

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 54 on H.R. 5375, I was not recorded because of an unexpected flight change forcing me to leave Washington, D.C. early. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 54.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KEAN of New Jersey) laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 15, 2024.

I hereby designate the period from Thursday, February 15, 2024, through Tuesday, February 27, 2024, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

#### GREAT LAKES TOO IMPORTANT TO NEGLECT

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

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, as a proud native Michigander, I am keenly aware of the importance of our Great Lakes. I grew up enjoying the national treasure of the Great Lakes, and I want the same opportunity for my three young boys and for generations and centuries beyond.

Michigan was blessed with a bountiful abundance of natural resources, holding the second-most coastline of any State in the Union because of our Great Lakes.

Our Great Lakes are too important to neglect. They are too important for our economy, national security, and Michigan's way of life.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I joined a bipartisan, bicameral delegation to introduce legislation that would extend the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. With the Great Lakes contributing over 90 percent of our Nation's fresh surface water and being the world's largest store of freshwater, it is critical that we continue to allocate resources to the GLRI.

The Great Lakes generate \$62 billion in wages annually, and every dollar invested in the GLRI yields \$3.35 of economic activity. It is literally a good investment and good for our environment, too.

Mr. Speaker, I implore all of my colleagues to support the GLRI extension to bolster the prosperity of our communities while simultaneously affirming our commitment to preserving the health and vitality of the Great Lakes for generations to come.

#### PRESIDENT BIDEN'S WORK TO BETTER AMERICA

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss President Biden's work to better America.

It is tax time again, and under Republican leadership, America's richest 1 percent do not mind tax time because they save billions in unpaid taxes. Instead, Republicans like to force middle- and lower-class Americans to pay more. They rob the poor to pay the rich.

President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act is forcing the richest, tax-cheating Americans and American corporations to pay their fair share. It has helped recover more than \$500 million from 1,600 delinquent millionaires already.

Forcing millionaires and billionaires to pay their fair share will raise \$500 billion during the next decade. These funds will cut the deficit and provide more resources for hardworking American families.

I am proud to support President Biden's efforts to help Americans, and I am proud to be a Democrat because we put people over politics.

#### HONORING JOSEPH CHARLES MARTIN

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Joseph Charles Martin, a man whose dedication and service left an incredible legacy in Haverstraw, Stony Point, and beyond.

Joe's service began as Navy corpsman and continued with his decades-long career at Lederle Laboratories in Pearl River.

In his own community, in Thiells, he helped found both the St. Gregory Barbarigo Parish and the David B. Roche Fire Company, which have had a lasting impact on North Rockland.

Joe's impact extended beyond this, though. His coaching with the Haverstraw Little League and volunteering at St. Peter's People to People showcased his commitment to improving the lives of the residents of North Rockland.

His legacy of service and compassion will forever inspire us.

As we mourn Joe's passing, let us honor his memory by carrying forward his spirit of generosity and commitment to others, as his family has.

To Joe, I say:

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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#### RECOGNIZING SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh who is retiring from the Summit County Prosecutor's Office as the longest serving prosecutor in the history of the county.

She was first elected 24 years ago and has served our community with diligence, professionalism, and dedication. Her final day is tomorrow, Friday, February 16.

Throughout her time as prosecutor, she has always advocated for victims and our community safety, ensuring that everyone was treated with dignity and proper care in our justice system.

In line with her championing of the most vulnerable in our community, Prosecutor Walsh led the State as the first prosecutor's office in Ohio to have a service dog named Avery as a companion to assist children who are victims and witnesses of crime.

She also created the Take Me Home Program to assist those with mental health conditions if they may wander from their home, Safety Kids Calendar, self-defense classes, and the Start By Believing, a program to support victims of sexual violence.

Her incredible and distinguished career also serves as an example to young women in Ohio's 13th Congressional District and beyond by inspiring our next generation of young women leaders.

Among her many career accolades include 59 State, national, and local awards including the Ohio Crime Victims Justice Center Models of Justice, Prosecutor of the Year, Elected Official of the Year, as a community leader who constantly and consistently champions causes for people with developmental disabilities, and Prosecutor of the Year from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

On behalf of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, I thank Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh for her years of service, and I wish her all the best in the future.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. JASPER LEWIS

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

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Pitt County's