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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

Holy Lord, we dare to approach this day and the tasks set before us, thinking it is our expertise and experience that will advance us toward our goals. We assume we can rely on our own intellect and intuition to guide us through the challenges we will face.

Remind us that it is not by might, nor by power, but by Your spirit alone that mountains become plains, valleys are raised up, the ruts in which we find ourselves are smoothed out, the hindrances we face are cleared away, and the work of this House is accomplished.

Sovereign God, we call on Your holy spirit to disrupt our self-reliance, unsettle our self-confidence, and call into question our self-assurance, that in humble self-reflection, we would discover that only when our efforts are founded and grounded in Your will, will they find success.

We pray then that what we set forth to achieve this day, in Your mercy and Your will be done.

By the power of Your 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 gentlewoman from New York (Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ 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 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF E.W. THOMAS GROCERY STORE AND DMV

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

Mr. MCGUIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the centennial anniversary of E.W. Thomas Grocery Store and DMV in Fluvanna County in Virginia's Fifth Congressional District.

Since their founding, this family-owned store has withstood the test of time.

Through generations, E.W. Thomas has served as more than just a grocery store: providing local jobs, supporting families, delivering DMV services in a rural area, and fostering goodwill in the community.

Today, the Thomas name remains a cornerstone of the store and the community it serves.

As E.W. Thomas Grocery Store marks its 100th anniversary, we recognize not just a business, but a living symbol of resilience, service, and the enduring spirit of rural America.

SUDAN GENOCIDE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, this week marks 3 years of the war in Sudan, and

our country has done little to nothing to actually stop it.

Tens of thousands of Sudanese have been killed, and 14 million are displaced in what has become the world's largest displacement crisis.

Mr. Speaker, the Rapid Support Forces, RSF, have engaged in a claim of ethnic cleansing and genocide in Darfur and armed with American weapons provided to them by the United Arab Emirates, and it is shameful. It is shameful that many of my colleagues continue to look away.

We need to move the Stand Up For Sudan Act, the Stand Up For Sudan Act which would cease all U.S. weapons sales to the UAE.

We must put pressure on all nations fueling this war and extend the international arms embargo on Darfur to all of Sudan.

While the Sudanese people face famine, the Trump administration has slashed humanitarian aid that saves lives, and this must be reversed immediately.

We need an immediate cease-fire; but beyond that, we need to support the Sudanese people and their call for freedom, peace, and justice.

ARTEMIS II MISSION

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Americans are grateful for the safe return of the brave astronauts of the Artemis II space mission, an extraordinary achievement for all mankind.

NASA Astronauts Reed Wiseman, Victor Glover, and Christina Koch, as well as Canadian Space Agency Astronaut Jeremy Hansen demonstrated unparalleled dedication. Through their efforts, humanity traveled nearly 249,000 miles into space, farther than ever before in history.

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Their success inspires a future generation of scientists, astronauts, explorers, and engineers across America. President Donald Trump is successful in advancing American dominance in space exploration.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Donald Trump is instituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting and mocking Trump as war criminal Putin facilitates the Chinese Communist Party to provide missiles to Iran to kill Americans through the Black Sea Port of the Republic of Georgia, oppressed by the corrupt, illegitimate regime in Tbilisi.

Our sympathy to Congresswoman NANCY MACE on the death of her father, former Citadel Commandant Emory Mace.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS AT PATRICK HENRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, last week, I had the privilege of helping students and staff at the Patrick Henry Middle School by securing \$500,000 to renovate the school. Actually, Mr. Speaker, this was an effort led by students, which exemplifies civic duty advocacy on behalf of their school and their community.

While there, I was also able to meet students that helped advocate for this project, including the student council copresidents, Doris Espinoza and Thomas Stevens; the student council vice president, Jade Perez; and the other members of the council: Humayra Chowdhury, Victoria Quinonez, Sadie Metz, Chloe Manning, Mujahidul Islam, Alessa Rodriguez, Emma Van-Eiker, Rosalie McCall-Feighery, Abby Maria-Catalino, and Kylie Cruz, great students that through their advocacy brought a renovation to their school.

I want to acknowledge the principal of the school who has done also a tremendous job, but first and foremost, student-led power, showing that they can do it for their school and their community.

I am proud to have helped secure more than \$14 million for my district, and I look forward to helping fund initiatives that will support the needs of New York-13.

HONORING JACK NICKLAUS

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

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true legend, somebody that I am proud to call a friend, as we recognize the 40th anniversary of one of the greatest performances in all of sports, the 1986 Masters.

Jack Nicklaus had been dismissed as past his prime, but he shocked the

world when he mounted the greatest charge that Augusta has ever witnessed. The Golden Bear birdied 9, birdied 10, birdied 11, birdied 13. He eagled 15 with a 4-iron that landed 12 feet from the pin, nearly made a hole-in-one on 16, and birdied 17 to take the lead for the first time of the week. When it was all over, he shot a final round of 65 and won his sixth Masters' title, a record that still stands today.

His 18 major championship wins continue to inspire every amateur golfer, every athlete. Anybody who aspires for greatness, he inspires them. Now, 40 years later, what happened in Augusta, Georgia, on April 14, 1986, it is a testament to what is possible when talent, perseverance, and hard work all converge at the right moment.

I ask everyone to join me in recognizing Jack Nicklaus on that anniversary of his incredible win.

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HONORING PURCHASE COLLEGE

(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, I rise today to honor Purchase College of the State University of New York system, also known as SUNY Purchase.

Purchase College is a top 10 public college nationally recognized for its arts programs and its rigorous programs in the liberal arts and sciences. As the only 4-year public college in Westchester County, SUNY Purchase College delivers a high-quality, affordable education and supports first-generation student success.

Purchase College harbors graduates who thrive on the world stage as actors, musicians, filmmakers, and artists, and they have meaningful careers as psychologists, nonprofit leaders, doctors, scientists, lawyers, researchers, and educators.

This is a testament to the programs available to the students and the resources provided to alumni long after graduation day. They have just announced a special partnership with Rockland Community College.

I am pleased to recognize SUNY Purchase College for the work they do for their students and the wider community.

CONGRATULATING 1991 U.S. WOMEN'S RUGBY TEAM

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

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable and often overlooked chapter in American sports. Thirty-five years ago, on April 14, 1991, the U.S. Women's Eagles won the inaugural Women's Rugby World Cup in Cardiff. They did so without the support or recognition that athletes ex-

pect today. They balanced full-time jobs, studies, and families, and paid their own way to compete.

During the tournament, they upset powerhouse New Zealand and beat England 19-6 in the final.

Their legacy is not just a trophy. It is proof that leadership often comes from those willing to challenge the status quo.

Today, women's rugby is one of the fastest growing sports. Across the U.S., women have opportunities to play at the highest levels because of this team's accomplishments.

These women were pioneers, and we owe them our gratitude and continued commitment to the athletes who carry their torch forward.

I am honored that members of the team have joined us in Washington today to celebrate this incredible milestone.

I congratulate the Eagles. America is proud of them.

CALIFORNIA'S 2026 DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate nine schools in my district that have been honored as California's 2026 Distinguished Schools.

Congratulations to the students, teachers, and staff at California School of the Arts-San Gabriel Valley in Duarte; Edgewood High School in West Covina; El Monte High School in El Monte; Hollencrest Middle School in West Covina; Lone Hill Middle School in San Dimas; Mt. SAC Early College Academy at West Covina; Ramona Middle School in La Verne; Sandburg Middle School in Glendora; and South Hills High School in West Covina.

The California Distinguished Schools recognition program honors public schools that go above and beyond to close education gaps, provide exemplary instruction, and innovate education systems to help create better outcomes for our students.

Our students are our future, and I am so proud to see these inspiring schools receive the recognition they deserve.

The students, teachers, and staff at these distinguished schools are to be commended for their dedication and hard work. I congratulate them on this tremendous achievement.

BUXTON COASTAL EROSION

(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, homes are falling into the ocean along North Carolina's Outer Banks and in communities like Buxton.

Over 30 homes have collapsed since 2020, and coastal erosion is only getting worse.