

the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) for sponsoring the legislation; and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS) and the committee ranking member, Ms. FOXX, as well as the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN) and the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON), for their help in advancing this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Supplemental Impact Aid Flexibility Act, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 2959.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 6 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 18, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from Ms. Maria Matthews, Esq., Director, Division of Elections, Florida Department of State, indicating that, according to the 1st unofficial results for the Special General Election held January 11, 2022, the Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick was elected for Representative to Congress for the Twentieth Congressional District, State of Florida.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
January 17, 2022.

Hon. CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MS. JOHNSON: Per your request, please find attached the scanned image of

the certificates signed by the respective canvassing boards for Broward and Palm Beach Counties showing the 1st unofficial results for the Special General Election held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 for Representative in Congress from the 20th Congressional District of Florida.

It would appear from the certificates of 1st unofficial results that Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick has received the most votes as follows:

Broward County, 32,854 of the 39,939 votes cast.

Palm Beach County, 11,840 of the 16,895 votes cast.

No recount was triggered. To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, no contest has been filed in this election.

By law, the official returns from these counties are due no later than noon on January 23, 2022. Once received, the State Elections Canvassing Commission, will meet at 9 am on January 25, 2022, to certify the official returns as submitted by these two counties. As soon as the official results are certified, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Respectfully,

MARIA MATTHEWS, Esq.,
Director, Division of Elections.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, OF FLORIDA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Florida, the Honorable SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the Members of the Florida delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will raise her right hand.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 117th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, as the dean of the Florida delegation, I have the honor of welcoming Representative SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK of Florida's 20th District to the United States House of Representatives.

Our new colleague will fill the seat of my late dear friend, Alcee Hastings. Now, similar to the district that I am honored to represent, Florida's 20th District is extremely diverse and covers urban and agricultural areas in both Palm Beach and Broward Counties.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK is the proud daughter of Haitian immigrants, and she was born in Brooklyn, New York.

Madam Speaker, after finishing college at Howard University, she moved to Florida to attend St. Thomas University School of Law.

Although she left Florida to become a project manager at the New York City Transit Authority, it wasn't long before Florida's sunshine brought her back to Florida. In 1999, she joined Trinity Health Care Services and eventually became the company's CEO.

Madam Speaker, this once single mother is the epitome of the American Dream and represents the aspiration of so many of our South Florida neighbors. I look forward, Madam Speaker, to working with our newest colleague on the issues of importance to our country and to South Florida. Florida's congressional delegation is honored to welcome Congresswoman CHERFILUS-McCORMICK to the United States House of Representatives.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK), who is our newest Member of Congress.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. DIAZ-BALART for those kinds words and introduction.

I would first like to thank my family: my husband, Corlie McCormick, my daughter, Ismanie McCormick, and son, Jackson McCormick, who are in the gallery.

I would like to thank my team and my family, and especially God, who has brought us this far.

I am a child of immigrant parents who risked their lives to come to the United States. I thank my colleagues who fought for me even before I was born here to ensure that immigrants can actually have a place in our country and can live the American Dream. So I thank Members in advance because that is how I got here.

I also want to thank the 20th District who fought with us and who believed in a new voice and is giving this little Haitian-American girl a chance to fight for our country.

I would like to say a special thank you for all the pastors who prayed. I pledge to work as hard as I can, tirelessly, to ensure that District 20 and the United States are getting their needs met. I pledge to work as hard as