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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

The House met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of West Virginia).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 20, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RILEY M. MOORE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Lisa Wink Schultz, Office of the Senate Chaplain, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Lord, though many Members are traveling and serving beyond this Chamber today, we thank You that Your presence goes with them.

Grant them safety in their journeys, clarity in their decisions, and humility in their leadership. Help them to carry out their responsibilities with integrity, remembering the people they are called to serve.

Where their work brings challenge, give endurance. Where it requires discernment, give wisdom. And in all things, guide their efforts toward unity and the common good.

Bless this House, those who serve within it including the staff, doorkeepers, and Capitol Police. May their work, whether here or afar, reflect a

commitment to service and the dignity of every person.

We pray in Your loving name.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, February 23, 2026, for morning-hour debate, and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 23, 2026, at noon for morning-hour debate.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2897. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's rescission of final interagency guidance — Rescission of Principles for Climate-Related Financial Risk Management for Large Financial Institutions [Docket No.: OP-1793] received February 11, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2898. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Second Maintenance Plan for 2008 Ozone NAAQS [EPA-R05-OAR-2024-0537; EPA-R05-OAR-2024-0538; EPA-R05-OAR-2024-0539; FRL-12534-02-R5] received February 12, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2899. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0322; FRL-13116-01-OCSP] received February 12, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2900. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Afidopyropen; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0509; FRL-13127-01-OCSP] received February 12, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2901. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Rice bran wax in Pesticide Formulations; Exemption from the Requirement for a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0514; FRL-13128-01-OCSP] received

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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February 12, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2902. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Sulfonic acids, C14-16-alkane hydroxy and C14-16-alkene, sodium salts in Pesticide Formulations; Exemption from the Requirement for a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0485; FRL-13167-01-OCSP] received February 12, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2903. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Major final rule — Rescission of the Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding and Motor Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards Under the Clean Air Act [EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0194; FRL-12715-02-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AW71) received February 17, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2904. A letter from the Supervisory, Program Analyst, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Various Locations) [MB Docket No.: 25-298] received February 17, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2905. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(j), Table of TV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Hutchinson, Kansas) [MB Docket No.: 25-287] [RM-12010] received February 17, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2906. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month period report on the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2907. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Ukraine declared in Executive Order 13660 March 6, 2014, and expanded, is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2026, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119—133); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-2908. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, with respect to the situation in Venezuela is to continue in effect beyond March 8, 2026, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119—137); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-2909. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Survey of International Trade in Services Between U.S. and Foreign Persons and Surveys of Direct Investment [Docket ID: 260108-0021] (RIN: 0691-AA95) received February 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110

Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2910. A letter from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Conforming Change to the Export Administration Regulations for Cambodia [Docket No.: 260127-0035] (RIN: 0694-AK41) received February 17, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2911. A letter from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Streamlining Export Controls for Drone Exports [Docket No.: 251222-0187] (RIN: 0694-AK30) received February 17, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2912. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination with respect to Syria, pursuant to section 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and section 7012 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriation Act, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2913. A letter from the General Counsel, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting notification of a discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2914. A letter from the NPS Federal Register Liaison Officer, Division of Regulations, Jurisdiction, and Special Park Uses, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Whiskeytown Unit, Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area; Bicycling [NPS-WHIS-NPS0041005; NPS-2024-0008; PX.P0234207B.00.1-PPPWWHISM0-PFE00FEPY.P0000] (RIN: 1024-AE52) received February 13, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2915. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pennsylvania Regulatory Program [SATS No.: PA-166-FOR; Docket ID: OSM-2017-0008; S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 256S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000 25XS501520] received February 17, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2916. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Texas Regulatory Program [SATS No.: TX-072-FOR; Docket ID: OSM-2020-0006; S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 256S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000 25XS501520] received February 17, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2917. A letter from the Manager, Branch of Delisting and Foreign Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Southeast U.S. Distinct Population Segment of the Wood Stork From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife [Docket No.: FWS-R4-ES-2022-0099; FXES11130900000FEDR-

267-FF09E22000] (RIN: 1018-BF53) received February 17, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2918. A letter from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Federal Protective Service, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Protection of Federal Property; Technical Amendment (RIN: 1601-AB17) received February 10, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2919. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report on the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 711(j); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 521, title V, Sec. 511 (as amended by Public Law 117-328, div. FF, title VI, Sec. 6101(f)(1)); (136 Stat. 5961); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-2920. A letter from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a data snapshot titled, "Total Medicare Part B Spending on Lab Tests Rose in 2024, Driven by Increased Spending on Genetic Tests (OEI-09-25-00330)", pursuant to the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 7412. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish the Office of Whistleblower Awards, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-499). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 7401. A bill to require employees of the Small Business Administration to certify that the employee does not have any prohibited conflicts of interest with respect to loans in which the employee is involved, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-500). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BABIN: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 390. A bill to utilize the Advanced Capabilities for Emergency Response to Operations project of NASA to improve aerial responses to wildfires, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 119-501). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BABIN: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 2600. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish a program to identify, evaluate, acquire, and disseminate commercial Earth remote sensing data and imagery in order to satisfy the scientific, operational, and educational requirements of the Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-502). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BABIN: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 3679. A bill to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop resources for small businesses in utilizing artificial intelligence, and for other purposes;

with an amendment (Rept. 119-503). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 2958. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that the Employee Benefit Security Administration submit an annual report to Congress on adverse interest agreements, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-504). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 1319. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the National Labor Relations Act to clarify the standard for determining whether an individual is an employee, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-505). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 1320. A bill to ensure that the provision of portable benefits to an individual is not considered in determining whether such individual is an employee of a person, with amendments (Rept. 119-506). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 4307. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to train certain employees of Department of Labor how to effectively detect and assist law enforcement in preventing human trafficking during the course of their official duties, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-507). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 6956. A bill to require electronically prepared tax returns to include scannable code when submitted on paper, and to require the use of optical character recognition technology for paper documents received by the Internal Revenue Service, with an amendment (Rept. 119-508). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 6431. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules governing the State administration of self-employment assistance programs, with an amendment (Rept. 119-509). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. MASSIE (for himself, Ms. PIN-GREE, Ms. BOEBERT, Ms. MACE, and Mr. KHANNA):

H.R. 7601. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to implement the Executive order entitled "Promoting the National Defense by Ensuring an Adequate Supply of Elemental Phosphorus and Glyphosate-Based Herbicides", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

H.R. 7602. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to study and report on the state of men's health in the United States and to establish an Office of Men's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BENTZ:

H.R. 7603. A bill to amend the Act of August 28, 1937 (commonly referred to as the

"O&C Act") with respect to timber production; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. BOEBERT:

H.R. 7604. A bill to prohibit certain Federal contracts with internationally owned software companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 7605. A bill to abolish the United States African Development Foundation; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 7606. A bill to study and accelerate the more productive use of energy resources within the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 7607. A bill to study and modernize the measurement and reporting of United States energy use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. CHU (for herself, Ms. JAYAPAL,

Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. AMO, Mr. BELL, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LIEU, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MENG, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. OMAR, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SIMON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H.R. 7608. A bill to halt removal of certain nationals of Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COSTA (for himself, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. RILEY of New York, and Mr. VALADAO):

H.R. 7609. A bill to harmonize the population threshold for rural communities under programs carried out by the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 7610. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a credit for adult child caregivers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FINE (for himself, Mr. SELF, Mr. ROY, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. CRANE, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. OGLES, and Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina):

H.R. 7611. A bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to States and units of local government that prohibit their residents from owning dogs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GOODEN:

H.R. 7612. A bill to amend chapter 93 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit obstruction of immigration laws by official interference; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAVES (for himself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. SMITH of Washington,

Mr. NEHLS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. MANN, Mr. EZELL, Mr. FONG, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Mr. WITTMAN, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. BEYER, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. TRAN, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. KEATING, Mr. FIGURES, Ms. KING-HINDS, Mr. BELL, Mr. FINE, Mr. ROSE, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. VAN DREW, and Ms. HOULAHAN):

H.R. 7613. A bill to require certain aircraft to be equipped with collision mitigation technology, to improve helicopter route safety and separation around airports, to update air traffic control processes and procedures, to address national airspace system safety in Department of Defense activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GRIFFITH (for himself and Mr. MORELLE):

H.R. 7614. A bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to install an adult changing room in the Library of Congress and the Capitol Visitor Center; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HORSFORD (for himself, Mr.

THOMPSON of California, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. ROSS, Mr. STANTON, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. AMO, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. FRIEDMAN, and Mr. NEAL):

H.R. 7615. A bill to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to refund tariffs collected under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas (for himself and Mr. FINE):

H.R. 7616. A bill to require the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to identify and mitigate relationships that pose a risk to United States foreign policy interests between certain European institutions and certain covered entities of concern, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 7617. A bill to provide funding for administrative expenses of the Department of Homeland Security during any lapse in appropriations during fiscal year 2026, to require that the Department be responsive to congressional offices during such a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself and Mr. MAGAZINER):

H.R. 7618. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to modify certain cost-sharing requirements for grant programs under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. KILEY of California:

H.R. 7619. A bill to prohibit a State to impose a retroactive tax on assets of non-resident individuals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. TENNEY, and Ms. DELBENE):

H.R. 7620. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify qualified energy-efficient draft alcohol property as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. GOMEZ, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 7621. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain activities of immigration officers in connection with elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mr. SHERMAN):

H.R. 7622. A bill to support human rights and internet freedom in Iran and hold the Iranian regime accountable for the repression of the Iranian people; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania (for herself, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. BROWN, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. DELUZZO, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. GOODLANDER, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 7623. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Freedom House Ambulance Service, in recognition of its dedicated service to the Pittsburgh community and contributions to the field of emergency medical services; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 7624. A bill to prohibit certain sex offenders from entering or using the services of certain domestic violence and homeless shelters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MCDOWELL:

H.R. 7625. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of the budget, resources, and capabilities of the Coast Guard as the co-Sector Risk Management Agency for the marine transportation system; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MOULTON:

H.R. 7626. A bill to prohibit the use of funds to order Federal law enforcement or military personnel to polling places or other domestic election locations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 7627. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include Indian Tribes in

certain provisions relating to priority resource concerns; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. NORMAN:

H.R. 7628. A bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7629. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to treat the District of Columbia as a State for the purposes of such Acts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 7630. A bill to prohibit United States recognition of the claims of sovereignty of South Ossetia or Abkhazia within the Republic of Georgia; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. PETERSEN (for herself, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Mr. CRANK, Mr. CROW, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, and Mr. NEGUSE):

H.R. 7631. A bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 to include Colorado in a program for western rural water, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SELF (for himself, Mr. KEATING, and Mr. SHERMAN):

H.R. 7632. A bill to designate a Coordinator for hybrid warfare accountability, require the Secretary of State to submit a report identifying Chinese entities materially supporting Russia's defense industrial base and recommending appropriate sanctions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. SHREVE:

H.R. 7633. A bill to require the United States flag to be displayed on United States foreign assistance; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. STAUBER:

H.R. 7634. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a limitation on the nationality of persons eligible to serve as judges of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 7635. A bill to prohibit the importation of certain energy storage systems made by entities within the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California:

H.R. 7636. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the individual tariff refund credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. TLAIB (for herself, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. ADAMS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mrs. GRIJALVA, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. LIEU, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. OMAR, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. ROSS, Ms. SIMON, Ms. TOKUDA, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 7637. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to improve the Act; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Ms. SCANLON):

H.R. 7638. A bill to restore the integrity of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H. Res. 1068. A resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 143) enabling Congress to advance important policies; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mrs. BICE, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. STEFANK, and Mr. LIEU):

H. Res. 1069. A resolution supporting the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams in the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

## PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois introduced a bill (H.R. 7639) for the relief of Roberto Carlos Lopez; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. MASSIE:

H.R. 7601.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I Section 8

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana:  
H.R. 7602.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
General Welfare Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 1), and the Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 18)

By Mr. BENTZ:

H.R. 7603.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill amends the 1937 O&C Act with respect to clarifying the primary purposes of the O&C Lands.

By Ms. BOEBERT:

H.R. 7604.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 7605.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CASTEN:

H.R. 7606.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. CASTEN:

H.R. 7607.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

By Ms. CHU:

H.R. 7608.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. COSTA:

H.R. 7609.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the constitutional authority for this bill is provided by:

Clause 3 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the Commerce Clause);

Clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the Spending Clause); and

Clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the Necessary and Proper Clause).

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 7610.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. FINE:

H.R. 7611.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Spending Clause, Article I, Section 8, Clause 1.

By Mr. GOODEN:

H.R. 7612.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises to pay the debts and provide for the common Defense and general welfare of the United States, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1. Thus, Congress has the authority not only to increase taxes, but also, to reduce taxes to promote the

By Mr. GRAVES:

H.R. 7613.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article One, Section 8

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 7614.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution as well as Amendment XVI

By Mr. HORSFORD:

H.R. 7615.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas:

H.R. 7616.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 7617.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Necessary and Proper Clause—Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia:

H.R. 7618.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. KILEY of California:

H.R. 7619.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, CLause XVIII

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 7620.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. LARSON of Connecticut:

H.R. 7621.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section 8 of article I of the Constitution

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 7622.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 7623.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 7624.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. McDOWELL:

H.R. 7625.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States of America

By Mr. MOULTON:

H.R. 7626.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 9, Clause 7 and Article 1, Section 4, Clause 1

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 7627.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. NORMAN:

H.R. 7628.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the Constitution

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7629.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 7630.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. PETTERSEN:

H.R. 7631.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. SELF:

H.R. 7632.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. SHREVE:

H.R. 7633.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. STAUBER:

H.R. 7634.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 7635.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. THOMPSON of California:

H.R. 7636.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, tax and spending

By Ms. TLAIB:

H.R. 7637.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 1 of the Constitution.

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 7638.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 9 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. DAVIS:

H.R. 7639.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution: To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the powers enumerated under section 8 and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 116: Mr. OGLES.

H.R. 161: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Mr. WEBER of Texas.

H.R. 210: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 516: Mr. WITTMAN.

H.R. 582: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 722: Mr. ROUZER.

H.R. 925: Mr. ESTES.

H.R. 945: Mr. CONAWAY.

H.R. 1010: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 1061: Mrs. FLETCHER and Mr. SORESENSEN.

H.R. 1065: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. BONAMICI.

H.R. 1078: Mr. DOWNING.

H.R. 1189: Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 1227: Mr. VAN ORDEN.

H.R. 1330: Ms. TLAIB, Mr. MFUME, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 1443: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 1505: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 1538: Mr. BACON.

H.R. 1542: Ms. PETTERSEN and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.

H.R. 1584: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 1661: Ms. GARCIA of Texas.

H.R. 1707: Mr. JACK.

H.R. 1732: Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. STAUBER.

H.R. 1744: Mr. McCaul and Ms. SALAZAR.

H.R. 1778: Mr. MOORE of Utah.

H.R. 1854: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 1918: Mrs. MCIVER and Ms. SIMON.

H.R. 1993: Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 2004: Mr. SUOZZI and Mr. MACKENZIE.

H.R. 2048: Ms. PLASKETT.

H.R. 2059: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2192: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mr. MILLS.

- H.R. 2200: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.  
H.R. 2315: Mr. VAN EPPS.  
H.R. 2333: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H.R. 2352: Mr. CASAR.  
H.R. 2548: Mr. NEWHOUSE.  
H.R. 2705: Mr. VAN EPPS.  
H.R. 2720: Mr. MRVAN.  
H.R. 2850: Ms. NORTON and Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE.  
H.R. 2854: Mr. EZELL.  
H.R. 2877: Mr. VASQUEZ.  
H.R. 2882: Mr. TAKANO.  
H.R. 2936: Mr. SOTO.  
H.R. 2958: Mrs. MCCLAIN.  
H.R. 2978: Mr. VAN DREW.  
H.R. 3051: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H.R. 3067: Mr. QUIGLEY.  
H.R. 3105: Mr. ADERHOLT and Mr. LANDSMAN.  
H.R. 3151: Mr. CARBAJAL.  
H.R. 3206: Mr. MEUSER.  
H.R. 3272: Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 3376: Mr. LIEU.  
H.R. 3442: Mr. COSTA and Mr. MANNION.  
H.R. 3449: Mr. PAPPAS.  
H.R. 3491: Mr. KUSTOFF.  
H.R. 3513: Mr. NORCROSS and Ms. STEVENS.  
H.R. 3544: Mr. ESPAILLAT.  
H.R. 3565: Ms. BARRAGÁN.  
H.R. 3757: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.  
H.R. 3783: Mr. WESTERMAN.  
H.R. 3906: Mr. SOTO.  
H.R. 3946: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, and Mr. KILEY of California.  
H.R. 4019: Ms. ROSS.  
H.R. 4076: Mrs. FLETCHER.  
H.R. 4086: Mrs. GRIJALVA.  
H.R. 4105: Mr. WITTMAN.  
H.R. 4157: Ms. MENG and Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 4206: Mr. LANGWORTHY and Ms. ADAMS.  
H.R. 4338: Ms. SALINAS.  
H.R. 4475: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 4576: Mr. BACON and Mr. GARCIA of California.  
H.R. 4606: Mr. MENENDEZ.  
H.R. 4611: Mr. WALKINSHAW and Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 4662: Mr. LICCARDO, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. VALADAO, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. RIVAS, and Mrs. TORRES of California.  
H.R. 4678: Mr. LIEU.  
H.R. 4771: Mr. KEATING.  
H.R. 4936: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.  
H.R. 4966: Ms. STEVENS and Mr. GARCIA of California.  
H.R. 4981: Mr. MAGAZINER.  
H.R. 4989: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 5032: Mr. MACKENZIE.  
H.R. 5091: Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.  
H.R. 5168: Mr. RASKIN.  
H.R. 5223: Mr. BACON and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.  
H.R. 5267: Mr. STEUBE and Mr. PERRY.  
H.R. 5271: Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mrs. LUNA.  
H.R. 5369: Mrs. BEATTY and Ms. FRIEDMAN.  
H.R. 5415: Mr. BAIRD.  
H.R. 5434: Mr. CARBAJAL and Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H.R. 5454: Mr. MORAN.  
H.R. 5469: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H.R. 5475: Ms. WATERS and Mr. STAUBER.  
H.R. 5490: Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. DOWNING, and Mr. STAUBER.  
H.R. 5509: Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. FROST, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. HIMES, Mr. FINE, Ms. BALINT, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, and Ms. SALAZAR.  
H.R. 5527: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois and Ms. WILSON of Florida.  
H.R. 5536: Mr. VASQUEZ.  
H.R. 5548: Mr. BARRETT.  
H.R. 5621: Mr. HARDER of California and Mr. BACON.  
H.R. 5862: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY and Ms. BALINT.  
H.R. 5939: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.  
H.R. 6006: Mr. BISHOP, Mr. CARSON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. COHEN.  
H.R. 6079: Mr. VAN DREW.  
H.R. 6091: Mr. NADLER, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. CORREA, and Ms. OMAR.  
H.R. 6137: Mrs. BEATTY and Mrs. DINGELL.  
H.R. 6145: Ms. MENG.  
H.R. 6168: Ms. KING-HINDS.  
H.R. 6181: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H.R. 6222: Mr. GOODEN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. MENG, Mr. LAWLER, Mrs. KIM, Mr. KEATING, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. CASE, and Mr. LALOTA.  
H.R. 6277: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.  
H.R. 6389: Mr. MENENDEZ and Ms. DEXTER.  
H.R. 6390: Mr. VINDMAN and Mr. PALLONE.  
H.R. 6440: Mr. HERNÁNDEZ.  
H.R. 6513: Mr. GOODEN.  
H.R. 6518: Mr. HERNÁNDEZ.  
H.R. 6520: Mr. BARRETT.  
H.R. 6574: Mr. CARBAJAL.  
H.R. 6648: Mr. HARRIGAN.  
H.R. 6677: Mr. FIELDS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. SALINAS, and Mr. THANEDAR.  
H.R. 6687: Mr. ALFORD.  
H.R. 6709: Ms. SALINAS.  
H.R. 6766: Ms. TOKUDA.  
H.R. 6780: Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 6857: Mr. CARBAJAL.  
H.R. 6997: Mr. DELUZIO.  
H.R. 7033: Mr. VINDMAN.  
H.R. 7045: Mr. MILLS.  
H.R. 7046: Mrs. RAMIREZ.  
H.R. 7100: Mr. LIEU.  
H.R. 7119: Mrs. MCBATH.  
H.R. 7154: Mr. VAN ORDEN.  
H.R. 7185: Mr. HARRIGAN.  
H.R. 7188: Mr. LALOTA.  
H.R. 7190: Ms. PRESSLEY.  
H.R. 7199: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H.R. 7206: Ms. SCHRIER.  
H.R. 7222: Mr. STEUBE.  
H.R. 7300: Mr. RULLI.  
H.R. 7318: Mr. HARDER of California.  
H.R. 7322: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.  
H.R. 7325: Mrs. HOUGHIN.  
H.R. 7335: Ms. STRICKLAND and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 7336: Mr. BACON and Mr. MORELLE.  
H.R. 7340: Mr. HERNÁNDEZ and Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 7346: Mr. PALLONE.  
H.R. 7363: Ms. SIMON, Ms. TLAIB, and Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 7365: Mr. GRIFFITH.  
H.R. 7385: Mr. COHEN.  
H.R. 7391: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY and Mr. RILEY of New York.  
H.R. 7409: Mr. MANN.  
H.R. 7410: Mr. LALOTA and Mr. KENNEDY of New York.  
H.R. 7421: Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina and Mr. RULLI.  
H.R. 7441: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. GOMEZ, and Mr. SHERMAN.  
H.R. 7442: Mr. SESSIONS.  
H.R. 7450: Mr. VALADAO.  
H.R. 7468: Mr. BAIRD.  
H.R. 7481: Mr. TRAN and Ms. TITUS.  
H.R. 7507: Mr. MFUME.  
H.R. 7517: Mr. MACKENZIE and Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 7527: Mr. MORAN.  
H.R. 7531: Mr. RILEY of New York.  
H.R. 7536: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.  
H.R. 7540: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 7555: Mr. MFUME.  
H.R. 7564: Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. LIEU, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mr. LYNCH.  
H.R. 7575: Ms. NORTON, Mr. GOMEZ, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.  
H.R. 7583: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia and Ms. BARRAGÁN.  
H. Con. Res. 38: Ms. GOODLANDER.  
H. Con. Res. 47: Ms. BONAMICI.  
H. Con. Res. 72: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H. Res. 564: Mr. BACON, Mr. MACKENZIE, Mr. MANNION, and Mr. SCHNEIDER.  
H. Res. 773: Mrs. FOUSHEE.  
H. Res. 925: Mr. BAUMGARTNER.  
H. Res. 930: Mrs. LUNA.  
H. Res. 971: Mr. VINDMAN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. TIMMONS.  
H. Res. 1044: Mr. BACON and Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H. Res. 1058: Mr. COHEN, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. PETTERSEN, and Mr. SOTO.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING MEMBERS OF THE CHRISCOE FAMILY

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to take the opportunity today to recognize members of the Chriscoe family for their outstanding generosity, service, and dedication to their faith. I had the pleasure of meeting the Chriscoes during their visit from Summerfield to the Capitol and was amazed by their commitment to using their gifts to celebrate and share the message of the Lord through their work in the Only God Choir and Ministries.

Music has been a touchstone of faith for the Chriscoe family through generations, and daughters Laura and Claire have sung in the Only God Choir for years, sharing God's message through beautiful music that has touched listeners across the country and the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Chriscoe, Ajay and Trish, have blessed countless students by opening their home and their hearts, offering their talents to provide the crucial support that makes the vision of ministry a reality. With tens of thousands of miles of travel and countless hours of service behind them, the Chriscoe family has helped the message of the Only God Choir and Ministries reach over 2 million people.

As they are closing this chapter of their service with the Only God Choir and Ministries, I am confident that they will remain a living testament to the value of heeding the command to store our treasures not on earth, but in heaven. I wish them the best in all their future endeavors.

### HONORING THE BERA FAMILY

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of the Bera Family and their multigenerational commitment to service, education, and community.

This family legacy began with Kanta and Babulal Bera, who immigrated to the United States from Gujarat, India in the 1950s. Kanta and Babulal believed that education is the path to opportunity. They worked multiple jobs while pursuing graduate degrees and raising three sons, Raja, Dr. Rimal Bera (Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California, Irvine Department of Psychiatry), and Congressman AMI BERA.

The Beras' dedication to global health has spanned a variety of impactful projects not only in Orange County, but to the other side of the world in India. From starting an all-girls school in India that has graduated more than 7,000 students to supporting health and housing efforts throughout southern California, the

Beras have expanded opportunities for countless communities.

Two generations of the Beras have attended the UCI School of Medicine, and UCI is now the foundation of the family's key accomplishment—to support future physicians. In 2020, the Beras donated \$100,000 to the UCI School of Medicine to permanently support medical students traveling to Rajkot, India. These aspiring physicians are not only able to experience a global clinical environment, but they are also able to work in underserved communities, collaborate with local medical providers, and extend the reach of medicine beyond individual patient care.

The personal history of the Bera Family and their inspiring legacy is a reminder that we all have a responsibility to dedicate ourselves to building a stronger, kinder, and better community.

### HONORING DELLA HAMMOND, LAPEER CHAMBER OF COM- MERCE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Della Hammond, the 2026 Lapeer Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, and to commend her for decades of dedicated service and leadership in her community.

For more than 20 years, Ms. Hammond served on the board of directors of the Human Development Commission, where she helped advance programs supporting vulnerable families, including Early Head Start, senior nutrition services, emergency sheltering, and winterization assistance. She also played an active role in fundraising efforts such as Walk for Warmth, helping families facing Michigan's harsh winters.

An active member of Grace Episcopal Church, Ms. Hammond volunteers in the soup kitchen, supports charitable outreach during Lapeer Days, and leads her church's participation in Holiday Depot to ensure families in need experience the joy of the Christmas season.

A founding member of the Lapeer County Community Foundation, she helped establish a lasting legacy of scholarships and community grants, including the creation of the Women's Fund to support women and children. Her service also includes involvement with Love INC, the Business and Professional Women's Club of Lapeer, and leadership within her church's women's organization, supporting causes such as The Refuge, Stone Soup Food Bank, and the Lapeer City Police Officers Charitable Fund.

Della Hammond exemplifies the very best of citizenship. Her compassion, leadership, and lifelong commitment to service have made Lapeer County stronger.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Della Hammond on this well-deserved honor.

### RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the City of Brooksville as it commemorates the 170th anniversary of its founding. This significant milestone offers an opportunity to reflect upon the city's rich history, enduring spirit, and the generations of citizens who have shaped Brooksville into the vibrant community it is today. For 170 years, Brooksville has stood as a testament to resilience, civic pride, and a deep respect for tradition, while continually embracing progress and growth. From its earliest days to the present, the city has served as a place where neighbors support one another, local institutions thrive, and a strong sense of community binds residents together.

Brooksville's history is reflected not only in its historic landmarks and longstanding neighborhoods, but also in the character of its people—those who have worked to build local businesses, serve in public office, educate future generations, and contribute to the cultural and economic vitality of the region. The city's commitment to preserving its heritage while preparing for the future is a model of responsible and thoughtful community development. As Brooksville celebrates its 170th anniversary, it is fitting to recognize the contributions of its past and present residents, civic leaders, educators, first responders, and volunteers whose dedication has ensured the city's continued success. Their collective efforts have strengthened Brooksville and positioned it for continued prosperity in the years ahead. I extend my sincere congratulations to the City of Brooksville and its residents on this historic occasion. I commend them for 170 years of achievement and wish them continued growth, unity, and success for generations to come.

### CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVER- SARY OF THE HARP PROGRAM

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10-year anniversary of the Helping Addicts Recover Progressively (HARP) Program in Chesterfield County, Virginia. Launched in 2016, Sheriff Karl Leonard initiated the program after recognizing the alarming rate of overdose deaths in his own county. HARP is a transformative initiative that is making a real difference in the lives of individuals struggling with substance use disorders.

Since the program's establishment, HARP has instituted a multi-faceted approach to behavioral modification. Their approach is based

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on a unique combination of tools and techniques that are peer driven, professionally guided, and spiritually based. As news spread of HARP's devotion to both those incarcerated and former program participants, incarcerated individuals from other jail systems began to request transfers to Chesterfield specifically to join the program.

HARP's commitment to compassion, innovation, and excellence has strengthened Virginia's First District and improved the lives of countless individuals and families. They place a large emphasis on former participants as well, helping them gain access to recovery housing and allowing them to return to therapy sessions and group meetings.

HARP offers a hopeful alternative to tragedy for families affected by addiction. They represent a proactive partnership between local government, health professionals, and community stakeholders dedicated to reducing the devastating impact of substance use disorders. I am proud of the work being done by Sheriff Karl Leonard and all those involved in HARP's implementation. Their efforts are a reminder that compassionate, evidence-based approaches can save lives and build stronger communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring the 10-year anniversary of the Chesterfield County HARP Program as it continues to address critical social and spiritual needs, and strive to help treat not just symptoms, but the root causes of addiction. I wish Sheriff Karl Leonard, along with the entire HARP team, all the best as they continue to serve the community.

**HONORING KOREAN WAR ARMY  
VETERAN EARL SEELOW**

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Veteran Earl Seelow.

Earl Seelow was born on October 20, 1932, in Edinburg, New York, to his parents, Edwin and Flora Seelow. He was raised in the same close-knit community that he would continue to serve throughout his life.

Earl entered the United States Army on November 13, 1952. He trained as an Infantryman and was deployed to Korea as a replacement soldier. He was assigned to Company E, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, where he served for the duration of the Korean War. During his service, Earl fought in two of the most intense engagements of the conflict in the fierce Third Korean Winter campaign, including the Battles of Pork Chop Hill and Old Baldy.

Earl was honorably discharged on November 12, 1954, at the rank of Technical Sergeant. For his courageous service, he was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, two Overseas Bars, the United Nations Service Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Emblem.

Following his military service, Earl married the love of his life, Valerie, on April 21, 1956. They shared 67 years of marriage and raised

four sons together. Earl built a long and steady career at the International Paper Company in Corinth, where he worked for nearly 37 years before retiring in 1994. During that time, he served as a UPIU Union Officer for 22 years.

After serving our country, Earl returned home to serve his community. He served with the Edinburg Fire Department as the Assistant Fire Chief, managed the Community Bowling Center, served as Corinth Town Assessor for five years, worked as a crossing guard for the Corinth School, and later worked alongside his son Jim at the Olde Saratoga Brewing Company for 12 years. Earl dedicated more than 52 years to Corinth Little League as a coach, umpire, and Executive Board member. He was a member of Free and Accepted Masons Lodge 22, Shriners Valley of Albany, Oriental Temple of Troy, American Legion Post 533, and the New York State Assessors' Association.

His life reflected steady leadership, service, and commitment to others. On behalf of New York, I am honored to recognize Korean War Army Veteran Technical Sergeant Earl Seelow.

**CELEBRATING THE GARDENING  
GAYS FARM'S COMMUNITY IM-  
PACT**

**HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Gardening Gays Farm of King George County, Virginia, on earning multiple honors in the 2026 King George "KG Best of the Best" Awards, a community-driven recognition of outstanding local businesses.

Through the votes of their neighbors and customers, Gardening Gays Farm was recognized in several categories, including best customer service, best family-owned business, best small business, best agriculture or farm business, best grocery or convenience store. This recognition reflects their outstanding service, quality, and community engagement. Their success is a testament to the dedication, innovation, and integrity that define this family-owned farm.

I had the pleasure of visiting Gardening Gays Farm and witnessed firsthand the passion and hard work that have made it such a beloved local institution. From their commitment to sustainable farming practices to the welcoming atmosphere that they create for families across the region, it is clear why so many in King George County hold them in such high regard. Small businesses like Gardening Gays Farm are the backbone of our rural communities and an essential part of Virginia's proud agricultural heritage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the owners and team at Gardening Gays Farm on these well-deserved honors and wishing them continued success in the years ahead.

**RECOGNIZING PATRICK KELIHER**

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Patrick Keliher as the 2025 recipient of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Captain David H. Hart Award. This recognition honors Pat's remarkable leadership and contributions toward improving Atlantic Coast marine fisheries.

As former Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources, Pat spearheaded countless initiatives—from restoring passage for sea-run fish species like Atlantic salmon to rebuilding working waterfront properties after historic storms ravaged our coast. His efforts have strengthened our environment, commercial fisheries, and coastal communities.

While Commissioner, Pat engaged stakeholders on some of the toughest issues facing our state. He worked diligently to understand the concerns of Maine's fishing communities and translate those concerns and recommendations into public policy. He skillfully facilitated a pause on federal whale regulations and continuously explored opportunities to protect Maine's heritage lobster industry, while securing funding for broader fisheries and marine mammal research. Further, he helped steer Maine's fisheries and marine economy through crisis during the pandemic.

Pat embodies transformative public service. His tireless work ethic, commitment to the health of our coast and coastal economy, and collaboration across industries have made our state a better place in innumerable ways. I could not imagine a more deserving recipient of this honor.

I commend Pat for his unparalleled career of service and congratulate him on this award.

**HONORING LUIS FRANCISCO  
RAMOS RAMIREZ, BREVARD  
COUNTY'S JANUARY VETERAN  
OF THE MONTH**

**HON. MIKE HARIDOPOLOS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Luis Francisco Ramos Ramirez, who has been selected as January's Brevard County Veteran of the Month.

Mr. Ramos Ramirez proudly served our Nation in the United States Army, answering the call to duty during a critical moment in our history. He served for three years, including time in Vietnam, where he conducted reconnaissance missions—some of the most dangerous and demanding assignments in combat. Not only did he serve honorably, but he also volunteered to remain in Vietnam for additional time, demonstrating extraordinary courage and selflessness.

For his service, Mr. Ramos Ramirez earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal—decorations that reflect both valor and sacrifice.



Like so many of our veterans, his legacy extends beyond the uniform. His commitment to protecting our freedoms reminds us that the liberties we enjoy today were secured by Americans willing to put country before self.

On behalf of Florida's Space Coast and a grateful Nation, we thank Luis Francisco Ramos Ramirez for his service, his sacrifice, and his example. It is an honor to recognize him here today.

#### RECOGNIZING MADELINE BROBST RECEIVING A PERFECT SCORE ON THE ACT

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to formally recognize an exceptional young student, Madeline Brobst, a senior at Franklin Christian Academy who has received a perfect composite score of 36 on the ACT exam. Through disciplined study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Ms. Brobst has achieved academic success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country.

In addition to her intellectual capability, Ms. Brobst serves as a mentor to eighth grade students at Franklin Christian Academy; she is a member of the Student Leadership Team, National Honor Society, and the worship team during school chapel services. During her time at Franklin Christian Academy, Ms. Brobst has participated in numerous theatrical and musical productions.

It is with great distinction and pride that I honor Madeline for achieving a perfect ACT score, a remarkable feat accomplished by only a very small percentage of students nationwide. This achievement places her among the most academically accomplished students in our country and reflects a level of brilliance that is truly commendable.

Earning a perfect score on the ACT is a testament to remarkable intellectual ability, diligent preparation, and an unparalleled commitment to academic excellence. It demonstrates not only mastery across English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science, but also the persistence, focus, and determination required to perform at the highest level under rigorous testing conditions.

Madeline's dedication to learning and pursuing the highest standards of performance speaks to both her exceptional aptitude and her strong character. Achievements of this caliber do not occur by chance; they are the result of sustained hard work, personal sacrifice, and a devoted commitment to excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Madeline Brobst on this milestone of academic distinction. We commend her for this outstanding accomplishment and look forward with confidence to the many successes that will undoubtedly follow in her academic and professional journey.

#### RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES NAVY PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS KATRINA GRAMER

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Petty Officer Second Class Katrina Gramer for her honorable service to the United States Navy and her unwavering dedication to supporting our veteran community. Her service in uniform and her continued dedication to fellow veterans represents the very best of our service members and the values they uphold. It is my privilege to recognize her as our February 2026 Veteran of the Month.

A native of Port Huron, Michigan, Petty Officer Gramer enlisted in the United States Navy in 1999. She completed basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and went on to attend Anti-Submarine Warfare Training School in San Diego, California, where she trained as a Sonar Technician.

Her first duty station was in Yokosuka, Japan. While her ship was operating in the Middle East, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, occurred. In the days that followed, her ship launched some of the first Tomahawk cruise missiles into Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, answering our Nation's call during a defining moment in American history. She later served in California, continuing her dedicated service.

Throughout her time in uniform, Petty Officer Gramer earned numerous military honors, including the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. These awards recognize her hard work and the strong performance of the units she served with.

Following her honorable discharge in 2005, Mrs. Gramer continued to pursue excellence. She earned two degrees: one in Early Childhood Development and another in Business Administration. She successfully operated a home childcare business while raising her three children. Once her children reached school age, she discovered a new calling: serving those who have served.

Mrs. Gramer has devoted herself to supporting veterans and their families. She has held leadership positions within her local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, maintains membership in her local American Legion Post, and has served as both Co-Director and Vice President of a local veterans' resource center. She is an active member of her local honor guard, where she performs live taps at services and provides honors at football games, ceremonies, and parades, ensuring that the sacrifices of our service members are remembered with dignity and respect.

Today, she serves as a Veteran Service Officer for the Vietnam Veterans of America Michigan State Council. In this role, she assists veterans, their families, surviving spouses, and caregivers in navigating the VA benefits system. She takes great pride in ensuring that those who served our Nation receive the benefits and recognition they have earned.

Mrs. Gramer currently resides in Holly, Michigan with her husband, their three children, and their beloved pets, including her

trained service dog, Tinkerbell. She is a proud Navy mother, as her oldest child currently serves on active duty, carrying forward the family's strong tradition of military service. Together, their family enjoys camping, kayaking, bonfires, and sharing meals with one another.

Mr. Speaker, Petty Officer Second Class Katrina Gramer's commitment to service extends far beyond her time in uniform. Through her leadership, advocacy, and tireless work on behalf of veterans and their families, she continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who have served our nation. It is my great privilege to recognize her dedication and to honor her as our February 2026 Veteran of the Month.

#### HONORING MAYOR CHARLES HARVEY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Charles Harvey for his dedication to his community, Bolivar County and surrounding areas.

Charles Harvey served as Mayor of Duncan, Mississippi, for over 30 years, making him one of the longest-serving municipal leaders in the region. His decades of service reflect sustained trust from the community and a deep commitment to the town's well-being.

Under Mayor Harvey's leadership, the Town of Duncan was recognized as a "Healthy Hometown" through a statewide program, showcasing the town's efforts to improve health and wellness for residents. The initiative included developing a walking trail along a former railroad bed, promoting outdoor activity and healthy living among all ages. This work was supported by grants and community engagement and involved events like walking clubs and "Walk to School Day," making health a priority in local policy.

Duncan received a Healthy Hometown award, reflecting ongoing efforts to create spaces and programs that encourage physical activity and general wellness. Though detailed public records of specific housing projects in Duncan are limited due to the town's small size, Mayor Harvey has consistently voiced concerns about housing and worked to address community needs. His long tenure suggests ongoing engagement with issues like property conditions, residential opportunities, and community stability common priorities in small rural towns where housing quality and availability directly affect residents retention and quality of life.

Mayor Harvey's longstanding service has also been characterized by his role as a community advocate and organizer—bringing residents together for initiatives that improve quality of life and supporting and partnerships for health and housing-related projects. His involvement in statewide wellness programs brought recognition and resources to Duncan that might otherwise not have been accessible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mayor Charles Harvey for his unwavering dedication to the people of his community, this great state, and our Nation.

# CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, Black History is New Mexico History. From Estevanico, an enslaved man who was the first, that we know of, non-Indigenous person to step foot in New Mexico after an adventure through the Americas that should be legend, to the Buffalo Soldiers who stood watch across this territory, and to the families who built Blackdom out of dust and determination.

While the Black community in New Mexico may be small in number, it has never been small in impact. Our state's story cannot be told without them.

Before statehood, before the railroads, and before the border crossed us, Black history here has been a story of people who kept showing up. They showed up when there were only 22 Black residents counted in the territory. They showed up when hotels were segregated and yearbooks placed Black students in the back pages. They showed up when banks would not lend and schools would not welcome them. Now, we are all showing up together.

There are forces right now that want to erase this history, to whitewash it and ban it from schools, and to call conversations about race "divisive." They have even posted racist videos attacking the Black excellence of a former President and First Lady. They attack Black culture, immigrant culture, and Native culture—as if the richness of our heritage is something to be feared.

It may feel like they are winning. But in New Mexico, we know our cultures are not threats. They are treasures. We will not stand by while anyone tries to diminish them. As John Lewis reminded us: "The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have in a democratic society." He also reminded us that "democracy is not a state. It is an act."

We believe democracy works best when everyone participates. We come from builders. They built culture. Culture is power. Culture is how people survive what was meant to break them. Black culture will survive this.

We will organize. When they try to intimidate voters, we will mobilize. When they try to erase history, we will teach it louder. When they try to tear down our cultures, we will build them up.

# CONGRATULATING THE LATINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF PUEBLO DINNER DANCE AWARD- EES

## HON. JEFF HURD

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 47th Annual Latino Chamber of Commerce of Pueblo Dinner Dance Awardees for 2025. Over the past 47 years, the Latino Chamber of Commerce of Pueblo has grown into a well-re-

spected and accomplished organization that continues to support and strengthen small businesses in the Pueblo community.

I congratulate this year's awardees: Caitlin Alcon, for the Victor Navarro Outstanding Board Member of the Year; Dr. Chato Hazelbaker for the Gil Sanchez Outstanding Professional of the Year; Pueblo City-County Library District, for the Lorraine K. Salas Outstanding Community Partner of the Year; Vectra Bank Colorado, Outstanding Corporate Member of the Year; Rebecca Gomez, Gil Padilla Outstanding Ambassador of the Year; El Pomar Foundation, Outstanding Non-Profit Member of the Year; and Freddie Martinez Agency, for the Joseph P. Roybal Outstanding Small Business of the Year.

I congratulate all the awardees and to the Chamber for their tireless efforts in the Pueblo community. It is Coloradans like these awardees who make Southern Colorado so special and inspire those around them. Please join me in celebrating them once more.

# HONORING CAPTAIN DEBBY MOONE, BREVARD COUNTY'S NO- VEMBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH

## HON. MIKE HARIDOPOLOS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary Floridian and patriot, Captain Debby Moone, who was named Brevard County's November Veteran of the Month.

Captain Moone dedicated 32 years of her life to serving our Nation in uniform, answering the call in both the United States Air Force and the United States Army. After serving 22 years in the Air Force and rising to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant, she continued her service by becoming a commissioned Army officer, ultimately retiring as a Captain in the Medical Service Corps.

Throughout her distinguished career, Captain Moone deployed in Operation Desert Storm, served overseas in Korea, and led soldiers as a medical company commander, ensuring that those who served had the care they needed when it mattered most.

Her service has been recognized with numerous honors, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Moone represents the very best of the Space Coast—selfless, resilient, and devoted to something greater than herself. Our Nation is stronger because of her service, and Brevard County is proud to call her one of its own.

# HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NANCY NORDHOFF

## HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Nancy Nordhoff.

Nancy passed away peacefully on January 7 at the age of 93 at her home on Whidbey Island, surrounded by her family. She fiercely and steadfastly championed women's rights, literary prowess and environmental causes for over five decades.

Nancy was a beloved Pacific Northwest philanthropist, a giant among giants who used her resources and her time to make change that supported and lifted up the voices and the needs of those who are too often left behind. Throughout her lifetime, she generously founded and supported groundbreaking nonprofits and her local community. Everywhere she turned, she made people's lives better—not only in Washington State but across the United States and the broader global community. A proud graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Nancy's feminism, charitable giving and activism were the foundation of her life's work—seeing a need, coming up with a solution and taking action to make people's lives better.

In 1988, Nancy founded Hedgebrook, a world-renowned nonprofit on Whidbey Island that supports female-identified writers with residencies and radical hospitality, on land that allowed for rest, rejuvenation, creativity and a reconnection to nature. Hedgebrook has established hundreds of new and known writers who came to bravely define their own lives, communities, and creative and political paths. But it wasn't just the place: it was Nancy herself, who never stepped away from the work. She was there, meeting writers, listening to their ideas, educating herself and often becoming the wind in their sails. Over 38 years, Hedgebrook has supported a growing and influential alumnae community of women authoring change—now over 2,000 writers strong—that has reached millions of people of all ages. Hedgebrook's ripple effect is truly remarkable, and I was fortunate to meet Nancy through my own residency and then later to serve on the Board as Hedgebrook grew, and then on the Creative Advisory Board with luminaries like Gloria Steinem.

Nancy's philanthropy and environmental advocacy also profoundly shaped her local community's physical and civic landscape. She founded Goosefoot Community Fund to support essential needs, help local businesses grow, preserve historic places and rural landscapes, and connect neighbors. She was instrumental in supporting Whidbey Camano Land Trust acquisitions, restoring salmon habitats and protecting wetlands. Many organizations benefited from Nancy's hands-on support and largess. She literally got her hands dirty every day and was always the last to fold up tables at the end of countless social justice and book events she made happen. Her humility, grace and compassion were just some of the many qualities that set her apart and made her so beloved.

Nancy was also known to support families and individuals in a time of need. She mentored many women in nonprofit leadership and philanthropy while championing their creative projects and careers. I was one of those very fortunate ones to have called Nancy a true friend, such a remarkable and constant presence in my life as mentor and supporter in every endeavor I undertook—from my early work on immigrant rights to my transition into politics. Nancy never wanted acknowledgement, even though she received numerous honors and awards for her life's work, including being designated a Women's History

Month Honoree by the National Women's History Project and a National Philanthropy Day "Outstanding Philanthropist." It is not an exaggeration to say that millions of people who will never know her name have and will continue to benefit from her extraordinary life and legacy.

Nancy is survived by her wife Lynn Hays, her children: Grace Nordhoff, Charles "Chuck" Nordhoff, Carolyn Nordhoff Reid and their spouses; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We extend our gratitude to them for sharing her with the world. Nancy's legacy of generosity and kindness will live on for generations to come.

#### RECOGNIZING GENE FISHER AND HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF VENTURA

##### HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Ms. BROWNLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Gene Fisher, whose exceptional leadership and tireless advocacy as Co-Chair and Executive Director of the Regional Defense Partnership have strengthened Ventura County's defense community, bolstered our regional economy, and ensured that our military installations remain resilient and mission-ready. Under Gene's leadership, the Regional Defense Partnership has served as Ventura County's community-based organization supporting our military installations and commands as essential assets to our national security and key contributors to our local economy.

During periods of uncertainty and significant challenges, including threats of base realignment, downsizing, and evolving defense priorities, Gene was a steady and trusted leader who helped ensure that Naval Base Ventura County continued to thrive as the county's largest employer, generating an estimated \$4.6 billion annually and supporting more than 24,000 military, civilian, and contractor jobs.

Throughout his tenure, Gene represented the interests of Naval Base Ventura County with distinction, communicating its needs and priorities to local government leaders, educational institutions, and business partners, while building enduring partnerships among military commands, public agencies, and the private sector. His deep commitment to both the base and our community is evident in his work to ensure that Ventura County's infrastructure, workforce, and expertise continue to meet the evolving demands of 21st century national defense.

Among his many accomplishments, Gene led the Regional Defense Partnership's efforts to expand Naval Base Ventura County from approximately 70 to 110 commands, helped secure funding and legislative support to enhance critical capabilities such as the Center for Maritime Directed Energy Testing, and worked to ensure that Ventura County remains at the forefront of advanced defense innovation and collaboration.

Of particular importance to me is Gene's genuine passion for fostering cooperation and partnership. In addition to his many other community-focused initiatives, he convened monthly joint military—community meetings,

creating an essential forum for dialogue, coordination, and mutual support among base leadership, local stakeholders, and elected officials.

As he steps down from this role, I am proud to join our community in recognizing Gene's 27 years of dedicated public service and his extraordinary contributions to preserving the defense, economic, and technological vitality of the County of Ventura.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration and respect that I recognize Gene Fisher for his steadfast leadership and for the lasting impact he has had on our community.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT AND DINGELL-JOHNSON SPORT FISH RESTORATION ACT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EQUALITY ACT

##### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act District of Columbia Equality Act. This bill would make the District of Columbia eligible for federal funding under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act in the same manner as states. D.C. residents pay the same federal taxes as residents of the states and, therefore, D.C. should be treated as a state under federal programs. D.C. has roughly 7,800 acres of parkland, covering nearly a quarter of the city.

The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act provides funding to states for five distinct purposes: program administration, wildlife restoration, basic hunter education and safety, enhanced hunter education and safety grants and multistate conservation grants. In general, D.C. is not eligible for funding under this Act.

The Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act provides funding for sport fish restoration, aquatic education, wetlands restoration and boat-related activities. Under this Act, each state receives a minimum of one percent of the total amount apportioned, while D.C. is capped at one-third of one percent.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 'GETTYSBURG OF KOREA'

##### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 75 years, as of this month, since the Battle of Chipyong-ni, often called the "Gettysburg of the Korean War."

In February 1951, the Chinese People's Liberation Army and North Korean People's Army launched a major offensive against American and South Korean lines near Chipyong-ni.

American forces, along with the support of French allies, held their ground against relent-

less attacks until February 15th when troops from the American 1st Cavalry Division broke through enemy lines, reversing a monthslong tide of defeats. This victory marked a major turning point in the war effectively breaking the last major Chinese offensive and restoring momentum to the United Nations forces.

I include in the RECORD the following summary of this battle from the February 12, 2026, edition of The Washington Times:

#### TIDE-TURNING 'GETTYSBURG OF KOREA' BATTLE COMMEMORATED 75 YEARS LATER

CHIPYONG-NI, SOUTH KOREA—Chipyong-ni is today a modest, rural village, but 75 years ago it briefly commanded the attention of the free world. For millennial Koreans, the village—now spelled 'Jipyeong-ri'—is famed for the excellence of its makgeolli, a white rice brew.

For military historians, Chipyong-ni is famed for the three-day 'Gettysburg of the Korean War' that began Feb. 13, 1951.

Forty miles southeast of Seoul, U.S. forces, fighting alongside French allies, reversed a monthslong tide of defeats, proving Chinese forces could be beaten.

The battle's 75th anniversary was commemorated Wednesday by local VIPs and troop contingents from France, South Korea and the U.S.

But as the war generation fades, this year's commemorations were the first in living memory without veterans.

And while trans-Atlantic tensions strain NATO's sinews, inter-Allied frictions became obvious during the commemorations.

#### LOOKING BACK

In 1951, the battle was fought under snow. In 2026, the rice fields were frozen and the weather chill, but snow had stayed off the gray-brown landscape.

Gunfire no longer clatters; artillery no longer thunders. Today's standout sound is the hiss of KTX bullet trains passing along through the little station.

Commemorations took place at a raised memorial overlooking Chipyong-ri's museum—complete with a tank outside. The makgeolli brewery that was the American command post still stands, beautifully restored.

Uniforms included Korean Army dark greens, U.S. Army browns and tans and the jaunty scarlet and blue of the most distinctive contingent—cadets from the French military academy, St. Cyr.

'This battle was a linchpin,' Brig. Gen. Scott Woodward, deputy commander of the 2nd Infantry Division, or '2ID,' the key U.S. ground force in Korea today. 'It turned the tide of the war.'

In 1951, 21D's 23rd Infantry Regiment, fighting under the U.N. Command banner with the French U.N. Battalion attached, defended Chipyong-ri.

From the memorial, the most striking thing about the battlefield is its size. Four battalions of infantry, plus artillery and over 100 vehicles were compressed by the surrounding Chinese forces into a perimeter a mile deep and a mile-and-a-half wide.

'It's humbling to see the challenges the soldiers faced,' said U.S. Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Milner. 'The terrain forced them to get in close.'

'It must have been intimidating to fight here: You could see the enemy's eyes,' said 2nd Lt. Nicolas, a St. Cyr cadet who, citing academy policy, declined to offer his surname. 'The enemy had the high ground, and much more manpower.'

#### HOLDING THE 'HUMAN WAVE'

U.S. Col. Paul Freeman, commanding the 23rd, deployed his units shoulder-to-shoulder to prevent infiltration in an all-around defense. Inside the perimeter, his engineers

built a crude runway, cutting reliance on road transport.

These preparations were designed to confront a Chinese tactic that had, so far, been triumphant in the Korean War.

In 'human wave' attacks, Chinese units massed in front of U.N. positions and assaulted frontally. At the same time, other units infiltrated around the flanks, establishing roadblocks and ambush sites deep in the rear.

Like water, the Chinese forces aimed to roll over, around and behind U.N. units. The tactic had driven all before it.

In December 1950, U.N. forces had retreated from North Korea. A month later, Seoul fell. By February 1951, the war hung in the balance.

Chipyong-ri commanded a key road-rail transport junction. Freeman was ordered to hold firm.

Overlooking him, Chinese officers massed three regiments against the 23rd. What happened next passed into legend.

Chinese troops crawled through mines, under wire, up to fighting positions, initiating combat of the most traumatic kind: Extreme close range.

Massive 8-inch howitzers were depressed, shooting directly into the assault waves. U.S. aircraft dropped lines of flares for illumination, napalm incendiaries for effect.

French troops used a hand-cranked siren to overwhelm the bugles the Chinese used as signaling devices, then unleashed bayonet counterattacks.

The perimeter held the first night. On the second, Chinese penetrated the south. The battle raged all day as more Chinese troops were fed into the breach, swarming inside the perimeter. Just as darkness fell on Feb. 16, U.S. tanks appeared through a pass in the southern ridge: A relief force from 1st Cavalry Division. Caught on flat ground without cover, Chinese soldiers were mowed down by tank fire. They fled.

Freeman and his men had held.

Chipyong-ri was likened to Gettysburg, though smaller in scale than the Civil War epic.

Chinese after-action reports indicated shock. Per precedent, they had expected the Americans to retreat, and had been stunned by the armored intervention.

All units—French included—earned U.S. Army Distinguished Unit Citations.

#### PASSING GENERATION, NEW ANIMOSITY

Absent from the 2026 commemorations were the veterans. With the Korean War ending in 1953 living memories are evaporating—making commemorations doubly important.

'Telling stories, getting the soldiers to learn their history, builds cohesion,' Gen. Woodward said.

Though drones, long-range fires and satellite communications have changed combat, the core lessons of Chipyong-ri endure.

'The character of war has changed, the nature of war has not,' he continued. 'Whether it's with axes or drones, soldiers have got to have guts and determination, and leaders have got to inspire.'

Unlike World War II and the Vietnam War, the Korean War, dubbed 'The Forgotten War' hasn't resonated in popular culture. A bare handful of Korean actions caught Hollywood's attention, notably the Incheon amphibious landing, and the breakout from Chosin Reservoir. Chipyong-ri does not make the list.

Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Steve Tharp, who conducts Korean War tours and calls himself passionate about the battle, bemoaned that. The Marine Corps, which fought at Incheon and Chosin, outsmarts the Army in public relations, he sniffed.

Chipyong-ri, he said, is custom-built for film, with the dramatic armored interven-

tion being 'like the cavalry arriving in a Western.' In 2026, it was America's allies who felt overlooked.

French diplomats, officers and cadets attended the U.S. ceremony. In a subsequent commemoration, at the nearby French memorial, no U.S. troops or officials appeared.

'I am a little perplexed about what they were thinking,' said retired Col. Alain Nass, a former defense attache at Seoul's French Embassy. 'They were not here with us today. Why?'

He noted that 2ID was originally activated in France, during World War I. Every year, it is commemorated by French officialdom there.

'We have the U.S. flag here,' he said, pointing to the Stars and Stripes engraved alongside the Tricolor on the French battle memorial. 'It's important we keep this relationship alive: It's about comradeship.'

#### HONORING RYAN WILSON, LAPEER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

##### HON. LISA C. MCCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ryan Wilson, recipient of the Lapeer Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award, whose generosity and dedication to service have strengthened families, schools, and community organizations throughout Lapeer County.

Ryan has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to local students and families by helping pay down school lunch debt in the North Branch, Almont, and Imlay City School Districts. He actively supports school and community fundraisers by selling tickets, hosting bottle drives, and donating gift cards, food, and meat to organizations such as The Refuge and numerous school programs.

Ryan maintains a shelf stocked with free, nonperishable food items available to anyone in need—no questions asked. He sponsors youth and adult baseball teams, matches donations to Project Graduation up to \$1,000, prepares and donates meals for marching band students, and supports local farmers by offering space to sell their produce at no cost. In addition, he regularly volunteers at school events across Lapeer County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ryan Wilson for his outstanding service and unwavering commitment to the Lapeer community.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF COLONEL GIL CORONADO

##### HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of Retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Gil Coronado, who passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2026. Known as the "Padrino" of Hispanic Heritage Month, Colonel Coronado was a champion for our Nation's Hispanic communities. He is survived by his wife, Mary Helen, his four children

Elaine, Todd, Troy and Troup, three granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

Born in Corpus Christi, Texas and raised in the Westside barrios of San Antonio, Colonel Coronado's early life was marked by adversity. However, Colonel Coronado was determined to overcome every obstacle he encountered. After dropping out of Lanier High School, Colonel Coronado decided to enlist in the United States Air Force at the age of 16. Colonel Coronado served our Nation with immeasurable bravery and honor as he rose through the ranks. He served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War and completed tours of duty in Germany, Spain and Panama. For his service, he was awarded a Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit and many other commendations.

In 1958, Colonel Coronado married his wife Mary Helen at Sacred Heart Church in San Antonio. Colonel Coronado and Mrs. Coronado shared a remarkable 67 years of marriage together.

In 1985, Colonel Coronado was assigned to the Inter-American Defense Board. It was here that he began to work closely with Members of Congress to advocate for the expansion of efforts to honor and celebrate the Hispanic contributions to American history. In 1988, his efforts proved successful, when Congress passed legislation that turned National Hispanic Week into Hispanic Heritage Month. Now, every year, because of his tireless advocacy, the United States recognizes and dedicates an entire month to celebrate the rich culture and incredible contributions of the Hispanic community.

In 1994, he was appointed by President Bill Clinton as the first Hispanic Director of the Selective Service System. He retired from the position in 2001 and returned to San Antonio where he continued to serve and lead the community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the incredible life and legacy of Colonel Gil Coronado. He served our Nation with the utmost dignity and respect and was a champion for our Hispanic Heritage. He will be greatly missed.

#### RECOGNIZING JOE SCHUMACHER'S 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE

##### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Joe Schumacher in honor of his 25 years of dedicated public service to Virginia's 1st Congressional District. Joe has had a profound impact on my work in Congress, and he is truly one of the finest leaders I know. Mr. Schumacher served as Chief of Staff and District Director for my predecessor, Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis. I am grateful that Joe brought his past public service expertise when he began serving as my District Director in 2007. Joe is a native Virginian, an Air Force veteran, and a graduate of the University of Virginia.

In his 25 years of service, Joe has proven to be an indispensable member of my team. His pride for the 1st District extends into everything he does. Not only is Joe passionate about his work, his commitment to bettering

the lives of Virginians and Americans alike is unparalleled. Joe is unwavering in his effort to go above and beyond to serve constituents and support his fellow staff. For example, his work as the Academy Coordinator has inspired countless young applicants as they begin their careers in service to this Nation. Joe's leadership is an outstanding example of what other District Directors should strive to be and truly embodies what it means to be a servant leader. I am deeply grateful to Joe for his years of service, his expertise, and his countless contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me to recognize Joe Schumacher for his 25 years of selfless dedication to Virginia's 1st District. Joe is a crucial member of our team, and I am forever grateful for his service to our office and to Virginia's 1st District.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF MAJOR GENERAL (RET.)  
FÉLIX A. SANTONI

**HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ**  
OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Major General (Ret.) Félix A. Santoni, whose passing marks the loss of a distinguished military leader and devoted public servant. His career and continued service reflect a deep and enduring commitment to the United States, to Puerto Rico, and to the men and women who serve in uniform.

A native of Arecibo, Puerto Rico, Major General Santoni entered military service in 1955 and served with distinction for decades across Active Duty, the National Guard, and the Army Reserve. Throughout his career, he held positions of significant responsibility, including Commander of U.S. Army Forces Puerto Rico and Chief for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs at U.S. Southern Command. In these roles, he worked to strengthen force

readiness and to advance the full integration of Puerto Rican Soldiers into the Total Force.

Major General Santoni was widely respected as a tireless advocate for Soldiers and their families. He consistently emphasized the importance of ensuring access to the resources, facilities, and support necessary for soldiers to successfully accomplish their mission.

Following his retirement from military service in 1995, Major General Santoni continued his lifelong commitment to public service as Senior Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Puerto Rico. In this capacity, he strengthened civil-military partnerships.

Major General Santoni's life reflects the long and proud tradition of Puerto Rican service members who have strengthened the Armed Forces and defended our Nation with distinction. I extend my deepest condolences to his family and loved ones and honor the memory of a soldier and public servant whose life exemplified duty, integrity, and service to country. Major General Santoni's legacy of leadership, integrity, and devotion to duty will endure for generations, reflecting the highest ideals of military and public service.

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HONORING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHILLIPS 66 RODEO RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate the 130th anniversary of the Phillips 66 Rodeo Renewable Energy Complex, located in California's 8th Congressional District in Contra Costa County.

Founded in February 1896, the Rodeo facility celebrates 130 years of continuous operation in 2026, making it among the longest-operating refinery sites on the West Coast. For more than a century, the site has played an integral role in the economic and industrial life

of Contra Costa County and in California's broader energy landscape. Generations of workers and families have relied upon its operations, and its presence has supported local businesses, community institutions, and regional economic development.

Throughout its history, the Rodeo site has demonstrated an ability to adapt to meet the evolving energy needs of our state and Nation. From its early days as a petroleum refinery to its modern transformation, the facility has continually embraced technological advancement and operational innovation.

In 2024, the facility completed its Rodeo Renewed transformation, transitioning from a traditional petroleum refinery into a renewable energy complex capable of producing approximately 800 million gallons of renewable diesel annually. This significant shift supports lower-carbon transportation fuels and contributes to both national and state climate goals. The complex has also expanded into the production of sustainable aviation fuel, generating approximately 10,000 gallons per day of neat SAF blendstock into approximately 20,000 gallons per day of finished SAF, which helps address emissions in the aviation sector.

Further strengthening its clean energy portfolio, the facility completed an 88-acre on-site solar field in 2025, reducing its environmental footprint while diversifying its energy sources. These advancements reflect a sustained commitment to innovation, environmental stewardship, and the preservation of good-paying jobs in Contra Costa County and throughout California.

The Rodeo Renewable Energy Complex continues to operate under the core values of safety, honor, and commitment. These principles resonate deeply with the ideals of public service and community partnership.

On behalf of the constituents of California's 8th District, I commend Phillips 66 Rodeo Renewable Energy Complex AC Transit for their long-standing contributions to the energy sector, the workforce, and the surrounding community, and I congratulate them on 130 years of continuous operation.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 38 public bills, H.R. 7601–7638; 1 private bill, H.R. 7639; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1068–1069, were introduced. **Pages H2233–34**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2235–36**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 7412, to amend the Small Business Act to establish the Office of Whistleblower Awards, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–499);

H.R. 7401, to require employees of the Small Business Administration to certify that the employee does not have any prohibited conflicts of interest with respect to loans in which the employee is involved, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–500);

H.R. 390, to utilize the Advanced Capabilities for Emergency Response to Operations project of NASA to improve aerial responses to wildfires, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 119–501);

H.R. 2600, to require the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish a program to identify, evaluate, acquire, and disseminate commercial Earth remote sensing data and imagery in order to satisfy the scientific, operational, and educational requirements of the Administration, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–502);

H.R. 3679, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop resources for small businesses in utilizing artificial intelligence, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–503);

H.R. 2958, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that the Employee Benefit Security Administration submit an annual report to Congress on adverse interest agreements, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–504);

H.R. 1319, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the National Labor Relations Act to clarify the standard for determining whether an individual is an employee, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–505);

H.R. 1320, to ensure that the provision of portable benefits to an individual is not considered in determining whether such individual is an employee of a person, with amendments (H. Rept. 119–506);

H.R. 4307, to direct the Secretary of Labor to train certain employees of Department of Labor how to effectively detect and assist law enforcement in preventing human trafficking during the course of their official duties, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–507);

H.R. 6956, to require electronically prepared tax returns to include scannable code when submitted on paper, and to require the use of optical character recognition technology for paper documents received by the Internal Revenue Service, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–508); and

H.R. 6431, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules governing the State administration of self-employment assistance programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–509).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Moore (WV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2231**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Lisa Wink Schultz, Office of the Senate Chaplain, Washington, DC. **Page H2231**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7567, the “Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026”, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4758, the “Homeowner Energy Freedom Act”; and H.R. 4626, the “Home Appliance Protection and Affordability Act”, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, February 23

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Monday, February 23

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senator Kaine will be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address. At approximately 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 7147, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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