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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARIDOPOLOS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 29, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE HARIDOPOLOS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

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

God of light, the Psalmist reminds us that it is You who ignites the light within us. You, O Lord, our God, light up our darkness.

As refrains of King Charles III's speech still linger in this room, impress on our hearts this statement of profound faith: "Light has triumphed over darkness." Let us then claim our own faith in Your promise that You will lead the unsighted in ways they have not known; along familiar paths, You will guide them. You turn darkness into light before us.

In view of Your promise, remind us of our duty to foster compassion, to promote peace, to deepen mutual understanding, and to value all people. As daunting as these tasks may seem, may we be intentional, focused, brave, and sacrificial in our efforts to punch holes in the darkness that dares to overwhelm us.

Make us bearers of Your light that all may know that when our lives are lived by our faith in You, there is no darkness at all.

In Your sovereign name we pray.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ROSE 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 PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### RECOGNIZING POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable achievement in Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District. Pope Saint John Paul II Preparatory School—the Knights of Hendersonville—have earned the title of runner-up in the 2026 TSSAA Division II Class AA Boys Basketball State Championship.

These young men from Sumner County stepped onto the biggest stage in Tennessee high school basketball and competed with grit, discipline, and extraordinary skill.

They represented not only their school and coaches but their families and the entire Hendersonville community with tremendous pride and class.

Mr. Speaker, reaching the State championship game requires talent, sacrifice, and relentless determination. These Knights demonstrated all of it. Their achievement inspires every student and athlete in our State to pursue excellence, and we are immensely proud of them.

### OUR GOVERNMENT IS SPYING ON US

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, our government is spying on us. That is right. The Foreign Intelligence Accountability Act, called FISA section 702, is a dangerous mass surveillance tool that is already being used by our Federal Government to conduct thousands of warrantless searches on the private communications of U.S. citizens without any due process, probable cause, or review from a judge.

It is a clear and open violation of our Fourth Amendment and Americans' right to privacy. It makes us all less safe.

This unconstitutional tool has been used to spy on Black Lives Matter protesters, Members of Congress, journalists, and more.

No President—not any of them—should have the power to spy on our private communication or information, especially not the current occupant of the White House.

My colleagues want to give the Trump administration the power to keep violating our rights. It is dangerous, and it must stop.

Mr. Speaker, I will always defend our rights from illegal mass surveillance. I will be voting "no" on the FISA reauthorization.

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### RECOGNIZING THE POYNTER FAMILY

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

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Poynter family from Putnam County for winning the Farm Family of the Year Award for 2025.

The Poynters farm about 5,000 acres of soybeans and corn. The family frequently organizes educational community events, including mental health programming for farmers, and the annual Putnam County Ag Day.

Ray Poynter was the longtime beef superintendent for the Putnam County 4-H program. He has been an impactful leader in youth agriculture development and livestock education.

The Poynters have brought innovation to their farm. Noah and Jonathan Poynter each received their FAA drone licenses, allowing the farm to do its own fungicide applications.

The Poynter family is an outstanding example of Indiana's family farmers, as well as how we can bring agriculture into the 21st century.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Poynter family on this well-deserved award.

### RECOGNIZING 30 YEARS OF DUPAGE RAILROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 30 years of contributions from the DuPage Railroad Safety Council. Since 1996, they have provided important services and education on rail safety across Illinois.

Forged by tragedy, they established themselves as a proactive organization, translating a crisis into opportunity, awareness, and advocacy.

Their accomplishments speak for themselves: fewer incidents, better partnerships with authorities, and more knowledgeable communities.

They achieved this with engineers, first responders, and public health officials working together because safety is a collective responsibility.

However, their task remains incomplete. With the evolving trends and increasing threats, the mission becomes even more relevant, especially regarding pedestrian safety.

While we celebrate 30 years of accomplishments, we also renew our commitment toward safer rail crossings, better infrastructure, and lives saved.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the DuPage Railroad Safety Council for their leadership, perseverance, and dedication to Illinois rail safety.

### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

(Mrs. RAMIREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Joy Aruguete, whose steadfast leadership has been a cornerstone of the nonprofit affordable housing and community development sectors in Chicago and, frankly, nationally.

Over her 30-year tenure as CEO of Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation, Joy's organizing, coalition-building, and leadership have translated into the construction and management of stable, high-quality housing for countless families in Illinois' Third Congressional District.

Joy Aruguete herself could be described as a fixture or an icon in this work. Whether through her leadership on the Chicago Housing Trust, the Cook County Land Bank Authority, or the Chicago Rehab Network, she has advanced systems, resources, and partnerships necessary to ensure that affordable housing remains a priority in Chicago and across the country.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my distinct honor to recognize Joy Aruguete for her lifelong commitment to creating, preserving, and advocating for affordable housing in Chicago to realize housing as a human right. I thank and congratulate Joy Aruguete.

### RECOGNIZING THE WILSON FAMILY

(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, the lives of Brent Wilson of Nash County and many others just like him were forever changed by exposure to toxins at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

Brent grew up on the base as the son of a career marine. At 39, he was diagnosed with advanced kidney cancer. He fought through surgery, radiation, and cutting-edge treatments that extended his life but left him with permanent brain damage.

Even with programs in place, families like Brent's are still forced to navigate a system that too often works against them.

Under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act, many are running out of time, confined to a narrow, 2-year filing window, even as the science makes clear these illnesses can take decades to surface.

As many families have served our great country, Congress must now deliver for them.

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### POWERFUL CORPORATIONS MUST PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE OF TAXES

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, last year, 88 of the most profitable companies in America paid zero in Federal income taxes. Citigroup made over \$4 billion in its U.S. businesses last year, no Federal taxes paid; Halliburton nearly \$1 billion and paid no taxes; Tesla more than \$5 billion of profits and paid no taxes.

How is it that in the United States of America the biggest and most powerful corporations pay less in taxes than the teachers, doctors, firefighters, and nurses whom I represent?

How is that?

Mr. Speaker, that is what happens when you have a city in Washington that is for sale. The wealthy and well-connected get tax breaks, and average people get stuck with the bill. This is why we need to get dark money out of elections. This is why we need to end congressional stock trading.

This is why we need real ethics reform in Washington because until we have that, the wealthy and well-connected are going to continue to get tax breaks while working people get screwed.

### RECOGNIZING GENERATIONS CHURCH

(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, permit me to recognize the powerful presence of Generations Church located in downtown New Rochelle and in Mount Vernon, as well, which has fostered a dynamic and vibrant Christian community of worship, prayer, faith, and service led by the excellent Bishop Ray Mott, lead pastor. He is ably assisted by his wife, Pastor Sherrie Mott, and many others, including our friend, Elder Mark McLean.

Generations ministries includes networks for men, G-Men program; women, WIN, Women's Integrity Network; NextGen Kids; and NowGen Youth, touching all age groups. Sunday morning worship services, Saturday morning prayer, and GC Youth evening meetups all involve the congregation in an active faith commitment.

From the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, we salute Generations Church and their positive impact in our hometown areas.