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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HURD of Colorado).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 22, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF HURD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Coming before You this morning, O Lord, our God, we do so knowing that there are many things that we have done individually and corporately that deserve Your judgment rather than Your forgiveness. We confess that we have fallen short of Your righteousness.

And yet we dare to come before You and ask You to incline Your ear to us. Hear our prayers, prayers that reflect our deepest desires, our supplications, which beg for Your intercession in our work and in our world.

Yet despite our transgressions, we are bold to ask You to open Your eyes to the troubles we see in our neighborhoods and in our Nation and to intervene on behalf of Your people.

Please know, O God, that we know that we do not present our requests to You because we deserve Your answer. It is not our righteousness that gives us a right to pray, but it is on the foundation of Your great mercies that we stand before You.

O Lord, hear us. O Lord, forgive us. O Lord, listen and act and do not delay. For the sake of Your name, the name

in which we pray, Lord, answer our prayers.
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 Utah (Mr. KENNEDY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah 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.

CELEBRATING MORGAN COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 20TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Boys & Girls Club of Morgan County, Indiana.

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club is to empower all youth, and all of our youth, especially those who need us the most, to reach their full potential and to become caring, productive, and responsible citizens.

The Morgan County Boys & Girls Club has provided an indelible mark on the local community.

Every day, youth are coached on positive decisionmaking, participate in sports, learn about science, technology, talk about the arts, receive tutoring, and gain valuable lessons through volunteering in the community.

A healthy snack is provided daily. Youth attend the Boys & Girls Club to reach their full potential to become caring, productive, and responsible members of society.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all the staff and volunteers who have made the Morgan County Boys & Girls Club successful over these past 20 years.

THE HUDSON INDEPENDENT

(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 want to salute the tremendous community contribution of The Hudson Independent, an online publication that chronicles the lives and stories of people, organizations, governments, schools, businesses, and the like, in the municipalities that border the Hudson River in Westchester County in New York: Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Hastings-on-Hudson, Tarrytown, and Sleepy Hollow.

The team that does this reporting every day is led by Editor in Chief Barrett Seaman and Editor Rick Pezzullo, both experienced journalists with long resumes of achievement. The senior management group President and Chairman Walter Montgomery and colleagues: Robert Kimmel, Dean Gallea, Paula Etzel, and Michael Richards, have guided The Indy, as it is known and loved, from its founding in 2006.

The calendar of local events captures all of the many varied activities of the river towns and featured stories on the

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issues and the personalities of the area are given full attention at a time when hyperlocal news is disappearing from view.

From the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, we salute The Hudson Independent for its commitment to fair and accurate journalism and the communities of Westchester, the river towns, their people, and their stories.

HONORING REBECCA AND JERRY ZOMORODIAN

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Jerry Zomorodian and his late wife, Rebecca, Orange County residents who were deeply involved in our community.

Jerry was born in Iran and later came to the United States in 1983 where he met Rebecca. They were married for 43 years before her passing in 2025. Through hard work, the two of them built a life together, owning and operating a small Persian restaurant. They were successful while staying true to their values.

Jerry is proud to be an American. Rebecca was a devoted wife, loving mother, advocate for breast cancer awareness, and a philanthropist who helped her community.

Rebecca courageously fought cancer for many years before it ultimately took her life. She was deeply involved in her community and will be missed by her family, friends, and all of us.

Today, I ask my colleagues to recognize the life and legacy of Rebecca Zomorodian and honor the way she and Jerry helped our community.

WILL OF CALIFORNIANS HAS PREVAILED

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

Mr. KILEY of California. A new survey from the Public Policy Institute of California finds that two-thirds of Californians oppose Governor Newsom's ban on gas-powered cars. This ban was imposed by the Governor without so much as a vote in the legislature or the people of California.

The good news is that the will of the people has prevailed.

I introduced a resolution here in Congress to reverse Governor Newsom's ban on gas cars. It passed this House with strong bipartisan support. It has passed the Senate with bipartisan support, and it was signed into law by the President. This is an important win for sanity in California. Californians can continue to drive the car of their choice, and it is exactly the kind of check and balance against the extreme policies in Sacramento that Californians are asking for.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. PATRICIA "PATTI" LOPEZ

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

Mrs. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Dr. Patricia "Patti" Lopez, a dedicated educator, mentor, and advocate whose life's work transformed the lives of countless children and families in southern Arizona.

For more than three decades, Dr. Lopez served Tucson's students as a teacher, principal, district leader, deputy superintendent, and chief academic officer for Tucson Unified School District. As a former TUSD governing board member, I primarily remember Dr. Lopez for her bright spirit, dedication, compassion, instincts, and smarts.

After her distinguished career in education, she continued her mission as executive director of Angel Heart Pajama Project, helping provide more than 73,000 children experiencing crises with new pajamas, books, and the comfort of knowing that they were seen, valued, and loved.

Dr. Lopez believed that even the simplest acts of kindness could change a child's life. Her compassion, integrity, and unwavering commitment inspired volunteers, strengthened communities, and brought hope to thousands of children when they needed it most.

May we honor Dr. Patti Lopez by carrying forward her example of service and her belief that every child deserves comfort, dignity, and hope.

"Muchisimas gracias"; "many thanks", Patti. "Para todos, descansa en paz"; "for all, rest in peace."

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RECOGNIZING SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES

(Mr. SMUCKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Sight & Sound Theaters for a milestone 50 years in business.

Known across the world for its Biblical epics on stage and screen, Sight & Sound began with Glenn Eshelman, a Lancaster County dairy farmer, and his passion for art, photography, and sharing his faith.

In 1976, the popularity of Mr. Eshelman's multimedia shows led him and his wife, Shirley, to establish their first theater in Ronks. Over time, they added live theatrical elements and debuted their first full-length Biblical production in 1987.

After their theater burned down in 1997, they built a state-of-the-art facility that would allow for the large-scale productions they are known for today. Since then, they have added a second location in Branson, Missouri, and developed a streaming platform to

produce their own movies for the silver screen.

The name, Sight & Sound, is inspired by Matthew 13:13 where Jesus explains his use of parables saying, "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear. . . ."

What began as a humble production company has since exploded into one of the top theater destinations in the U.S. with almost a million attendees each year. Today, Sight & Sound continues to be run by the Eshelman family and has a committed team of over 800 employees.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Sight & Sound for their strong message and the positive impact they have had across the entire world.

BRING YOUR CHIPS TO THE TABLE

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hegseth said we have spent \$37 billion on an unnecessary—he didn't say an "unnecessary" war, but it is an unnecessary and failed war in Iran—\$37 billion and lost 17 soldiers. He says he is going to ask for another \$70 billion to fight this unnecessary and failing war.

We have resolved the fact that we can stop Iran from having a nuclear weapon when Barack Obama was President and negotiated a treaty.

Right now, we don't know if they have moved the enriched uranium outside of the place where it was buried underneath a mountain or not. It is suspected they might have. It is a failed war.

Mr. Speaker, I will be willing to vote for a bill that has \$70 billion in it when President Trump pays his share by paying his taxes on the \$2.2 billion he earned last year, mostly in crypto, which cost the people that bought crypto a billion dollars. That is what they lost. When Trump pays his share, I will pay my share and vote for it. I won't vote for it otherwise.

President Trump, bring your chips to the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their comments to the Chair.

HONORING BILL HORN

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

Mr. ISSA. I thank the Speaker for noting that disparaging the President is not appropriate for this House.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and the contribution of Bill Horn, a man who gave first his service to the country in Vietnam and then went on to be one of the longest serving county supervisors in San Diego County.

Bill Horn wanted more for his family, and he worked hard to do it. While being a county supervisor full time, he also ran successful agriculture.