

RECOGNIZING PAT HACKNEY

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Pat Hackney, a true gem of Savannah.

A beloved community leader, Pat has devoted her life to shaping our city's civic, cultural, and philanthropic landscapes.

Through her tireless work with the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, she has built outstanding educational programs, grown membership, and created signature events that bring families, students, and neighbors together to learn and inspire.

Whether chairing membership for the Friends of the Coastal Gardens, serving on the board of the Coastal Georgia Camellia Society, or quietly mobilizing countless charitable efforts across our community, Pat embodies the quiet strength and generous spirit that make Savannah shine brighter.

Her dedication and her commitment prove that real leadership isn't loud. It is consistent, kind, and always in service of a greater good.

Today, as Senior Citizens, Inc., honors her with the Legends, Leaders, and Life Well Lived Award, we thank Pat Hackney for a lifetime of lifting up others. Savannah is better because she walks among us.

CELEBRATING SHIRLEY BARBER JAMES

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Shirley Barber James, a mighty figure in Savannah's story.

Shirley is a respected civic leader whose lifelong commitment to education, media, and public service has profoundly shaped our city's civic and cultural life.

A proud graduate of Spelman College and holder of a master's degree from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education, Shirley dedicated more than 30 years to Savannah State University in senior leadership roles before stepping forward as publisher and retired editor of The Savannah Tribune.

Through her steady hand in journalism, Shirley has built bridges, amplified voices, and lifted countless lives with strength and purpose.

Her legacy is one of service, advocacy, and excellence, a shining example of what dedicated leadership can accomplish when rooted in community and conviction.

Today, as Senior Citizens, Inc., presents her with the Legends, Leaders, and Life Well Lived Award, Savannah pauses to say thank you to Shirley Barber James for a lifetime of shaping our city for the better.

We are stronger, wiser, and more connected because of her.

CELEBRATING DR. PAUL PRESSLY

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor distinguished educator and scholar Dr. Paul Pressly, who has shaped Savannah for decades.

Dr. Pressly served as headmaster of Savannah Country Day School from 1983 to 2004, guiding generations of students with integrity and mentorship.

A Rhodes Scholar with degrees from Princeton, Harvard, and Oxford, he ele-

vated the school to national recognition as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

Beyond the classroom, his impact continues through national leadership and independent education and his service as director emeritus of the Ossabaw Island Education Alliance, where he has preserved coastal history and inspired curiosity.

Dr. Pressly's intellectual depth and commitment to community have enriched Savannah's cultural and educational landscape in ways that will echo for generations.

As Senior Citizens, Inc., presents him with the Legends, Leaders, and Life Well Lived Award, we celebrate a life defined by excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service. Savannah is wiser, more thoughtful, and more connected to its rich heritage because of Dr. Paul Pressly.

HONORING SONNY PERDUE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true Georgia trailblazer.

Former Governor Sonny Perdue, the first Republican elected Governor of our State since Reconstruction, announced that he is retiring as chancellor of the University System of Georgia.

Born on a Houston County farm, Perdue built a life dedicated to public service. He served in the State senate, two terms as Governor, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture under President Trump, and, since April of 2022, as the 14th chancellor leading Georgia's 25 public colleges and universities.

More than four decades of public service, from the farm to the Cabinet, Sonny has always put Georgians first.

His leadership helped strengthen our higher education system with a \$12.1 billion budget, growing opportunity across every corner of our State.

As the board of regents begins a national search, Perdue will stay until a successor is named.

Sonny Perdue leaves a legacy of integrity, results, and dedication that will benefit Georgia for generations. I wish him and his family well in their well-deserved next chapter.

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RECOGNIZING STEVE MULLENIX

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve Mullenix, former chair of the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs.

Steve is retiring after 16 years of dedication and service to the council. He has been instrumental in strengthening relationships between pharmacies and industry associations, which contribute to positive outcomes for patients.

NCPDP is critical in driving technological innovation and collaborating with others to push pharmacy forward. His work as board chair has helped this vision become a reality and save patients money. In particular, his work on SCRIPT and ePrescribe have transformed pharmacy for the better.

I thank Steve for his commitment to improving outcomes for all patients. He will be missed, but his legacy will stand for years to come.

CONGRATULATING JIM CANTORE ON 40 YEARS AT THE WEATHER CHANNEL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Cantore for celebrating 40 years with The Weather Channel.

For four decades, Jim has been a trusted voice during some of the Nation's most severe weather events. He has shown true commitment to families across the country, working diligently day by day. Jim has served the American people by helping them better understand complex weather conditions.

His reporting, which he has delivered with great passion and energy, has brought clarity to those around him. His expertise in the weather field is nothing short of impressive, and his dedication has helped keep communities informed and prepared.

I have enjoyed watching Jim grow and succeed through his reporting career. His work will not go unnoticed, and we won't forget the lasting impact he has had on our communities.

We thank Jim for his years of service and congratulate him on this remarkable milestone. We wish him the very best as he celebrates this 40th anniversary.

HONORING CHAD NIMMER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chad Nimmer for his recent appointment to the USDA Farm Service Agency Georgia State Committee. Mr. Nimmer is a former Georgia State House Representative from District 178 in Blackshear, Georgia, who I had the honor of serving with.

FSA State committees oversee conservation and agricultural programs for their State. Chad's background in timber harvesting, land management, and conservation makes him an exceptional choice for this important role in our State.

He is a recognized leader in the forest industry, owning his own successful timber company. His dedication to rural communities and stewardship of our natural resources makes him an invaluable resource to our State.

I thank Mr. Nimmer for his public service thus far and wish him well in his new position.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECOGNIZING VANCE PATTERSON

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Ms. FOXX of North Carolina was recognized for 30 minutes.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Vance Patterson, an exemplary North Carolinian and someone I consider myself very fortunate to call a friend.

Vance describes himself as a "serial entrepreneur," and when you come to

learn of his story, that description matches him perfectly.

He is someone who embodies the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit that is interwoven within the fabric of our Nation. It is what makes our Nation the greatest on the face of the Earth.

In 1989, he founded the Patterson Fan Company that manufactured industrial fans for national and international markets. Soon thereafter, Vance went on to start two dozen other companies. He is a serial entrepreneur, indeed, Mr. Speaker.

However, that is not all, Mr. Speaker. There is a lot more to Vance's story and work. For over 50 years, he has been married to his lovely wife, Mary Jo, and they are parents to four wonderful children and grandparents to over a dozen grandchildren.

In 2011, Vance and Mary Jo traveled to Washington and visited the National Archives, where they witnessed the Charters of Freedom, the three original documents that are the cornerstone of our Republic.

After seeing the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, Vance says that he experienced a deep emotional experience and had goose bumps.

Many Americans travel to the National Archives every year to see the documents that are so ingrained in our heritage and our society. Unfortunately, in the past, not every American who wished to see our Nation's founding documents in person were able to.

Vance remained so inspired after seeing the Charters of Freedom that he and Mary Jo decided to make this emotional experience one that should be available to students and citizens across the Nation.

Like so many others, Vance felt inspired and a renewed sense of patriotism after seeing the Founding Fathers' names on the Bill of Rights. Unlike many others, Vance channeled that feeling of patriotism into tangible monuments.

Upon returning home to North Carolina, Vance and Mary Jo established Foundation Forward, Inc. Foundation Forward, Inc., has a worthy goal of educating the public on the contents of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

This goal is accomplished by Vance's group, which builds monument displays that showcase the Charters of Freedom. These displays are often located near courthouses, in county squares, and are made accessible to all. In total, there are 73 completed settings across 17 States, with 25 more that are currently in the works. What a wonderful and worthy endeavor, indeed, Mr. Speaker.

To top it all off, Vance is now on the cusp of completing a book about his life so that others can come to learn from his own vast experiences, the successes and the failures.

It is one thing to go through life, become successful, and reap all the

positives of what you have sown, but it means far more when you do exactly that and then share your story so that others may gain the perspective and wisdom that led you to where you are today.

I believe that many who will come to read Vance's book will be inspired and moved within their own lives and with their own endeavors, whether it be personal, professional, or both.

RECOGNIZING FRANCES LATERMAN

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Frances Laterman and The Antisemitism Studies Laboratory at Baruch College in New York.

Through generous contributions made by the Laterman Family Foundation and AddressHate, a not-for-profit organization that uses new technological methodologies to disrupt the spread of online hate, this wonderful laboratory was made possible.

Frances Laterman, one of the original founders and current president and trustee of the foundation, is a wonderful human being. Aside from her entrepreneurial and artistic spirit, which are incredibly strong, she holds a solemn commitment to give back to her community through meaningful social impact.

There is no doubt in my mind that the communities she has served and continues to serve have benefited greatly from her passion.

The mission of The Antisemitism Studies Laboratory is to educate, create understanding, support research, and address the pressing challenges of anti-Semitism locally, nationally, and globally.

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With the abhorrent rise of anti-Semitism across the United States and the world, this laboratory, as well as its dedicated members and educators, are needed now more than ever.

When I served as chair of the House Committee on Education and Workforce, I exposed to the world how anti-Semitism had infiltrated college campuses across our Nation, and I am still calling attention to it to this very day.

I continue to meet with countless Jewish students who are concerned for their well-being, and the well-being of their friends, who are facing anti-Semitic harassment.

I continue to meet with countless advocates who are calling attention to this issue and are dedicating their time and efforts to educating others about it, as well.

This is certainly an issue of our time, Mr. Speaker.

I thank Mrs. Laterman, her family, the members of the Foundation, and many others for their continued support of the Jewish community, and for helping accelerate an educational endeavor that will go on to make tremendous strides in combating anti-Semitism.

May they all continue to be blessed.

Mr. Speaker, I am very much looking forward to the positive progress that

the Antisemitism Studies Laboratory will make in the coming months and years.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on April 17, 2026, the following bill and joint resolution were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.J. Res. 140. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to Public Land Order No. 7917 for Withdrawal of Federal Lands; Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties, MN.

H.R. 8322. To amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 through April 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-3337. A letter from the DAA, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Expansion of Buprenorphine Treatment via Telemedicine Encounter and Continuity of Care via Telemedicine for Veterans Affairs Patients [Docket No.: DEA-948; DEA-407VA] (RIN: 1117-AB78; 1117-AB40; 1117-AB88) received April 7, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3338. A letter from the DAA, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Specific Listing for 1-boc-4-piperidone, a Currently Controlled List I Chemical [Docket No.: DEA-1394] received April 7, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3339. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Filing Process and Data Collection for the Electric Quarterly Report [Docket No.: RM23-9-000; Order No.: 917] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3340. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 25-086, certification of a proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3341. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal