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House moves to end war with Iran

Legislators approve war powers resolution to halt military action in a rebuke of Trump

By LISA MASCARO
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WASHINGTON — The House for the first time Wednesday approved a war powers resolution

that would halt the U.S. military action against Iran, defying President Donald Trump as a handful of Republicans joined with Democrats to end the three-month-long conflict that has reordered politics at home and abroad.

House Speaker Mike Johnson had tried to prevent an outcome that would show the mounting opposition to the war, abruptly shutting down floor action two weeks ago when the resolution

was on the verge of approval. But displeasure has only grown as the conflict drags on and as Trump struggles to negotiate a plan for peace.

"Enough is enough," said Rep. Gregory Meeks of New York, the top Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who led the effort.

"It is time for the president to do the right thing," he said. "The people are tired of suffering

because of his war of choice — suffering at the gas pump, suffering at the supermarkets."

The roll call Wednesday was 215-208, but next steps are uncertain. Trump would likely reject any measure from Congress to limit his commander-in-chief authority. Still, the tally, with four Republicans joining Democrats, was a rebuke of the president's war strategy, and cheers erupted in the House chamber.

Opposition to war grows

It's the fourth time the House has tried to curb the U.S. war against Iran. The Senate advanced its own war powers resolution last month when a handful of GOP senators broke ranks with the Republican president in a rare show of political pushback from his party.

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McCort gets nod to amend complaint

School filed federal lawsuit against PIAA claiming religious discrimination

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Bishop McCort Catholic Academy of Johnstown has filed an amended civil complaint against the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and the school districts that compete in the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference as the school pursues the claim of discrimination "due to its religious identity."

The amended complaint was filed Monday in the U.S. District Court in Johnstown after District Judge Christy Criswell Wiegand in a Friday order gave her permission for the filing.

The PIAA and a majority of the public schools in the athletic conference opposed the filing of an amended complaint.

The state athletic association, which provides oversight and regulation of high school and middle school sports, claimed in its opposition that McCort's charge of disparate treatment cited in its new complaint is beyond the two-year statute of limitations.

The public school districts that are part of the LHAC opposed the filing of a new complaint, noting McCort "does not offer any factual assertions that it was treated differently by the Districts from any LHAC member schools, including the other Catholic Schools (Bishop Guilfoyle Academy of Altoona and Bishop Carroll High School of Ebensburg) in this matter."

The amended complaint cites a violation of the Equal Protection Clause of Constitution by the public schools in an effort to remove the Catholic schools from the athletic conference.

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HUNTINGDON — As part of the United States semiquincentennial celebration, Huntingdon County has fun events planned all year long, said Lonnie Smith Jr., a local historian and the county's America250PA adviser.

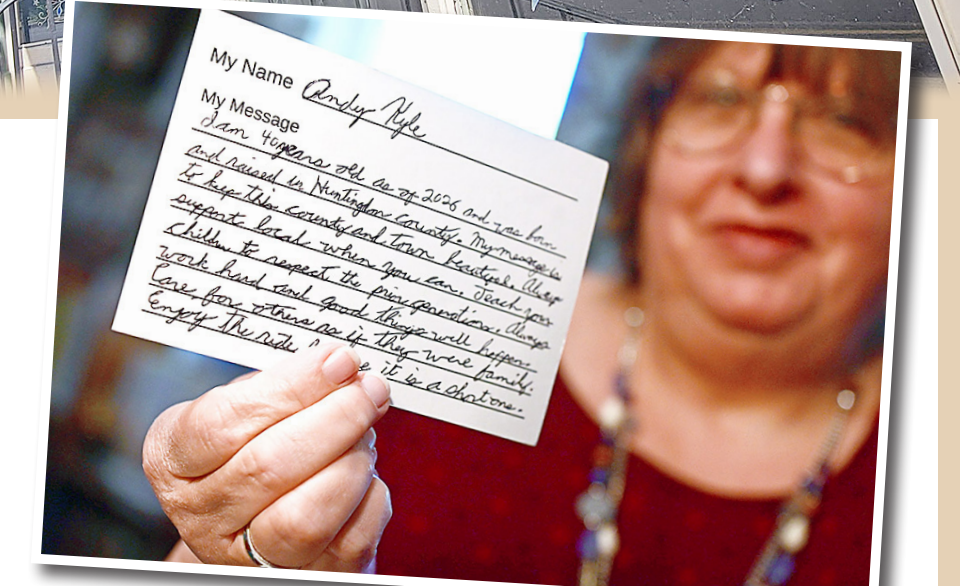
Perhaps the biggest event will be the first-ever Huntingdon County History Day, Smith said. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at Riverside Park, along Pennsylvania Avenue next to the Fourth Street bridge in Smithfield Township.

"We've invited all the museums and the historical societies in the county, some local history authors and some reenactors to set up at Riverside Park," Smith said, noting they still need to nail down additional details about the possibility of bringing in food vendors and other activities for people to enjoy.

According to an event poster, visitors will discover fascinating exhibits, experience living history demonstrations and connect with the stories that shaped the community.

"That's going to be our big celebration in a sense," Smith said.

Huntingdon County Historical Society



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Huntingdon County Historical Society executive director Margaret Skrivseth holds one of the "postcards to the future" received that will be buried with the county's time capsule, to be reopened in 2076.

Director Margaret Skrivseth said Huntingdon County History Day is the deadline for the county's "postcards to the future" that will be buried with the county's bicentennial time capsule later this year, to be reopened in 2076 for the U.S. tricentennial.

"The time capsule itself is really big

and from what we understand, it's only about halfway filled with items," she said. "We're going to put a platform above those items and put new items on top of it and reseal it for it to be opened during the tricentennial."

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Judge blocks press, public from Mangione hearing

NEW YORK (AP) — A hearing in Luigi Mangione's state murder case in the killing of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson was held in secret Wednesday after the judge shut out the press and public without explanation.

New York Judge Gregory Carro said he sealed the virtual proceeding at the request of the defense but provided no other details, raising questions about transparency in

the closely watched case.

Court hearings in the U.S. are presumptively open to the public, but judges are permitted to close them in certain circumstances, such as to protect sensitive or confidential information.

Carro held the hearing in his chambers at the Manhattan courthouse where Mangione is set to go to trial on Sept. 8. Mangione, his lawyers and prosecutors all

appeared via video conference. A lawyer representing news organizations sent a letter to Carro asking his reasons for sealing the hearing but was ignored by the judge and rebuffed by his staff.

When the lawyer, Jeremy Chase, called Carro's chambers Wednesday morning, he said the judge's clerk told him: "We don't read emails or letters at night. We go home." She then hung up on him,

he said in an email to news organizations obtained by The Associated Press.

After Wednesday's hearing, Carro returned to the courtroom and announced it's "sealed at the moment." He scheduled an in-person hearing for June 16. That one, he said, will be open to the public.

Spokespeople for Mangione's defense team and for the Manhattan district attorney's office, which

is prosecuting the case, declined to comment. A message seeking comment was left for a spokesperson for New York's state court system.

Laura Italiano, a veteran New York City courts reporter who was in Carro's courtroom on Wednesday, said this is the third time in six months that the judge and court staff have silenced or ignored journalists seeking access to evidence or proceedings in Mangione's case.

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