

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 R. PEREZ GATLING

THE SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. LURIA) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Reverend Perez Gatling, the 13th pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Virginia Beach. I thank him for his powerful and poignant prayer on the House floor and know that his words will give Congress strength.

Known as “the church that reaches out,” Ebenezer Baptist Church is the oldest African American church in the city of Virginia Beach and has been the cornerstone of our community since 1859.

Pastor Gatling leads it by humble example, sharing with whomever he meets his personal motto: “I’m just a nobody trying to tell everybody about somebody who can save anybody.”

Pastor Gatling is not only a faith leader, but also a mentor to so many through his church’s prolific community outreach, specifically, for students of all ages.

Pastor Gatling is accompanied today by his loving family: Veleka Gatling, Lewis Gatling, Russell Gatling, Cleo Gatling, Leo V. Williams, Carolyn Williams, and Mary Bowen.

Thank you for joining us today. Thank you, Pastor Gatling, for bringing your wise words and your wonderful family to visit us in Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

RECOGNIZING GOLD STAR FAMILIES

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, as we approach Memorial Day, we are reminded of the brave servicemen and -women who have given their lives to defend our country.

The families of those who died in conflict, known as the Gold Star families, can never forget these sacrifices. Our country is indebted to these selfless Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice.

No amount of financial support can ease the pain of losing a loved one, but veterans’ benefits to surviving spouses and children provide an important life-line during these times of need.

The 2017 tax law brought many unintended consequences that Congress is

now trying to fix, including a significant increase in tax rates on benefits for children of these fallen servicemembers. This is completely unacceptable. Congress must pass legislation to fix this now so families that have already given so much are not asked to give even more.

COMMEMORATING THE 19TH AMENDMENT

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

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, today we celebrate an important moment in our Nation’s history: 100 years ago, today, Clifford Randall, the Representative from the First District of Wisconsin, left his office like all of his colleagues in the House, walked to this very Chamber, and cast his vote in favor of women’s suffrage.

The 19th Amendment gave women the right to vote. Today we commemorate that vote.

Wisconsin was a leader in the women’s suffrage movement. In fact, Wisconsin was the first State to ratify the 19th Amendment.

I am wearing a yellow rose today just as the supporters of women’s rights did a century ago.

As we commemorate the 19th Amendment, let’s focus on how we can work together to support women and ensure that future generations will never forget that historic vote.

EMPOWERING WOMEN

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, what an amazing day: 100 years ago, the Congress voted out a resolution to empower women with the right to vote.

What is interesting, the last day, the last State, Tennessee, when the vote was taken, or when it was about to be taken, the then-Speaker, who was against it, wearing a red rose, said: We have got the votes.

But there is nothing like the power of a woman and the power of a mother. And a young legislator got a letter from his mother that very morning that said: Son, be a good boy, and vote to let women vote.

And, lo and behold, Tennessee ratified that right because that 24-year-old voted to let women vote.

It is an important time now for women to be empowered, because the States of Alabama and Texas and Mississippi and Missouri and others are now trying to reign back the rights of women and the right to choose.

We respect other values. We respect the Constitution and the Ninth Amendment, but Alabama and Mississippi and Texas and Missouri, we are not going back, because women got the right to vote. And just like that young man, be

a good boy and leave women alone, for them to choose their own right, the right to vote.

HONORING MADISON DOZIER

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

Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent Madison Dozier of Alexandria, Kentucky.

Madison is an honor roll student at Reiley Elementary and the daughter of proud parents Ronnie and Melanie Dozier.

Madison is also the 2019 national winner of the annual National Missing Children’s Day poster competition, sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention at the Department of Justice.

Each year, all fifth graders in the United States are invited to participate in the missing children’s day poster competition. The purpose of this competition is to foster awareness and discussion among schools and law enforcement regarding the tragedy of missing and exploited children.

This year, Madison’s poster received the national award, following a unanimous decision from the judging panel.

Congratulations to Madison and her teacher and her proud family as they visit Washington, D.C., for the awards ceremony this week. Her poster will be on display in the Great Hall at the Department of Justice. Check it out.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASSAGE OF THE NINETEENTH AMENDMENT

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

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, today marks the 100th anniversary of the House passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

It is hard to think that, 100 years later, for most of our Nation’s history, including my grandmother’s and great-grandmother’s generations, women contributed to the building of our Nation but lacked this basic civil right.

In America, your vote is your voice; it is what makes all of us equal. We each have one vote. Voting is one of the most important things that you can do as a citizen.

When the 19th Amendment passed over 100 years ago, only one woman served in the United States House of Representatives. When I began my congressional career here in 2003, 60 women were serving in the House.

Today, I am proud to serve in the House with 127 women, including 14 other Latinas. That, my friends, is progress.

While we have made significant improvements to expand the representation of women in our political system, we still have a long way to go. So let

us honor this anniversary by committing ourselves to continuing the unfinished work toward achieving full equality for women in this country.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the efforts of the women's suffrage movement in the United States.

Susan B. Anthony once said: "Oh, if I could but live another century and see the fruition of all the work for the women. There is so much yet to be done."

Now that we stand on the other side of that century, it is only fitting that we honor the suffragettes who paved the way for millions of women to vote and hold public office.

By a vote of 74–15, my home State of Arkansas became the 12th State to ratify the 19th Amendment.

I would like to specifically recognize Ms. Hattie Wyatt Caraway from Jonesboro, Arkansas, the first woman to ever be elected to the United States Senate and whose portrait is prominently displayed outside the Senate Chamber.

A truly representative democracy necessitates that all voices be heard, and the 19th Amendment signified a turning point in government.

America's legacy of strong women continues on today in the lives of each woman who casts a ballot and runs for office. I am honored to serve alongside many of these women.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

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

Mr. DELGADO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join in celebrating the 66th Congress.

100 years ago today, in 1919, this House voted to pass the 19th Amendment to grant women the right to vote. I rise today to celebrate the women's suffrage movement and the women who, at the time, were seen as revolutionary for demanding a voice, a representation in our democracy.

Today, we applaud the women who organized in upstate New York, in Seneca Falls, who marched down Pennsylvania Avenue, and who lifted their voices across this country to demand "votes for women."

As we prepare to celebrate a century of women's suffrage, let us acknowledge the tireless work of women to demand the right to vote and the women, including Ulster County's own Sojourner Truth, who recognized that suffrage still denied treatment under the law for all.

Today, I am proud to celebrate the tireless work of women to demand the

right to vote and the men who stood on the right side of history by voting to pass the 19th Amendment.

Their work set the stage for the historic 116th Congress, full of trailblazing women, and firsts in their own right.

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CELEBRATING BOLD TRAILBLAZERS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

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

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the bold trailblazers like Susan B. Anthony, a pro-life woman and Republican, and others like Emma Smith DeVoe and May Arkwright Hutton, who both led the suffrage movement in Washington State.

It was exactly 100 years ago today that this body passed a constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote. Its leaders like Susan B. Anthony and others have inspired generations of women to live their dreams, to be courageous, and to be risk-takers. They fought in search of a more perfect union to make sure the promise of America was available to women of all walks of life so that we, the people, are able to make our voices heard.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful for them. I am honored to stand here today, 100 years later. Their legacy reminds us all why we are empowered to do our part and write the next chapter of America's history.

JOHN BOLTON BEATING DRUMS OF WAR

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, if you listen carefully, you can hear drums faintly in the background. It is not a prayer circle. It is John Bolton down at the White House, beating the drums of war.

This is the same John Bolton who thought invading Iraq was a really, really great idea. In fact, he said, "I expect that the American role actually will be fairly minimal." Minimal? The greatest foreign policy mistake in the history of the United States of America fairly minimal?

Now he wants to do the same thing in Iran.

Iraq was one thing, with Saddam Hussein in a relatively small country. Iran? Really, buddy? He hasn't seen any problem around the world that you can't change by regime change: North Korea, regime change; Venezuela, oh, that worked out really well a couple of weeks ago, regime change; now Iran.

What about Russia? He is kind of quiet about Russia. I wonder why that is. It might have something to do with his boss.

Now, his boss goes back and forth: War, no war. War, no war. I don't know.

We have to hope Bolton doesn't win this debate. He has never repented. He said, in 2019, "I still think the decision to overthrow Saddam was correct." The same guy said, "I confess I had no desire to die in a Southeast Asian rice paddy." Chicken hawk.

RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF 19TH AMENDMENT

(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. Madam Speaker, exactly 100 years ago today, this House passed the 19th Amendment. On June 4, 1919, the Senate approved it.

The women's right to vote began the race to ratification, requiring three-fourths of the 48 States to ratify it before it was added to the Constitution. That happened on August 26, 1920.

Madam Speaker, a woman having the right to vote is not at all controversial today. However, in 1848, when the first women's rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York, the issue was so contentious that the group of mostly women only narrowly passed including voting rights in their Declaration of Sentiments.

We know some of the leaders of the movement, like Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Ida B. Wells, but there are thousands of other women whose names will never be known. They also gave heart and courage to ensuring equality for women.

The passage of the 19th Amendment ensured that all Americans were included in steering our Nation toward the future. One hundred years later, it remains just as important.

CELEBRATE 19TH AMENDMENT WITH POLICIES TO SUPPORT ALL WOMEN

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

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the House passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

Suffragettes across the country bravely fought for decades to make that moment possible, enduring hardship and pervasive discrimination. I think about trailblazing women like Oregon's Abigail Scott Duniway.

The right to vote empowered women to shape policy, elevated public discourse, and more.

We have come a long way. There is a record number of women not only voting but serving in Congress. With more women at the table, I hope we will finally enact policies that support all women and their rights, including the right to make our own reproductive