

economy to attract new employers. We can expand retraining programs to help prepare the workforce. But most of all, we can get Washington off the backs of our miners.

Let West Virginia miners get back to work, put food on their tables, and mine the coal that has powered our Nation.

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 31 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 pro tempore (Mr. JOLLY) at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Joshua Beckley, Ecclesia Christian Fellowship, San Bernardino, California, offered the following prayer:

Our Father and our God, we pray for this session of Congress, in light of all that is going on in our world and the threats that face us as a Nation, that You would give clarity and thought and discernment as they follow their agenda today.

I pray that You would endow them with wisdom and knowledge, with empathy, and compassion to determine the best course of action that would affect the greatest good for all who would be affected by their decisions today.

I pray that they would be mindful of our Pledge of Allegiance that declares that we are one nation under God and that You are the ultimate leader of this Nation.

The Scriptures remind us that righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Bless this 114th session of the House of Representatives. In the mighty Name of Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILDEE 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 JOSHUA BECKLEY

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

There was no objection.

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Pastor Joshua Beckley of the Ecclesia Christian Fellowship in San Bernardino, California, who just graced us with the opening prayer.

Pastor Beckley has served as senior pastor at Ecclesia for the past 25 years and has presided over a congregation of 4,000 Inland Empire residents.

In addition to helping Ecclesia grow and flourish, Pastor Beckley cofounded the Inland Empire Concerned African American Churches, received numerous accolades for his ministry and service to our region, and today serves as the chair of the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County, which is a local organization that seeks to empower and lift low-income families throughout San Bernardino County.

In the aftermath of the horrific tragedy at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino last December, Pastor Beckley was a resounding voice of comfort and an unwavering leader for thousands in our darkest hours. He provided solace to the families of the victims, compassion to their coworkers, and strength to the community as we recovered. His leadership was and continues to be an integral part of our efforts to heal and rebuild.

We are so grateful for his dedication to the thousands of Inland Empire families who look to him for guidance, and we thank him for his continued service to the region. He is joined by his wife, Lynda, and his sister, Tammie Watson.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

INVASIVE SPECIES SUMMIT

(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, my district is home to many ecological wonders, from the mighty Adirondacks to the Saint Lawrence River. The environment is truly our lifeblood in the North Country. Sadly, invasive species threaten the health and beauty of these natural ecosystems.

Given our unique position as both the gateway to the Great Lakes and as the center of international shipping trade,

our State has the unfortunate distinction of being a principal point of entry for many invasive species.

Today I am introducing two pieces of bipartisan legislation to help combat and raise awareness about the threat that invasive species pose to our ecosystems. Nationwide, an estimated 50,000 nonnative invasive animal and plant species have been introduced, resulting in more than \$100 billion in economic losses annually.

Every State and U.S. territory has at least some form of invasive species. Therefore, I hope my colleagues will cosponsor these vital bills so we may prevent the spread and introduction of these harmful invasive species.

ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE AWARDED NEW RESEARCH GRANTS

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today Buffalo's Roswell Park Cancer Institute was awarded \$33 million in new research grants from the National Institutes of Health.

This funding will support research to develop new therapies for prostate cancer, for head and neck cancer, and to advance the great promise of immunotherapy, which is research to unleash the cancer-killing potential from the body's own immune system.

Under the leadership of Dr. Candace Johnson, Roswell Park scientists are providing hope and the potential for healing to millions here and throughout the world. In Buffalo, the Roswell Park Cancer Institute is helping to fuel an economic renaissance that has captured the attention of the Nation.

Nationally, the National Institutes of Health's funding supports over 400,000 good-paying American jobs. Congress needs to fully fund cancer research for the National Institutes of Health because, on this issue, if American leadership is not there, there is no leadership.

REMEMBERING WHELOCK WHITNEY

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember Wheelock Whitney, a Minnesota legend, civic leader, and a friend. Last week Minnesota was saddened to learn that Wheelock Whitney had passed away.

Wheelock was a successful businessman who gave so much back to our State. He was an impactful leader, principled, generous, and compassionate. When he retired, he passed his knowledge on to future generations by teaching at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota.

Wheelock's civic leadership included playing a large role in local sports

franchises, like the Twins, the Vikings, and the North Stars. He also helped save and improve lives in his founding of the Johnson Institute in 1966, one of the Nation's very first drug and alcohol abuse treatment centers.

Mr. Speaker, it is really hard to put into words the respect that Minnesotans have for Wheelock Whitney and his stature as a leader. He simply was one of a kind and was somebody who made Minnesota a better place. We will miss him.

FOSTER YOUTH SHADOW DAY

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, today is Foster Youth Shadow Day. It is a day that gives Members of Congress a chance to spend time with young adults from our districts who have grown up in the foster care system.

I always enjoy this day because it gives me a chance to understand the experience of foster youth and to talk about policies that would help support those children and young adults in that system.

I have learned a lot today from Justin and Jameshia, who are here with me. They are two young adults with whom I am spending time. Both have spent years in the foster care system and have grown to be really remarkable young adults.

Justin is studying international relations at Michigan State University, and Jameshia just graduated from the University of Michigan-Flint, one of my alma maters, with a degree in social work.

Along with their interest in school, they both have dedicated themselves to bettering the lives of other children in Michigan and around the world. Their commitment to raise up kids in my hometown and their hometown of Flint is really inspiring. I am just happy that I am able to get to know them better and to see the passion that they bring to their communities. That passion will take them far.

It is important that we hear from people like Justin and Jameshia in order to shape the policies that we make right here in this Congress. I am just glad I could hear what they had to say, and I am glad they could be with us today. I am honored to spend part of Foster Youth Shadow Day with them.

KOSKINEN AVOIDS ACCOUNTABILITY

(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, yesterday Internal Revenue Service Commissioner John Koskinen refused to testify before the House Judiciary Committee to answer allegations that he failed to comply with a congressional subpoena, which resulted

in the destruction of key evidence, that he provided false statements during his sworn testimony, and that he did not notify Congress that the disgraced Lois Lerner's emails were strangely missing.

Sadly, this is not what Americans deserve from the professionals of the IRS. The IRS should be accountable to answer questions about the corruption of its duties. This comes at a time when Congress and the American people have real concerns about bias by the IRS' targeting of conservative organizations and by cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

I am grateful for House Judiciary Committee Chairman BOB GOODLATTE's and House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Chairman JASON CHAFFETZ' advocacy in their standing up for American taxpayers.

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

ZIKA VIRUS

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

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deep concerns about the danger the Zika virus continues to represent to expectant mothers all around the world.

As a Member of Congress who represents the whole California-Mexico border, I strongly urge my colleagues to provide adequate resources to avoid potentially tragic consequences for families and communities like mine. More than 275 pregnant women are confirmed Zika cases in America, including 10 in California, and the number only continues to grow.

I believe we have a unique opportunity to work in a bipartisan and bicameral manner in order to prevent, detect, and respond to the spread of the Zika virus. This means fully funding the President's \$1.9 billion request for emergency spending on the development of vaccines and diagnostic testing and on vector controls to manage the mosquito population.

The American people deserve a Congress that will respond to this urgent crisis with smart action.

RECOGNIZING THE MICHAEL-ANN RUSSELL JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center as it holds its Prom-Night Tribute-Dinner on Thursday, June 2.

During this joyous celebration, leaders of the Michael-Ann Russell JCC will be recognized for their contributions to improving the lives of the Jewish community in south Florida.

The honorees are: Gary Bomzer, who serves as the president and CEO of this wonderful organization; Paul Kruss, who serves as the chair of the board of directors; and Ariel Bentata and Jeffrey Scheck, who were past chairs.

Founded in 1987, the Michael-Ann Russell JCC has been committed to not only strengthening Jewish values in south Florida, but it has also dedicated time and resources to educating our future leaders and fostering a strong relationship with our ally, the democratic Jewish State of Israel.

I am thankful to witness the growth of the Jewish American community in our area as its members continue to strive for a better and more prosperous tomorrow.

Mazel tov to the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center on a job well done.

WEAR SOMETHING RED WEDNESDAY TO BRING BACK OUR GIRLS

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

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today is Wear Something Red Wednesday to bring back our girls.

My heart is overflowing with joy. I am very happy to report that one of the Chibok schoolgirls who had been abducted by the Nigerian terrorist group Boko Haram has been found. She was found last week by a vigilante group in the Sambisa Forest, close to the border of Cameroon.

The young girl has been reunited with her family after having spent 2 years in captivity, an experience that will haunt her for the rest of her life. Sadly, according to several media accounts, the young girl reported that six of the 219 have died since being held by Boko Haram and that the rest are alive and are being held in the forest.

Last week we celebrated the return of this precious young girl, but we cannot stop working until the 212 who are still being held hostage are safely returned to their families, away from these evil, Islamic insurgents.

Mr. Speaker, time is of the essence, and the governments of the Multinational Joint Task Force, alongside our government, must fight as hard as possible to find these girls. We cannot stop until we find them all.

I urge my colleagues to join me today in wearing red on Wednesday until Boko Haram is defeated and all of the kidnapped girls have rejoined their families. Please continue to wear something red on Wednesday. Please continue to tweet, tweet, tweet #BringBackOurGirls and to tweet, tweet, tweet #JoinRepWilson.

CONGRATULATING SLCC BASKETBALL

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