

for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING CENTRAL MOUNTAIN STUDENTS

(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 eight students from the Central Middle School and High School who performed in December at the ReliaQuest Bowl in Tampa Bay, Florida.

The Central Mountain Middle School and High School twirlers were among the 481 performers present during the pregame show and joined other high school bands during the halftime performance. The students performed in front of an estimated 35,000 fans in Raymond James Stadium, the home of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The twirlers were invited to participate in the game day programming through the National Youth Dance and Twirling Program. Stephanie Ford, the Central Mountain High School twirling coach, provided choreography for the twirlers. Stephanie has been the high school and middle school coach for 11 years and was pivotal in making and helping the students learn the choreography ahead of the performance.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Central Mountain Middle School and High School twirlers on this fantastic achievement. I thank them for representing Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District on a national stage.

NATO

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the core of NATO is Article 5: An attack on one is an attack on all.

Since the end of World War II, the U.S. and our allies have honored and operated on this mutual trust. President Truman called it a neighborly act.

There is no article for if a NATO member attacks another because for 80 years, we have led a peaceful partnership for our shared democratic ideals. Truman considered the treaty a means to establish freedom from aggression and from the use of force in the North Atlantic community. If one ally invaded another, the center would not hold.

Now, President Trump seeks to threaten our historic alliance by his flippant, poisonous quip that we will have Greenland one way or another. As a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, I have met with the Prime Minister of Denmark and other key allies. They believe in America's global leadership. They have fought and died alongside us in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Now, they fear our words. They plan for a future in which the United States

is no longer the indispensable nation, a core global ally.

This cannot be the path we forge. It is good to have friends, and in order to have friends, we must be one.

TRUMP AND REPUBLICANS WINNING FOR FAMILIES

(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 Republicans and signed into law by President Donald Trump, the Working Families Tax Cuts is reversing harmful Biden-era regulations and putting more money in the pockets of American families and creating jobs.

The law is delivering bigger paychecks, lower costs, and real results for hardworking families, including: expanding childcare access, permanently expanding the child tax credit; supporting American jobs, with tax breaks for loans on "Made in America" cars; keeping the border secure, protecting American families with more Border Patrol agents; 4-year low gas prices; reversing Biden-era regulations; modernizing air traffic control; no tax on tips, overtime, and Social Security.

President Trump and House Republicans are producing real results, led by Speaker MIKE JOHNSON.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, with Putin defending mass murderer Khomeini as Donald Trump courageously encourages the people of Iran for freedom.

ICE RAIDS IN NORTH CAROLINA

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, in November, my home State of North Carolina watched in horror as Federal immigration agents descended on our State and terrorized our communities.

During these raids, my constituent Fatima Velasquez-Antonio, was detained. She has work authorization, no criminal record, and is allowed to legally remain in this country while her asylum case is pending.

Yet despite all of this, she was taken into custody and ripped away from her family for weeks. Thankfully, after an outpouring of public anger and criticism, the Trump administration finally released Fatima a few days before Christmas.

Fatima is one of countless hardworking immigrants who have been unlawfully or unjustly detained across the country. People like Fatima with deep ties to our community are being targeted instead of a focus on apprehending violent criminals.

We cannot allow the Trump administration to continue violating the rights

that all individuals in this country are guaranteed.

RECOGNIZING 2026 MONSTER ENERGY SUPERCROSS SERIES

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

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, let's make today a great day.

I rise in recognition of excellence, discipline, and American competitiveness.

The 2026 Monster Energy Supercross Series is absolutely underway, and in America we like it. If it goes fast, has got a big motor, and there is a high probability of somebody getting hurt, even better.

If you have never seen Monster Energy Supercross, I am about to change your life, and you are welcome. You have got 22 riders in a confined space going from a starting gate to go-to-the-bathroom-on-your-pants, fast hitting 20-foot jumps with no seatbelts, airbags, or bumpers; just man on machine.

Last weekend on Saturday, Anaheim I, the first race of the series went off. In the 250 class, Max Anstie got first; Chance Hymas got second; Ryder DiFrancesco got third; and last year's champion, Haiden "Danger Boy" Deegan, got fourth place.

In the premier class, Eli Tomac absolutely showed up on his new ride. Ken Roczen got second; Jorge Prado third; and seventh place, last year's champion, was Cooper Webb.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Justin Barcia and Malcolm Stewart after that horrific crash they were involved in. I hope they are healing up well and every household has their favorite rider. My oldest boy loves Cooper Webb. My baby boy, Lincoln, loves Eli Tomac and Ken Roczen. My wife and I absolutely are the biggest fan of number 7, Aaron Plessinger, the cowboy. Go forward and do great things, Aaron. Dig in your spurs. This is your year.

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HONORING BISHOP ROSIE O'NEAL

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Bishop Rosie O'neal, a celebrated pastor, author, and Christian leader, after 37 years of faithful service, retired as senior pastor on December 14.

Born in Germany and adopted by Norman and Joann Standifer, she gave her life to Christ at the age of 16 at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, where her grandfather served as pastor. Bishop O'neal went to East Carolina University to join the choir and answer the call to ministry,

preaching her first sermon at 17 years old.

In 1989, she founded Koinonia Christian Center with just 7 members and grew it into a ministry of more than 2,500. She is recognized for her “keep it real” approach, and she is, without a doubt, one of eastern North Carolina’s most influential faith leaders.

A cancer survivor, Bishop O’neal is married to Toiriste O’neal, Sr., and is known for her deep love of family, friends, and even riding motorcycles.

Congratulations to the O’neal family. May she keep on riding.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN BUHR

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

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brian Buhr, one of my former professors at the University of Minnesota, who is stepping down after 13 years of serving as the dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences and the director of the Minnesota Agriculture Experiment Station.

As our State’s premier institution for agricultural education, the U of M has a longstanding reputation of excellence in developing and training future ag leaders.

Thanks to Dean Buhr’s leadership, CFANS has become a global leader in ag education, offering a diverse range of studies for 14 undergraduate majors, 25 minors, and 13 graduate programs.

By working shoulder to shoulder with farmers, agribusiness, and public policymakers, Dean Buhr has worked to cultivate a student experience that combines classroom learning with cutting-edge research and public engagement, preparing CFANS graduates to become the world’s ag leaders of tomorrow.

I thank Brian for his years of service to the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences and the many contributions he has made to the U of M’s legacy in ag education. I wish him all the best as he starts this new chapter.

RECOGNIZING JEROME POWELL

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

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chair Jerome Powell, who has served with honor and integrity on the Federal Reserve’s Board of Governors for 13 years.

Mr. Speaker, I rise and join Democrats, Republicans, and other leaders because the Justice Department’s criminal investigation into Chair Powell is yet another attempt by Trump to take control of the Fed, endangering household finances across the country.

Our economy relies on an independent Federal Reserve, and every

American should be deeply concerned and alarmed by this administration’s dangerous efforts to politicize our central bank.

Interest rate decisions directly impact American households through inflation, the labor market, savings, and household costs. It is imperative that these decisions be driven by economic data and evidence, not partisan pressure.

I ask my colleagues to stand up and use their voices to defend an independent Fed.

HONORING MEHRI NAVAB

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

Mr. McDOWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary young North Carolinian, Mehri Navab, who has been awarded the National Medal of Honor Lifesaving Award from the Girl Scouts, one of their highest recognitions for courage and quick action.

On what should have been a normal afternoon at swim practice, Mehri saw her brother, Tristan, at the bottom of the pool. Something didn’t look right, and instead of hesitating, she acted. She swam down, pulled him from a lane divider, got him to the surface, and called for help. Lifeguards began CPR, and she refused to leave her brother’s side until he began breathing again. Because of her courage, her quick response, and her presence of mind, Tristan is alive today.

The Girl Scouts teach service, skill, and leadership. Mehri embodied all of it in a moment when most people, even adults, would freeze. She is a hero, and her community is proud of her.

I thank Mehri for going above and beyond to make a difference in our community. I congratulate her on receiving this well-deserved honor.

APPLAUDING STABILIZING CRIME VICTIMS FUND

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, as the Representative of California’s 21st Congressional District, I am here to share some good news for the people of not only the Central Valley but across the country. The House has just passed the Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act, with strong bipartisan support.

As one of the original founders of the bipartisan Congressional Victims’ Rights Caucus, this is good news. I am proud to co-lead the bill alongside a bipartisan group of colleagues.

Right now, too many victim service organizations are forced to operate with uncertainty, not knowing if funding will be there from year to year. That uncertainty affects real people who have been victims of crime, survivors seeking counseling, families

needing emergency shelter, and victims looking for legal support in some of the hardest moments in their lives.

This bill stabilizes the Crime Victims Fund, which is funded by criminal fines, not taxpayer dollars, and supports critical services through VOCA programs across the country.

By bringing stability to the funding, States and local organizations will have the ability to plan ahead, keep staff in place, and continue showing up for survivors when it matters most.

This bill heads to the Senate, and I am urging my colleagues there to act quickly on its passage for victims of crime and their families.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7006, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 992 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 992

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7006) making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. Clause 2(e) of rule XXI shall not apply during consideration of the bill. No amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. The chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record not later than January 16, 2026, such material as he may deem explanatory of H.R. 7006.