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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CLYDE).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 13, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDREW S. CLYDE, 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 11:50 a.m.

### RECOGNIZING A'SHELLARIEN ADDISON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Representative MCBRIDE, for 5 minutes.

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Chaplain Reverend Dr. A'Shellarien Addison on her recent promotion at the Delaware Army National Guard.

Earlier this month, I was honored to attend her promotion ceremony and celebrate her historic role as the first woman to hold this rank at the Delaware National Guard, and I was moved hearing about her commitment to her fellow National Guardsmen.

Before her time at the Delaware National Guard, she served as the first woman chaplain at the National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Virginia. Her devotion to spiritual empowerment and trauma-informed healing has made her an indispensable leader to Delaware's Army National Guard.

I look forward to seeing the work that she will continue to do in shaping the spiritual lives of those around her. Well done, Lieutenant Colonel Addison.

### CLOSING OF GRASSROOTS

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the closing of GrassRoots, a gift shop in Newark, Delaware, after 50 years in business.

What started as a small shop on Newark's Main Street grew into a Delaware institution, with locations across our State from Wilmington to Hockessin to Rehoboth Beach, but its heart always stayed in Newark.

GrassRoots weathered changing times. It survived recessions, and it adapted as retail shifted online. Through it all, it remained a constant presence, helping to define the character of downtown Newark for a generation.

Marilyn Dickey, who cofounded GrassRoots in 1975, poured more than half of her life into the store. GrassRoots wasn't just a business. It was part of the rhythm of Newark, a reminder that local businesses create connections and build community.

As GrassRoots closes this chapter and Marilyn begins a well-earned retirement, Delaware wishes her all the best and thanks her for her years of community service and creativity.

### RECOGNIZING DREAMS OF FAITH

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the voices of my Delaware constituents, Dwain and Karen Johnson, who turned the unimaginable loss of their daughter, Faith Deanna Johnson, into lifesaving advocacy through their organization, Dreams of Faith.

Faith was just 26 years old when she died from ovarian cancer. For years,

her symptoms were dismissed or misdiagnosed until it was too late. Faith's ovarian cancer cut her life far too short. Before she passed, Faith made one request of her parents: Make sure this doesn't happen to someone else.

In Delaware, we listened. When I served in the State Senate, I was proud to help pass House Bill 15, the Faith Deanna Johnson Act, which requires individual health insurance plans to cover annual ovarian cancer screenings for women at risk and expand monitoring for survivors.

That law is already saving lives because it treats women's medical needs seriously and acts before it is too late. Here is why this matters: Ovarian cancer is often caught too late, but when detected early, survival rates dramatically increase. Early detection isn't just good medical practice; it is the difference between life and death.

Today, I carry the Johnsons' story with me to Congress. Their advocacy reminds us that policy is personal and that too often families are failed not just by delayed diagnosis but by the very system tasked with caring for our health. It is one that too often puts barriers between people and the care that they need.

We owe it to Faith and families across this country to keep pushing for early detection, meaningful insurance coverage, and a healthcare system that truly puts patients first.

### RECOGNIZING RIVERVIEW HOTEL'S 110TH ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. CARTER, for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 110th

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anniversary of the Riverview Hotel in St. Marys, Georgia, one of our State's most cherished historic landmarks.

Built in 1916, the Riverview Hotel rests on the banks of the St. Marys River and has welcomed travelers and locals for more than a century. For generations, this hotel has offered hospitality and a sense of belonging to visitors from near and far. It has welcomed notable guests over the decades and stood as a testament to seaside Georgia's heritage.

The spirit of Riverview reflects the heart of St. Marys. Its veranda overlooking the river and its proximity to the ferry for Cumberland Island connects visitors with the history and natural beauty of our coastal region.

Today, we honor the Riverview Hotel for preserving tradition, welcoming families and travelers, and contributing to the vibrant life of southeast Georgia for 110 years.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
GALLERY 209 IN SAVANNAH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gallery 209, located at 209 East River Street in Savannah, on celebrating 50 years at its historic location.

Founded in February 1975 by a group of Savannah artists, Gallery 209 has remained a member-driven space where artists come together to sell their work, share resources, and support one another.

For five decades, it has been a cornerstone of Savannah's artistic community and a vital part of River Street's identity. The gallery has showcased the work of countless local artists, offering visitors ceramics, fiber art, jewelry, paintings, photography, woodworking, and other handcrafted pieces that reflect the creative spirit of our region.

Artists like Randee Powell and Sharon Saseen speak to the sense of family and shared purpose that defines Gallery 209.

As Savannah continues to grow, Gallery 209 stands as a reminder that local art and culture remain essential to our community. I commend its artists for sustaining this tradition and wish them continued success for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING SWANN SEILER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Swann Seiler, named the 2026 Woman of the Year by the United Way of the Coastal Empire at the annual Women Who Rule event in Savannah, Georgia.

Ms. Seiler's leadership, service, and commitment to community reflect the very best of civic engagement and personal dedication. A graduate of the University of Georgia's Henry W. Grady School of Journalism, Ms. Seiler built a distinguished career in corporate communications and public affairs before retiring.

Ms. Seiler served Georgia Power and contributed her talents to community boards and nonprofit organizations throughout the region. Ms. Seiler's service includes leadership roles with

cultural institutions, historic preservation efforts, education foundations, and civic organizations that strengthen families and neighborhoods across the Coastal Empire. She has lifted up countless causes and encouraged others to give back in meaningful ways.

The Women Who Rule campaign supports reliable transportation for women and caregivers, helping them to get to work, school, and medical appointments. Ms. Seiler's example inspires us to build stronger communities through service. I congratulate Swann.

RECOGNIZING SPECIAL AGENT JOE CEPHUS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Special Agent Joe Cephus of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, who was honored by the Evans County Sheriff's Office with the 2025 Support Officer of the Year Award.

Special Agent Cephus has served his community and State with integrity and courage. His work alongside local law enforcement in Evans County demonstrated steadfast support during critical investigations and helped to strengthen the bond between State and local public safety partners. His commitment to protecting families and upholding the rule of law reflects a deep sense of duty to his neighbors and fellow Georgians.

The Support Officer of the Year Award is given to individuals whose actions have gone above and beyond their normal responsibilities to help keep the community safe.

By stepping forward in challenging circumstances and offering assistance without hesitation, Special Agent Cephus embodies what it means to serve with professionalism and care.

Today, we thank Special Agent Joe Cephus for his service, partnership, and example of servant leadership in law enforcement.

RECOGNIZING FRANK CHAPMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois, Mrs. RAMIREZ, for 5 minutes.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by commending a liberation leader, Frank Chapman.

Frank's political education began in St. Louis, where he experienced the violence of racism and repression and was wrongfully convicted and sentenced to 50 years in prison during his twenties. Yet Frank has always been an organizer and educator.

Frank taught himself law and launched a movement to desegregate the prison, where Black prisoners had faced brutal and inhumane treatment. The bars in prison didn't break him or limit his spirit. On the contrary, it propelled him to fight for the liberation of those imprisoned and all people.

After his release, Frank established himself as a fixture in the struggle for liberation in Chicago and beyond. Whether through his leadership in the

Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, his successful campaigns for community control of the police, or his solidarity with immigrant communities in the fight to protect our neighbors from ICE, Frank has consistently fought to defend the most fundamental of our collective human rights and our shared liberation.

Mr. Speaker, this week carries profound significance for Frank. It marks the 50th anniversary of his release from prison.

I am honored on behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District to commend Frank Chapman for his lifelong commitment to building the beloved community, championing civil and human rights, and practicing solidarity across our intersections, our identities, and our issues.

I thank and congratulate Frank for all of his efforts, and all power to the people.

RECOGNIZING JULIET DE JESUS ALEJANDRE

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent, Juliet De Jesus Alejandre.

Juliet is a triracial Latina who honors her African and indigenous ancestry with roots in Ecuador and Puerto Rico. She is a healer, organizer, poet, visionary, and she is the current executive director of Palenque LSNA.

Juliet's love for Black, Brown, indigenous, and immigrant communities and her bold vision of collective liberation is deeply rooted in healing, joy, and solidarity, especially among young Latinos and "madres migrantes"; "immigrant mothers."

To fight erasure, she connects young leaders to their history and genealogy. To fight displacement, she builds collective ownership. To fight dehumanization, she offers mutual support and collective care.

Through her artistry and creativity, she invokes our ancestral histories as she casts visions that help us to imagine new ways forward that leave all of our communities better and stronger.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my honor to commend Juliet De Jesus Alejandre for her bold, loving, and creative leadership that builds people power to shape our future because we know "el pueblo unido jamas sera vencido"; "the people united shall never be defeated."

Mr. Speaker, I thank and congratulate Juliet for all of her work.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR DAVID  
BLACK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska, Mr. FLOOD, for 5 minutes.

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Papillion, Nebraska's, Mayor David Black, as a paragon of public service and remarkable stewardship.

Through more than two decades of service to the people of Papillion,