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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 13, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID J. TAYLOR 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.

HONORING LIFE AND CAREER OF DON DETWILER

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to honor the life and the career of Don Detwiler, who passed away in Blair County.

Our community mourns the loss of a business leader, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. On a personal level, I knew Don as a neighbor, a patient of mine, and a friend.

Each life that he touched grew stronger and brighter because of Don Detwiler.

From a young age, Don worked in the family business, New Enterprise Stone & Lime. He retired from the company in 2020 as president and CEO and continued to serve as a consultant.

Don held leadership positions in numerous professional and community organizations. In his very distinct, quiet way, he created a distinguished legacy.

As we pause to remember his immeasurable impact, we also keep in mind his wonderful wife, Judy, and his entire family.

Please join me in honoring the life of Don Detwiler, who was truly one of Blair County's most esteemed figures.

HONORING WILLIAMSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ON 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department for 100 years of service.

Founded in 1926, the volunteer fire department has evolved into a professionally trained emergency response team that averages more than 300 calls per year.

In addition to its responsibilities within the borough, the fire department also provides mutual aid to several companies throughout Blair and Huntingdon Counties.

The fire department proudly notes that 16 of its members are lifetime members who have served the department for 25 years or longer.

On behalf of everyone in the 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Fire Chief Travis Prough and all members of the Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department on 100 years of distinguished service.

CONGRATULATING BERMUDIAN SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I rise to honor the Bermudian Springs High

School baseball team of Adams County for winning the PIAA 3A State Championship in a thrilling 1-0 victory over South Park.

This marks the second State title for the Bermudian Springs baseball team. The first was a 2A State title.

Bermudian Springs finished this championship season with an outstanding 24-4 record.

On behalf of everyone in Adams County and throughout Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate the players, Head Coach Jeff Carpenter, and members of his staff on this memorable achievement.

HONORING SMITHFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ON 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Smithfield Volunteer Fire Company of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, for 100 years of service.

Since its incorporation in 1926, Smithfield's century of service has been distinguished by steadfast support and a proud local tradition.

History records the fire company's founders mortgaged their own properties to construct the first fire hall. Despite changing times, the community has remained the heart of this organization.

Longtime member and fire company president, Jeffrey Shaffer, has noted that his father was the company's second fire chief, and his mother was a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Congratulations to the Smithfield Volunteer Fire Company.

CONGRATULATING GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Greencastle-Antrim High School baseball team for winning the PIAA 5A State championship.

During a 5-hour contest, the longest championship game in PIAA history, Greencastle-Antrim defeated DuBois 6-

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5 in 14 arduous innings. Most certainly, Greencastle-Antrim's first State baseball championship title was secured in an incredible fashion.

Relying on superior talent, resilience, and team chemistry, they finished the season with a 24-3 record. The team will forever be a source of pride for the community.

I congratulate the players, Head Coach Eric Shaner, and the members of his staff of Greencastle-Antrim for this historic achievement.

RECOGNIZING McLEAN PINER

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I take great joy today to recognize the dedication, loyalty, and hard work of my legislative director and healthcare adviser, McLean Piner, and to congratulate him on a well-earned next chapter he will soon embark upon.

I have known McLean his entire life. McLean comes from a great family who live just around the corner from me in our neighborhood in Greenville, North Carolina. My wife and I are great friends with his parents, and our children played and went to school together for many years.

In fact, only one issue ever caused any consternation between the Murphys and the Piners, and it was their inexplicable, and, frankly, despicable, allegiance to Duke University sports programs. Such a fine family, but such misguided loyalty. At least they know that the great basketball coach, Coach K, lost his final game to UNC. Fortunately, this one personal impediment, which I hope one day he will grow out of, has not impacted his character nor will it impede his career.

McLean first began working for me back in 2016 as an intern while I served in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Not possessed with a loud voice, nonetheless, he was still a hard worker, tenacious, and a joy to have around.

When I came to Congress in 2019, I was able to wrangle him away from a job downtown to come work for my office. Since then, he has put his head down and continued to earn a place of very high respect in Washington.

Over nearly 8 years, McLean distinguished himself, working his way up from legislative correspondent all the way to legislative director, a role he has now held for 3 years.

He quickly established himself as a force to be reckoned with when it came to healthcare issues. As a physician, my chief focus in Congress has been one of making healthcare accessible, affordable, and of the highest quality. I have fought for patients and those who deliver their care.

We have endured close to 7 years of late-night votes, painful policy briefings, unconscionably long markups, and spirited hearings in the Ways and Means Committee. Yet, through count-

less meetings, briefs, and events, McLean has been there every step of the way with me. We have learned from each other, and his counsel is one I have learned to appreciate and trust.

At the beginning of this session, he came to me and told me he was being recruited by the administration for a job there. I told him no, he wasn't ready, and he had more to learn. Now he is ready. As all good mentors should do, when it is time, they should let their proteges fly away.

McLean will soon depart Team Murphy for the next chapter of his career, an enormous and deserving leap forward over at the Department of Health and Human Services as Deputy Assistant Secretary.

With gratitude and a heart full of pride, I honor and congratulate McLean on this remarkable run we have had and his very, very bright future.

It is not often a Member possesses a staff member that has shown such loyalty, thoughtfulness, and dedication as McLean Piner. Washington can be a very difficult environment to operate in, especially those new to politics.

McLean has developed a keen sense of what is necessary to deliver meaningful change to improve American healthcare. His intellect, ability to connect with others, and communication have made him an indispensable asset to anyone who wants to get down to business and make an impact.

While I wish I could keep McLean in my office as long as I have the privilege to serve in this body, it is time now for him to move on. I have no doubt that he will be successful in his new perch, continuing to serve the American public.

This is not a good-bye, but it is a celebration. It is a heartfelt congratulations that I salute a special individual who deserves great recognition and will continue to impress beyond my imagination.

I give my congratulations to McLean. I wish him well in his next chapter and next journey. I thank him for his service in my office on behalf of the constituents of eastern North Carolina.

HONORING JAMIE ROBINETTE ON HER RETIREMENT

(Mr. BEAN of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize someone whose name is not in the headlines, but whose impact has been felt through the Halls of Congress and across America. Mr. Speaker, today I have the distinct privilege of honoring my chief of staff, Jamie Robinette, as she retires after 25 years of extraordinary service to the United States House of Representatives.

For 25 years, Jamie Robinette has been one of those professionals whose leadership, wisdom, and steady hand have helped Members of Congress serve

their constituents with excellence. Jamie has spent her career making others successful, including this Congressman, Mr. Speaker, and ensuring that the people's business gets done.

Jamie's congressional journey began in 2001 with Congressman John Culberson of Texas. Over her first 18 years in that office, she held virtually every position and eventually, not surprisingly, rose to chief of staff. She became known quickly as someone whose judgment could be trusted, whose word was good, and whose dedication to public service never wavered.

She later brought that same commitment and experience as chief of staff to Congressman Ross Spano and senior adviser to Congressman NEAL DUNN and as the first executive director of the Suburban Caucus under Congresswoman ANN WAGNER. At every stop, Jamie earned a reputation for building strong teams, developing talented staff, and solving difficult problems.

From my very first day as a Member of Congress, Jamie became my trusted adviser and leader of the Bean Team. She has helped shape our office into one that puts constituents first, responds with urgency, and approaches every challenge with professionalism and respect.

Anyone who has crossed paths or worked with Jamie knows that she possesses both institutional knowledge and genuine humility. She understands the rules of the House, the complexities of the legislative process, and the utmost importance of constituent service.

What truly sets her apart is how she treats people. She leads with grace. She listens before she speaks, and she mentors young staff with patience and encouragement. She celebrates the success of others before her own. She constantly takes calls from me: Hey, can you talk to this young person who is thinking about a career? She takes it and gives them that advice.

To Jamie's family, who is in the gallery today, thank you for sharing her with me and the institution which she served so faithfully. Public service requires sacrifice not only from those who serve, but those who support them at home. The recognition belongs to you as well.

Mr. Speaker, public service remains one of the noblest callings in our Nation. Jamie has answered that call every day for 25 years with honor, excellence, humility, and grace.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of Florida's Fourth Congressional District, thank you, Jamie. God bless you, your family, and the next chapter of your life. Go get 'em.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair and not to refer to persons in the gallery.