

former Speaker of the House Paul Ryan.

During that time, he distinguished himself through his dedication to public service and his commitment to the people of the 12th Congressional District.

He served as a trusted adviser on foreign policy, defense, telecom, tech, and oversight, and helped lead our work on consumer protection policy, contributing to the bipartisan passage of the Awning Safety Act.

My team and I will greatly miss John and his beloved chocolate lab Jeb who brightened our office and welcomed every constituent who walked through our door.

I am deeply grateful for his service, and I wish him continued success.

#### HONORING LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROBERT G. GARD, JR.

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I honor the life and the legacy of Lieutenant General Robert G. Gard, Jr.

General Gard recently passed at 98 years young after a life dedicated to service, including a three-decade military career serving in Korea and Vietnam, leadership at educational institutions across the country, and advocacy to ban land mines and for our veterans.

While he was a well-decorated soldier and well-renowned for his service to the country, General Gard's impact on our Monterey community was unparalleled.

After serving as the commanding general of the former Fort Ord, General Gard spent more than a decade as the President of the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

With his leadership, General Gard bolstered the institution's international reputation while connecting with students, faculty, and the greater Monterey community.

He served at all levels, including helping us create the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery. My heart goes out to his wife, Janet, and all those whose lives he touched.

I am deeply grateful for General Gard's lifetime of loyalty, duty, and respect, and I am thankful for his legacy of service that affects everybody in the 19th Congressional District of California.

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY FRIEND LYMAN

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent, a volunteer, and a good friend, Lyman, on the occasion of his 75th birthday.

Lyman has volunteered his time and energy on behalf of the people of Utah for many years. He shows up. He does the work, and he does it because he cares about this State and the people in it.

That kind of dedication deserves to be recognized. I am thankful for Lyman and those like him who are willing to volunteer their time and serve the people of Utah and the people of the United States of America.

Happy birthday to Lyman. May God bless him, and may God bless the great United States of America.

#### REPUBLICANS MUST REIN IN THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, this past week, my Republican colleagues voted to give Donald Trump a blank check to continue his military operation in Iran, and it is regular Americans who are paying the price.

Thirteen U.S. servicemembers have been killed. Nearly 400 troops have been wounded, and this war could end up costing taxpayers \$1 trillion in the long term.

Here at home, Americans are being crushed by higher gas prices, rising healthcare costs, and bigger electric bills. Republicans had the chance to rein in a Commander in Chief who threatens war crimes, attacks our allies, and is wrecking our economy. They chose to let him run rampant instead.

Americans cannot afford this insane and crazy agenda any longer. Pass a War Powers Resolution. Rein in Donald Trump, and start investing in the American people at home, not bombs overseas.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BOB HARLAN

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

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Green Bay Packers legend, Bob Harlan, who passed away last month at the age of 89.

Bob was born on September 9, 1936, in Des Moines and graduated from Marquette University in 1958. He spent 6 years as the sports publicity director at Marquette before joining baseball's St. Louis Cardinals.

In 1971, Bob was hired by the Packers as the assistant general manager. Over the next 18 years, he held various administration positions with the team before being elected president and CEO in 1989, a role he held until 2008.

Under Harlan's leadership, the Packers achieved significant success, including a victory in Super Bowl XXXI, an NFC championship in 1997, and 13

winning seasons over a 16-year span from 1992 to 2007.

Beyond these accomplishments, Bob is remembered for his approachable and personal leadership style. He was a caring leader who inspired trust and confidence in those around him.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife, Madeline, with whom he was married for nearly 67 years, his three children, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all Packers fans and everyone across northeast Wisconsin, I extend my sincere gratitude to Bob Harlan for his leadership and send my prayers to his family during this difficult time.

#### ARTEMIS II

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the world watched in awe as three astronauts from NASA and one astronaut from the Canadian Space Agency became the first people to travel to the Moon in more than 50 years.

I applaud Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch, and Jeremy Hansen for their exploration and their excellence.

Through the Artemis II mission, these courageous four ventured farther from Earth than humankind has ever been, reminding us of our relative smallness and the love and common humanity that binds us together. From 250,000 miles away, they saw a planet with no borders.

Yet a feat as interstellar as Artemis is, it offers some local pride. Bally Ribbon Mills from Bally, PA, manufactured 3-D woven material, super-strength textiles to support thermal protections for the spacecraft.

McDanel, a company from Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, manufactured the windows. Mission Specialist Christina Koch, though a Michigander, is a Philly sports fan.

Victor Glover summed it up: From up here, you look like one thing. We are all one people.

#### ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY

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

Mrs. KIM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 111th anniversary of the Armenian genocide and to honor the resilience and strength of the Armenian people.

I am deeply grateful for our vibrant Armenian-American community in southern California whom I cherish very dearly. Their history, their culture, and their contributions are an enduring part of our Nation's history.

As we reflect on this tragedy, we must also reaffirm our commitment to

truth, education, and prevention. That is because remembrance is not just about the past, it is about protecting the future.

I will continue to stand with the Armenian community, and I will work to ensure that the promise of “never again” is upheld.

**CELEBRATING EL PACHA**

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Frederick Martinez, El Pacha, a defining voice in the Dominican media as he celebrates 3 years of “El Pacha Oficial,” his newest entertainment series.

Known to millions of people as El Pacha, Martinez has built a legacy as one of the most dynamic and influential communicators in the Dominican community.

From standout programs like “Ritmo del Sabado,” “De aqui pa’ alla con El Pacha,” and “Sabadazo con El Pacha,” he introduced a bold style that broke traditional molds and brought audiences closer to him.

More than a presenter, Pacha is a cultural phenomenon. His improvisational talent and authentic voice have inspired generations of broadcasters while redefining Caribbean entertainment.

Today, we celebrate not just a career, but a legacy, one defined by passion, authenticity, and lasting impact.

New York is yours.

“Pacha, New York is yours; “Pacha, Nueva York es tuyo.”

**CONGRATULATING JACKSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BLUE DEVILS**

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the remarkable achievement in Tennessee’s Sixth Congressional District: The Jackson County High School Blue Devils have claimed the TSSAA Class 1A State championship in boys’ basketball.

The Blue Devils of Jackson County did not just win a title, they earned it. Game by game, practice by practice, through early mornings and late nights in the gym, these young men from our corner of Tennessee rose above every opponent to stand atop the entire State.

To the coaches and the staff: Your belief in these young men made champions out of them.

To the parents and families who traveled every mile and cheered every possession, this title belongs to you, as well.

To the community of Jackson County, you have every reason to be proud.

Class 1A is where heart beats talent and where small towns prove that

greatness has no ZIP Code. The Blue Devils proved that in dramatic fashion this season, and the Sixth District is better for it.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Jackson County Blue Devils, State champions.

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**COMMEMORATING 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

Mr. MENEFEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the 160th Anniversary of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, 160 years ago, formerly enslaved persons got together along Buffalo Bayou with nothing but faith and freedom. There, they built a church with their own hands, their own bricks, and their own will. That church is Antioch, which has served Fourth Ward, downtown Houston, Texas.

Antioch has been a hub of activism since Reconstruction. It had its doors open during the civil rights movement, where people needed organizing and courage. Under Pastor Lou McElroy and First Lady McElroy, that mission continues today.

Isaiah 43 tells us not to dwell on the former things. Antioch’s impact is not just the past. It is present. The congregation is still educating, organizing, impacting, and showing up for Houston each and every day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Antioch Missionary Baptist Church on 160 years of excellence and service to Houston, Texas, and to this Nation.

**HARNESSING ENERGY AT THERMAL SOURCES ACT OF 2026**

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1189, I call up the bill (H.R. 5587) to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to waive the requirement for a Federal drilling permit for certain activities, to exempt certain activities from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1189, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources, printed in the bill, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 5587

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

*This Act may be cited as the “Harnessing Energy At Thermal Sources Act of 2026” or the “HEATS Act”.*

**SEC. 2. NO FEDERAL PERMIT REQUIRED FOR GEOTHERMAL ACTIVITIES ON CERTAIN LAND.**

*The Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

**“SEC. 30. NO FEDERAL PERMIT REQUIRED FOR GEOTHERMAL ACTIVITIES ON CERTAIN LAND.**

*“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall not require an operator to obtain a Federal drilling permit for geothermal exploration and production activities conducted on a non-Federal surface estate, provided that—*

*“(1) the United States holds an ownership interest of less than 50 percent of the subsurface geothermal estate to be accessed by the proposed action; and*

*“(2) the operator submits to the Secretary a State permit to conduct geothermal exploration and production activities on the non-Federal surface estate.*

*“(b) NO FEDERAL ACTION.—A geothermal exploration and production activity carried out under subsection (a)—*

*“(1) shall not be considered a major Federal action for the purposes of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969;*

*“(2) shall require no additional Federal action;*

*“(3) may commence 30 days after submission of the State permit to the Secretary;*

*“(4) shall not be subject to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and*

*“(5) shall only be considered an undertaking under division A of subtitle III of title 54, United States Code (commonly referred to as the ‘National Historic Preservation Act’), if, with respect to the State in which the activity occurs, there is no State law in effect that addresses the preservation of historic properties in such State.*

*“(c) ROYALTIES AND PRODUCTION ACCOUNTABILITY.—(1) Nothing in this section shall affect the amount of royalties due to the United States under this Act from the production of electricity using geothermal resources (other than direct use of geothermal resources) or the production of any byproducts.*

*“(2) The Secretary may conduct onsite reviews and inspections to ensure proper accountability, measurement, and reporting of the production described in subsection (a), and payment of royalties.*

*“(d) EXCEPTIONS.—This section shall not apply to actions on Indian lands or resources managed in trust for the benefit of Indian Tribes.*

*“(e) INDIAN LAND.—In this section, the term ‘Indian land’ means—*

*“(1) any land located within the boundaries of an Indian reservation, pueblo, or rancharia; and*

*“(2) any land not located within the boundaries of an Indian reservation, pueblo, or rancharia, the title to which is held—*

*“(A) in trust by the United States for the benefit of an Indian tribe or an individual Indian;*

*“(B) by an Indian tribe or an individual Indian, subject to restriction against alienation under laws of the United States; or*

*“(C) by a dependent Indian community.”.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentlewoman from Arizona (Ms. ANSARI) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN).