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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. FISCHBACH).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON DC,

June 24, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHELLE FISCHBACH 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 11:50 a.m.

RECOGNIZING CHEYENNE PETERSON

(Mr. COMER of Kentucky was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding young Kentuckian from the First Congressional District, Cheyenne Peterson of Pembroke, an 11th grade student whose artwork was selected as a winner in the America 250 Student Art Contest.

Cheyenne's piece, titled 250 Years of Freedom, reflects a deep appreciation

for our Nation's history and the blessings of liberty that generations of Americans have worked to preserve.

Through her talent and creativity, she has captured the spirit of patriotism and civic pride that defines the Commonwealth of Kentucky and communities across our Nation.

I am proud to represent Cheyenne and her family in Congress, and I am inspired by her commitment to honoring America's story through art.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Cheyenne Peterson on this remarkable achievement and wishing her continued success in all of her future endeavors.

IMPORTANCE OF VALID VOTER ID

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise to implore our colleagues in the Senate to pass the SAVE Act.

We have passed this final bill here in the House several months ago, and it has been sitting in the Senate collecting dust. We in Congress have many ideological differences. The importance of a valid voter ID should not be one of those differences. After all, to enter the brand-new Obama Presidential Library, you are required to present a valid ID.

I am a Member of Congress, and, obviously, this is my workplace. Before I arrived yesterday, I had to show an ID at the TSA line at the Louisville airport, then show an ID to check in at a hotel, then show my ID to get through the barrier gate around the Capitol, and, finally, I had to show my ID to enter the Rayburn House Office Building.

Yet, there are Members of Congress who do not want to support a law to make it a requirement to show an ID to vote. Why?

I will tell you why I think it is. It is because they want to be able to cheat in elections. How? Perhaps by allowing people to vote who are not legal residents of the United States. That is a theory a lot of people have who support the SAVE Act.

Madam Speaker, that is wrong, and it is why many Americans have lost confidence in our electoral process.

My message to the U.S. Senate is to do their job and pass the SAVE Act.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DALE

"FROG" FORD

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my friend, Sheriff Dale "Frog" Ford, a devoted public servant, respected law enforcement officer, and cherished member of the Monroe County community.

Sheriff Ford dedicated his life to serving and protecting the people of his hometown. For 48 years, he wore the badge with pride, integrity, and an unwavering sense of duty.

Over the course of his distinguished career, Sheriff Ford served the citizens of Tompkinsville as chief of police for 10 years and later as sheriff of Monroe County for 12 years. In every role he held, Sheriff Ford earned the trust and respect of those he served through his steady leadership, fairness, and deep commitment to the community.

I offer my sincerest condolences to his wife of 21 years, Ronda; his children, Kimberly, Chris, and Sean; his step-children, Shelby and Alex; and his eight grandchildren.

Sheriff Ford's service, courage, and leadership have set an example for future generations of law enforcement officers. With his passing, Monroe County lost a beloved and legendary figure who will never be forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHRISTINE ASHLEY DAVIS

(Mr. KENNEDY of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life and legacy of Mother Christine Ashley Davis, affectionately known as Granny, who passed away on April 18, 2026, at the age of 99.

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Born in Macon, Georgia, on September 4, 1926, to Adrian Ashley and Mamie Holliman, she built a life centered around compassion and service.

She brought those values to Buffalo in 1945, becoming a deeply respected leader in our community. Singing every Sunday in the choir at Calvary Baptist, dedicating herself to the missionary board at White Rock Baptist, and later becoming a beloved spiritual mother to multiple fellowships, she served God not only in word but in action.

Christine mentored generations of believers and brought that same devotion to her professional life, working for decades as a senior receptionist at several community centers across the region and also spending time with the Erie County Board of Elections.

Beyond her contributions to our great region, her greatest joy was her family. She and her late husband, Willie A. Davis, Sr., raised 12 wonderful children, laying the foundation for a remarkable family legacy that grew to include 38 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-great-grandchildren.

Her family and friends will forever remember her radiant smile and the genuineness of her spirit. She was a woman who loved to dance and spend time with her friends, particularly playing cards with her loved ones, a pastime she enjoyed while wearing a backward baseball cap.

Mother Christine Ashley Davis showed us all how to live with immense kindness and respect for others.

On behalf of a grateful community and nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering sincere condolences to her family as they reflect and celebrate on her extraordinary life.

May Granny, Mother Christine Ashley Davis, rest in peace.

CONGRATULATING DR. WILLIE UNDERWOOD III

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Willie Underwood III of Buffalo, New York, who was sworn in to serve as the 181st president of the American Medical Association on June 9, 2026.

A respected urological surgeon, public health expert, and advocate for equitable care, Dr. Underwood has spent over two decades serving patients in Buffalo and is the second urologist and third Black physician to serve as AMA president.

Dr. Underwood is a graduate of Morehouse College and earned his master's degrees from the State University of New York Upstate Medical University, and the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Dr. Underwood completed medical training in general and urological surgery at The University of Connecticut Health Center and was one of the first five urologists to be admitted into the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program.

During his inaugural address as AMA president, Dr. Underwood reminded us

that advocating for patients also means advocating for the physicians who care for them, ensuring they have the support, resources, and environment needed to meet the growing demands of this moment.

Dr. Underwood's leadership comes at a critical moment, as doctors and patients alike face rising costs, workforce shortages, and shrinking Federal support.

With Dr. Underwood at the helm, the AMA is in strong, steady hands, and I know that together we can build a healthcare system that works for both patients and providers.

Western New York is proud to call Dr. Willie Underwood III one of our own, and we are excited for the rest of the country to share in the benefits of his work.

On behalf of a grateful nation and community, I congratulate my good friend Dr. Willie Underwood.

CONGRATULATING AURORA GUZMAN

(Ms. DE LA CRUZ of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Aurora Guzman from McAllen Memorial High School for being selected as a Texas Girls Coaches Association all-star player.

A brilliant athlete and student, Aurora is known for her captivating energy on the court. Behind her success are years of hard work, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to her sport.

Aurora has shown true leadership, helping to elevate the Lady Mustang basketball team while earning recognition as a premier player in the region. She not only represents McAllen Memorial, but she also represents the entire Rio Grande Valley and every young athlete who dreams of playing on the big stage.

I thank Aurora for representing south Texas with pride. I congratulate her on this prestigious honor. We wish her the best of luck next month at the TGCA all-star game.

RECOGNIZING MCCREERY AVIATION

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize McCreery Aviation on 80 years of exceptional service in south Texas.

Founded in 1946 by J.F. "Mac" McCreery, the company began as a small flight school following World War II. What started as one aircraft has grown into a premier, full-service aviation provider at McAllen International Airport, serving aircraft owners and international travelers across the region.

Today, under the leadership of Mac's son, Bob McCreery, the company reflects the strength of the family-owned business built on hard work and commitment. Through high-quality maintenance, pilot training, and support for international trade, McCreery Aviation continues to play a vital role in our community.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate McCreery Aviation on eight decades of service. I wish them continued success for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING ALICE ISD

Ms. De La CRUZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Alice ISD, the recipient of the 2026 Small School District title at the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards.

This milestone highlights the exceptional leadership, vision, and dedication shaping the future of the Alice community.

With this award comes \$50,000 in grant money for student-centered upgrades across six campuses. These funds will bring new changes, from an outdoor science classroom and digital marquees to transforming the Schallert Elementary Library into a modern workspace.

None of this would be possible without the dedicated administrators, teachers, and support staff who lift their students up.

I congratulate the superintendent, Dr. Anysia Trevino, the Board of Trustees, and the entire Alice ISD community on this grand achievement.

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MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING LIFE OF JUNIPER BLESSING

(Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ of New Mexico was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, New Mexico and Washington State rise today to honor the life of Juniper Blessing. Juniper was my constituent and attended the New Mexico School for the Arts High School.

There, Juniper's voice filled the air with hope, delight, passion, and, yes, sometimes angst. Madam Speaker, don't we all remember wondering who we are, wondering what our lives will look like beyond high school.

At that age, every joy shines brighter. Every fear cuts deeper. Every dream feels possible.

Juniper lived all of that and more. She was smart, funny, curious, energetic, and fiercely herself. She loved music, rainstorms, her dogs, her family, and the natural world.

She looked at the world with wonder and questions. She looked at Santa Fe's glorious thunder, lightning, and rainbows and said: I want to know more.

So she went to the University of Washington to study climate science and meteorology. She wanted to understand the mysteries of the atmosphere, the beauty and power of the world around us.

But for many, Juniper will always be remembered for her voice. She had the voice of an angel whose music filled classrooms, stages, and community gatherings. Her voice soared beyond the school walls and into the hearts of everyone who heard her.

I know that like so many parents, Craig and Monica Blessing sent Juniper