

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1841

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 1841.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is granted.

RECOGNIZING DENISE MINDERLER

(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 recognize Denise Minderler for her commitment to the Special Olympics.

Denise, a longtime resident of Potter County, Pennsylvania, has participated in the Special Olympics for 47 years. This incredible organization provides children and adults with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to train and compete in sports.

Denise's first competition was in 1978. She competed in bowling, which remains one of her favorite sports.

During my time in Congress, I have had the distinct honor of meeting Denise and hearing stories about the annual event.

Since her first competition in 1978, Denise has collected 142 medals, a remarkable achievement and reflection of her hard work and talent.

She also serves as a global messenger for Potter County. This position allows athletes to share their personal stories and highlight the positive impact the Special Olympics has on participants.

Mr. Speaker, Denise is a phenomenal representative for the Special Olympics and a mentor to athletes across Pennsylvania. I congratulate Denise on this incredible milestone.

RECOGNIZING MATT McMURRAY

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank my chief of staff, Matt McMurray, for his service to my office and the Second Congressional District of Illinois.

Matt has been with me since day one. When we first met back in 2013, he was a very young man, fresh out of college, starting out as my staff assistant and deputy scheduler. Over the last 13 years, I have watched him earn every single step of his journey, working his way up to legislative assistant, legislative director, and, ultimately, a great chief of staff.

Today, he is still a young man, but he also is a devoted husband and a proud dad. He has truly grown up in this office. I always tease Matt that he was basically born in the Capitol. He knows every single nook, cranny, and historical detail of the building. One of his favorite traditions was sending our new interns on legendary Capitol scavenger hunts, ensuring that they didn't

just work here but they truly learned about the history and unique aspects of life on the Hill.

As my chief of staff, Matt has been an exceptional leader. He helped me build a wonderful, dedicated staff, kept a sharp eye on our budget, and made sure our core mission of serving the people of Illinois' Second District was always top of mind. He kept us focused, organized, and grounded.

I wish Matt nothing but the absolute best in his new endeavors. The organization he is joining is incredibly lucky to have him, but let me be clear: Just because he is moving on doesn't mean he is off the hook because once you are Team Kelly, you are always Team Kelly.

I thank Matt for everything.

HONORING OFFICERS GABRIEL VERAS, JR., AND CARIN ELMORE

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Norcross Police Officer Gabriel Veras, Jr., and Communications Officer Carin Elmore for their heroic and lifesaving teamwork.

On April 7, 2025, Officer Elmore, acting quickly after receiving emergency calls, dispatched officers to the scene of a 3-year-old child in cardiac arrest. Officer Veras arrived before paramedics and began chest compressions and rescue breaths, reviving the child.

Because of their quick and heroic action, a life was saved, and the child made a full recovery.

On September 4, the city of Norcross awarded both officers the Arthur M. Kaplan First Responder Award for their heroism.

This year, the National Association of Police Organizations honored Officer Veras with the 2026 TOP COPS honorable mention, and Governor Brian Kemp commended his lifesaving actions.

I thank Officer Veras and Officer Elmore for their efforts to serve their community to the fullest capacity. I congratulate both of them on their well-deserved recognition and thank them for their service.

SALUTING MEMBERS OF MOUNT VERNON NAACP

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the leaders and the members of the Mount Vernon, New York, branch of the NAACP as they plan their annual Community Heroes Award Luncheon this coming Saturday at the Mac-edonia Community Center.

The branch will be honoring 10 outstanding individuals, each of whom has made a significant contribution to the community.

They will be recognizing Mr. Al-Farid Salahuddin; Mr. Abishai Ben-Rubin; Coach Craig Ramsay; Ms. Donna Houston; Dr. Natasha Hunter-McGregor; Fire Commissioner Kevin Holt; Ms. Judith Watson, CEO of Healthcare Neighborhood Health Centers; Mr. Martello Payne, Jr., a Korean war veteran; Mr. Ralph Burts; and special recognition to Jermire Pyatt.

From the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, we salute the NAACP Mount Vernon branch.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

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

Ms. BYNUM. Shh. Mr. Speaker, it has been really quiet in this Chamber about who is profiting from the Presidency.

While Americans struggle to pay for gas and groceries, our President Trump is making billions. His media company wants Wall Street to pay \$10,000 for early access to his Truth Social posts. Now, this says to me that the President is saying: Pay me, and I will help you trade on insider information.

Wall Street eats, and we get the bill.

Now we are seeing reports of a growing market where people like rapper Lil Boosie pay those claiming that they have access to Presidential pardons.

That is not how public service should work. We cannot stay quiet while power is being treated like a product for sale.

Shh. Congress has a responsibility to follow the money, demand transparency, and remind this administration that public service is about serving the people and not their pocketbooks.

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RECOGNIZING BLACK MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, this is Black Maternal Mental Health Week, and it is a time for action. We can save countless Black mothers from preventable death.

Michigan has one of the highest death rates among Black pregnant people because our health system fails to provide comprehensive and accessible healthcare.

Folks here may not know this, but mental health is the leading cause of maternal deaths, and Black women in our country are the most underreported and undertreated.

As the chair of the Congressional Mamas Caucus, our members and I are committing to improving mothers' mental health all year round, not just this week.

Every year, we display portraits of Black mothers who died from pregnancy-related causes because so many

of our Black mothers are held invisible in our policymaking. They are ignored and dismissed when they are the ones who need to be heard the most concerning the cause of maternal health in our country.

I will continue to amplify their voices so that all Black mamas can thrive alongside their families. It is important that our country saves Black mothers now and not wait for statistics to come every single year to tell us we are not doing our job.

HONORING JOANNE RAJOPPI

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

Mrs. McIVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Joanne Rajoppi, the longtime Union County clerk who dedicated more than five decades to public service and passed away on Thursday, July 16, at the age of 78.

Joanne made history as Springfield's first female mayor, later becoming the first and only woman to serve as chair of the Union County Board of Commissioners. She served as Union County Clerk for 30 years.

Throughout her career, Joanne worked to modernize county government by expanding access to public records, improving election information, and creating new resources for residents throughout the county.

Joanne cared about our democracy and did the work of keeping it. That work is sometimes hard and thankless, but it is also important. Joanne knew that.

A six-time recipient of the National Association of Counties Achievement Award, Joanne's leadership and innovation left a lasting impact on New Jersey.

On behalf of New Jersey's 10th Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Joanne's family, friends, colleagues, all of those who loved her so much, and all those whose lives she touched throughout her extraordinary commitment to public service.

May she rest in peace.

TROOP DEATHS IN JORDAN AND IRAQ

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise with profound sorrow over the deaths of three American servicemembers killed in Jordan and Iraq, as dozens more were injured.

The hearts of the American people are filled with grief and abiding gratitude to their beloved families, colleagues, and friends.

Last February, President Trump told us his undeclared war of choice on Iran was only supposed to last 4 days. We

are now on day 143 with no end in sight, heading toward 5 months.

Curiously, in June, President Trump said: "It is a little bit unfair for [Iran] not to have some" ballistic missiles.

Their missiles claimed the lives of 25-year-old James Feehan of Hawaii, 19-year-old Isabella Gonzales of Texas, and the life of a soldier whose name we don't yet know, plus dozens of injured troops.

Billions of tax dollars are being spent and shifted by the Trump administration, ballooning our gaping Federal debt, without an approval vote by Congress.

May God bless our troops.

May the leaders of the President's party and our U.S. House and Senate answer the vital questions: What does victory in the Middle East look like? Across the region, where thus far the only troops on the ground are soldiers from the United States, where is the coalition for peace?

RECOGNIZING PETER DEMARCO

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Peter DeMarco for his 25 years of service to the constituents of Orange County.

Most recently, Peter served in the Orange County Executive Office, where he was the county's top, principal advocate at the California Legislature and U.S. Congress.

Peter worked for Orange County residents to support funding for public safety, healthcare, housing, and veteran services.

Now, Peter begins a new chapter of public service with Mesa Water District.

On behalf of the people of California's 46th Congressional District and the people of Orange County, I congratulate Peter on his new position and wish him continued success in the future. I thank Peter.

RECOGNIZING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF LONG ISLAND ASSOCIATION

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. LALOTA of New York was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, tonight, I am honored to host a Special Order in

recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Long Island Association.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an institution that has helped shape Long Island's economy, strengthened its communities, and championed its future for the past century.

For 100 years, the Long Island Association has served as the leading voice of Long Island's business community, bringing together employers, entrepreneurs, nonprofit organizations, educators, labor leaders, and public officials around a shared mission: ensuring Long Island remains one of the best places in America to live, work, raise a family, and build a business.

Founded in 1926 as the Long Island Chamber of Commerce, the organization emerged during a period of tremendous growth with an ambitious mission: to promote Long Island's unique strengths and expand economic opportunity throughout the region.

That mission has endured, even as Long Island has evolved from a collection of agricultural communities and seasonal destinations into one of the Nation's most dynamic regional economies.

Today, Long Island is home to world-class manufacturers, innovative life science companies, internationally recognized research institutions, thriving small businesses, and vibrant downtowns.

Throughout that transformation, the Long Island Association has been a steadfast advocate for policies that encourage investment, innovation, and job creation.

Whether advancing critical infrastructure projects, strengthening workforce development, or helping businesses navigate extraordinary challenges—from the aftermath of September 11 to Superstorm Sandy to the COVID-19 pandemic—the LIA has consistently demonstrated thoughtful leadership and an unwavering commitment to our region.

Its work continues today as Long Island confronts many of the challenges that will define our next century, including affordability, housing, infrastructure, energy reliability, and maintaining a business climate that allows employers of every size to succeed. New York's exceptionally high tax burden only makes those challenges more difficult.

Meeting those challenges is essential, not only for today's economy but for ensuring that future generations can continue to build successful careers and rewarding lives on Long Island.

Mr. Speaker, I will also recognize the outstanding leadership of the Long Island Association, who are joining us in the gallery this evening:

Chairman Lawrence J. Waldman; Acting President and Chief Executive Officer Stacey Sikes; and members of the board of directors, including Billy Haugland, Katherine Heaviside, and Luis Vazquez.

Their leadership and the dedication of countless other board members,