

and become worthy of Your services. Bless our future generations to imbibe this spirit of love, sacrifice, and cooperation.

Guide us in following saints like Shirdi Sai Baba, who proclaimed in Hindi “sabka malik ek,” meaning “God is the master of all.” Inspire us, as Your trustees, to nourish and protect the world around us to sustain all life.

Guide us along the ethical and holistic path of self-control, purity of purpose, and dedication enshrined in the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita.

O, Lord, bless this august assembly and this Nation in performing its national and global responsibilities towards furthering the cause of humanity.

#### 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 Pennsylvania (Mr. CARTWRIGHT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT 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 DR. CHANDRA BHANU SATPATHY

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

There was no objection.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege this morning to welcome our guest chaplain, Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy.

Dr. Satpathy deserves great credit for his earnest and humble leadership of the global Sai movement, which celebrates the teachings and ideals of Shirdi Sai Baba, the most respected of the Indian Perfect Masters and renowned for his teachings of compassion and acceptance.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the global Sai movement, and I can't think of a time when the values of peace, respect, and compassion are needed more here in our own country and in other parts of the world.

Dr. Satpathy's moving invocation this morning serves as a motivation to each of us gathered here to always remember what ultimately unites us far outweighs what divides us, regardless of language, culture, or creed.

Thank you, Dr. Satpathy, for being here today. Thank you for your exemplary leadership in the spirit of Sai Baba's teachings, and thank you for

sharing your vision for a peaceful future.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

#### THANKS TO CLEVELAND COUNTY COMMUNITY

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

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, Americans across the country awoke to the horrific news of nine lives ended in an act of hatred and senseless violence that occurred at Charleston's AME Church.

The senseless act of violence shocked the country and left the Carolinas in a high state of anxiety as the suspect remained on the run. Fortunately, due to the vigilance of quick thinking of one of my constituents and the professional work of local law enforcement, the perpetrator of this heinous act was brought to quick justice.

Thursday morning, Gastonia's Debbie Dills spotted the suspect and his car after having seen photos on the morning news. She quickly called 911, alerted local law enforcement to its whereabouts, and then the Shelby Police Department took over pursuing the suspect and arresting him. A little over 12 hours after the event occurred, the monster who committed this heinous act was in custody.

I want to express my gratitude to Ms. Dills, the Shelby Police Department, local law enforcement, and the entire Cleveland County community for their work in assisting in this arrest.

Their quick thinking and professional work brought this manhunt to a close and allowed all Americans to begin the mourning process for the nine innocent lives that were ended just a week ago.

#### GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the three individuals killed and 32 injured by gun violence last weekend in Chicago.

They included a 17-year-old boy shot in the head, a 27-year-old man shot to death in his car, and a man who died shielding his mother from bullets fired outside of their home.

In recent days, our media has been gripped by tragic displays of violence. Charleston is what happens when racism and hate find a gun. Charleston is yet another gut-wrenching reminder that, as leaders, we can't stay silent on

gun violence or racism. How many more deadly weekends will we allow on our watch? What will you do to stop the next Newtown or Charleston?

We can pass background checks and other commonsense gun safety measures; but in addition and most importantly, we need meaningful conversations and actions around racism, both individual and systemic, to truly have a safe and secure Nation with equal treatment and opportunity for all.

#### REMEMBERING EMANUEL AME CHURCH

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week, nine extraordinary men and women were killed at the Wednesday night Bible study at historic Mother Emanuel AME Church in my birthplace of Charleston. I am grateful for their memories.

Reverend Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Cynthia Hurd, Tywanza Sanders, Susie Jackson, Myra Thompson, Ethel Lee Lance, Reverend Daniel Simmons, Reverend Depayne Middleton-Doctor, along with Pastor Clementa Pinckney were all leaders of our community and in their church. One served the youth as a high school track coach, one a lifelong librarian, one a recent college graduate with a bright future ahead of him. Many served their church. Each had a clear love of God and love for their fellow man as followers of Jesus Christ.

The loss of Reverend Senator Clementa Pinckney has been personal, as he was a fellow State legislator. I was honored to host the senator, his wife, and daughters when they visited the Capitol a few years ago. He grew up in Richland as a lifelong friend of my former chief of staff Eric Dell.

A hate-filled, drug-crazed murderer tried to divide our citizens, but he failed, and South Carolinians have unified in love, prayer, and respect.

#### RENEW THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise at this time to lodge my objection that this House is going to recess tomorrow without taking up the renewal of the Export-Import Bank. This is a time when American businesspeople are doing everything they can think of to compete abroad. American manufacturers are seeking to export our goods.

This is an outfit that stands up for American exporting manufacturers. It supports 1.5 million American manufacturing jobs—good-paying, family-sustaining jobs. We can't recess without renewing the Export-Import Bank.

In my district alone, 600 people are employed by companies that benefit

materially from the Ex-Im Bank: Universal Industrial Gases in Easton; Fluortek, Inc., in Easton; Victaulic Company of America in Easton; Noble Biomaterials, Inc., in Scranton; Leighton Electronics in Leighton; and Copperhead Chemical Company in Tamaqua.

Mr. Speaker, we have to do the sensible thing and renew the Export-Import Bank. It is as plain as the nose on your face; it is as true as the law of gravity.

#### LAMENTING DEATHS IN THE AMERICAN FAMILY

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

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the wake of last week's devastating shooting in a church in Charleston, South Carolina.

The killing of any human is a real tragedy, but to lose nine innocent people while they were in a Bible study simply because of the color of their skin is heinous beyond words. On behalf of the people of southwest Alabama, I want to share our condolences with the families of those who lost loved ones.

Let me be very clear. In today's society, this kind of hate-based act and particularly hate-based on race or ethnicity is deplorable and unacceptable. We are one Nation, and there is no place in our country for racism.

As a southerner, but more importantly, as an American, I feel as if there has been a death in my own family because these deaths were in my family, the family of all citizens in the United States of America.

#### MARRIAGE EQUALITY

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago, I stood on the steps of the Supreme Court as the discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act was struck down.

On a beautiful day in June, much like today, I stood there with the words "Equal Justice Under Law" inscribed on the top of the Court and celebrated a truly historic decision that finally, after decades of injustice, granted LGBT Americans the right to have their marriages recognized by the Federal Government.

That day was even more important to me because I stood on those steps with many of my close friends and many of my staff whom I deeply care about, many of whom for the first time had their basic humanity recognized by the highest court in the land.

I am looking forward again, in the next coming days, to stand on those same steps as the Supreme Court hopefully rules that every American has the constitutional right to marry the person they love.

I am optimistic and hopeful that marriage equality will soon be the law

of the land. As a vice chair of the LGBT Equality Caucus, I am committed to continuing to provide Federal policies that recognize the rights of all Americans, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

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#### IPAB REPEAL VOTE

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that I am opposed to ObamaCare. I have been since day one. It is a bad law that is hurting Americans. It is hurting Americans with higher costs; it is hurting Americans because they have lost doctors they liked, and it is hurting our seniors because it will ration their health care.

When ObamaCare created the Independent Payment Advisory Board, it put 15 unelected bureaucrats in charge of what payments Medicare seniors could get for their treatments. Many people have referred to this Board as a "death panel."

That is wrong. I have been working to repeal this Board, and yesterday, I was proud to stand up for our seniors by voting for the Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act, which would do just that.

The Senate needs to pass this commonsense bill now, and we need to keep working to see that ObamaCare is fully and permanently repealed.

#### IN CELEBRATION OF THE USS GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

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

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the christening and launch of the USS *Gabrielle Giffords*, the Navy's 10th littoral combat ship.

My former colleague in the House of Representatives, Gabrielle Giffords, could teach us all a thing or two about honor, courage, and commitment.

On January 8, Navy spouse and former Representative Giffords was shot in Tucson, Arizona, while meeting with many of her constituents and has since made an incredible recovery. She still works tirelessly to serve the people of Arizona, as well as citizens all across the country.

I am pleased that the U.S. Navy christened the USS *Gabrielle Giffords* last week in a ceremony led by Dr. Jill Biden, the sponsor of the ship. Dr. Biden aptly noted that former Representative Giffords represents the same qualities that the Navy embodies, and I could not agree more. As this vessel travels the world, I hope it will inspire patriotism and resiliency.

I am proud that the Navy has chosen to honor former Representative Giffords in this prestigious manner, and I am encouraged by the work she is

doing as an advocate for safe and responsible gun ownership in order to prevent needless gun violence.

#### POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. The month of June is the Veterans Affairs Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month.

Unacceptably, we lose 22 heroes a day to mental illness, often connected to PTSD trauma. We must take steps to reduce this horrible statistic. Even one is too many. Mr. Speaker, 22 is a disgrace to everything these heroes fought for.

Post-traumatic stress disorder is widespread, affecting one in five when they return home. Only 40 percent will seek treatment, leaving the remaining three-fifths unaware of their condition, uneducated about the resources available to them, and often fearing that seeking help could hurt their career.

Mr. Speaker, our servicemen and -women deserve the best treatment, and so I pledge to continue supporting initiatives that put our troops and veterans first.

I am honored to stand here today to raise awareness about post-traumatic stress disorder and urge others to fight the fight to combat this terrible disease.

#### CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Juneteenth, a celebration that commemorates the ultimate implementation of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Mr. Speaker, 150 years ago, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers marched into Galveston, Texas, with the news that the Civil War had ended and the enslaved were now free. Two and a half years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, its promise was realized at least.

Juneteenth is a celebration of African American freedom, and it also serves as a reminder to constantly strive for the expression and extension of the American idea—one of freedom, independence, and liberty.

This year, I had the honor to join in the 40th annual Buffalo Juneteenth Festival, the third largest in the Nation. People of all backgrounds partake in cultural activities that promote and preserve the African American heritage.

Juneteenth has established its position as an important tradition in western New York and in neighborhoods, towns, and cities throughout America.