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People gather at the site of an Israeli strike that hit near a hospital in Tyre, southern Lebanon, on June 1.

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'Proud to support her campaign'

Julia Letlow's Senate bid gets boost from top state lawmakers

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Louisiana's top leaders in the state Legislature have joined a growing list of high-profile politicians endorsing Republican Congressman Julia Letlow in her U.S. Senate bid that has the support of President Donald Trump.

State House Speaker Phillip DeVillier and Senate President Cameron Henry both announced their support for Letlow's campaign, along with a long list of state representatives and senators.

Letlow faces state Treasurer John Fleming in Louisiana's June 27 Republican Senate primary runoff election. Letlow finished first in the May 16 party primary with 45% followed by Fleming with 28%. Incumbent Sen. Bill Cassidy finished third with 25% and out of the runoff.

"Julia Letlow is a proven conservative leader who has consistently fought for Louisiana families and stood with President Trump," Henry said in a statement. "She has the experience, the strength and the conservative conviction to represent Louisiana well in the United States Senate, and I am proud to support her campaign."

Letlow, who is also backed by Gov. Jeff Landry, announced the following state representatives' and senators' endorsements:

State representatives: Tony Bacala; Larry Bagley; Dennis Bamburg; Mike Bayham; "Beau" Beaulieu; Stephanie Hunter Berault; Dewith Carrier; Kim Carver; Emily Chenevert; Vincent Cox; Daryl Deshotel; Jessica Domangue; Peter Egan; Bryan Fontenot; Foy Gadberry; Brian Glorioso; Troy Herbert; John Illg; Tim Kerner; Jacob Landry; Shane Mack; Jack McFarland;

Dixon McMakin; Michael Melerine; Nicholas Muscarello; Joseph Orgeron; Neil Riser; Paul Sawyer; Laurie Schlegel; Amy Spell; Polly Thomas; Christopher Turner; Lauren Ventrella; Debbie Villio; Roger Wilder; Jeff Wiley; Mark Wright; John Wyble; and Jerome Zeringue.

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Iran suspends U.S. talks over attacks on Lebanon

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Iran halted indirect talks with the United States over Israel's intensifying attacks on Lebanon, according to Iranian media reports, signaling a possible breakdown in diplomatic efforts to end the 3-month-old war.

The Iranian semi-official Tasnim news agency said on June 1 that Tehran's negotiating team would stop communicating with Washington through mediators over Israel's military campaign against Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon.

The White House did not immediately comment on reports of a breakdown in talks, and Iranian officials also did not publicly confirm that negotiations had been halted.

The development comes as a ceasefire between the two countries was being tested by fresh strikes over the weekend. U.S. Central Command said it carried out "self-defense" airstrikes on



Passengers arrive at Kuwait International Airport in Kuwait City on June 1. The airport has resumed flights under a phased reopening plan, following repair and upgrade works completed after Iranian attacks on the Persian Gulf state.

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Johnson honors citizens in his district for service

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In a fully packed room at the Bossier Parish School for Technology & Innovative Learning (BPSTIL), men and women dressed in uniform and their best attire greeted U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson.

Johnson presented awards May 28 to outstanding Louisiana citizens from the Fourth Congressional District during the Spirit of Louisiana Award Ceremony.

"Servant leadership is a biblical admonition," Johnson said. "When they asked Jesus who would be the greatest among

you, he said, the servant of all is the greatest among you."

Those recognized Thursday were individuals who exemplify servant leadership, community service, and dedication to public and civic life across Louisiana.

During the ceremony, honorees were presented with the Speaker's challenge coin and a handshake from Johnson.

"I'm really pleased to recognize all these worthy individuals," Johnson said.

"The award is just sort of giving recognition to the best," Johnson said.

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This is the direction your fans should rotate in order to cool down the house

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In Louisiana, the average temperature during the summer is 90 degrees Fahrenheit or more, with highs reaching up to 105 degrees.

When you're home during the summer, turning your air conditioner to cool temperatures is a sure way to cool down your house, but at the expense of your energy bill.

The recommended temperature to set thermostats while you're home during the summer in Louisiana is

around 78 degrees Fahrenheit, which may seem quite warm, but there are other ways to cool your home even more.

Do fans help cool houses down? Which way should fans face or rotate?

One way to cool homes, without skyrocketing electricity bills, is by using fans, as they consume less energy than air conditioners and are friendlier on the environment.

While fans don't exactly lower the air

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