

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

60 YEARS OF THE PIONEER CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate the Pioneer Center for Human Services for 60 years of serving the people of McHenry County, Illinois.

The Pioneer Center was founded in 1958 out of a mother's desire to provide greater opportunities for her daughter with Down syndrome. Since then, it has provided services for members of the community facing developmental disabilities, homelessness, and behavioral health issues.

I am always impressed by the compassion and energy of Pioneer Center employees when I visit their facilities, which now include 17 group homes, a homeless shelter, a transitional home, and a family and child therapy center.

Mr. Speaker, 4,500 men, women, and children are served every year, including 95 who are annually employed in local jobs through the Community Employment Services Program. Last year alone, individuals logged 8,500 hours of community activity, everything from attending classes at the gym to visiting a farmer's market and taking community college courses.

I am proud to celebrate with the Pioneer Center for Human Services as they continue to empower individuals to achieve their full potential.

RUSSIAN INVESTIGATION

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

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, despite the Kremlin's lies, all facts lead to the conclusion that Vladimir Putin tried to murder Sergei Skripal, a former Russian double agent, in broad daylight on British soil.

Great Britain strongly condemned Russia, and because Britain is our closest ally, our Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson, did what we would expect from him: he forcefully condemned the crime and vowed the U.S. would hold Russia accountable. But within hours, Tillerson was fired.

Now, we know about the strains between President Trump and Tillerson: Trump has mocked him for favoring diplomacy with North Korea; they have disagreed over the Iran nuclear deal; and it didn't help when Tillerson reportedly called Trump a moron. But none of that cost Tillerson his job. It was only when he aggressively condemned Putin that he crossed the reddest of redlines for Donald Trump.

Why is Trump so afraid of Putin that he would fire his own Secretary of State for talking tough on Russia? Why does he constantly fawn over Putin, even calling to congratulate him for winning a fake election this week?

You would think the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence would be asking these questions, but, instead, they have shut down their Russia investigation.

This stinks, Mr. Speaker. What are they trying to hide from the American people?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE RUDOLPH JOHNSON

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Arkansas native Rudy Johnson. Former Private Rudy Johnson will be laid to rest at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock this Friday, 73 years after he was killed in action during World War II.

Private Johnson was drafted into the Army in 1943 and was assigned to the 93rd Division, nicknamed the Buffalo Soldiers and the only African-American division to see combat in Europe during World War II.

Rudy was stationed in northern Italy, fighting against German forces when his unit reported that he was killed in action in 1945 at the age of 20. Private Johnson's remains were finally identified after DNA analysis in 2016, and he was flown home this week to rest where his journey began.

Rudy's sacrifice for Arkansas and America will never be forgotten, and I join his family and all Arkansans in welcoming him back home for his final rest.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JESSICA KLYMCHUK

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

Mr. KIHUEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Jessica Klymchuk.

Jessica was the mother of three daughters and one son. She was an edu-

cational assistant, bus driver, and librarian at St. Stephen's School in Valleyview, Alberta, Canada, for 4 years.

She went to the Route 91 festival in Las Vegas on October 1 with her fiancé, Brent. The couple had recently been engaged and looked forward to their wedding.

Jessica always put her family first and loved camping with them. She is remembered for being a loving woman who always worked hard and dedicated her life to her children.

I would like to extend my condolences to Jessica's family and friends. Please know that the city of Las Vegas, the State of Nevada, and the whole country grieve with you.

PROTECT MINNESOTA'S LIBERIAN COMMUNITY

(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, time is running out. Unless the administration takes action by March 31, members of Minnesota's Liberian community who have been here for more than 20 years after fleeing a vicious civil war and making new lives here in the United States could be forced to leave.

Minnesota is home to one of the largest Liberian communities in the country. More than 16,000 Liberians, including 4,000 children, have made Minnesota their home, and for decades, they have been productive members of our society and our economy.

Since the early 1990s, Presidents of both parties have ensured that they can stay. A bipartisan group of my colleagues and I are asking and joining together to ask the President to act to do the same.

I have also coauthored bipartisan legislation to allow these families to stay because, Mr. Speaker, we are asking the President: Don't let this happen. Do the right thing. These families are fundamentally American, and they are a part of the very fabric of what we have in Minnesota as a community.

HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, while we are on recess, the city of Memphis, Tennessee, will be the center of civil rights history as the 50th anniversary of the tragic assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., will be memorialized on April 4 in Memphis, where he was slain.

At the Lorraine Motel where he was staying and killed, a great civil rights museum has sprung up like a phoenix from the ashes, the great history of the civil rights movement. At that spot, at the same time he was killed, there will

be a bell ringing, and there will be civil rights leaders from all over the country in Memphis to mark the occasion: our own JOHN LEWIS, Andrew Young, Danny Glover, and Cary Kennedy. There are so many that I shouldn't start, but they will be there to honor Dr. King's memory.

Dr. King's dream is not fulfilled yet. We need to continue to work to make his dream fulfilled in this country to where everybody, regardless of their race or their gender, for that matter, or their sexual orientation, has an opportunity to climb ladders of opportunity to participate in the American Dream and have a successful life and be a part of the middle class, if possible.

I hope everybody will give some thought to Dr. King and his dream on April 4.

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

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

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support President Trump's plan to tackle the opioid epidemic, a crisis that has plagued communities and devastated families all across Indiana.

In Indiana, roughly 40 percent more people die from drug overdoses than they do from car accidents. Since 2010, opioid-related deaths have nearly tripled in my State.

It is past time to address the opioid epidemic and get serious about saving lives.

Growing up in the 1980s, Nancy Reagan's Just Say No campaign had a real impact on my life, and I applaud President Trump's plan to do more to educate young people about the horrific effects of drug use.

I also support the President's plan to address the opioid crisis by securing our border, stopping the flow of drugs pouring into our country, and reducing rampant prescription drug abuse. The President is right. For the worst drug traffickers, the death penalty should be an option.

Today we took a big step in the right direction, but more must be done to help families dealing with the devastating effects of opioid abuse.

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FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE WALK

(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, today I rise in support of the annual Walking 4 Friendship event.

This past March 18, friends, families, and neighbors from my congressional district walked three kilometers to promote awareness and acceptance of children, teens, and young adults with special needs.

More than 1,000 of my constituents walked to raise support for The Friendship Circle of Miami. This volunteer organization provides a number of social, recreational, and educational programs for some of the most vulnerable members of our society and helps them build lasting friendships.

Mr. Speaker, the positive impact of The Friendship Circle is felt widely throughout our community and brings so much joy and comfort to young people with special needs and their families.

I would like to thank the countless volunteers and local sponsors who make this organization and this wonderful annual event possible. Let us not forget their theme: Together, we can perform miracles.

MARY'S CUPBOARD

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the issue of food insecurity, affecting nearly 1.6 million people in my home State of Pennsylvania. In our district, that is 1.6 million too many.

I am proud to recognize the efforts of Mary's Cupboard in Levittown, Pennsylvania, a food pantry which has served nearly 86,000 individuals since its inception in 1976. Operating in conjunction with Catholic Social Services, Mary's Cupboard offers both perishable and nonperishable food items. Their standard practice is to provide a family with 5 days' worth of food.

I would like to recognize founder Marion Slack and operations coordinators Betty Rommet and Ann Hyjurick, who, along with the assistance of partnering parishes St. Ignatius in Yardley, St. Andrew in Newton, St. Cyril of Jerusalem in Jamison, and St. Michael the Archangel in Levittown, bring hope and peace of mind to their neighbors on a daily basis.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of us to follow their lead and work to eradicate hunger in all of our communities.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4760

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 4760.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK, CELEBRATES ITS 230TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 230th anni-

versary of the settlement of my hometown, New Hartford, New York.

New Hartford was settled in early 1877 by Jedediah Sanger, who was in search of the American Dream. By 1789, Jedediah had brought his entire family to New Hartford and built a sawmill and gristmill. The village began to flourish with farmers who provided New Hartford and the surrounding communities with fresh produce and a variety of dairy products.

Today, the town of New Hartford strives to maintain Jedediah Sanger's original vision and ideas. It is home to numerous retail stores, restaurants, and churches, while remaining an extremely civic-minded and generous community.

In fact, our own New Hartford Central School District, my alma mater and the same school from which my son graduated from 30 years later, consistently ranks as one of the very best schools in New York State and among the top public schools in the country.

Fun fact: I actually live across the street from the house I grew up in, my childhood home, and I now live in a home that I purchased from our former Congressman, Alexander Pirnie, who once served in this great Chamber.

Please join me in honoring and celebrating the 230th anniversary of New Hartford, New York.

SALUTING CAREGIVERS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the caregivers who support those living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia in our community.

Over 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, including 5,000 in my home county of Butte in northern California. It is also the most expensive disease in America. Medicare and Medicaid pay two-thirds of all the costs. This is unacceptable and unsustainable.

This is a tremendous burden to our country. From my perspective, if we are going to have a shot at reducing government spending, we have to advance the movement to cure Alzheimer's and do something to lower the cost of care and also reduce the burden on families who suffer as they watch their loved ones dealing with this disease.

This is why I joined 32 of my House colleagues in cosponsoring the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act. This would create a public health response to Alzheimer's and would help educate community members and doctors on dementia detection, diagnosis, symptom management, even brain health and prevention of dementia.

I will continue to fight for quality, affordable healthcare for seniors nationwide. We must do everything in our