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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FINE).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 19, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RANDY FINE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2026, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

RECOGNIZING FALCONS LANDING 30TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. SUBRAMANYAM of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of Falcons Landing, which has served as a home for veterans and families in our community.

Located in Potomac Falls, Falcons Landing was founded with a simple but important mission: to provide a strong community, quality care, and dignity for those who spent their lives in service to others.

Over the last three decades that mission has never changed, and today, hundreds of residents call Falcons Landing home. Every day, the staff and caregivers at Falcons Landing continue that tradition of service through the care and support they provide to residents and families.

What makes Falcons Landing so special is not just the campus itself, which is beautiful, but the sense of community, respect, and purpose that exists there every single day. Communities like Falcons Landing remind us of the importance of taking care of our veterans and their families.

Congratulations to Falcons Landing on this milestone. I hear that they are tuning in live today, so hello to everyone at Falcons Landing.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the staff, caregivers, and leadership for their 30 years of service to Loudoun County and our veterans community.

RECOGNIZING MAY AS PSP AND CBD AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, more than 30,000 patients and their families live with progressive supranuclear palsy and corticobasal degeneration, PSP and CBD.

Patients with PSP and CBD may lose the ability to control their speech, balance, coordination, and eye movements. Quality of life can deteriorate quickly, and most people who suffer from PSP and CBD will become dependent on care in just 3 to 4 years. These neurodegenerative diseases are as common as ALS, but most people have never heard of them.

They received more attention recently when my predecessor, Jennifer Wexton, was diagnosed with PSP herself and worked tirelessly in this body to spread awareness about the condition.

However, PSP and CBD still don't get the same type of recognition or funding for research, and there are currently no cures.

That is why I am introducing a resolution to designate May as PSP and CBD awareness month. We must dedicate more resources to finding treatments and cures for these neurodegenerative diseases, and we must also recognize the courage and the struggles of those who have PSP and CBD and build awareness and understanding of the impact on their lives and their families' lives.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing May as PSP and CBD awareness month by cosponsoring this resolution.

USCIS FACES LARGEST BACKLOG IN HISTORY

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I have heard directly from several constituents that their green cards and USCIS applications have been put on hold, creating major disruptions for families across the country.

This means no work authorizations being issued, jobs lost, college admissions denied, and families kept apart, not to mention the impact on our economy.

USCIS has already faced the largest backlog in history with over 11.5 million cases pending, but USCIS adjudications are now being placed on hold.

Why is that? Because a new policy requires USCIS officers to resubmit fingerprint information for most pending cases dated before April 27.

This creates delays across the agency, and there was no warning of this change to applicants. No leeway or flexibility was given to those affected, and we have received no explanation of how the resubmission process is actually going to improve public safety.

That is why I am leading a letter to USCIS with Representative KRISHNA-MOORTHY demanding answers and accountability over these adjudication holds.

USCIS needs the resources to efficiently process applications, not additional delays and security theater.

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RECOGNIZING CHIEF JIM MEEK
FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Jim Meek for 50 years of dedicated service as a volunteer with the Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue Company in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania.

Over the years, Chief Meek has served the fire department in multiple active service and administrative roles, including fire chief for 25 years.

Chief Meek has been praised as a significant role model and mentor for the department's first responders.

His 50-year commitment to public safety and the protection of property is an inspiration to constituents throughout the 13th Congressional District.

For his bravery and selfless service, I express gratitude to Chief Meek for his enduring commitment to protecting communities, and I extend my best wishes to him in all future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING BLAIR COUNTY CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Blair County Conservation District for 60 years of service as an advocate for natural resources and the county's agricultural community.

Established in 1966, the Conservation District focuses on the protection and the preservation of Blair County's natural resources.

With pride, I join in a yearlong commemoration of the Conservation District's milestone anniversary. For six decades, the district has played an essential role in supporting our communities through conservation programs that help to preserve Blair County's rich natural heritage for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I express gratitude to Conservation District Manager Donna Fisher, her board of directors, and the professional staff for expanding upon their distinguished legacy.

RECOGNIZING BRECHBILL & HELMAN
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brechbill & Helman Construction Company of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, for 60 years of success as an industry leader.

Founded in 1966 by Darrell Brechbill and John Helman, the company originated with three employees but possessed a vision that transformed them into a thriving construction business.

Over the past six decades, the company has expanded its expertise across a wide range of projects.

Brechbill & Helman have created a legacy of spaces that are created to strengthen the community and support businesses. Join me in congratulating company founders Darrell Brechbill and John Helman, Barb Runyon, and Matt Dice on this milestone anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF
JOSEPH METZGAR

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and public service of Joe Metzgar, who recently passed away in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

For over 20 years, Joe served as Logan Township supervisor. Many have noted that Joe could put a smile on your face even during intense discussions at meetings.

A proud United States Air Force veteran, Joe has been described as an honest and fair supervisor who took a commonsense approach to all issues.

In addition, Joe was a field auditor for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare.

Mr. Speaker, as we pause to remember Joe's legacy of service, we also keep his entire family in our prayers. Join me in honoring the life of Joe Metzgar, a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather, who always had the best interests of Logan Township in his heart.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF LINDA SALLEY

(Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman whose life was a gift to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and whose legacy will live far beyond the years she walked among us, Linda Salley of Levittown.

Linda was a visionary leader, a gifted educator, a keeper of history, a builder of bridges, and a trusted partner in service. Above all, she was a dear friend.

Mr. Speaker, there are some people who do not simply pass through a community. They enlarge it. They deepen its memory. They strengthen its character and strengthen its conscience. They leave behind a light by which others may find their way.

Linda Salley was such a person. Her life was rooted in faith, expressed in service, kindness, courage, and that steady belief that every person carries a story worthy of being heard.

Linda once reflected that every joy and sorrow, every frustration and hope, every human encounter becomes part of one exquisite quilt. In many ways, that was the work of her life. She took the scattered pieces of memory, stories that were neglected, voices that were overlooked, chapters left out of our common telling, and she stitched them into something whole, something beautiful, and something enduring.

As a teacher and administrator, Linda shaped young minds. As a founding member, president, and executive director of the African American Museum of Bucks County, she shaped the soul of our community.

It was the honor of my life to work alongside Linda over the years and to see up close the depth of her conviction and the power of her vision.

One of my greatest honors, Mr. Speaker, has been helping Linda and the African American Museum of Bucks County secure a permanent home at the historic Boone Farm in Middletown Township.

For years, the African American Museum of Bucks County carried its mission across our region, into schools, museums, churches, civic spaces, and community gatherings, bringing stories too often left untold into the light.

For Linda, Boone Farm was never just a location. It was a fulfillment of a promise that the history she worked so faithfully to preserve would finally have a place to stand, a place to teach, and a place to endure.

Long after today, children will walk through those doors. Families will see themselves in the story, and neighbors will learn, remember, and understand. In that sacred work and memory, Linda's hand will still be guiding us.

Mr. Speaker, Linda Salley understood a truth our Nation must never forget: History is not merely what we inherit. It is what we are brave enough to preserve, honest enough to tell, and faithful enough to pass on.

Bucks County is a better place because Linda Salley lived. Our children are wiser. Our history is richer, and our community is more whole.

Mr. Speaker, we mourn Linda's passing, but we will always celebrate the extraordinary life she lived and the work that she will pass on to others. The light that she lit is now ours to carry.

RISING COSTS OF HEALTHCARE

(Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sound the alarm on skyrocketing healthcare costs in this country. Americans all across the country, including Georgia's Fourth Congressional District, are having a hard time and making very difficult decisions. They have to decide whether it is more important to pay for their groceries—and don't get me started on the cost of gas to go to work—or to provide their family with healthcare.

It is estimated that healthcare will cost more than \$26 trillion through the year 2036, making healthcare the largest category of Federal spending. This Republican rubber-stamped Congress has failed to advance extensions to the enhanced premium tax credits, causing more families to have to make these difficult decisions—decisions we should not have to make in a country like this, but don't take my word for it.

For example, my constituent, Julia has a 34-year-old son that has a brain condition that makes it difficult for him to work. He needs brain specialists and prescriptions to prevent him from having seizures, debilitating headaches, and memory loss, but without healthcare subsidies, his health insurance costs rose 400 percent this year.