

into action on the night of the 22nd to rescue a hiker who was stranded on a rocky ledge above Mary Jane Falls on Mount Charleston. Once he reached the stranded hiker via helicopter, Officer Vanbuskirk secured the man and himself with harnesses to be lifted back into the helicopter. It was at some point during the lift that Officer Vanbuskirk became detached from the harness and fell to the ground below.

The hiker survived. He was saved by the heroic actions of Officer Vanbuskirk.

David's career with the department was marked by many accomplishments, but the notable achievements he would want us to remember cannot be hung on a wall or pinned on a uniform. These achievements can be summed up this way: David Vanbuskirk answered the call when people needed him. This is a man who, when the call came out to rescue a hiker stranded high on Mount Charleston, did not think of himself or of the danger he would be putting himself in. Like so many times before, he climbed into the helicopter and thought only of the person to be rescued, of the life to be saved.

Of course, answering calls like this are what David and the rest of the Las Vegas Search and Rescue team do. The work our law enforcement and search and rescue officers do around the valley and around our Nation to keep our communities safe is dangerous work, and this tragedy is a somber reminder that they put their lives on the line every time they are on duty, every time they answer that call.

Dave's personal courage and selfless dedication to his work and the community he served epitomized the very core of those in the public safety professions—of those who run towards the sound of gunfire or run into a burning building while everybody else is running away.

I remember when Dave first joined the unit. He was ambitious, motivated, professional—and he was always smiling. And he was smart—one of the brightest with whom I've ever had the opportunity to serve. He was always looking to learn more about search and rescue techniques and about emergency medical care.

We spent long hours together on SWAT missions, sitting in the cab of our rescue vehicle or on the rock during training exercises, and he was always asking questions. He was the proverbial sponge for knowledge. It was always, "Hey, Doc. What about 'this' or 'that'?" or "Hey, Doc. What 'if'?" He always put others first, and nowhere is that more evident than in how he spent his final hours—in the dark of night, with the search and rescue team, finding someone who needed help.

Madam Speaker, I think we use the word "hero" so often to describe athletes or celebrities or public figures that we sometimes forget what a real hero looks like. One only needs to look to my left. David Vanbuskirk was a

hero, and that was evident by those who eulogized him this past Monday in the outpouring of public support, by the thousands who lined the funeral procession route and attended his services. He touched many hearts in his short time on this Earth, and stories about how he helped so many brought tears to the eyes of everyone who filled the church, even to the toughest cops in attendance.

While the Las Vegas search and rescue community, the metro police family, his friends, family members, wife, and all who knew him mourn his loss, we also celebrate Officer David Vanbuskirk's 13-year career of answering the call to serve the residents of Clark County. He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Adrianna; by his mother, Pat; by his sister, Jennifer; and her two sons, Reid and Griffin.

I extend my most heartfelt condolences to Adrianna and the Vanbuskirk family, and I pray they will be strengthened by friends and family during this difficult time.

Police Officer David Vanbuskirk, P No. 6482. Secure. Final.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 29 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Imam Talib Shareef, Masjid Muhammad, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, the Merciful, the Wise, the Most High, the Possessor of Greatness, we stand and humbly beseech Your Divine Providence upon this House of Representatives.

Grant them clear vision and legislative acumen as they navigate the waters of our national issues. Grant them insight and wisdom, and bless them to follow the logic to its logical conclusion. Grant them the quality of excellence in planning both short and long term that focuses on the right thing, the right way, at the right time.

As we pledge "one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all" in acknowledging You, God, who created us all and cares about us all equally, bless this House to be reflective of *E pluribus unum*—the many diverse, wonderful, beautiful expressions of human life that have contributed to the beauty and strength of America; and bless them to have always the right perception of our Nation that,

first of all, this Nation is a gift from You, and under You, God, we are responsible for how we treat everything. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WITTMAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING IMAM TALIB SHAREEF

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor, privilege, and pleasure to introduce Imam Talib Shareef today, who is the resident imam—which is simply a word that means "leader"—of Masjid Muhammad, which is a Washington, D.C., mosque with a 75-year history.

Imam Talib Shareef is a 30-year veteran of the United States Air Force, and he served our country nobly in uniform for many years. He also holds a master's in business administration from the American InterContinental University and a diploma in the area of Arabic studies and language from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. I might also add that the imam is a leader in the interfaith movement and regularly works with faith leaders of all faiths, building understanding, cohesion, and unity amongst all people and all Americans.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas). The Chair will entertain 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

REMEMBERING LINDY BOGGS

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

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a former Member of the House and a grand lady from Louisiana, Ms. Lindy Boggs.

She was a pioneer and a trailblazer for the State of Louisiana. She served

Louisiana's Second Congressional District following the death of her late husband, Hale Boggs, who was then the majority leader of the House. She was the first woman elected to represent the State of Louisiana in Congress, and she was a founder of the Congresswoman's Caucus. In tribute to her service as a pioneer for women, the Congressional Women's Reading Room down the hall is rightfully named in her honor. Lindy was the first woman and only Louisianian Ambassador to the Holy See during the tenure of Pope John Paul II.

Lindy effortlessly balanced her role as a respected leader and as a loving mother. She loved her city of New Orleans. In fact, she lived on Bourbon Street in New Orleans for many of her later years. She loved her beloved Tulane University. In fact, just recently, she and her daughter Cokie participated in a fundraiser to benefit Tulane University just a few weeks ago in New Orleans.

She is somebody who will be dearly missed and someone whom we are honored to be able to call a former colleague of ours here in the House.

REMEMBERING LINDY BOGGS

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

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague from Louisiana, Representative SCALISE, and our leader, Leader PELOSI, in recognizing such a great and remarkable woman. It is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the loss of a true legend in Louisiana, Ambassador and former Representative Lindsay Boggs.

She was the perfect example of leadership—never afraid to fight for justice and to demand equality. She took the responsibility of service seriously, addressing the plight of everyday people, and the State of Louisiana and our Nation are better for it. She was a first-class woman who enjoyed numerous firsts and was an effective legislator. She loved this body, earning the respect of her colleagues on both sides of the aisle, which is exemplified here today through Congressman SCALISE and me, and she loved her family—a role model for all of us.

During Women's History Month this year, we were able to recognize former Ambassador Boggs on her 97th birthday with a tribute, which was led by our leader, Leader PELOSI.

Mr. Speaker, after words from Leader PELOSI, I would just ask that we have a moment of silence in recognition of the great contribution and sacrifice of a true, remarkable Louisiana citizen who, I think, displayed what was best of the best in Louisiana.

REMEMBERING LINDY BOGGS

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlemen for the kind words that they have said about our former colleague, Congresswoman Lindy Boggs, and I associate myself with their remarks.

I will only add that bipartisanship was the nature of how Lindy Boggs led and served in this body. When we would have our heated discussions on the floor, she would call us back and say, "Darlin', Hale used to always say, 'Don't fight every fight as if it's your last fight.'" We are all friends. We are a resource to each other to do good things for our country. No wonder a room is named for her, a room that has shared bipartisan enjoyment and participation, in which we have come together as Democrats and Republicans to bring about solutions.

It was referenced that we had a bipartisan tribute to her on her birthday, March 13. I think you would find some joy in the fact that, as a devout Catholic, on her birthday, which was when we planned to have the tribute, it was the day that white smoke went up in the chimney in Rome. So, for her birthday, we could also celebrate a new Pope, Pope Francis. What better gift for her than to enjoy that on her birthday?

All of us are mourning and will be in New Orleans for her service tomorrow. Our prayers go to her family. I hope it's a comfort to them to know that so many people loved Lindy Boggs and share their grief and are praying for them at this time.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the bipartisan Congressional Natural Gas Caucus convened a congressional field hearing on Friday at the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. I am proud to have joined Representatives GENE GREEN, TOM REED, and TOM MARINO to hear from State and local officials and leaders on the economic impacts of natural gas production in the Marcellus shale region. The hearing offered an insightful look at the benefits of the 3,551 gas-producing wells in Pennsylvania.

One of those benefits is jobs. Today, 30,752 people in Pennsylvania are employed in the natural gas industry. This is a 164 percent increase since 2009. The average salary is \$82,643. Additionally, 214,302 are employed in ancillary industries, a 7.9 percent increase since 2009. In just two rural northern Pennsylvania counties, testimony revealed an increase of 4,832 jobs and 226 businesses between 2006 and 2012. Most importantly, 80 percent of those jobs are now filled by local workers.

Mr. Speaker, the responsible production of natural gas is producing energy

security and an economic impact that surpasses all expectations.

MR. SPEAKER, CANCEL THIS RECESS

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

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I am calling on the Speaker to cancel or to postpone the August recess until we get our work done here.

As a businessman, the last thing I would ever consider doing is giving my employees a month or 5 weeks off when we're not getting our job done.

Mr. Speaker, you're the boss. You set the schedule, and you put together the work agenda. The simple truth is that this Congress is being recognized as the least productive or accomplished in the history of this country. We have an appropriations bill; we have budget bills; we have the farm bill; we have immigration; we have the President's jobs bill; we have the debt ceiling limit; we have Members of Congress threatening to shut down the government—and we're going on a recess? It makes no sense whatsoever.

It's time that this Congress goes to work, puts the subcommittees to work, goes to work 5 days a week like everybody else in America, and does its job. Put America back to work. Rebuild the middle class. Get this country moving again.

Mr. Speaker, cancel this recess.

KEEP THE IRS OFF YOUR HEALTH CARE ACT

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

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a few questions:

Should 16,000 IRS bureaucrats have the power to penalize the American people if they don't like your health care decisions?

Will the quality of your health care depend on whether or not you support the President's political views? The IRS has already targeted conservative political groups. Will this intimidation be intensified once the IRS is enforcing ObamaCare?

Is Sarah Hall Ingram, the IRS bureaucrat who previously managed the tax exemption department, really qualified to run the IRS-ObamaCare enforcement division? Abuse of American citizens occurred on her watch. Is anyone worried—at least a little bit—that she now oversees our health care decisions?

Mr. Speaker, the IRS has forfeited any claim to impartiality and has violated the trust of the American people. The IRS must not be involved in the health care decisions of ordinary Americans. On Friday, I urge you to join me in supporting H.R. 2009, the Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act.