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The competition was open to all high school students in the Second Congressional District of West Virginia.

Kayla is pictured here receiving her first place prize with West Virginia Cabinet Secretary Kay Goodwin of the Department of Education and the Arts.

I thank all of the impressive artists for allowing us to celebrate their talents. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. CARSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to a very special event that will take place later this month in my hometown of Indianapolis.

On May 29, the world's finest automobile racing teams will compete for the very prestigious Borg-Warner Trophy at the 100th running of the Indy 500.

Mr. Speaker, every Memorial Day weekend since 1911, with the exception of a few years during World War I and World War II, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has been the site of the greatest spectacle in racing. Over the last century, Mr. Speaker, the Indianapolis 500 has become the most attended single-day sporting event on the planet Earth, with estimated crowds of over 400,000 people. Now, these fans add nearly \$500 million to the central Indiana economy each year.

The race is also incredibly popular around the world, Mr. Speaker. With millions of fans around the world, they have been listening to the race on the Motor Speedway Radio Network and watching it on television.

Now, what very few people realize is that the Indy 500 has been a very important influence in the development of passenger automobiles. Rearview mirrors, four-wheel hydraulic brakes, color warning lights, and the first mandatory use of helmets can be traced back to the great Hoosier State in the city of Indianapolis at the Indy 500. Now part of the excitement of watching the race every year, Mr. Speaker, is seeing how these high-tech automobiles have evolved and wondering which technology we will see on our roads in the near future.

I stand here today as a very proud Hoosier who is proud of our State's long racing heritage. I ask my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, to join me and to join the rest of the Indiana delegation in recognizing all of those involved with the race over the last century, from the staff to the pit crews, to the drivers, and especially the fans who come out to the track each and every year. So congratulations to all the folks involved.

Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines.

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 48 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

Rabbi Jay Weinstein, Young Israel of East Brunswick, East Brunswick, New Jersey, offered the following prayer:

Our God in heaven, please grant Your blessing upon our Nation's leaders, our President, Vice President, Members of Congress, and all our officers of government. Grant them courage and wisdom, sensitivity and compassion, as they respond to the needs of our diverse population. Allow them to bring to fruition the hopes and visions, dreams, and goals upon which this country was founded.

Merciful God, we express our deep gratitude for this magnificent country, a home built upon the values of peace, religious tolerance, and respect.

Protect our courageous military forces, who are spread throughout the world. Quickly return them to their family's warm embrace. Guard and shield the members of our country's police force, fire department, emergency personnel, and all those who risk their lives to protect us from harm.

Almighty God, who makes peace in Heaven, from this glorious House of Representatives, our seat of democracy, we ask that You bless our world with peace, safety, and prosperity, so we may fulfill our sacred responsibility of making the world a better place.

And let us respond 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 Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LAMBORN 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 RABBI JAY WEINSTEIN

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. GRAHAM) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to thank Rabbi Jay Weinstein for delivering this morning's invocation.

Rabbi Weinstein is a native of Miami Beach, Florida. He received his ordination from Yeshiva University. He is now rabbi at Young Israel of East Brunswick, New Jersey, which serves more than 220 families.

I also want to recognize Rabbi Weinstein's parents, Stanley and Lenore, his wife, Sharon, and his four wonderful children, one of whom, Ora, is here with me on the floor today.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to live in a Nation where we open our doors and our hearts to invite leaders of all different faiths to offer a blessing. I am very thankful to Rabbi Weinstein for offering such an incredibly meaningful prayer this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Ms. STEFANIK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, in my district in the North Country of New York, brave law enforcement officers dedicate their careers and risk their lives each and every day to keep our communities safe.

We are grateful for the outstanding service from men and women like Sergeant Jay Cook of the New York State Police, whose courageous actions put an end to the manhunt for the killers who escaped Clinton Correctional Facility last year.

Sadly, far too many of these brave men and women have lost their lives in the line of duty. Each year communities across our Nation gather to honor in recognition of these heroes and tens of thousands of law enforcement officers descend on our Nation's capital to honor the fallen.

Mr. Speaker, in commemoration of National Police Week, I rise today to thank our law enforcement officers for their service and to honor the brave men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

NABISCO BAKERY

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

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the hardworking men and women at the Nabisco Bakery

on the southwest side of Chicago, once touted as the world's largest bakery.

These workers have faced daunting challenges in the past year as their plant was downsized and hundreds lost their jobs. Now they are working without a contract and face the prospect of losing their current pension plan.

For more than half a century, workers at this bakery have proudly made Oreos, Chips Ahoy, Ritz crackers, and other iconic products. Generations of families have been employed here and contributed to the local economy.

What is happening now is even more disappointing because taxpayers have previously provided \$90 million to Nabisco in return for a commitment to expand and hire locally. The continued lack of a negotiated agreement reflects the plight of middle class Americans across the country, with workers facing eroding wages and benefits along with job insecurity.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Mondelez to do right by its employees, use its profits to reinvest in its American workforce, and grow good-paying jobs in Chicago and across the Nation.

PRESIDENT NOT CORRECT

(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, over the weekend, Iran held another government-sponsored Holocaust cartoon contest in the capital of Tehran. Their denial of the mass slaughter endured by millions of men, women, and children during the Holocaust is yet another example of this theocratic regime's irrational and counterproductive conduct which hurts the citizens of Iran.

As he announced the dangerous Iran deal, the President claimed that it would help Iran become a more moderate regime, one that respects our allies. The President was not correct.

This is a nation that continually denies the genocide of the Holocaust, is a state sponsor of terrorism, tests missile development, and chants "Death to America," "Death to Israel." Sadly, the President continues to put faith in this dangerous regime.

I am grateful that, under the leadership of Chairman ED ROYCE on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, we are putting forth legislation to deny Iran access to the U.S. dollar if they continue to promote terrorism to threaten American families with mass murder.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President by his actions never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

RECOGNIZING NAHLA KAYALI

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nahla Kayali. She is the founder and the executive director of Access California Services.

Access, as we call it, is a nonprofit organization in my hometown of Anaheim, California, that serves the Arab American, refugee, and immigrant communities with culturally appropriate services, including English as a second language, health and human services, employment assistance, and citizenship resources.

In 1998, she opened a small office and had two clients the first month. She initially helped people sign up for the California Healthy Families program. With only a high school diploma, Nahla has now expanded Access California to serve over 11,000 Arab American, refugee, and other underserved community members in 16 different languages.

She works to foster a better understanding of the cultural needs of the Arab American community, and, quite honestly, she is a living example of what is the American Dream.

As we celebrated last month Arab American Heritage Month, I wanted to honor and recognize her accomplishments, the accomplishments of Nahla Kayali, and her continued work in supporting the Arab American communities and helping, in particular, refugees resettle and become contributing citizens and leaders in Orange County.

OFFICER DOUG BARNEY

(Mrs. LOVE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor National Police Week. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the men and women who serve our communities by putting their lives on the line every day.

Utah has lost 139 police officers since 1853, most recently, Officer Doug Barney of Salt Lake County Unified Police Department. Officer Barney died in the line of duty on January 17.

Officer Barney was a dedicated 18-year veteran police officer, and loved every moment of his distinguished career. His kindness deeply touched the families and the community and sometimes even the people he arrested. He was known for his humor and compassion as well as his toughness.

Ten thousand people attended his funeral. The State of Utah is truly a kinder service-oriented place because of police officers like Doug Barney. I am honored to recognize all of them here in the House of Representatives.

NETWORKS IGNORE COURT BLOW TO OBAMACARE

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, recently a U.S. District Court judge ruled

that the administration's subsidy funding scheme for ObamaCare was unconstitutional. This marked a major victory in citizens' efforts to stop the President's failed healthcare law. However, the ruling was ignored by all three major news networks, leaving many Americans in the dark on the latest development involving ObamaCare.

Last year it was revealed that ObamaCare created or hiked at least 13 different taxes. However, all three major networks also largely ignored this increased burden on taxpayers.

It is no wonder that only 6 percent of Americans trust the media to give them balanced news. Americans deserve all of the facts about the President's failed healthcare law. The liberal national media should not ignore important information just because it conflicts with their political agenda.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

(Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Police Week, a time to thank and remember those law enforcement officers who have paid the ultimate price, officers like Deputy Carl Koontz of the Howard County Sheriff's Department in Indiana.

Deputy Koontz was killed in March while serving a warrant well after his shift had ended. He, like so many members of our law enforcement community, showed dedication and commitment to his duties despite the risks.

As a former deputy mayor of Indianapolis and a former U.S. attorney, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by our law enforcement officers and their remarkable families.

But, even more importantly, I saw again and again men and women in law enforcement display courage in the face of adversity, compassion in the face of hardship, and an unending commitment to serve the communities in which they live.

Today I salute the men and women in uniform who every day unfailingly honor the call to serve and protect. This week we must also renew our daily commitment to support our heroic men and women in blue. Our thanks and prayers are with them and their families this week and every week.

SOVEREIGNTY

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

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, national sovereignty is one of the most basic and fundamental principles of international law. Countries differ in their history, culture, aims, locations, and challenges. These factors work to shape the laws that govern that nation.