

Steve also gave his time to civic and community organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Scottish Rites, and the Al Chymia Shriners. He was active in his political life in the local and State Republican Party.

I want to note that Steve took on roles that carried significant responsibility, and he always led with a steady hand. I think about Steve, that he made time for others and was always willing to step up when it was needed.

This morning, I talked to our mutual friend, Joy Touliatos. Joy Touliatos succeeded Steve as the juvenile court clerk of Shelby County. She was a longtime friend of Steve and his wife, Debbie, who was also a longtime public servant in Shelby County. When I asked Joy her thoughts about Steve, I wrote them down word for word. She said: "If you knew Steve, you knew his door was always open; his handshake was sincere; and his word actually meant something."

Beyond his work, Steve was absolutely devoted to his family. I have a photo of Steve and his wife, Debbie. They shared 45 years of marriage, and Debbie was his equal partner and his best friend. Steve was a proud father to Chris and to Clay, and I know he was a proud grandfather to Keelie and to Hunter.

Mr. Speaker, I do want to say that Roberta and I are deeply saddened by Steve's passing, but we are thinking about Debbie. We remember all the good times, how full of life and how much Steve gave to everybody he cared about and to the entire Memphis and Shelby County community.

Steve's warmth and his generosity will be greatly missed.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Tennessee for his remarks. I appreciate his friendship and working on all of our issues on the committee together.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Medal of Honor Day and the American heroes who have earned our highest military decoration.

Over 40 million Americans have served in the U.S. Armed Forces since the Civil War, but fewer than 4,000 have been awarded the Medal of Honor. This award not only commemorates the bravery of those who earned it but also honors their humanity, patriotism, and sacrifice for the United States and her people.

Although each Medal of Honor recipient earns their medal through different acts of heroism, they all have one thing in common: They never sought heroism, yet they embodied it through their risk, sacrifice, and actions to protect others.

I would like to honor a few recipients from my home State of Utah.

Petty Officer George Edward Wahlen was awarded the Medal of Honor on October 5, 1945. Despite being repeatedly wounded during the battle of Iwo Jima, Petty Officer Wahlen refused evacuation and continued risking his life to rescue and treat comrades under intense enemy fire.

Private Jose Valdez was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1946. Private Valdez held his ground against overwhelming German forces, engaging enemies at close range and singlehandedly covering his patrol's retreat under intense fire, facing more than 200 enemy soldiers.

Lieutenant Brian Miles Thacker, whom we are lucky to still have with us today, was awarded the Medal of Honor on October 15, 1973. During a fierce assault at a fire base in the Vietnam war, Lieutenant Thacker directed airstrikes and artillery from a dangerously exposed position for hours, organized the withdrawal, and remained behind alone to provide covering fire. Although wounded and unable to escape from the area himself, he successfully eluded the enemy forces for 8 days until friendly forces regained control of the fire base.

I think President Harry S. Truman put it best: "We do not go to war for gain or for territory; we go to war for principles, and we produce young men like these. . . . I would rather have that medal . . . than to be President of the United States."

One of the first initiatives I worked on when I came to Congress 6 years ago was to authorize a National Medal of Honor Monument here in Washington, D.C. That bill passed Congress and was signed into law in December 2021.

The next and final step is to pass the Hershel "Woody" Williams National Medal of Honor Monument Location Act to authorize the monument's permanent place on The National Mall. This bill was one of the first bills that passed the House in the 119th Congress, and it passed by a vote of 414-0.

I am grateful to my friend from Texas (Mr. VEASEY) for working on both of these bills with me.

It is time for the Senate to do their job and join the House in coming together in a bipartisan way to provide these heroes and these heroes' families with the monument on our National Mall that they have earned.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Senator JUSTICE for his tireless work to move this bill through the Senate process, and I urge the Senate to come together on National Medal of Honor Day, pass the Hershel "Woody" Williams National Medal of Honor Monument Location Act, and move it one step closer to the President's desk.

Mr. Speaker, I thank America's Medal of Honor recipients for their patriotism and for setting an example, and I yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRED W. SHAVER, JR.

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized for 30 minutes.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of legendary coach and lifelong educator Brigadier General Fred Wil-

liams Shaver, who passed away on February 24, 2026, at 91.

Fred was born in Garden City, Alabama, where he later attended the University of North Alabama. For 7 years, he served as head football coach at Southeast Bulloch High School, where they coined his lifelong nickname as Coach Shaver.

As coach, he led the Bulloch Yellow Jackets to consecutive Georgia State titles in 1972 and 1973. Coach Shaver later transitioned to the Bulloch County Board of Education, where he became assistant superintendent, spending a total of 35 years with the Georgia school systems.

Outside of school, he served 34 years in the Georgia National Guard as a field artillery officer, obtaining the rank of brigadier general.

While his professional success was immense, Coach Shaver was most known for his caring spirit, leadership, guidance, and sense of humor.

His remarkable character will make his memory unforgettable.

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HONORING AGNES WEST

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Agnes Marie Patrick West, who peacefully passed away at the age of 89.

Mrs. West was a woman of deep faith, kindness, and strength. She was born in Dooly, Georgia, and later moved to Savannah, where she attended Commercial High School and built a life centered on family and community.

For over 60 years, she was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Temple, where she taught Sunday school and formed lasting friendships. Her church was an important part of her life, and she touched many people through her service and devotion.

Mrs. West was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She shared 73 years of marriage with her husband, Pat West.

Mrs. West leaves behind a strong and loving family, and a legacy of faith, compassion, and dedication. Her impact on the Savannah community will not be forgotten. We honor her life and the example she set for others.

HONORING FREDDIE POWELL SIMS' LEGACY OF SERVICE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of service that Freddie Powell Sims has left during her time representing Georgia's 12th District.

Senator Sims announced on Monday that she is resigning. Elected in 2008, she has served in the State legislature on various committees, including leadership roles on the Education and Youth Committee and the Interstate Cooperation Committee.

Before her time under the gold dome, she was a lifelong educator, retiring as a middle-school principal. It was during this time that she married her husband, Norman Sims, who she cites as the reason for her resignation, as he is very ill.

I respect Senator Sims' decision and share her sentiment that family comes first. Her impact on Georgia will not be forgotten, and I am confident her commitment to service will continue in other ways. I had the honor and privilege of serving with Senator Sims in the Georgia State Senate.

My thoughts and prayers are with Senator Sims and her husband as they go through this most difficult time.

CONGRATULATING ASA HIGH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Asa High, director of golf course and grounds at Frederica Golf Club on St. Simons Island for his appointment as vice chairman of the board of trustees for the Georgia Golf Environmental Foundation.

Since joining the Foundation in March of 2020, Asa has been a tireless leader, serving as chairman of both the research and finance committees as well as secretary and treasurer.

His elevation to vice chairman is a well-earned recognition of his dedication, expertise, and the deep respect he commands among Georgia's golf course superintendents.

The Georgia Golf Environmental Foundation plays a vital role in our State, funding cutting-edge turfgrass research, promoting environmental stewardship, and providing education that keeps our golf courses sustainable and world class.

Asa's continued service ensures Frederica Golf Club stays at the forefront of innovation and responsible land management.

I commend Asa High on his distinguished appointment and wish him every success as vice chairman. I congratulate Asa. Georgia's golf community is better because of his leadership.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS CRAWFORD FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chris Crawford for his outstanding service on Capitol Hill, having been here for 20 years and counting.

Chris has been my chief of staff for 12 of those years. He has truly been a blessing to me, my family, and our office. Chris currently serves as my chief of staff, leading my office and its efforts to serve the people of Georgia's First District ever since we took office in 2015.

He is a senior Stennis fellow, where his commitment to organizational effectiveness and steady leadership was honored with the Chief of Staff of the Year award.

Chris is a native of rural northeast Georgia, having grown up on the coast of Tybee Island. A graduate of the University of Georgia, Chris is a rabid Dawgs fan and is rarely seen without his own French bulldog Luigi, who regularly makes his rounds through the halls of Rayburn and in my office, I might add.

It is without a doubt that I say he has made a positive impact on me, my office, and the State of Georgia, as well

as those who have had the privilege of working with him here in D.C.

I commend Chris for his service, and I wish him continued success. Chris is with us today with a number of his friends. He also served with my predecessor, Jack Kingston. He was a lot younger back then; I can tell you that.

Chris has truly been a blessing, as I say, to all those who have been around him. He has led our office and done an outstanding job. I commend him for 20 years of service. That is not an easy task here at this Capitol, but certainly something that we should all be appreciative of and certainly something he should be proud of.

I thank Chris for his service.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on March 24, 2026, the following bills were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 3377. To authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Capers, Jr., for acts of valor as a member of the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

H.R. 7211. To authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to John W. Ripley for acts of valor during the Vietnam War, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7194. To authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Kareem N. Dockery for acts of valor as a member of the Army while serving in Afghanistan.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3135. A letter from the Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting the Commission's March 2026 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1396(b)(1)(C); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XIX, Sec. 1900 (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 2801(a)(1)(A)(iv)); (124 Stat. 329); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3136. A letter from the Program Analyst, Federal Register Certifying Officer, Policy Bureau, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Eliminating Regulations Contemplating Collaboration With USAID To Train Foreign Participants in Census Procedures and General Statistics [Docket No.: 260108-0014] (RIN: 0607-AA67) received February 18, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3137. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of

Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Updating and Streamlining the Department of Commerce's Privacy Act Regulations [Docket No.: 260107-0008] (RIN: 0605-AA84) received March 15, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3138. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting two notifications of an action on nomination and discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3139. A letter from the Regulations Branch Lead, Policy Office, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Oil and Gas Resources (RIN: 0596-AD33) received March 2, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3140. A letter from the Research Director, Administrative Conformance of the United States, transmitting recommendations adopted by the Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States at its 84th Plenary Session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3141. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Revision of the Negative Option Rule, Withdrawal of the CARs Rule, Removal of the Non-Compete Rule To Conform These Rules to Federal Court Decisions (RIN: 3084-AB60) (RIN: 3084-AB72) (RIN: 3084-AB74) received March 24, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2071. A bill to prohibit Federal funds from being made available to international financial institutions for the purposes of financing foreign shrimp farms, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 119-571). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 4171. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to provide small issuers with a micro-offering exemption free of mandated disclosures or offering filings, but subject to the antifraud provisions of the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-572). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 7127. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to exempt off-exchange secondary trading from State regulation where such trading is with respect to securities of an issuer that makes publicly available certain current information, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-573). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows: