

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER FOR AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF KING KAMEHAMEHA I

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table S. Con. Res. 29, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 29

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR EVENT TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF KING KAMEHAMEHA I.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center is authorized to be used on June 7, 2026, for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

(b) PREPARATIONS.—Physical preparations for the conduct of the event described in subsection (a) shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2555

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 2555.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is accepted.

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RECOGNIZING BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Borough of State College for its recent recognition as the Nation's Best Small College Town by USA Today.

For the first time in this decades-long poll, State College secured the top spot, a reflection of the borough's commitment to making this an area people love to live in.

Commonly known to Pennsylvanians as Happy Valley, State College is home to more than 40,000 residents. The borough shares a deep-rooted partnership with Penn State, where residents and visitors gather to celebrate the community's school spirit.

Beyond the Penn State campus, Centre County provides the perfect backdrop for people who want to explore the surrounding trails and parks.

Mr. Speaker, State College has grown significantly since the borough's founding more than 120 years ago. The downtown area is home to many thriving local businesses and restaurants that help make State College a welcoming town.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate State College on this fantastic achievement.

RECOGNIZING DR. GENE BLUE

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

Mr. STANTON, Mr. Speaker, over the weekend, Arizona lost one of our greatest and most impactful leaders. Today, I rise to honor Dr. Gene Blue, a man of profound and lasting impact on the State of Arizona.

For decades, Dr. Blue led Arizona Opportunities Industrialization Center on a mission as simple as it was powerful: Help people help themselves.

Under his leadership, OIC delivered GED programs, vocational training, career counseling, job placement, opening real pathways to self-sufficiency for tens of thousands of Arizonans who needed a second chance.

Across Arizona, Dr. Blue was best remembered for his service as chairman of the State's Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration Committee, a role he held for over two decades.

Year after year, he organized the torch run, the breakfast, the march, bringing greater Phoenix always closer to Dr. King's vision of a beloved community.

He did not seek recognition. He sought results. He wanted to be remembered for the lives he touched, and there were countless Arizonans who are better for having crossed his path.

Dr. Blue was a foundational figure and a true public servant. Today, I am proud to join his family and all Arizonans in honoring his extraordinary legacy.

CONGRATULATING RORY McILROY

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my sincerest congratulations to an esteemed champion, Rory McIlroy, on his remarkable victory at the 2026 Masters Golf Tournament.

Each year, during the first full week of April, golf fans, professionals, and patrons from across the world travel to Georgia's 12th District and the Augusta National Golf Club for a tradition unlike any other.

Once again, this year's historic tournament reminded the world why Augusta stands as the true pinnacle of championship golf. With determination and grit, Rory McIlroy secured his second straight green jacket, a feat only three of golf's all-time greats have accomplished.

The story behind Rory's historic victory is not one of usual stature. Last year, overcoming an 11-year major championship drought, Rory completed the career Grand Slam at Augusta, only to go with back-to-back championships this year. His resilience provides a powerful message to the next generation: Success belongs to those who persevere.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate and thank Chairman Fred Ridley, members and staff of Augusta National, and volunteers for presenting another outstanding competition where the greats like Rory McIlroy can make history.

HONORING WILLIAM O'NEILL McCURDY, SR.

(Ms. LEE of Nevada asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of William O'Neill McCurdy, Sr., affectionately known to many simply as Billy.

Billy was a prominent figure in Las Vegas, a long-time pastor, entrepreneur, and community activist, among so much more.

A true Las Vegas icon, he was an influential community figure with decades of civic and political ties across the State. Although he never held public office himself, he had an immense influence in the community and in Nevada politics.

The McCurdy family has been a fixture on the historic Westside and the entire State of Nevada for seven decades. Nevada is so honored to have felt his impact throughout the years, and we will continue to feel that impact through his family and his son, William McCurdy II, the Clark County Commissioner.

Billy McCurdy will forever be remembered and greatly missed by the entire Las Vegas community.

CONGRATULATING DONELLS CANDIES ON 70 YEARS

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mike Stepp and his family on 70 years of sweetening Casper's history with Donells Candies.

The Stepp family opened their candy shop in 1956 on a busy strip in northeast Casper. Success followed, with the business moving to downtown 40 years later.

A family tradition started by Don and Elma Stepp with chocolates in the fifties has since expanded to selling ice cream and espresso in the 21st century.

While Elma passed before her beloved shop's first relocation, her family has continued the candy-making legacy to the delight of everybody in the community. Every Casper resident has indulged in the Stepp family's candies,

satisfying a sweet tooth as a ritual of another success story for the American Dream on Main Street.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mike Stepp and his entire family for reaching 70 years in business.

ICE DETENTION CENTERS

(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 express my outrage over the conditions that are in place at the growing number of immigrant detention centers established by ICE and the Trump administration nationwide.

Aside from holding individuals without judicial warrants, oftentimes detaining American citizens illegally, the centers clearly have not prioritized incarcerating just rapists and violent criminals as advertised. Reports from coast to coast reference centers where Members of Congress have visited and found insufficient bathroom access, inadequate sleeping accommodations, and general overcrowding, all dismissed by the management of ICE.

In a month where this President has picked a fight with the Pope, the leader of the Catholic Church worldwide, and put himself on the social media meme as if he were a divine figure, these policies are far from divine, Christian, or humane.

Obsessed by putting one's own name on buildings to assure everlasting fame, I assure you this name will never be forgotten as the architect and advocate of a system of inhumanity. The world is watching.

HONORING GARY SIDES

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

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today we honor Gary Sides, pictured here beside me, a man who gave over a decade of public service to Union County, North Carolina. As a former Union County commissioner, he spent years not only serving, but truly changing lives.

Gary was a constant champion for students, especially those with special needs. He stood beside families of every kind. He showed up again and again for his community.

In December of 2024, Gary Sides was sworn in as a Union County commissioner, a role that reflected the trust our community had in him and his dedication he had already proven.

Just 4 months after he was sworn in, Gary received a devastating diagnosis, stage IV glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer. Yet, even in the face of an unimaginable heartbreak, Gary's life remains a testament not to hardship, but to service.

He lived a life that put others first. Every single day, he served the people

of Union County with humility, compassion, and purpose. He focused on what mattered most: education, public safety, and the well-being of Union County. If something needed to be done, Gary was there to do it.

Beyond his work, Gary was a man of deep faith, a man who walked with God, was led by faith, and who found strength in something greater than himself. In that, we find peace in knowing that he is now in heaven with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today, let us remember Gary Sides and not only remember him, but let us learn from him. Let us live in a way that when our time comes, we too will be remembered as someone who gave back more than they took.

Above all, let us keep our faith at the center of all we do just as Gary did every day.

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HONORING PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

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

Mrs. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with pride to honor an extraordinary group of women from Arizona's Seventh Congressional District, the Pima Community College women's basketball team, NJCAA Division II National Champions.

Last month, they made history, defeating Kirkwood 64-58 to secure the program's first ever national title representing southern Arizona and Tucson with excellence.

This team faced adversity all season but stayed resilient, united, and found a way to win and are now champions.

Tournament MVP, Melicia Nelson, led the charge with 20 points and 11 rebounds. From Window Rock, she carries the pride of the Navajo Nation and now stands as the best player in the tournament.

To Coach Todd and the entire team, "congratulations"; "felicidades." I thank you so much for inspiring us all. Southern Arizona is proud.

CONGRATULATING JULIE AND JUERGEN GRIEB

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Julie and Juergen Grieb of Treveri Cellars for their recognition as "influencers" and "trailblazers" in Sip Magazine.

It all began in 2008 when Juergen first suspected that central Washington and Yakima Valley grapes might make a delicious sparkling wine.

Well, he put that theory to the test, and the wine was so good that when Julie tried it, she was blown away.

That led them to working together to open Treveri Cellars, Washington's first sparkling winehouse.

Today, Treveri is a highly respected, multigenerational, family-owned business that produces over 50,000 cases of sparkling wine a year.

I congratulate Julie and Juergen again for this well-deserved outstanding recognition. Cheers to you both.

HONORING 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF W.K. KELLOGG ARABIAN HORSE CENTER

(Mrs. TORRES of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center in Pomona, California.

Founded in 1925 by Will Keith Kellogg, this remarkable institution began as one man's bold vision to pair education with purpose and inspire lives through the beauty of Arabian horses.

That vision grew far beyond the ranch, helping lay the foundation for Cal Poly Pomona, a university rooted in access, equity, and hands-on learning.

For a century, the Kellogg Arabian Horse Center has been a gateway to opportunity. Through programs like Sunday Shows, Foal Watch, and Horses for Heroes, students truly learned by doing, developing skills in leadership and service that carry them far beyond the classroom.

As we celebrate this milestone, we honor not just the historic institution but the transformative power of education and philanthropy.

I congratulate the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center on a century of excellence and impact, and cheers to the next 100 years.

PUTIN BOMBS UKRAINIAN CHURCH

(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, on Friday, I sadly received this message from a courageous friend in Ukraine: "Dear brother Joe, today our hearts are heavy. Just a few hours ago, Russian troops struck a Baptist church in Zaporizhzhia. This was not just a building. It was a beautiful house of prayer that believers built over many years, sacrificing their own finances and strength. For more than 300 people, it became a spiritual home, a place of worship, fellowship, and family.

"Now it lies in ruins. "We already know of at least five victims, including one minister Ruslan Utyuzh who was inside the church at the moment of the strike. . . .

"Please stand with us in prayer and action. This must be stopped."