

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise as a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, to honor our Founders Day. Mr. Speaker, 113 years ago, 22 Black, courageous young women at Howard University founded our sorority.

Delta women have always met the moment with purpose and courage, from demanding the right to vote to leading the global fight for equitable education and opportunity.

I carry that legacy alongside my sorors—Congresswomen YVETTE CLARKE, VALERIE FOUSHEE, STACEY PLASKETT, LUCY MCBATH, JASMINE CROCKETT, SUMMER LEE, JENNIFER MCCLELLAN, and Senator ANGELA ALSOBROOKS—leading in social action, protecting voting rights, education, economic justice, and housing.

Mr. Speaker, to Deltas across the world, I say Happy Founders Day.

DR. TIM CONNELLY RECEIVES 2025 GEORGIA PHYSICIAN HERO AWARD

(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 recognize Dr. Tim Connelly, an internal medicine physician at Memorial Health University Medical Center, who has been named the 2025 Physician Hero Award recipient by the Georgia Hospital Association.

This award honors physicians who give their time and expertise to strengthen their institutions and improve lives. Dr. Connelly embodies that calling through his commitment to patient care and medical education.

In addition to serving patients, he plays a vital role as the associate program director for Memorial's internal medicine residency program, helping train the next generation of physicians. Dr. Connelly's leadership shapes young doctors who will serve communities across Georgia for years to come. His dedication reflects the highest standards of medicine and service.

This recognition speaks not only to his skill as a physician but to the trust and respect that he has earned from colleagues and patients alike.

We thank Dr. Connelly for his compassion, his professionalism, and his unwavering commitment to healing others.

HISTORY IS WATCHING

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

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, we have a President who is corrupt, criminal, and craven to the core, a President who has declared war on American cities and flooded the streets with untrained, unqualified, and unidentified agents.

When agents show up in unmarked vehicles wearing masks without war-

rants, without body cams, targeting people based on their race or the sound of their voice, and detaining people without cause, that is not law enforcement. That is lawlessness.

The result is a tragedy. Renee Good is dead.

In the days since, there has been no remorse and no accountability from the White House. Instead, the President doubled down with more agents and more confrontation. It is violence they want to happen, with no apologies and no shame; far from it. In fact, they want more.

This is not normal, and it is not right. We must stand united against this illegal and immoral agenda. History is watching.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CRANK). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

INDUSTRIAL HEMP IN KENTUCKY

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address an issue very near and dear to my heart—industrial hemp.

As Kentucky's Commissioner of Agriculture, I led the charge to make Kentucky the very first State to legally grow hemp. Fast forward to today, hemp is a major crop for our Kentucky farmers, and nearly every farmer I know who grew hemp last year was a former tobacco farmer.

Hemp is doing exactly today what I predicted in 2015. It has become an alternative crop to tobacco for Kentucky farmers.

The Senate recently added language to a continuing resolution that would put our Kentucky hemp farmers out of business. I will be working to add language to the continuing resolution next week to fix it. I certainly hope all my colleagues will join with me in supporting this language to help our Kentucky farmers as well as the hundreds of jobs that have been created because of industrial hemp in Kentucky.

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STOP BODY CAMERA PAYWALLS

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, we all know the public deserves full transparency when it comes to holding police accountable for misconduct. Instead, States and cities all across our country have started adopting new laws to charge the public hundreds of dollars in fees to view or access police body camera footage.

These videos are public records and are essential for accountability and justice for victims of police violence. Putting this footage that should be

publicly available behind a paywall makes achieving accountability much more difficult for our residents, especially those who won't be able to afford it, and they tend to be the ones more frequently abused by police.

That is why I am introducing the Stop Body Camera Paywalls Act to prevent any State or unit of local government that creates a paywall for access to these public records from receiving Federal law enforcement grants.

Again, we must make sure that we have transparency, especially when it comes to Federal law enforcement grants. This bill is a necessary step in a wider effort to end police impunity for abuses and ensure the utmost transparency, accountability, and justice for our communities.

HONORING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FIVE BERNARD AGUON

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Warrant Officer Five Bernard Aguon of the District of Columbia National Guard, a native of Guam, as he concludes a lifetime of extraordinary service to our Nation.

With more than 34 years of service across all three components of the United States Army, CW5 Aguon represents the very best of what it means to serve. Most recently, he served as the command chief warrant officer of the District of Columbia National Guard, where he was a trusted adviser to senior leaders and a steady voice in guiding complex decisions that affected the force.

Throughout his career, he served in an extraordinary range of roles, from engineer and personnel commands to senior advisory positions, bringing clarity, professionalism, and technical mastery wherever he was called.

Born and raised on Guam, CW5 Aguon's journey from our island in the Pacific to the highest levels of the National Guard is a source of great pride. He has strengthened our Army, supported countless soldiers, and brought honor to his family and his island.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I thank CW5 Aguon for his service, his sacrifice, and his enduring legacy.

REQUESTING THE SENATE TO RETURN TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES H.R. 1834

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 991

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives request the Senate to return

to the House the bill (H.R. 1834) entitled "To advance policy priorities that will break the gridlock."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resolution was agreed to. There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RUSSIAN AIR ATTACK ON KYIV

(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 this evening to speak of a grave act that took place last week in the capital of Ukraine, Kyiv. The Putin dictatorship continues its illegal war with a double crime—a double-tap strike attack.

A double tap is a merciless attack when a target is struck, but then struck again within minutes in an attempt to kill survivors and first responders. I repeat: A double tap is a war crime.

Sadly, dictator Vladimir Putin's criminality against a free nation is nothing new, and Ukraine has repeatedly seen double-tap strikes specifically targeting first responders over the past 4 years, with over 500 killed.

Yesterday, 3 days after that attack, Sergiy Smolyak, a 56-year-old responder, was laid to rest. This champion of healing and compassion served as a medic for 25 years and had relocated to Kyiv when Russia invaded his hometown in the southern Kherson region nearly 4 years ago.

A nurse who worked with Smolyak said, before his funeral, that he was very kind, always calm, and even-tempered. He saved so many people.

Mr. Speaker, we must do more to deter illegal Russian aggression, inspire more healers, or innocent Ukrainians will continue to be laid to rest in a nation that longs to be free.

PREVENTING FUTURE RENAMING OF ANY NATIONAL MONUMENT OR MEMORIAL AFTER A SITTING PRESIDENT

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

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with words spoken 65 years ago this month by President John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

Sadly, President Trump focuses more on what our country can do for him. We saw this last month when he unlawfully branded the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The Kennedy Center is a national treasure of the arts and a memorial to a fallen President. That is why, in December, I introduced legislation that would remove all Trump signage.

Today, I am proud to announce a third bill. Senator SANDERS and I will

jointly introduce the Stop Executive Renaming for Vanity and Ego (SERVE) Act. The bill will prevent the future renaming of any national monument or memorial after a sitting President.

Trump's branding of our Federal landmarks must end, and we must bring back common sense and an ethos of public service over self.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BARRY DEL BUONO

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

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and contributions of Barry Del Buono, a long-time community leader in San Jose, California, who we lost this last December. With his passing, I lost a childhood hero, and our community lost a champion.

Barry's quiet strength and deep faith propelled a life of extraordinary service for our most vulnerable neighbors. He began his life of public service as a Catholic priest in San Jose, where he cofounded Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen, a nonprofit that last year provided nearly 2 million meals to families in need.

Barry would eventually leave the priesthood to marry, but his commitment only deepened. In 1980, he founded the Emergency Housing Consortium, now known as HomeFirst, where he pioneered a groundbreaking continuum of care model that extended beyond emergency shelter to include transitional and permanent supportive housing.

Decades later, Barry launched his third act in life in education. He and his dedicated wife, Maile, inspired a new generation of adults with a passion for service through their teaching at San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College.

Barry was most at home with his family, with Maile, their five children, and seven grandchildren. With grateful hearts, we remember Barry not only for what he built but also for what he believed and what he inspired all of us to believe in and build with him.

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CONGRATULATING MONROE RED JACKETS

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Monroe Red Jackets high school football team, led by Coach Terrell Cunningham and New York State Gatorade Player of the Year Messiah Hampton, who made history as the first-ever Rochester City School District Class B State champions.

This team showed what is possible when talent meets determination,

when hard work rises above the challenges we face, and when young people refuse to be defined by the obstacles in front of them.

They believed in each other. They believed in themselves. They showed New York State what Rochester pride looks like.

This championship brings hope. It brings hope for the students who have proven their dreams are within reach, for a school that showed excellence thrives here, and for a community that has so much to be proud of.

We thank the players, coaches, families, and fans for reminding us that greatness lives right here in Rochester. I cannot wait to see what all these young people go on to do. We congratulate the Monroe Red Jackets.

CONDEMNING THE JANUARY 6 PARDONS

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my outrage and ask my colleagues to join me in condemning the actions of the President when he pardoned so many of the individuals convicted after January 6.

At least 13 individuals who have been pardoned by President Trump have gone on to commit additional crimes, including sexual assault against a minor and a fatal DUI.

Instead of promoting accountability and rehabilitation, when possible, in our justice system, shouldn't the President and the majority look at these pardons and make sure that they accept the consequences of his actions and their actions by not ignoring them?

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in condemning the President's unvetted and ill-advised pardons that are leading to repeat offenses. Congress should be here to protect innocent Americans and not look away from the consequences of the President's actions.

PROTECTING EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mrs. HAYES of Connecticut was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of the Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

Mrs. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to lead this Special Order hour