. SMITH of Nebraska) at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

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

Creator God, in the beginning, You laid the foundations of the Earth, and the Heavens are the work of Your hands.

On this beautiful spring day in our Nation's Capital, all of creation sings of Your glory. You have graced us with the concert of trees in bud and flowers in bloom. The colors that have emerged from the darkness of winter resonate with the melody of Your eternal love for all that You have made.

Now, as we proceed into this week and the strains of Your divine chorus fade from our ears, overtaken by the ambient noise of our daily lives, remind us that even as the seasons change, even though our attention is so easily distracted, You remain the same from one day to eternity.

Your steadfast loving-kindness upholds our very being, providing the underlying motif that proclaims Your eternal presence in the world and in our lives.

On this day that You have made, may we not get in the way of the work You would do in this place, but may the chorus of our voices bring Your light to these days.

In Your eternal 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 Virginia (Mr. BEYER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BEYER 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.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills and agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 629. An act to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to remove barriers to agricultural producers in accessing funds to carry out emergency measures under the emergency conservation program, and for other purposes.

S. 688. An act to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing at its sources globally.

S. 843. An act to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Grant Program.

S. 921. An act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on whether hospital emergency departments should implement fentanyl testing as a routine procedure for patients experiencing an overdose, and for other purposes.

S. 1092. An act to require certain products to be labeled with 'Do Not Flush' labeling, and for other purposes.

S. 2563. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an inter-agency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment.

S. 4123. An act to prohibit preferential screening for Members of Congress at airports, and for other purposes.

S. 4164. An act to make technical corrections to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026.

S. Con. Res. 29. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capital Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-81, the Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on the National Defense Strategy:

General John M. "Jack" Keane, U.S. Army, Retired, of Virginia.

#### REMOVAL OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 8031.

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN) as a cosponsor of H.R. 8031.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB

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

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

As a lifelong hiker, I am thankful for AMC's hard work, leadership, and tireless support for our public lands.

To paraphrase Thoreau: "Not till we are lost . . . do we begin to find ourselves."

AMC and its 90,000 members have given countless people the chance to find themselves. They have helped ensure that lands that run from Mount Rainier to the White Mountains are protected for generations present and to come, and they have made an irreplaceable mark on the Appalachian Trail.

The AMC stewards more than 1,800 miles of trails across the Northeast, with rarely a switchback—basically straight up and straight down.

AMC has continuously operated huts on the Appalachian Trail since 1888. My