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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Bishop Joshua K. Lynn, Mastin Lake Church of God of Prophecy, Huntsville, Alabama, offered the following prayer:

Holy Father, You are the almighty, all-knowing creator. We submit to Your infinite wisdom.

On behalf of our Nation and these leaders, we seek Your forgiveness for placing other ways higher than Yours. Grant us Your amazing grace from our sin as we turn to You. Open the ears of this body, this Nation's leaders, and all who call this great land home to hear Your voice. Tenderize the soil of our hearts so we may receive Your guidance.

Heal our land of bitterness, hate, and evil against You and one another. Grant our Nation a spiritual renewal and awakening.

Give this Nation and its leaders wisdom today and the days that follow. As we follow You, let Your favor be with us.

Let Your name ring higher than any other name. For it is in Your holy, loving, merciful, and gracious name we pray.

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 California (Mr. MCNERNEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCNERNEY 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 BISHOP JOSHUA K. LYNN

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to welcome Bishop Joshua K. Lynn to the House of Representatives. I thank him for serving as today's guest chaplain.

Joshua is the senior pastor serving Mastin Lake Church of God of Prophecy in Huntsville, Alabama. He also serves as the area presbyter, regional overseer, of north Alabama.

Bishop Lynn earned his bachelor's degree and his master of arts in biblical studies from Clarks Summit University. He serves Huntsville not only as a pastor, but as a volunteer with the Covenant Christian Academy Athletic Committee.

Bishop Lynn and his wife, Chrissy, also direct a summer youth program at Camp Boothe in West Blocton, Alabama.

Bishop Lynn and Chrissy have been married for almost 18 years, and they have four children: Camille, Ava, Heidi, and Elias. I understand they are here with Joshua today. We welcome them to Washington.

I appreciate the work Bishop Lynn has done and the positive impact he has had on north Alabama by providing care and support not only for the spiritual needs, but also the social and physical needs of our community.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HONORING MICHAEL "MATT" PATRICK RYAN

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

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the life and faith of my friend, local Houston radio favorite, Michael "Matt" Patrick Ryan.

Matt came to Houston after stints in New York, Indiana, and Ohio. Boy, he just became a favorite of our region, his no-nonsense but so optimistic way of informing and entertaining us as host of KTRH Morning News and his syndicated afternoon show.

In September of 2015, Matt faced a new challenge—stage IV melanoma. He shared his struggle with us. Matt's battle with cancer ended last Sunday, July 9, but his inspiration is eternal.

So today, as a country, we all join Matt's family—especially his best friend and wife, Paula; children, Alexandra, Alanna, and Jake; his family, friends, and listeners in "the Sandbox"—to recognize his lifetime of service, his courage, and his absolute faith in God.

We love you, Matt. You will be missed, friend.

NOT A SOCIAL EXPERIMENT

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

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this House discriminating against transgender

Americans and restricting their ability to serve our country, saying now is not the time for a social experiment. I firmly believe that the privilege and responsibility to defend our country should not be denied to anyone based on gender identification.

Prior to the 1950s, the "not a social experiment" argument was used to deny African Americans from fully participating in our military. Today there is a long history of service and heroism by African Americans, including Generals Colin Powell and Vincent Brooks.

Prior to 2010, the "not a social experiment" argument was used to keep gays and lesbians from full participation in our military. Today there is a long line of distinguished service by gay and lesbian servicemembers, including Generals Randy Taylor and Tammy Smith.

Today there is a long line of transgender servicemembers who are ready to distinguish themselves. I welcome their service and appreciate their willingness to sacrifice for our Nation.

As a Member of Congress, I will never deny that privilege and responsibility to those who want to serve.

PROVIDING FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE OF OUR NATION

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the fiscal year 2018 National Defense Authorization Act.

With the hard work of the Armed Services Committee, this year's NDAA will begin to rebuild our military after years of spending cuts. Our troops have been facing a readiness crisis due to consistent underfunding.

This important legislation will begin to address the crisis with key investments in military readiness, and it fully funds a 2.4 percent, well-deserved pay raise for our troops.

In the 12th District of Georgia, we are at the forefront of cyber innovation, with the U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence located at Fort Gordon. I am happy to say that the NDAA will fully fund cyber operations with an increase of \$1.7 billion from fiscal year '17 and provides over \$85 billion in military construction and Army Family Housing funds.

It is our constitutional obligation as Members of Congress to provide for the common defense of the Nation. I believe that, with the passage of the fiscal year '18 NDAA, we are meeting our obligation to keep America safe, close the critical readiness gap, and rebuild the 21st century military.

SAVE AMERICAN JOBS

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

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding an issue that Congress

often decries but neglects: too many Americans are out of work because companies ship their jobs overseas without a thought for the workers and communities they leave behind. According to the group Public Citizen, the offshoring of American jobs has contributed to the loss of 4.5 million U.S. manufacturing jobs.

But we have an opportunity to change that. I am proud to introduce the Stop Outsourcing and Create American Jobs Act and the Outsourcing Accountability Act. These two bills are designed to save American jobs by curbing outsourcing. By cracking down on tax loopholes that give corporations a break on the backs of American taxpayers, we can grow our economy and increase economic opportunities for the middle class.

I hope my colleagues will join me in a serious discussion about how we can help our economy grow and help American workers. I welcome their support for these bills.

TWO YEARS OF THE FAILED IRAN DEAL

(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, tomorrow marks 2 years since the previous administration capitulated to the dangerous Iran deal, a one-sided agreement that rewarded the regime in Tehran with a \$1.7 billion ransom of pallets of unmarked currency for four hostages and put our allies, including Israel, at risk. The Iran deal emboldened the authoritarian regime.

Just last month, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley correctly pointed out that Tehran has engaged in destructive and destabilizing actions, both testing ballistic missiles and engaging in arms smuggling.

This week, Senators TOM COTTON, MARCO RUBIO, TED CRUZ, and DAVID PERDUE, sent a letter to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson urging him not to certify Iran's compliance with the Iran deal as the deadline approaches.

Refusing to certify Iran's compliance with the Iran deal would send a clear message that President Donald Trump is committed to peace through strength and refuses to comply with a ridiculous deal that puts American families at risk.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

REQUIRE A SCORE BEFORE THE FLOOR

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

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Congressman BRIAN HIGGINS and I introduced H. Res. 441, legislation that

would require a Congressional Budget Office score before a floor vote. This resolution clearly enshrines in House rules a fundamental and very simple principle of good governance: namely, we should know the budgetary and practical impact of legislation before we vote on it.

Frankly, Mr. Speaker, it should not be necessary for us to introduce this legislation. For years, the CBO has been an important nonpartisan player in crafting legislation and giving an independent assessment of what a bill costs and whom it will benefit or whom it will hurt.

Unfortunately, we have seen House leadership rush major legislation to the floor without a CBO score, preventing Members from knowing the impact on their constituents and the budget before voting.

The most egregious example, of course, was the May 4 vote on the TrumpCare bill that barely passed this Chamber and would strip 23 million Americans of healthcare. That bill was rushed to the House floor before it had a CBO score, and Members voted blindly on it without knowing the impact on their constituents.

Our resolution simply says transparency, accountability, and know what is in the bill. No score, no floor; it's that simple.

HONORING LAURINBURG-MAXTON ARMY AIR BASE

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

Mr. PITTINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base in Scotland County, North Carolina, which played a vital but little-known role in World War II.

From 1942 to 1945, Scotland County helped prepare glider pilots for the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. Generals Dwight Eisenhower and George Marshall visited the base during the war to observe glider training.

On June 6, 1944, when more than 160,000 Allied troops landed during the Invasion of Normandy, glider pilots trained in Scotland County were among the vanguard as American soldiers silently soared down the French coastline through the thick fog powered only by the prevailing winds.

The brave glider pilots who trained at Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base helped secure Allied victory on D-day. Today I ask you to join me in honoring those soldiers as well as the Scotland County community, which supported these efforts.

TRUMPCARE

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, the Republican House bill is a

disaster for the American people. The process by which the bill was voted on, Members had very little time to review the text. As a result, we were forced to vote on legislation without the benefit of facts, on a bill that affects a \$3 trillion annual industry.

That is why I have joined Congresswoman JAYAPAL in introducing H. Res. 441, to require a review by the Congressional Budget Office before a bill comes to the floor.

Members of Congress should have as much information as possible to make a smart decision on major legislation affecting 18 percent of the American economy. This resolution would simply affirm the time-honored principle that facts do matter and that a fair, honest, and transparent policymaking process is essential to a healthy and thriving democracy.

CELEBRATING NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN MIAMI

(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 would like to congratulate the Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami, which has just been named amongst the best children's hospitals in the Nation by U.S. News & World Report.

Since 1950, Nicklaus, located in my congressional district, has been a shining light for our community and one of the leading pediatric healthcare centers in the world. Its doctors, nurses, and staff work tirelessly to provide the highest quality of care to children and teens in south Florida every day.

Nicklaus also includes the Miami Children's Research Institute, one of the largest providers of clinical research services for children in the Nation. From cardiology to neuroscience, our institute is at the forefront of the development of treatments and medicines which are improving the lives of kids not just in south Florida, but around the world.

So, once again, congratulations to Nicklaus on being selected as one of the best children's hospitals in the United States. Thanks to everyone at Nicklaus for continuing to inspire hope and promote lifelong health by providing the best care to every child in our community.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would ask Members to heed the gavel.

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TRUMPCARE PROMISES

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, The Senate is introducing yet another version of TrumpCare today. I rise to express my grave concern with the most harmful aspects of this mean and merciless bill.