

opening doors, inspiring minds, and connecting community. Now in its milestone year, the library is a testament to the generosity and vision of Senator Grundy and Margaret Grundy and the dedication of those who followed.

The original mission has made this library a vital educational institution, valued by local and regional learners of every age. Grundy Foundation grants carry on the Grundy family legacy by continuing to improve the quality of life for residents of Bristol Borough and people throughout all of Bucks County.

The Grundy Foundation supports the Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library, the adjacent Memorial Museum, and countless local projects.

On October 6, 2016, the library will hold a public anniversary celebration with a reception and exhibition featuring historic artifacts, photographs, and primary documents.

Heartiest congratulations to all of those involved, past and present, who have carried on and enriched so many lives and will continue to do so for generations to come.

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LOUISIANA UPDATE

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

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give an update from home. I represent south Louisiana. A few weeks ago, we had a rainfall event that has been categorized as a 1,000-year storm.

Mr. Speaker, in some areas of south Louisiana we received 31 inches of rain. To put that in perspective, that would take 5 years for the city of Bakersfield, California, to achieve that number. That would take 10 years for the city of Yuma, Arizona, to receive that level of rain. For those Americans that haven't realized they can live in the pleasure of the subtropics and you live up north, to translate that to snowfall, that is the equivalent of a 25-foot snowstorm; a storm that leaves 25 feet of snow. This is categorized, again, as a 1,000-year event: 31 inches of rain in, in some cases, as short as perhaps 36 hours.

Mr. Speaker, we have areas that have never, ever flooded, never seen water, never retained or held water in any way, shape, or form, that dealt with several feet of water in their homes and businesses. In Livingston Parish, Louisiana, it is estimated that 86 percent of the homes and 91 percent of the businesses were flooded. This has been a devastating event for many folks in our community.

Mr. Speaker, as we move forward, certainly the Stafford Act, the Federal disaster law, has a role in helping our communities to recover. But what happened when this storm first came about and the flooding began is that it wasn't the Stafford Act or FEMA that came to

the rescue. It was our neighbors, it was our community, many of which were flooded themselves. They got their own boats and went out and rescued folks and rescued their neighbors to the tune of thousands and thousands of people rescued by what we deem the Cajun Navy. I had a chance to go out there in my own kayak and paddle board and rescue dozens of folks that were trapped in their homes.

Mr. Speaker, it didn't stop there. When shelters weren't open and weren't available, Cajun Navy shelters opened up. People just opened up their own homes and businesses to shelter those that were homeless. We had Cajun Navy chefs, many of which just for the first time deemed or designated themselves chefs, that cooked tens of thousands of meals not for compensation or because they were told to do so. They did it because we had friends and neighbors that were hungry and that were homeless. So we cooked for those folks.

And it didn't stop there. We had a cadre of folks that we deemed the Cajun Army that have come together and helped to gut and de-muck thousands and thousands of homes across south Louisiana, again, Mr. Speaker, not because they were compelled to do so by any requirement or compensation. They were compelled to do so out of their selflessness, out of their generosity, and out of their hospitality.

Mr. Speaker, we are now at a point to where the volunteerism, the hospitality, the generosity of our community is going to be exceeded. The needs are going to be greater than we can volunteer ourselves out of. We have thousands and thousands of homeowners across south Louisiana that are facing this scenario. They have a home that may be worth \$200,000 but, because it was flooded and is entirely gutted now, it may be worth just half that. They may have a mortgage balance that is in excess of the value of the home, which means they are upside down in their mortgage.

But that is not all. They have lost both of their cars, adding tens of thousands of dollars to the equation. They have to rebuild their home, which adds tens or maybe even six figures of liability. They have to replace their clothes, their wardrobe. And in some cases, their employers are under water; therefore, they don't even have a way of making money.

Mr. Speaker, we are not a community that sits around and asks for a handout. That is not what we do. But in this case, I will say it again: as generous, as hospitable, as selfless as our community has been, we are now at a point to where we are unable to address the needs. Again, the Stafford Act works in most disasters. This one is an anomaly. This is an extraordinary disaster.

I am looking forward to working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle moving forward on tailoring a recovery package for this region. This is

estimated or projected to be the fourth most costly flood event in U.S. history. It is an extraordinary event that, unfortunately, has not received the national media attention that most disasters of this nature would.

Disasters are awful. At some point, everyone in this country is going to experience some type of disaster—a flood, a tornado, a hurricane, an earthquake, a terrorist attack, or something else. When you have these catastrophic events, it is time for us to come together as a Nation to offer a helping hand. I am looking forward, again, to working with colleagues across the country to do that.

REMEMBERING JACOB WETTERLING

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Jacob Wetterling and offer my deepest prayers to his family.

Over the weekend, we learned of the tragic details and reached the awful end of this 27-year-long saga filled with grief, with hope, and with pain that moved Minnesota and the entire Nation. It was 27 years ago, Mr. Speaker, that Jacob was taken, kidnapped from a small rural Minnesota community, and went missing.

As a community, we extend our deepest sympathies to Jacob's parents, Patty and Jerry Wetterling. Throughout these 27 trying years, they have remained strong and became tireless advocates for children's safety. Their efforts have resulted in widespread awareness of effective measures to protect children, Federal legislation to monitor known and potential predators, and the founding of the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center to inform and prevent similar tragedies from impacting other families. They channeled their heartbreak to activism for the good of children and their families all across this country even as they grieved themselves. Because of their efforts, countless children have been saved from various forms of exploitation.

Mr. Speaker, while this is not the ending that we had hoped for after all these years, Jacob will never be forgotten, nor will his family's undying love and commitment to protecting our precious sons and daughters.

Jacob, may you rest in peace.

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 11 o'clock and 7 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

Reverend Marvin Jacobo, City Ministry Network, Modesto, California, offered the following prayer:

Master, I give thanks for our United States of America. I am grateful for every man and woman holding governmental positions of authority. Make Your truth known to them. Cause them to be men and women of integrity, concerned first and foremost with the common good. Grant them the deepest of insight to solve our most daunting challenges.

I pray that each Member would exercise the humility to discern how to best co-labor with those that might see issues differently than them. Make their hearts and ears alert to good counsel. Honor each one, Master, for the investment they make participating in this, our representative government. I pray a blessing over their families, acknowledging that they, too, sacrifice for the sake of our country. May our national proceedings be held in a spirit of mutual respect and civility.

I pray in the name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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 gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida 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 MARVIN JACOBO

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 my honor today to introduce to the House our guest chaplain, Reverend Marvin Jacobo. Reverend Jacobo is the executive director of City Ministry Network, an incredible organization that is the catalyst for transformation in the city of Modesto, California.

As lifelong Modesto residents, Marvin and his wife, Cheryl, have continued to minister to thousands of youth in our community, changing lives and bringing people from humble backgrounds to leaders in our community.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

SUPPORT THE LIVE LIKE BELLA CHILDHOOD FOUNDATION

(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, as we observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and shed light on the types of cancer that afflict approximately 16,000 children every year, I would like to recognize the work of the Live Like Bella Childhood Cancer Foundation.

Inspired by Bella Rodriguez-Torres—this sweet young girl—a young girl who courageously fought cancer six times before her death in 2013, this foundation supports the fight against pediatric cancer, while offering much-needed support for families. This wonderful organization, based in my home area of Miami, Florida, was established by Bella's parents, Shannah and Raymond Rodriguez.

I encourage our south Florida community to lend their support to these children and families who are battling cancer by attending Bella's Ball. This lively event, Mr. Speaker, will take place Saturday, September 10, at the JW Marriott Marquis.

Together, we can raise awareness in our community and finally end the number one disease killer of children today: pediatric cancer.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LESLIE WITT REICHENBACH

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Leslie Witt Reichenbach, an important and respected member of the Chicago community. For nearly 40 years, she woke up generations of Chicago's WXRT listeners on weekend mornings.

Leslie, often called "the overnight angel," was known for her kind smile and her ability to connect with others. She embodied the heart of our city with her enthusiasm for radio and her strong dedication to her WXRT lis-

teners. Her contributions to the Chicago community changed countless lives and will continue to do so for generations.

Sadly, in July, Leslie passed away after her courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Leslie bravely fought her illness by listening to new albums, attending concerts, and practicing ballet.

Leslie's top priority was always her family. The love and support they provided her was the most important thing in her life. She is survived by her husband, Chuck, and their children, Kay and Kurt.

As this is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, I ask that her memory not be forgotten and that we appropriately fund the critical research necessary.

ANNUAL AUGUST BUS TOUR

(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, each August, I look forward to an annual district bus tour, where I travel across all five counties of the Second Congressional District. During this time, I meet with constituents and hear their opinions about issues important to the families in South Carolina, along with my wife, Roxanne, and dedicated staff.

This year, I was grateful to visit nearly 20 businesses, schools, civic clubs, and chambers of commerce. At each location, I took the opportunity to thank employees for their service and thank employers for their work creating jobs. I also took the opportunity to present Speaker PAUL RYAN's positive policy agenda, "A Better Way," that presents positive proposals for some of the greatest challenges facing our country.

When I was elected to Congress, I pledged to be accessible and accountable, and this bus tour is one of many ways that I fulfill this promise. While I regularly visit with families, schools, and businesses in the Second District, I especially appreciate the nonstop tradition of visiting with the community I am humbled and inspired to represent.

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

FUND ZIKA RESEARCH NOW

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

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, 17 babies in the United States have been born with birth defects tied to the Zika virus. Currently, over 80 pregnant women in my home State of Florida and over 1,600 women in the United States have the Zika virus.

I urge the Speaker and my GOP colleagues who control the agenda here in