

and on behalf of my colleagues, Representatives ZOE LOFGREN, RO KHANNA, and JIMMY PANETTA, to recognize Larry Stone, who retired a few months ago as Santa Clara County's longest serving elected official.

Larry has been an extraordinary public servant, ethical role model, a mentor to many of us, and a friend to all.

Larry served in elected office for 46 years, 30 as Santa Clara County's assessor. He made the most of his notorious role as tax leveler, humorously egging on everyone to boo him at every civic and political event. He even wore a Grinch costume for many years in our annual Santa Run, sitting in the pace car with thousands of runners dressed up as Santas with beards on chasing him through the streets of downtown San Jose.

Larry's work was serious, however. He leaves behind an assessor's office that has become a national model for efficiency, responsiveness, and trustworthiness.

Larry's signature forthrightness made him the first phone call for local reporters looking for someone quotable. His willingness to call out malfeasance by the powerful made him a reliable advocate for good government. His prescient political sense—gathering Silicon Valley support for everyone from his successor, Neysa Fligor, to a little known southerner by the name of Bill Clinton—made him a local kingmaker.

In his retirement, Larry and his much-beloved wife, Carmen, will continue to generously support local nonprofits and the arts. Larry's example, however, continues to inspire the next generation of leaders.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of many, I thank Larry for his leadership, his mentorship, and his friendship.

□ 1215

HONORING ARTHUR HERBERT HAUSMAN

Mr. LICCARDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Arthur Herbert Hausman, who passed away earlier this year at the age of 102.

Our Nation owes Arthur a profound debt of gratitude for his lifetime of service. During World War II, Arthur served at Bletchley Park on Project ULTRA, helping decrypt enemy communications alongside Alan Turing and other legends of the era. Their work proved instrumental in securing the Allied victory in World War II.

Arthur later served as an electronic scientist with the Department of Defense and helped lay the foundation for the National Security Agency. His groundbreaking work in cryptography, secure communications, and technological innovation left an indelible mark on our national security institutions and made us all safer.

Arthur's greatest legacy lives through his family and the community that he helped build, including Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills.

His integrity, ingenuity, and patriotism will endure in the hearts of his

children, grandchildren, and a grateful nation.

Madam Speaker, may his memory be a blessing.

COMMEMORATING 82ND ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION OF GUAM

(Mr. MOYLAN of Guam was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MOYLAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 82nd anniversary of the liberation of Guam.

On July 21, 1944, American forces returned to Guam and liberated our island after nearly 3 years of Japanese occupation. For the CHamoru people and all who called Guam home, liberation marked the end of a period defined by fear and suffering.

Today, I recognize the special courage of Guam's Greatest Generation. Throughout the occupation, there was one source of strength that united the people: their faith. When families were separated, they prayed. When food was scarce, they prayed. When they faced the uncertainty that tomorrow might never come, they prayed. Prayer became the act of hope.

Many survivors have shared stories of praying the rosary together in secret, gathering quietly with family, and finding strength in Scripture. Those prayers sustained a people who refused to lose their humanity, even during one of the darkest chapters of Guam's history.

These moments served as a powerful reminder that while liberation was won through the ones who fought on the battlefield, many endured through the steadfast faith of those who never gave up hope at home.

The people of Guam continue to carry forward the legacy 82 years later. We continue to pray for lasting peace, the safety of the brave men and women who serve our Nation today, and a world where future generations will never have to endure what Guam experienced during World War II.

Madam Speaker, we commemorate this year's theme: "Para I Onra, Para I Gloria"; "For Her Honor, For Her Glory." May God continue to watch over our beloved island of Guam and grant us the lasting peace for generations to come.

DENOUNCING ENDING BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP FOR TERRITORIES

Mr. MOYLAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to strongly denounce the End Birthright Citizenship for the Territories Act.

The author of this bill is quick to offer assurances that the bill explicitly carves out protection for the children born to U.S. citizens and permanent residents on Guam who will fully retain their American citizenship.

They present this as a reasonable compromise, a harmless safeguard for our local families. Madam Speaker, do not mistake a patronizing concession for respect. The clause does not ease the fundamental insult of this legislation. It merely exposes its hypocrisy.

By including the very language, this body openly acknowledges that it is attempting to do in the territories what the Supreme Court just ruled it cannot constitutionally do in the 50 States.

It exploits the fact that citizenship in Guam is governed by statute, rather than the full embrace of the 14th Amendment. It creates a dangerous and deeply insulting double standard. It signals to our community that the ground under our feet is a lesser class of American soil.

It says that while the States' borders are structurally protected from Washington legislative whims, the legal fabric of our island cannot be experimented on by Federal mandates.

Our citizenship was not handed to us by casual gift or a line item to be tinkered with. It was forged in the fires of World War II, through the brutality of an enemy occupation where our people suffered, yet never once wavered in their alliance to the United States.

We have repaid that honor by serving the United States Armed Forces where our sons and daughters serve at a rate higher than nearly any jurisdiction in the Nation.

To tell a population that bears a great weight of defending this Republic that Congress can selectively alter birthright citizenship on their soil is a profound sign of disrespect. It treats the sacred bond of our citizenship as a secondary status subject to the political whims of Washington.

We do not ask for constitutional handouts or patronizing exemptions. We ask for equality. We demand that the soil our veterans defended be treated with the exact same constitutional reverence as the 50 States.

Madam Speaker, this bill fails the test of basic respect, and I urge my colleagues reject this double standard and join me in denouncing this bill.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, source of all wisdom, goodness, truth, and knowledge, we appeal to You for the direction and counsel needed to meet the challenges and to faithfully execute the tasks set before us today.

Make us wise, first in our asking. Given the purity of Your wisdom, may we humble ourselves to receive it.

Aware that what comes from You is peace-loving and gentle, may we be willing to slow our tempers and it temper our judgment in the disagreements we are sure to encounter.

What You offer requires that we be open to reason and full of mercy. May the fruit of today's labors be sensible and abounding in Your goodness.

Lord, the guidance and grace You offer us are neither uncertain nor insincere. May we, in our certitude, be sincere in our engagement, one with another. May we reflect the sincerity found in Your wisdom and confident in Your will for the living of this day.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

Mr. HURD of Colorado 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.

HONORING NICHOLAS DALE

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

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nicholas Dale, who gave his life battling the Gold Mountain fire in southwestern Colorado.

On July 12, Nicholas was piloting a firefighting helicopter when his aircraft went down in Silver Jack Reservoir. He was 56 years old and had traveled from Sooke, British Columbia, to help protect a State that was not his own.

We owe an enormous debt to aerial firefighters like Nicholas. Mission after mission, they fly into smoke and over rugged terrain so ground crews can gain the upper hand and communities have a fighting chance.

Nicholas is the fourth firefighter to lose his life battling Colorado wildfires this past month. His death is a sobering reminder of the risks wildland firefighters and aviators face every time they take to the sky or fire line.

Mr. Speaker, few Coloradans will ever see their faces, but everyone benefits from their courage. We thank them sincerely.

COMMEMORATING 81ST ANNIVERSARY OF BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 81st anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima.

August 6, 81 years ago—which will happen in a couple of weeks—the first instance of a nuclear weapon being deployed against a civilian population occurred.

My cousin, Kikue Takagi, survived the bombing because she was sick and stayed home instead of being at the city center at ground zero with her middle school classmates. The vast majority of her middle school classmates perished that morning. She is a “hibakusha”; “survivor” of the atomic bombing.

The U.S. and Russia had the New START Treaty which limited the number of nuclear warheads in both of their respective arsenals. This year the Trump administration allowed it to expire, dealing a major blow to arms control efforts. We must not allow negligence or indifference to lead to a disaster in the absence of diplomatic safeguards.

Mr. Speaker, I call on Congress, the President, and all of us to return to leadership in reversing the arms control race.

RECOGNIZING STEVE AND JULIA MOORE

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

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two exceptional leaders from Indiana's Ninth District, Steve and Julia Moore, whose commitment to protecting children has earned them the honor of having their names added to the founders wall at Johns Hopkins University.

The founders wall honors individuals whose generosity and commitment have made a lasting impact on the mission at Johns Hopkins.

Through their support of the MOORE Center to prevent child sexual abuse, Steve and Julia have played a vital role in furthering groundbreaking research, education, and prevention efforts, focused on ending child sexual abuse.

For the Moores, this mission is deeply personal. After experiencing the lasting effects of child sexual abuse within their own family, Steve and Julia made a courageous decision to use their story and family name to bring awareness to an issue that has often remained hidden and to help break the cycle of abuse.

Through the MOORE Center, they have transformed a personal hardship into a mission of help, bringing a

greater awareness, supporting prevention-based solutions, and helping protect future generations from experiencing the lasting effects of child sexual abuse.

Mr. Speaker, the addition of Steve and Julia Moore's names to the founders wall at Johns Hopkins is a fitting recognition of their dedication to serving others and improving the lives of children and families. I am proud to recognize them on this well-deserved honor and thank them for their extraordinary generosity and service to protecting children and strengthening families for generations to come.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair. Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1430

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR) at 2 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

CHOICES FOR INCREASED MOBILITY ACT OF 2026

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1703) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify payment rules for manual wheelchairs under part B of the Medicare program, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1703

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Choices for Increased Mobility Act of 2026”.

SEC. 2. SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO TREATMENT OF CERTAIN MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(24) SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO TREATMENT OF CERTAIN MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS.—

“(A) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE HCPCS CODES FOR CERTAIN MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS.—With respect to ultralightweight manual wheelchairs payable under this subsection