

We need a visitation from Heaven. We need Your word to answer our questions. We need Your love to resolve our differences, and we need Your understanding to embrace our purpose.

Thank you, Lord, for sending us what mankind needed, a savior, Jesus Christ, who paid the ultimate price for freedom on the cross.

Thank you, Lord, for the men and women in the United States military who have paid the ultimate price, who gave their lives for our freedom.

We repent of our pride, embrace humility, and call the Creator of creation to bless America.

In Jesus' name, 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 Texas (Mr. POE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POE of Texas 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 REVEREND GLEN BERTEAU

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

There was no objection.

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor today to introduce to the House our guest chaplain, Glen Berteau, of Modesto, from The House. Glen currently serves as senior pastor at The House in Modesto. A church of more than 8,000, his congregation was named as one of the 50 top largest churches in America.

The House's outreach has touched the lives of people all across the Central Valley. He is a leader who has pulled our faith-based community together and our pastors together to address so many of our issues in California's Central Valley.

Glen is a youth pastor and author of a popular youth manual and two books: "Christianity Life" and "Christianity to Go." He is a gifted speaker and evangelist and teacher, speaking not only in California's Central Valley but in conferences all over the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming Glen this afternoon. We thank him for offering this morning's opening prayer in the United States House of Representatives.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

#### RECOGNIZING DAIMLER TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark a momentous occasion at the Daimler Trucks North America Cleveland plant in Rowan County, North Carolina.

The plant, which began manufacturing Freightliner trucks in 1989, recently rolled truck number 3 million off the assembly line. This milestone is a testament to the high-quality workforce that can be found in Rowan County specifically and North Carolina in general.

In 1989, the plant began building Freightliners with 124 employees. While market forces have caused fluctuation over the years, the plant currently employs about 2,600 people, making it the third-largest employer in Rowan County. All together, the company employs about 8,000 people throughout North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Daimler on its successful North American truck business, and I commend the good people of Rowan County, North Carolina, for making that business thrive.

#### NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Cancer continues to be a leading cause of death by disease for America's children.

Every year in the United States, almost 16,000 children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer. Approximately one-fourth of these children will not survive. Two prominent health institutions in western New York, Roswell Park Cancer Institute and Women & Children's Hospital in Buffalo, work collaboratively to conduct research, provide treatment, and raise awareness on behalf of these children.

I urge my colleagues to support increased funding for the National Cancer Institute.

#### SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Hunger Action Month to raise the alarm of food insecurity and hunger that afflicts our fellow citizens.

Many of us cannot imagine going to bed hungry and then waking up still hungry, but this is the sad reality for far too many people. Nearly 200,000 of those who are food insecure in northern Illinois—one in five—are children who lack adequate food and nutrition to grow up healthy.

Chicago's suburban hunger grew by a stunning 99 percent over the past decade, notwithstanding the great efforts of hardworking volunteers at places like the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Between Friends Food Pantry, and Kendall County Food Bank. I have seen firsthand their service to our communities.

This September let's redouble all of our volunteer efforts and use our resources to help our neighbors in need.

Colder months are up ahead when families feel the harsh brunt of food insecurity. It takes the effort of community to care for our neighbors, as Jesus called us to do without judgment or stigma. Whatever we do for these, the least of these, we do for Him.

#### PGA 2017 PRESIDENTS CUP IN JERSEY CITY

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

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Jersey City, New Jersey, upon the recent announcement to host the PGA 2017 Presidents Cup at the premier Liberty National Golf Club.

The prestigious tournament will not only expose golf fans to Jersey City, but also bolster tourism, investment, and raise awareness for charities in the area. In addition, all the living Presidents will be at the opening ceremony as honorary chairmen. The Presidents Cup is one of 10 PGA events that will be held at Liberty National during a span of 25 years.

I congratulate the father and son team of Dan and Paul Fireman for their unwavering commitment and vision to bring a world-class course to Jersey City, New Jersey. Built on top of an old landfill, Liberty National offers sweeping views of the Hudson River and views of the Statue of Liberty nearly at every hole.

The Firemans' dedication to bringing a world-class golf course to the area was never about a profit, rather, giving back to the game and the community. In correlation with the tournament, the Firemans announced a \$5 million, 5-year commitment to the First Tee program, an international youth organization that promotes life skills and leadership through the game of golf.

I congratulate the city of Jersey City and the Fireman family.

#### FEDS COOK UP NEW RULES FOR BAKE SALES IN SCHOOLS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, turn off the ovens; the school bake sales are over.

Bake sales in schools are as American as apple pie and the flag. Parents like Janet Huberty in Atascocita, Texas, and other parents and PTAs and PTOs use bake sales to raise money for the school band, cheerleader uniforms, and iPads for students.

But now the almighty Federal Government has cooked up new rules controlling public school bake sales. No more cupcakes, oatmeal raisin cookies, popcorn, or pizza can be sold for playground equipment or student trips. The Washington regulators, many of whom have their kids go to private schools that are not covered by the new rules, say kale chips and quinoa are to replace snow cones and Valentine candy. Isn't that lovely.

Local parents and educators should control bake sales, not the Federal Government. So today I am introducing legislation to keep the Feds from interfering with bake sales by local schools. What is sold in bake sales to help schoolkids in Texas or anyplace across America is, frankly, none of the business of the Federal Government food police.

And that is just the way it is.

#### RETURN TO REGULAR ORDER

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

Mr. NOLAN. Madam Speaker, the simple truth is that this Congress is the most unaccomplished Congress in the history of the country. The fact is the people's House has become a very undemocratic institution where bills are brought to the floor without hearings, without authorizing committee consideration, where a few leaders make all the major decisions, and where the people's business is constantly ignored in favor of legislation advanced solely for political purposes.

The fact is we need to return to and restore regular order, where every bill brought to the floor of the House is required to be considered by committee, with open rules, where every amendment, every idea is debated, voted on, and fully considered. To do that, the Congress needs to go to work 5 days a week, like everybody else in America.

With that in mind, Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in support of my Restore Democracy Act, H. Res. 695. This bill represents a roadmap to change the way we do politics in America, take the corruptive effect of money out of our politics and return to regular order.

Madam Speaker, it is about time we restore democracy right here in the House of Representatives, the people's Chamber.

#### THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES REGULATORY OVERREACH PROTECTION ACT

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

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5078, Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act, which is basically going to get boiled down to tell the Federal Government to stay away from our water. There seems to be plans to make every drop of water that falls or pools in the United States Federal waterways; therefore, they can be regulated by Federal regulators.

In our State of Texas, water is as precious as oil. It is the lifeblood of our people and of our economy. Without water, Texas dies. We are not ready to put the control of water in the hands of the inept Federal Government. Water belongs in the hands of the States.

This bill will keep it where it belongs. Support H.R. 5078 and keep the Federal Government out of our water.

#### MIDDLE CLASS JUMPSTART

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

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, while House Republicans spend the next 2 weeks bringing up silly partisan bills aimed at embarrassing the President, House Democrats remain focused on the real solutions that matter to the American people.

It is time to put the middle class above partisan politics. It is time to vote to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour and give struggling families a real chance to be in the middle class.

What is wrong with women receiving equal pay for equal work? Let's bring the Paycheck Fairness Act to the floor to make sure that women are treated equally in the workplace.

These bills and many others are part of the Democrats' Middle Class Jumpstart America agenda, a plan to fight for the middle class, put families before special interests, and reignite the American Dream for all those who want to work hard for it.

Let's put partisan politics aside and help the people that are struggling out there in the middle class to get back on their feet.

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#### WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES REGULATORY OVERREACH PROTECTION ACT

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

Mr. ROONEY. Madam Speaker, the Federal Government is attempting yet another power grab in our own backyards. A new rule proposed by the EPA will mandate the most significant ex-

pansion of Federal Government water regulation in more than a quarter of a century.

In Florida alone, preliminary costs to projects in eight counties are estimated at over \$182 million. In my district, all this rule will do is make it harder for farmers to grow food and more difficult for local businesses to thrive.

Floridians understand and respect our waterways unlike any other State. Environmentalists, farmers, and businesses have all come together in Florida to protect our environment and eliminate water pollutants. And their efforts are working. The Obama administration, in its never-ending quest to bypass Congress and the States, is seeking to upend this functioning dynamic.

Therefore, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to support Congressman STEVE SOUTHERLAND's bill, H.R. 5078, the Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act.

#### COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Ms. HAHN. Madam Speaker, the news that the White House will not take action this summer on immigration reform came as a huge disappointment, not just to me, but to millions across this country. Our broken immigration system hurts millions of families, and every day that we delay leaves both these families and our economy suffering. But immigration reform can and should come from Congress.

It has been well over a year since the Senate did their job and passed fair, bipartisan legislation that would bring people out of the shadows and on a pathway to citizenship. Let's not blame the President. Here in the House, my friends on the other side of the aisle have not brought the Senate bill to the floor for a vote. That is how we have comprehensive immigration reform not through executive orders. If we held a vote tomorrow, I am confident that it would pass.

Madam Speaker, it is time for my Republican friends to realize the damage that not taking up comprehensive immigration reform does to our Nation every day. This issue is too important to be put on the back burner until after the election. Enough is enough. It is time to bring the Senate bill on comprehensive immigration reform to a vote.

#### ESTABLISHING FEDERAL GUIDELINES AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CUSTODIAL TRANSFERS

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

Mr. STIVERS. Madam Speaker, I was first made aware of the practice of rehoming earlier this year when it was