

beginning and to this day, Torah Academy maintains a focus on strengthening the mind and spirit of our future leaders.

Because of educators like Dean and Rabbi Pinchus Idstein and Principal Matthew Cleary, Torah Academy offers a quality education on firm spiritual grounding. Pillars of our strong local community like Dr. Joey Greenberg and his wife, Mrs. Marina Greenberg, spread kindness and generosity to make certain Torah can execute its mission and goals.

A special thank-you to Citizens Independent Bank, that also dedicates their support.

Torah students succeed because their community supports them, and they are guaranteed to make their corner of the world a better place.

Congratulations to Torah Academy for a successful 73 years. We wish you many more.

HONORING DR. ROSEMARY JACKSON

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

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor the memory of Dr. Rosemary Jackson.

Dr. Jackson was an educator in Chicago. Dr. Jackson was an entrepreneur. Dr. Jackson was an exceptional community leader who passed away last week and leaves behind a stellar legacy that will endure throughout the years.

Dr. Jackson was a lifelong Chicago resident who had a passion for education, a passion that began when she was a young girl. She received her Ph.D. from Loyola University and her master's degree from both National College of Education and DePaul University.

Beginning her career as an English teacher at her alma mater, John Marshall High School—my alma mater—she went on to teach at local institutions such as Hyde Park High School on the South Side in my district, Kennedy-King College in my district, and her beloved DePaul University.

In all of these places, Mr. Speaker, Dr. Jackson deeply touched countless lives and inspired so many young people. Dr. Jackson, Mr. Speaker, was a pillar of the community and a person deeply committed to public service. She was also a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, for which she chaired several committees during her 50-year tenure as an active member.

Beyond her love for education and her love for community service, Dr. Jackson was a beloved wife and mother.

She was the vice chairman and the chief administrative officer at Chicago-based Central City Productions, the business that she helped develop with her lifelong partner, her devoted husband, my longtime friend, Mr. Donald Jackson. Central City Productions, Mr. Speaker, is best known for producing

the Stellar Awards, the first and the oldest televised awards show in our Nation that honored gospel music artists for over 33 years.

Dr. Jackson achieved so much in her life through hard work and determination. She never gave up, always fought for what was right, and made it her life's mission to help students in Chicago explore their potential and their educational possibility.

Dr. Jackson was a truly remarkable, smart, and phenomenal woman who enjoyed the arts, sports, and loved line dancing. She had a smile that would light up a room.

Dr. Jackson will be missed by her family, her friends, our city, our State and, indeed, our Nation and all those who fondly remember her beautiful and loving spirit.

I was blessed to know her, and Chicago was better because of her. My heart goes out to her entire family.

The last time I saw Dr. Jackson was last year. My late wife, Carolyn, and I were going into one of our favorite restaurants in the Hyde Park community and Rose and Don Jackson, her husband, were leaving, and we stopped for a moment and had a conversation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the First Congressional District of Illinois, thank you, Rose. Thank you. God bless you. Enjoy your rest. You have earned it.

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 41 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

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

February weather would deceive us and have us think spring is yet a long way off. Yet, even as cold winds blow and penetrate the depths of the Earth, Your laws nurture new life. Winter's weight breaks off what seems unfruitful branches and rushing streams wash away all that is rootless.

Invigorate the House of Representatives, that restorative justice may inspire new confidence in this Nation and the work of Congress may produce a fruitful land.

Grant that the daily work of Your people might silence a cynical world with blossoms of truth, and early growth release the scent of eternal life

in the seasons of our lifeline and forever.

May all that is done this day in the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

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 Alabama (Mrs. ROBY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. ROBY 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS ARE A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, I had the privilege of visiting Central Mountain High School's Career and Technology Education Center. It is a state-of-the-art 235,000-square-foot academic career technical education complex.

The Keystone Central School District has introduced and implemented a CTE curriculum that offers a totally integrated academic, career, and technical education for all 9th through 12th graders.

The integration model allows all students to explore and attain high academic and technical skills in their chosen profession. This system is designed to provide all students with an educational exploration opportunity that is both rigorous and relevant for career and post-secondary success.

Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Career and Technical Education Caucus and author of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, I am thrilled to see this kind of educational complex in my community.

Offering CTE programs to students in high school truly gives them an opportunity to explore career options. There is an enormous skills gap that exists today in America. There are good-paying, family-sustaining jobs out there,

but people need the right skills to obtain those jobs. CTE programs are the pathway to success.

DEMOCRATS HAVE A BETTER DEAL

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, the President and our Republican colleagues are at it again, promoting economic policies that enrich the wealthy and the biggest corporations in our country. That will hurt middle class families. We saw it in the tax scam. We see it in the President's budget. And now we even see it in the infrastructure proposal.

President Trump proposes a \$200 billion infrastructure plan that will raise fees and tolls on commuters, burden cities and States and ask others to fill the funding gap, sells off infrastructure to Wall Street and private companies, and ends vital worker and environmental protections.

The Democrats have proposed a better deal: a \$1 trillion investment, five times the President's plan, to really rebuild America. It will create 6 million good-paying jobs. It will deliver lower prices and better choices for consumers. It safeguards clean air and clean water and worker protection. It builds more resilient infrastructure to withstand climate change and ensures products are built with American materials.

There is a real contrast here between what the President has proposed, which is basically to shift the burden to cities and States and for the Federal Government to abandon its responsibility to help rebuild our country.

The Democrats have a better deal than this raw deal. It is a deal to rebuild our country to create 16 million good-paying jobs to make sure the Federal Government remains a real partner in rebuilding America.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE MAJOR COUNTY SHERIFFS OF AMERICA

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

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of a man whose service to his community has resulted in greater safety, security, and justice in Polk County, Florida.

Sheriff Grady Judd, a stalwart of law enforcement in the 15th District and a dear friend, has been sworn into the role of president of the Major County Sheriffs of America, a position to which he will bring his knowledge, his skill, and his integrity to advocate for safer communities across our great Nation.

For centuries, the Anglo-American sheriff system has produced officers who secure the peace and prosperity of

the land, and even two American Presidents, Grover Cleveland and Teddy Roosevelt, served in such a capacity.

Sheriff Judd has long been an advocate for the rule of law, and we will all benefit as he rises to this position to fight to uphold the noble tradition of keeping the peace.

My deepest congratulations to Sheriff Judd and his family, and to the Major County Sheriffs of America, who do such important work to keep us all safe.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, this week, the long-awaited Trump infrastructure plan was finally released. What a disappointment, after coming here a year ago and promising a \$1 trillion plan. Then, in his State of the Union, saying it is going to be even bigger—huge—\$1.5 trillion. In the fine print, however, \$1.3 trillion of the \$1.5 trillion comes from communities like my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Now, let's be clear. If States and local communities had an extra \$1.3 trillion laying around, they would be servicing those roads and bridges. They would be rebuilding their water systems. They would be doing this work already.

If we are going to have a Federal infrastructure plan, we need to have a Federal infrastructure plan that is really investment and not just checking the box so that the President can say he submitted a big, bold infrastructure plan.

Well, it is not big and bold, from the Federal Government's point of view. The \$200 billion investment from the Federal Government, offset by a \$170 billion reduction, boils down to \$3 billion a year over 10 years.

That is not big. That is not bold. That won't fix the roads and bridges in this country.

NO MORE "STRATEGIC PATIENCE" WITH IRAN

(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, this weekend, Iran has wrongfully seized another American hostage.

Morad Tahbaz, a dual American and Iranian citizen, was volunteering with the Persian Wildlife Heritage Foundation when he was maliciously arrested. This is in addition to the tragic news that Canadian Kavous Seyed Emami, who was arrested working with the Foundation, died last week under suspicious circumstances in an Iranian prison.

Morad Tahbaz is the CEO of the Persian Wildlife Heritage Foundation and former president of Empire Resorts. He

attended Colgate University and Columbia Business School. He is an upstanding American citizen who does not deserve to be treated like a criminal, nor a political pawn, by a rogue regime as he promotes the extraordinary heritage of Persia.

The Obama administration caved to the dangerous ransom deals with Iran, but "strategic patience" only emboldened them to subjugate the brave citizens of Iran.

As the Iranian Government continues to undermine peace, free nations must work together to address this serious threat. I support Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley in calling for the release of all American citizens unjustly detained in Iran.

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

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, February is National Children's Dental Health Month.

During this month, we raise awareness about the importance of oral health, especially for America's kids. Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease—five times more common than asthma and seven times more common than hay fever. Oral health status is directly tied to academic achievement and school attendance.

One way we can fix this is by passing my Action for Dental Health Act, H.R. 2422, which was unanimously reported out of the Energy and Commerce Committee on September 25. This bipartisan bill is cosponsored by 83 Members and supported by the American Dental Association, the National Dental Association, the American Dental Education Association, and 39 other advocacy groups.

Once enacted, this bill will empower the CDC to deliver more and better healthcare to underserved populations, especially urban and rural communities, and increase education about the importance of oral health.

I am proud to be working with Congressman MIKE SIMPSON from Idaho on this bipartisan bill. I ask the Speaker to schedule a vote on the bill before the end of National Children's Dental Health Month.

Lastly, I would like to wish my colleagues and constituents a Happy Valentine's Day.

ADDRESSING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

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

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, this week, the Senate is taking action to address