WELCOMING THE HONORABLE TROY CARTER OF LOUISIANA TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor on behalf of the entire Louisiana delegation that we welcome TROY CARTER into the congressional delegation. Of course, for TROY, this is not his first time in public service. In fact, he has committed his life to public service. He served in the State legislature in the House of Representatives, then served multiple terms on the New Orleans City Council, and then went back to the State legislature serving as a senator. In fact, until last week, he served with distinction in the Louisiana State Senate.

He is replacing, of course, our dear former colleague, Cedric Richmond, and we are proud to see Cedric make his way down Pennsylvania Avenue to come over here to the House to be a part of this special ceremony.

Speaking on behalf of the entire Louisiana delegation, Madam Speaker, we look forward to continuing that great tradition as Republicans and Democrats working together for the best interests of our great State of Louisiana as well as for the Nation.

We welcome TROY CARTER to the delegation and to the United States Congress.

Madam Speaker, I yield to Congressman TROY CARTER.

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. SCALISE for his very kind words and wonderful introduction.

First, a very special thanks to my wife, Ana, who is behind me, my children, my family, my team, my friends, and all of my amazing supporters. No one runs for office alone, and they were all there with me every step of the way from the very beginning.

To God be the glory. From the Cut Off to the Congress, God is amazing.

My mother, who could not be with us here today, Pastor Eartha Fleming Carter, taught her children the importance of public service. I promise I will never forget those lessons. I will continue to listen to the concerns, the hopes, and the dreams of my district. I will work for and be the voice of the people.

Worldwide, my district is known for Mardi Gras, great food, our amazing culture bearers, and as the birthplace of jazz. Just as importantly, it has 3 of the top 10 ports in the U.S., a vibrant manufacturing base, renowned universities, rich agricultural production, and we are the gateway to space through the Michoud Assembly Facility in eastern New Orleans.

My district also has a lot of needs: COVID recovery, economic development, infrastructure investment, criminal justice reform, environmental justice, and education, to name a few. I am here to serve my district, and I believe we can help all of our people reach their full potential.

I commit to working with everyone in the Congress and the White House to address those needs and to stand strong when those needs are not being addressed.

I am honored to have been given this opportunity to serve, and I will do so with every fiber of my very being.

I always seek God's guidance, and I will continue to do that as I serve the people of Louisiana and this great country. I will lead with honor and integrity.

May God continue to bless Louisiana and these United States of America.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. CARTER) the whole number of the House is 431.

SUPPORTING OUR HEROES

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

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, today we will be considering the Helping Emergency Responders Overcome Act, or the HERO Act.

This has been an unprecedented time of stress and pressure on our first responders: firefighters, police officers, and our frontline healthcare workers. This is a no-nonsense bill that will provide necessary resources to understand first responder suicide and pressure, but also to provide grants to provide peer-to-peer conversation and proactive reaching out to these first responders who are our heroes.

So, again, I urge all my colleagues to pass this bill unanimously. It has passed previously. It will make a difference, and it will help save lives and help treat these heroes as they have taken care of us.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, during National Police Week, it is my honor to pay tribute to all of the men and women who put their lives on the line to serve and protect all of our communities.

In Pennsylvania and around the country, including here in Congress, dedicated law enforcement officers show up for work every day and quietly do the job that we have entrusted to them. They uphold the law, they promote safety, and, most importantly, they preserve human life.

Far too often these officers, unfortunately, do not come home. Today I ask that the American people join me in remembering our Nation's fallen police officers and honoring their service and their sacrifice.

More than a profession, law enforcement is truly a calling. Whether on the streets of Pennsylvania, on our borders, or across our great Nation, I thank our law enforcement officers for answering the call to serve the American people.

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CHILD TAX CREDIT IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

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

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the exciting new child tax credit that is part of the American Rescue Plan. I know the words ''exciting'' and ''tax credit'' don't usually belong in the same sentence, but this is different.

With the child tax credit, families with children under the age of 17 will receive $250 per child per month and $300 per month for kids under 6. These monthly payments can help cover everyday child-rearing expenses—things like food, diapers, or shoes for the teenager who outgrows his every 6 weeks.

More than 119,000 children in my district will benefit from the new child tax credit, including thousands of children who will be lifted out of deep poverty.

Let's be clear: The child tax credit is a special refundable tax credit, so even families who don't earn enough to pay taxes will get the automatic payment. But it is important to file a tax return before the May 17 deadline so you can begin receiving payments as soon as possible.

I look forward to making the child tax credit permanent.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF EILEEN UCEKAY

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, it is a tremendous honor for me to recognize Eileen Ucekay, a hardworking and outstanding constituent of the 22nd Congressional District in New York. She retired on May 9 of this year after working 45 years as the village clerk and treasurer of West Winfield.

Eileen hails from the nearby city of Utica, where she grew up with her two sisters and attended high school there before moving to West Winfield.

Eileen married her late husband, Jack, and had three wonderful children in our community, all while continuing to work for the village.

In addition to her many decades of public service, Eileen serves the West Winfield community through her