

electorate at the exact moment this country is apt to render judgment on this administration. I will not treat this as acceptable, and I will not stop opposing it.

RECOGNIZING VANCE TAYLOR ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mrs. FEDORCHAK of North Dakota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished North Dakotan, Vance Taylor. After 26 years as president and CEO of the North Dakota Mill, Vance is retiring following a remarkable career of service.

Under his leadership, the mill became the largest single-site flour mill in the Nation. That success was built through strategic investments, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to North Dakota farmers.

Just as importantly, Vance built a culture rooted in teamwork and respect. His leadership strengthened one of the State's most important institutions and helped support communities across North Dakota.

North Dakota agriculture is stronger because of Vance Taylor's service. We congratulate him on an extraordinary career and wish him all the best in retirement.

CONGRATULATING DR. MARSHALL STEWART

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Marshall Stewart on his appointment as the 16th president of North Dakota State University.

Leading one of North Dakota's premier public universities is both an extraordinary honor and an important responsibility. It means preparing the next generation of leaders, advancing groundbreaking research, supporting our State's world-class agricultural innovation, and strengthening the NDSU community for years to come.

Throughout his career, Dr. Stewart has demonstrated a commitment to expanding opportunity and partnerships. Students are at the center of his work. His vision of serving North Dakotans in every corner of our State reflects the values that have long defined North Dakota State University.

North Dakota is proud to welcome Dr. Stewart to the Bison family, and I look forward to working with him as NDSU continues to educate future leaders, drive innovation, and strengthen communities across our great State.

BOWMAN COUNTY VETERANS WALL

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bowman County Veterans Wall in Bowman, North Dakota.

This remarkable memorial stands as a lasting tribute to the brave men and women who answered our Nation's call to serve. Each name etched into the wall represents a story of courage, sacrifice, and unwavering devotion to our country. Together, they remind us that

the freedoms we enjoy each day were secured by those willing to defend them.

What makes this memorial especially meaningful is that it continues to grow. Through the dedication of volunteers, families, and community leaders, more veterans are being recognized, ensuring their service will never be forgotten. That commitment to honoring those who served reflects the very best of North Dakota.

The Bowman County Veterans Wall is more than a monument. It is a promise that the sacrifices of our veterans will be remembered, their legacy preserved, and their example passed on to future generations.

I thank everyone who helped make this tribute possible. I also thank our veterans and their families, for their service, their sacrifice, and their love of our country. May God bless them all.

RECOGNIZING CATHY DUB

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cathy Dub on her appointment as president and CEO of the North Dakota Mill.

This well-earned achievement reflects years of dedicated leadership and service to one of North Dakota's most important institutions.

Since joining the mill in 2014, Cathy has helped strengthen an organization that plays a vital role in supporting our farmers, growing our economy, and creating value for communities across our State.

The North Dakota Mill is a source of pride for generations of North Dakotans. As the only State-owned flour mill in the Nation, it has long demonstrated that ingenuity, work ethic, and agricultural excellence define our State.

Cathy's experience, steady leadership, and deep commitment to the mill's mission have prepared her well for this role.

I congratulate Cathy on this well-deserved appointment, and best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATING CASIA STEINHAUS

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding young North Dakotan, Casia Steinhaus.

Casia recently earned the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship, one of the Nation's highest honors for undergraduate students pursuing careers in science, math, or engineering.

This highly competitive scholarship recognizes exceptional academic achievement, leadership, and promise in scientific research. It is a testament to Casia's academic excellence and hard work at the University of North Dakota. Her accomplishment reflects not only her own dedication but also the bright future of North Dakota's next generation of innovators, researchers, and problem-solvers.

I have no doubt this is only the beginning for Casia, and I wish her continued success as she pursues her stud-

ies and serves our country through her talents.

HONORING GERARD "JERRY" JONAS

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of an absolute legend, Gerard "Jerry" Jonas of Levittown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, whose passing on July 11 marks the loss of a remarkable American story from the battlefields of Korea to the neighborhoods of Lower Bucks County.

As a young man, Jerry answered the call to serve in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean war. Like so many in his generation, he came home, took off his uniform, and quietly went to work, building a better future for his family and our surrounding community.

In 1956, Jerry and his beloved late wife, Elizabeth, bought their home in Cobalt Ridge in Middletown Township and helped lay the foundation of Queen of the Universe Parish as original parishioners. Their home became a gathering place for their parish and a spiritual anchor, reflecting the values of love, integrity, and responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, Jerry was a gifted and versatile writer. He contributed to America's early space and missile programs as a technical writer and editor for General Electric, helping communicate the work of our scientists and engineers at a pivotal moment in the Cold War. He later led advertising at Ballantine beer, and he spent decades in journalism and sports media.

In each chapter of his career, he brought the same curiosity, craftsmanship, and work ethic that defined his heroic military service.

Even in retirement, Jerry did not stop serving. For more than a decade, he volunteered with Operation Stand Down, working to support homeless veterans in our community. At an age when many would have withdrawn from public life, Jerry leaned in, using his time and experience to lift up those who were struggling at home.

Mr. Speaker, Jerry Jonas' life offers us a clear example of what it means to be a good citizen, a good neighbor, and a good, decent, and honorable human being. He loved his family. He loved our country. He loved Bucks County. He lived his faith, and he worked to leave his corner of the world better than he found it.

Jerry Jonas' story is the story of Levittown. It is the story of Bucks County, of men and women who answered the call to serve, came home, built strong families and communities, and never stopped giving back.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire U.S. House of Representatives and the people of the First Congressional District of Pennsylvania, we extend our deepest condolences to Jerry's family,

Jerry's friends, and all who loved Jerry, myself included.

May God bless the memory of Jerry Jonas, a devoted husband, a devoted father, a proud marine, and a lifelong servant to our community.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 43 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. STRONG) at noon.

PRAYER

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

O God, our teacher, show us the way that we may walk in it. Encourage us to set aside the things that vie for our allegiance that are not of You and let go of the issues so close to our hearts that we cannot imagine You would offer us any other option.

In these days, when it seems that we receive only the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, we wait for You to reveal yourself. Do not hide yourself but allow us to see with our own eyes Your abiding presence, to hear with our own ears whether we turn to the right or to the left, Your voice speaking Your clear guidance: This is the way. Walk in it.

Wait no longer to be gracious to us. Rise up and show us mercy. O Lord, God of justice, we wait for Your blessing on this day.

In the strength that is only found in Your name, do we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. CONAWAY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CONAWAY 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TRUMP ACCOUNTS FOR CHILDREN

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, led by President Donald Trump, Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, and House Republicans, the Working Families Tax Cut Act created Trump Accounts, giving families the opportunity to invest in the future of their children.

The account is a new tax-deferred opportunity for children under 18, providing retirement savings. Contributions can add up to \$5,000 a year. Additional support is provided by leading companies and generous philanthropists.

Children born between 2025 and 2028 will be eligible for a one-time, \$1,000 Federal Government deposit. Once the child turns 18, they can use the money for expenses such as education, first home purchases, starting a business, or other use.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, God bless our troops. Trump is reinstituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump, mocking Trump, providing targeting intelligence to Iran to murder American troops, and leading President Trump to endorse the Lindsey Graham sanctions act to enable victory for Ukrainians.

EXERCISING CONSTITUTIONAL SCRUTINY

(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, this week we were horrified to learn of the death of four U.S. servicemembers in Jordan and Kuwait as a result of the ongoing war with Iran.

The President and the Pentagon may dismiss these deaths as unfortunate consequences of war; however, I do not accept these catastrophic events as acceptable in any way, shape, or form.

Someone must answer to the American people why soldiers serving at support bases neither in Iran nor the at the Strait of Hormuz are being exposed to enemy fire. Are there adequate defenses in place? If not, why? If so, why are they not working?

If the entire Middle East is a battlefield, as a consequence of this President's war, then this administration has to be honest with the American people about the scale of the conflict we were led to believe was winding down.

Mr. Speaker, I implore my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to join us in exercising constitutional scrutiny that our constituents demand on the many other excesses that have occurred during this current administration.

HONORING STEVE STROUD

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

Mr. MOORE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Steve Stroud, a friend and a true leader who transformed North Carolina.

After attending North Carolina State University, he built one of North Carolina's most respected commercial real estate firms, shaping the growth of the Triangle region. His impact extends far beyond commercial development.

As the first chairman of the Centennial Authority, he played a pivotal role in the building of what is now known as the Lenovo Center and bringing the Carolina Hurricanes to North Carolina. His determination helped secure our State's first major league professional sports franchise, boosting economic growth, tourism, and pride throughout all of our communities.

He was a leader who saw possibilities where others saw obstacles. He believed in North Carolina, invested in our people, and dedicated his life to creating opportunities for others.

From humble roots in Rutherford County to the Research Triangle, he left a positive, lasting impact on communities all across North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, as we mourn his passing, may we remember Steve Stroud for his enduring legacy of leadership, service, and love of our great State. Our prayers are with his family and friends.

GEN Z FOOD AND HUNGER SUMMIT

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, last week I spoke with 160 incredible anti-hunger advocates as part of the fourth Gen Z Food and Hunger Summit.

Shocking research from Purdue University shows that nearly one in three members of Gen Z have experienced food insecurity—one in three. Let that sink in. In fact, many of the young people I met experienced hunger firsthand. Congress ought to listen to them. I will continue to amplify and uplift their voices.

Gen Z leaders at the summit came together to strategize, holding over 150 congressional meetings to highlight their generation's struggle to afford food.

Mr. Speaker, I am so glad the next generation of Americans is impatient