

House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 901

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 901.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is accepted.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE TOM SAWYER

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with our Ohio Buckeye colleagues, to solemnly honor a former colleague and well-regarded Ohio public servant, Congressman Tom Sawyer, from the city of Akron. Sadly, Tom passed away this week, on May 23, 2023, at 77 years of age, after prolonged illness.

Our hearts and prayers go out to his beloved wife, Joyce, cherished daughter Amanda, their family and friends, and all people with whom Tom worked and served.

Tom was a dedicated public servant, very dignified and steady, a measured and enlightened man. He attained many elected positions as a senior officeholder, serving in broad-ranging capacities at the local, State, and national levels for 40 years.

Prior to Congress, he was elected as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. He was elected mayor of Akron in 1983 and then was elected to Congress in 1987, serving 16 years, a total of eight terms, until 2003.

Tom was very passionate about education. He dedicated his honorable service on behalf of the people of Akron, of Ohio, and of the American public at large.

Following his congressional service, he served on the Ohio State Board of Education and then for nearly a decade more in the Ohio Senate.

Together, let us celebrate the life of Tom Sawyer, honorable public servant, loyal son of Ohio, and enlightened man with a fine mind, an easy, broad smile, and a mellow voice of certitude.

Now, please let me yield to our new Ohio colleague from Akron, Ohio, Congresswoman EMILIA SYKES, to share her recollections and words about her hometown predecessor, the Honorable Tom Sawyer.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. SYKES).

Mrs. SYKES. Madam Speaker, today, we honor a former Member of this body, a lifelong servant to the people of Akron and Summit County, and my friend, Tom Sawyer.

Tom died this week following a long illness, and I first want to extend my

sincere and deepest sympathies to his wife, Joyce, his daughter Amanda, and all who knew and loved him.

In 1986, then-city of Akron Mayor Tom Sawyer launched his campaign for Congress. A constituent shared with me that my father was at that announcement, but he had to leave early to meet my mother, who was at the hospital after she had just delivered me. We were on our way home.

Tom was the last person from Akron to serve in this body of Congress, and I am honored to follow in his footsteps and his legacy as a Member of Congress from the city of Akron, the Birthplace of Champions, of course.

Tom was born and raised in our hometown of Akron, and he dedicated his life to our community through nearly 50 years of service, including as an English teacher, mayor of Akron, State representative, State school board member, and Congressperson serving in this Chamber.

A proud graduate of Buchtel High School and the University of Akron, Tom was a champion for our school system and made it his mission to ensure every student in northeast Ohio had access to high-quality education and an opportunity to succeed.

While we were members of the Ohio State legislature, I had the opportunity to work alongside Tom to represent the city of Akron and watched his commitment to the people of our community. He was a staunch advocate for Medicaid expansion, our public schools, and ending partisan gerrymandering.

In fact, Tom and I were also neighbors. We lived on the same street, and we served each other in the legislature, yet we were represented by two different Members of Congress.

I will sincerely miss my friend, my mentor, my neighbor, and a true, dedicated public servant, Tom Sawyer.

Without a doubt, former Congressman Sawyer left a mark on Akron, the State of Ohio, and this country. His impact will always be felt in these Halls and the city of Akron and across the country.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I now ask our House colleagues to join us in a moment of silence to remember our former colleague, Tom Sawyer.

RECOGNIZING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jewish American Heritage Month.

The Jewish-American community has played a critical part in shaping American culture and history since the country's inception. The Jewish community in my home district has strong roots, going back all the way to when Georgia was first founded as a colony.

In Savannah, Georgia, you can find Congregation Mickve Israel, or the

Hope of Israel, which is one of the oldest synagogues in the United States and the first synagogue built in Georgia.

Historic communities like the Hope of Israel synagogue highlight the importance of Jewish-American communities in Georgia's past, as well as how they continue to impact Georgia today.

It is a pleasure to be able to honor the Jewish-American community that has had such a big impact on both Georgia's and America's history.

DEBT CEILING CRISIS

(Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I am joined by over 80 of my Democratic colleagues to say the quiet part out loud: MAGA Republicans want us to default. They want to run out the clock. They want to lead our government by chaos.

By sending us home, by refusing to do their jobs, they are making that crystal clear.

Unless we give in to devastating cuts, they will push us into a devastating default.

It is the American people who will suffer—teachers, seniors, kids, families, veterans, the hungry, and the sick.

To my Republican colleagues this Memorial Day weekend: It is time to be a patriot. Now is the time to sign our discharge petition and end this catastrophe in the making.

HONORING OSSINING PADRES HISPANOS

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

Mr. LAWLER. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor Ossining Padres Hispanos, a lifeline for the local Latino community, and its executive director, Ana Guzman, who immigrated to the United States from Ecuador 33 years ago.

Born from a simple Facebook group that translated school updates, Padres Hispanos has evolved into a vital community resource, serving thousands with food, clothes, language classes, workplace training, and critical classes on legal, financial, and immigration matters.

Just this past weekend, I joined Ana and community residents at Ossining Padres Hispanos to celebrate the graduation of their home health aide program, with over 30 people now joining the ranks of this critical workforce that helps our seniors age in place gracefully.

Clad in orange, symbolizing hope and energy, Ana and her team stand as a beacon of resilience, inclusivity, and solidarity in Ossining and across Westchester County.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Ossining Padres Hispanos and Ana for

their relentless commitment to our community's welfare. I thank them for making Ossining a better place for all.

DEBT CEILING CRISIS

(Mr. AGUILAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the veterans, public schoolteachers, and seniors in my district. These are the hostages the most extreme members of the Republican Conference have bragged about.

We are on the verge of a Republican-led default because the people calling the shots in this Chamber are the same people who want cuts to veterans' healthcare and manufacturing jobs.

These draconian cuts will have a direct impact on my community in the Inland Empire and the State of California.

In my district alone, approximately 6,900 jobs could be wiped out, Social Security payments for 58,000 families will be jeopardized, and the retirement savings for 81,500 people could disappear.

In the State of California, approximately 4 million people could lose health insurance, and housing costs will increase for 83,200 people.

This is unacceptable, and Americans deserve better.

House Republicans need to drop their ransom note and come to their senses so we can avoid a devastating default and put the American people first.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF USMC MAJOR MEGAN McCLUNG

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of U.S. Marine Corps Major Megan McClung from Mission Viejo in my district. She was the first female Marine Corps officer to be killed in the Iraq war. She was also the first woman graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy to be killed in action.

Major McClung's headstone reads: "Be brief. Be bold. Be gone."

While she left us too soon, she had a life well lived and made a lasting impact.

If marines didn't know her, they knew of her. She was an avid marathon runner and triathlete. Her contagious personality, tenacity, and fiery red hair are remembered by all.

This week, I introduced a bipartisan bill to rename the Mission Viejo Post Office in her honor.

We can never fully repay our fallen heroes and their families, but I hope this will help preserve her story for future generations.

DEBT CEILING CRISIS

(Mr. NEGUSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise with 80 of my Democratic colleagues to demand that Republicans do their job, do the right thing, and pay America's bills.

My colleagues on this side of the aisle are here to do the people's business.

Where are Republicans? They have rushed out of town as America speeds toward economic catastrophe. Why? It is because they know they have forced a dangerous and false choice on the American people to either impose draconian and cruel cuts that will hurt American families, America's veterans, and American seniors or a devastating and catastrophic default.

Mr. Speaker, this is an unacceptable choice. It is time for House Republicans to get serious.

House Democrats are here united, just as we were at the beginning of this year and just as we will be throughout this legislative Congress to do the people's business.

It is time for Republicans to do the same.

COMMEMORATING 77TH ANNIVERSARY OF HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

(Mr. WALTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 77th anniversary of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan's Independence Day.

America and Jordan have a long history of friendship and cooperation after establishing diplomatic relations in 1949. Jordan plays a vital role in advancing peace, stability, and moderation in the Middle East.

I recently visited Jordan. In fact, I had the honor of being flown by Jordan's first-ever female helicopter pilot. On that same visit, King Abdullah graciously hosted our delegation and took us to the holy site where Jesus was baptized on the east bank of the Jordan River.

Jordan is a shining example of tolerance, with traditions of hospitality between all religions. This visit was especially moving, and it was an experience I will remember for the rest of my life.

It is especially meaningful to me personally as I married into a Jordanian-American family, the Nesheiwats, who immigrated to America from their ancestral home of Salt through Ellis Island.

We look forward to returning to Jordan soon to baptize our newborn son, Arman.

I wish King Abdullah and the Jordanian people a happy Independence Day, and I remain committed to supporting the friendship and partnership between our two countries.

DEBT CEILING CRISIS

(Ms. MCCOLLUM asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to House Republicans' lack of good faith negotiations to avoid a devastating default on our Nation's debt.

The Congressional Budget Office shows that extending the Trump tax cuts would add \$3.5 trillion to the deficit. Yet, House Republican leaders have introduced legislation to make these tax cuts for the rich permanent and increase the Federal deficit, while at the same time they are holding our economy hostage by demanding disastrous funding cuts to air traffic and rail safety.

As we approach Memorial Day, Republicans are breaking the promise to our veterans.

President Biden already lowered the deficit by \$1.7 trillion. His budget would cut the deficit by another \$3 trillion by eliminating wasteful spending on Big Oil and Big Pharma, closing tax loopholes for corporations, and ensuring everyone pay their fair share.

House Republicans created this crisis, and they can prevent this devastating default.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD a report from the Senate Committee on the Budget.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

[From U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget, May 16, 2023]

EXTENDING TRUMP TAX CUTS WOULD ADD \$3.5 TRILLION TO THE DEFICIT, ACCORDING TO CBO NEW REPORT FINDS REPUBLICANS' GIVEAWAYS TO THE WEALTHY AND LARGE CORPORATIONS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE COSTLY THAN PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED

WASHINGTON, D.C.—According to a report released today by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), extending the Trump tax cuts would add \$3.5 trillion to the deficit through 2033.

Written at the urging of Senator WHITEHOUSE (D-RI), Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, and Senator WYDEN (D-OR), Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the new report finds the Republicans' policy priority is a half a trillion dollars more costly than previously estimated. House Republicans' legislation to make permanent the Trump tax cuts—and blow up the federal deficit—comes at the same time they are holding the federal debt limit hostage to extract disastrous spending cuts to programs and services like veterans' support, opioid treatment, law enforcement, and affordable energy.

The new report comes the day before a Senate Budget Committee hearing on how the Bush and Trump tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations have driven recent and projected federal deficits. They have been the largest driver of deficits over the past two decades and account for 57 percent of the increase in the debt-to-GDP ratio since 2001.

MAGA Republicans don't give a d--- about the deficit, and today's estimate of the cost of kickbacks for their friends and donors is further proof," said Senator Whitehouse. "Republicans racked up the national debt by giving tax breaks to their billionaire buddies, and now they want everyone else to pay