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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CRAWFORD).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 20, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD 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:

Take up residence in our hearts, O God. Move out of Your way the things that are not of You: anger, anxiety, fear, and frustration. By the power of Your holy spirit and out of Your glorious riches, inspire us to desire only You and strengthen us to remain faithful to You alone.

May we establish our decisions and demeanor in Your truth, rooting ourselves in Your abiding love, that we would grow in faith in Your sovereign will for these days. May we recognize among us those in whom You dwell and work together with them for the common good through our common faith in You.

Be present in and among us this day, and grant us the wisdom to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is Your love, surpassing all our knowledge and filling us with Your fullness.

In You we lack nothing. With You we are empowered to do all things. Abiding in You and You in us, You are the only thing to which our hearts should cling.

In Your strong and sacred name, we offer our prayers and ourselves.

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 gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MORRISON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. MORRISON 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.

CONGRATULATING FOUR OUTSTANDING YOUNG PEOPLE ON GRADUATING THE COAST GUARD

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

Ms. KING-HINDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate four outstanding young people from my district, the Northern Mariana Islands, who are graduating from the United States Coast Guard Academy Class of 2026: Pution Palacios-Camacho, Seiji Suzuki Gonzales, Noah Fleming Mesa, and Kyle Peter San Nicolas.

Their graduation is a proud and well-earned achievement, reflecting years of

discipline, perseverance, and commitment to service.

As they prepare to serve as officers in the United States Coast Guard, they carry with them the values that define our islands: family, humility, resilience, and responsibility to others.

For the Northern Marianas, their accomplishment reminds us that our young people can rise to serve at the highest levels while carrying with them the spirit of our island community.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Pution, Seiji, Noah, and Kyle. The CNMI is proud of them and thanks them for their continued service.

HONORING DR. ALICE MANN

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

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Alice Mann for her dedicated service to Minnesotans and her commitment to improving the health and well-being of communities across our State.

She immigrated to Minnesota from Brazil as a child and has been a fierce champion of human rights her entire life.

Driven by her experiences with patients struggling to access affordable care, Dr. Mann ran for office and was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives where she championed policies to expand access to healthcare, lower costs, and improve outcomes for families.

After caring for patients during the pandemic, Dr. Mann returned to public service and was elected to the Minnesota Senate where she has been a leading voice on healthcare policy and the chief author of legislation establishing paid family and medical leave.

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Her unwavering advocacy as a legislator and her dedicated care as a physician have changed the trajectory of many people's lives.

Dr. Mann is a dear friend to many, a devoted wife to her husband, Elliot, and a caring mother to Maxwell, Alexander, and Marcelo.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Minnesota, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Mann for her care of patients and her contributions to our State.

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE

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

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, roughly 16,000 young adults age out of the child welfare system annually, and far too many of them face significant challenges in reaching their full potential.

Tragically, nearly 35 percent, a full third of these young adults, also experience homelessness by age 21.

To address these challenges and to improve outcomes for children and young adults across America, this week the House passed H.R. 7432, the Fostering the Future Act.

This bipartisan legislation equips young adults with the tools to succeed and the skills for in-demand jobs.

By expanding education and training vouchers to include short-term workforce training and apprenticeships, we increase both opportunity and educational support for at-risk members of our society.

Additionally, this bill better aligns Federal housing programs so that we can reduce homelessness among those exiting the foster care system.

Mr. Speaker, I am glad to see the House take this bipartisan action for the first time in more than 25 years to help our young people build a brighter future.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SARAH GHIORSE

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of an extraordinary woman from my beautiful New Mexico, Sarah Ghiorse.

Her family and all who knew her were touched by her life and grieve her passing from cancer at the untimely age of 52.

Sarah was rooted in love, love of her family, her colleagues, her communities, and our beautiful State.

She led the amazing organization NewMexicoWomen.org with her fierce advocacy for justice. Sarah believed that the work for women and girls in these difficult political times must be rooted in and convey connection to love, that in building together in com-

munity, we all have a role and belong to this ecosystem.

Sarah was the heart of her organization, moving with ease, grace, and integrity between multiple worlds, all connected by her commitment.

She was as comfortable in staff and donor meetings as she was at ceremonies or in the streets for marches, parades, or protests.

At the same time, she was a dedicated mother, a daughter, a sister, a partner, and a friend. Her light, love, and powerful legacy will continue and live on in those who loved and cared for her.

Rest in power, Sarah.

HONORING CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION

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

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two young leaders from the Chattahoochee Valley: Frank Lumpkin IV of Columbus, Georgia, and Justus Armstrong of nearby Phenix City, Alabama, whose work over the last 9 years has advanced the effort to expand Interstate 14, more commonly known as I-14, from Texas to my home State of Georgia.

Known as the Forts to Ports Highway, I-14 will connect military communities from Fort Hood in Texas to Fort Benning in Georgia and spur economic growth across the Southeast.

In 2017, at just 19 years old, after graduation from Columbus High School, Frank founded the Chattahoochee Valley Infrastructure Coalition, recognizing the need to build support across the community for the expansion of Interstate 14.

Today, Frank is an attorney and serves our country as a captain and a Judge Advocate General in the United States Army Reserve.

Frank's relentless advocacy has led to congressionally authorized studies and I-14's designation as a congressionally authorized future interstate.

Strong bipartisan support exists at all levels for dedicated Federal investment and congressionally authorized future interstates, including I-14. These high-priority corridors have received further congressional authorization underscoring their national significance.

Because of this groundwork, Columbus, Georgia, a city I represent, has the opportunity to receive the first piece of I-14 outside of Texas. I-14's expansion to Georgia will provide interstate access to impoverished communities and create high-quality, blue-color jobs across the Southeast.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of Frank Lumpkin's work, and I look forward to supporting his coalition's inspiring advocacy.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1041, VETERANS 2ND AMENDMENT PROTECTION ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6047, SHARRI BRILEY AND ERIC EDMUNDSON VETERANS BENEFITS EXPANSION ACT OF 2026; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1329, SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM ACT; AND WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1300 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1300

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1041) to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background check system. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommend.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 6047) to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the dollar amounts for the payment of certain disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommend.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1329) to permit the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum to be located within the Reserve of the National