

# WELCOMING RABBI AARON KRUPNICK

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. NORCROSS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to welcome our guest chaplain, Rabbi Aaron Krupnick of Congregation Beth El in Voorhees, New Jersey.

The congregation has been part of our South Jersey community since 1920, when it was originally founded in Camden City.

Now it offers a spiritual home for hundreds of Jewish families in South Jersey.

Rabbi Krupnick came to our community in 1994 from Montgomery, Alabama. There, he helped lead interfaith services with leaders like Martin Luther King, III, and Rosa Parks.

As you heard in his prayer, he often discusses patience, understanding, kindness, compassion.

In a world where religion too often creates so much conflict, Rabbi Krupnick focuses on togetherness. He knows there is more that connects us than divides us.

I have been fortunate enough to attend services and seder at Beth El. I have witnessed firsthand how the community is welcoming, loving, and supportive of all.

Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to welcome Rabbi Krupnick to the House of Representatives and I thank him for his offering of this morning's prayer.

His compassion, his teachings, his strong leadership have helped foster a vibrant Jewish community in our region, and I know it will stay that way for years to come.

# ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

# RELEASE PASTOR ANDREW BRUNSON

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

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the ongoing plight of Pastor Andrew Brunson, a Christian missionary from my district in western North Carolina who has been held as a prisoner of the Turkish Government for the last 20 months.

Prior to being arrested by the Turkish Government in October of 2016, Pastor Brunson had lived peacefully in Turkey for decades. He had opened a church, raised his family, and made a life in the country.

That all changed in 2016, when the Turkish Government arrested Pastor Brunson on a series of bogus charges. He has been detained ever since.

Last month, I sent a letter to the Turkish President, signed by a bipartisan group of 154 lawmakers, calling on their government to release Pastor Brunson. It is a long time in coming, but I hope and I pray that Pastor Brunson will be released so that he can be reunited with his family here in the United States.

# IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Trump administration's shameful new policy separating parents and children at our southern border. This policy is even being applied to those legally seeking asylum here while fleeing violence in their home countries.

The current system of prioritizing criminal prosecution of those seeking protection rather than assessing legitimate asylum claims has to stop.

These are not our Nation's values. Our country is better than this, our people are better than this.

But we have a chance to get something right. We are currently within just a handful of signatures of forcing a vote on a series of immigration proposals, including the bipartisan USA Act, which pairs a resolution for our Dreamers with smart investments in our border security.

June, this month, is Immigrant Heritage Month, a time to reflect on the history of immigration that so many Americans share. We must live up to our heritage by ending this cruel policy of family separation, securing Dreamers a permanent future here in the United States, and finally formally reforming our broken immigration system.

# HONORING MAJOR GENERAL JEFFREY BANNISTER

(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, I rise today to honor an exceptional patriot and military leader, Major General Jeffrey Bannister, who recently passed away.

General Bannister served as the 10th Mountain Division commander and senior commander at Fort Drum in my district.

I am proud to have gotten to know General Bannister and his family during my first term in office, when we worked closely together to successfully prevent devastating personnel cuts from taking place at Fort Drum.

Whenever I visited Fort Drum, Major General Bannister was always a wonderful host. It was clear he commanded the greatest respect from the men and women stationed on post, and I know his greatest interest was their well-being.

I remember running into Jeff with his family at the Cream Cheese Festival in Lowville after he returned from a recent deployment. He was casually wearing his baseball cap and eating at a picnic table with his wife, and they both gave me a warm hug.

He was truly dedicated to our country and our community.

The hearts of our entire Fort Drum community go out to the family of Major General Bannister, his wife Trese and his daughter Lindsey during this difficult time.

# SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, there is nothing that demonstrates the deeply held American value of living a retirement with dignity than the promise of Social Security and Medicare. These are benefits that America's seniors have earned after a lifetime of hard work so they can enjoy their retirement years with dignity and economic security.

But yesterday we learned the Medicare trust fund will be depleted in just 8 years, 3 years earlier than expected. The Social Security trust fund will run dry just 8 years after that.

A few months ago, our Republican friends passed a huge tax cut for the wealthiest Americans and most powerful corporations. And how do Republicans want to pay for it: by cutting Social Security and Medicare.

That is a bad deal for the American people. They deserve better.

When Democrats take back the majority, we are going to deliver A Better Deal for the American people. We are going to put working people first and we are going to ensure a secure retirement for everyone who works hard in this country. Most importantly, we are going to return the promise of America.

# NORMANDY: JUNE 6, 1944

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in the cold, damp, dark rain of morning, thousands of young American soldiers sailed across the treacherous English Channel. The day was June 6, 1944; their destination, Normandy, France; the mission, not conquest, but liberation of Europe.

Operation Overlord, or D-Day, called for a massive ally invasion of the continent during World War II. Securing the brutal Omaha and Utah beachheads inch by bloody inch, our boys finally declared victory, forcing Hitler to begin his long retreat into oblivion.

That victory did not come without cost, however. Today, 9,387 white crosses and Stars of David overlook the silent beaches of Normandy, marking

the final resting place of America's war dead.

The soldiers buried there were part of the Greatest Generation, young men from every State and territory in the United States.

We remember them, our warriors, those that were killed, those that returned, and those that returned with the wounds of war, because, Mr. Speaker, the worst casualty of war is to be forgotten.

And that is just the way it is.

#### IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate our immigrants' heritage. Over one-third of north Texans in the Dallas-Fort Worth area were born outside of the United States. They live and work in my district: Hondurans in South Irving, Somalians in Stop Six, Mexican nationals in Oak Cliff.

Whether they are from Jalisco to Tijuana, El Salvador to Nigeria, they are our fellow Texans.

Across the metroplex, they fulfill their own version of the American Dream as teachers in classrooms, engineers who design defense equipment, doctors who care for our families, and soldiers who protect our Nation. Quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, they are fulfilling a lot of jobs in agriculture and construction and other areas that are simply hard to fill and cannot be filled at home by native-born Americans.

This administration is attempting to abolish their patriotism and demoralize their American spirit, but we can't let them win.

We need to heal the distrust and fear that comes from talks of border walls, and instead, build community ties that can withstand. Let's start with the protection of our Active Duty servicemembers and veterans. Let's celebrate our immigrants' heritage this month by honoring our country's legacy as a Nation of immigrants.

Let's pass a clean Dream Act now.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 74TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

(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, I rise today on the 74th anniversary of the Allied D-Day invasion of France to honor the bravery of our Armed Forces who served in that operation.

73,000 Americans took part in Operation Overlord on June 6, 1944. This operation secured a beachhead on the European continent that began the liberation of France and then the rest of Western Europe.

Sadly, the United States suffered more than 6,000 casualties in this oper-

ation. Ultimately, thousands more U.S. servicemembers would fall in the coming weeks and months liberating the rest of Western Europe from German control.

The courage, bravery, and sacrifice displayed by our military on this day continues to serve as an example for the cost of freedoms that we enjoy in the United States today.

Mr. Speaker, I recently had the honor and the privilege of attending a wreath-laying ceremony on Omaha Beach in Normandy at the Normandy American Cemetery in France.

This memorial serves as a constant reminder to the world that the United States will fight and die to protect the freedoms of not just American citizens, but for citizens around the globe.

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#### CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Pride Month.

For generations and across industries, LGBTQ Americans have directly contributed to America's greatness. Chicagoland is home to many of these leaders, like Carol A. Johnson, a union and HIV activist; Kim Hunt, a policy expert; the late Vernita Gray, a community activist; business leaders like Fred Eychaner and Tracy Baim.

In the last few years, we have made remarkable progress towards equality. On June 26, we will celebrate the fifth anniversary of marriage equality for all Americans, yet much work still remains.

Trans Americans are still too often the victims of violence, harassment, and exploitation. Too many struggling with who they are or whom they love resort to self-harm and suicide. And, sadly, we have a man in the White House who is unwilling to recognize June as Pride Month.

Despite these challenges, LGBTQ Americans and their family, including me, stand as united as ever, and we will keep pushing until real, true, and lasting equality isn't just encoded in law but encoded in our hearts.

Happy Pride.

#### THE HISTORIC RESCUE OF BULGARIAN JEWS FROM THE HOLOCAUST

(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, I am grateful that, 28 years ago this week, I was appointed by the International Republican Institute as an election observer for the first free elections in Bulgaria as it emerged from totalitarian communism. Since that time, I have seen Bulgaria advance to be a vibrant democracy as a

member of NATO and the European Union.

On the 75th anniversary of the rescue of Bulgarian Jews from the Holocaust, the world recognizes this as a remarkable event in history. Over 50,000 Jewish people were saved by the Bulgarian church, some intellectuals and members of Parliament, but most of all, the Bulgarian people.

The Bulgarian Jewish community was the only one in Europe which not only survived World War II, but increased in size.

The Bulgarian people should always be appreciated for their courage and action. As co-chair of the Bulgaria Caucus, I cherish the mutually beneficial friendship between our two countries inspired by Prime Minister Boyko Borissov and Ambassador Tihomir Stoytchev.

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

God bless the memory of the American-led Allied troops who landed at Normandy 74 years ago to begin the liberation of Europe, defeating national socialism.

#### RISE AGAINST HUNGER

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on May 15, I joined several of my colleagues from the House and Senate, officials from USDA, Ambassadors to the United States, and 150 volunteers at a meal packaging event hosted by the nonprofit organization Rise Against Hunger and The Kraft Heinz Company. Together, we packaged 20,000 meals that will be sent to Mozambique and distributed to families through a school feeding program in that country.

I admire the incredible efforts of Rise Against Hunger, under the leadership of Rod Brooks, in hosting meal packaging events like this one I attended on Capitol Hill a few weeks ago. Last year alone, Rise Against Hunger served 1.4 million people in 74 countries across the globe as they worked toward the important goal of ending global hunger by 2030.

I also applaud the work of Kraft Heinz in advancing its laudable goal of delivering 1 billion meals to those struggling with hunger by 2021. Kraft Heinz CEO Bernardo Hees, Board Vice Chairman John Cahill, and Board Member George Zoghbi traveled to D.C. to lead the event, and I am grateful for their commitment to ending hunger once and for all.

#### URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SANCTION ORTEGA REGIME OFFICIALS

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