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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

Reverend Carlton Gerrell, Tennessee Valley Community Church, Paris, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

Our dearest and most gracious Heavenly Father, I thank You for the opportunity to come today and pray in the Capital of our government, Father, that You set apart many years ago. I pray today, Father, for our leaders, our President, our Congressmen, and our Senators that, Father, we will, as people, submit to the authority and pray for them as You commanded in 1 Peter and in Romans. Father, they deserve all honor and glory, and I pray for their wisdom, their strength, and their discernment, Father, to lead us in a way that honors and glorifies You.

Father, bless this time together, that You give them complete wisdom and earnest desire to glorify You, Father, the Lord of the universe, the Lord of all creation, and the Lord over this Nation.

These things we pray in Your most precious Heavenly Son's name, the almighty name of Jesus.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the Chamber the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. CORREA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CORREA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING REVEREND CARLTON GERRELL

The SPEAKER. Without objection, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee was recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. KUSTOFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Pastor Carlton Gerrell of Tennessee Valley Community Church in Paris, Tennessee, as our guest chaplain.

Pastor Gerrell has dedicated his life to ministry in the church and through public service.

Mr. Speaker, under Pastor Gerrell's leadership, TVCC, the Tennessee Valley Community Church, has become one of the largest congregations in rural West Tennessee.

Pastor Gerrell also served on the Paris City Commission from 2010 to 2022. During that time, he spent 8 years as mayor, working to strengthen the city that he calls home.

He and his wife, Dr. Norma Gerrell, have built a life in Paris and are the proud parents of two sons, Trey and Scott.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Pastor Gerrell's service to the ministry and to the community in Henry County. I thank him for offering the opening prayer before the people's House.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LOUDERMILK). The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MATTHEW A. LAMB

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

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Matthew A. Lamb, United States Marine Corps, a native of Connorsville, Indiana, who is retiring after more than 25 years of faithful service to our Nation.

Lieutenant Colonel Lamb enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in May of 2000 as a field radio operator and deployed with the 5th Battalion, 11th Marines during Operation Iraqi Freedom, earning the Combat Action Ribbon.

He commissioned in May of 2006 as an adjutant and later deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as a G-1 mentor to the 201st Corps of the Afghanistan National Army.

Over the two decades, he commanded a recruit training company at MCRD San Diego and served in key staff billets at MCRD Paris Island, Headquarters Marine Corps, and the United States Marine Corps Forces South.

He is a distinguished graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and holds a degree from the University of Indianapolis and Syracuse University.

His final tour brought him to Capitol Hill as deputy director for House Affairs in the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs, where he served as the Corps' principal interlocutor for the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. I had the privilege of working with him directly.

I wish him well in his retirement, and I thank him for his service. Semper Fidelis.

### HONORING AUGUSTINO TRAN CAU

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my very good friend, Augustino Tran Cau, who passed away on June 7 in Anaheim, California, at the age of 80.

Mr. Tran was a combat medic during the Vietnam war. Following the fall of

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South Vietnam in 1975, he was imprisoned in a political reeducation camp in Vietnam, but eventually escaped and later settled in Orange County, California, where he and his family built a new life and made southern California their home for almost 50 years.

As a pharmacist, Mr. TRAN dedicated his life to serving others through healthcare. He was actively involved with the Vietnamese-American community, advocating for democracy, freedom, and human rights for Vietnam.

Augustino's legacy will live through his family. My thoughts and prayers are with them during this time.

#### ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST HAS IT ALL

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight National Forest Week celebrated earlier this month. This week is an opportunity for us to celebrate the beauty of our national forests.

I am proud to represent the Allegheny National Forest, the only national forest in Pennsylvania.

Whether it is forestry, energy production, timber harvesting, or an abundance of outdoor activities, the Allegheny National Forest has it all.

For generations, the Allegheny National Forest has brought economic prosperity to the region.

This month I was proud to introduce the Mass Timber Federal Buildings Act with Representative ANDREA SALINAS of Oregon. This bipartisan legislation provides incentives for the use of mass timber building materials in Federal contracting, giving timber and other forest products companies the ability to compete for construction, renovation, or acquisition of public buildings, and for military construction.

The Mass Timber Federal Buildings Act is a clear step in the right step. It ensures we continue to support the Allegheny National Forest, rural communities, and businessowners.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation and support our Nation's timber industry and forests.

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#### PERMANENT PROTECTIONS FOR DREAMERS

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this coming Monday, June 15, we mark 14 years since DACA, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

The keywords here are "deferred action." That means you defer action and do not go into deportation. It gave Dreamers a chance to breathe. Yet,

President Trump is trying to suffocate DACA one delayed renewal at a time.

He is detaining and deporting Dreamers, slow-walking renewals, and creating gaps that are costing them their livelihoods. Dreamers were brought here as children. They grew up here and are American in every way—in their hearts, their souls, and their minds—except on paper.

They should not have to keep proving they belong in the only country they call home. This is why I am leading the American Dream and Promise Act, to give Dreamers permanent protections and a pathway to citizenship. The House must vote on this bill and finally keep the promise that this country has made.

#### RECOGNIZING CHELSEA BEUTLER

(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 an inspiring small business owner from Utah, Chelsea Beutler, whose work reminds us of the beauty that can bring people together, even in divided times.

Chelsea, the founder of Sunnyside Urban Flower Farm, has been selected as a floral designer for the 113th annual First Lady's Luncheon in Washington, D.C., a century-old bipartisan tradition hosted by the Congressional Club Museum and Foundation that supports charitable causes and celebrates community service.

Chelsea's journey is one of resilience and creativity. During the COVID pandemic, as her family faced personal challenges, Chelsea transformed her approach to farming, turning from vegetables to flowers and, in doing so, cultivated not just crops but connection. Through workshops and community events, she has helped people to reconnect, heal, and find joy.

In a world that often feels divided, her work is a reminder that something as simple as a flower can bridge gaps, uplift spirits, and bring us closer together.

I am proud to recognize Chelsea Beutler for her achievement and for representing Utah on the national stage.

#### ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE IS NOT FOR SALE

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with an important message for the Trump administration: The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is not for sale.

For the third time, they have tried to sell off the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to Big Oil, and for the third time, it has flopped.

Last Friday's lease sale brought in less than 1 percent of projected rev-

enue. Not one major oil company even showed up, and for good reason.

Last summer, I traveled to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I fished its rivers, walked its Coastal Plain, and watched musk ox roam one of the last truly wild places on Earth.

Mr. Speaker, I can speak with firsthand experience when I say that this place is simply too special to drill, too important for the animal ecosystem and global bird migrations, and too critical for indigenous cultural preservation.

Our public lands belong to the American people, not to the highest bidder. When the highest bidder doesn't even show up, maybe it is time this administration got the message.

#### PENNSYLVANIA FARMERS DISASTER DECLARATION

(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, for the past 27 years, the Bipartisan Women's Caucus has held an annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington's Military Women's Memorial. It is a solemn event, a time when Republicans and Democrats come together to honor the immense service of women in the United States Armed Forces—until this year.

Several military branches declined to participate in what would have been the 28th annual ceremony, leading to the event being canceled. They cited Trump's executive order and Department of Defense guidance that bans the celebration of identity months and diversity events.

DEI? America is home to more than 2 million living women veterans. For 200 years, women have fought and sacrificed for our Nation.

DEI? Instead of honoring their service, the Trump administration is trying to erase women's contributions to our Nation and our history.

DEI? They want to deny and diminish the sacrifice of women veterans. Can you imagine anything more un-American?

Mr. Speaker, DEI. This administration will not ever erase their devotion, excellence, and integrity.

#### CELEBRATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS

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

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an institution that is purely California, the California Conservation Corps, as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

It started in 1976 with Jerry Brown in his first iteration as Governor. When wildfires come, when floods rise, when the Earth shakes, and when pandemics descend, you can count on the California Conservation Corps answering the call.