

It is time that we step up. It is time that we have our voices heard, that we stand up for people whose voices are being silenced by violence. We have a chance to speak in a clear voice and send a message that the United States and its government will support the people of Sudan.

Sudan must do better because we and the world are watching. Sudan cannot be allowed to go down this dangerous path.

We have to stand with the people of Sudan, stand for their democratic rights, allow their voices to be heard, and allow them to live in freedom.

#### REMEMBERING THOSE LOST IN PULSE NIGHTCLUB MASS SHOOTING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MURPHY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, today marks 3 years since the terrible tragedy that took the lives of 49 people at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando.

That is 36 months, 156 weeks, 1,095 days that the victims' families and loved ones have had to live without their presence and without their light.

This single incident shook our community to its core and forever changed us. But our city showed that we are a vibrant community that prides itself on its love and inclusion.

Following the tragedy, hundreds came out to donate blood and help their fellow brothers and sisters in their time of need. The site was transformed into a makeshift memorial, one that was full of love, thoughtful notes, and flowers.

This was the largest attack against LGBTQ people in U.S. history. As we celebrate Pride Month, we must honor their memories, be inspired by their legacies, and recognize the positive contributions the LGBTQ community offers to the world.

While those memories may be raw and remembering those we lost may still hurt, we cannot forget that the love that the 49 victims brought into this world will always be stronger than the hate that stole their lives on that day.

Hate will never win. Love always will.

The memories of those who lost their lives will never ever be forgotten.

#### 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 57 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 pro

tempore (Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York) at noon.

#### PRAYER

Reverend J. David Carter, Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Chattanooga, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, amen.

Almighty God and Father of all the nations, as we stand in this great Chamber of worldly power, we humbly acknowledge that the dome of this Capitol stands beneath the dome of the heavens, which You created and which You continue to rule in truth and justice.

We are grateful for the many gifts of Your providence that You shower down upon our people from on high. We also humbly acknowledge that all our actions take place in view of Your sovereign omniscience. "For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light." Therefore, we invoke this day Your blessing upon those who labor beneath this dome and who have been entrusted with the sacred duty of governing our Nation.

Banish from our hearts all temptations to greed and envy. Move our hearts to the virtues that will bring lasting happiness. Keep us steadfast in the pursuit of the common good. Make us ever mindful of the shortness of our days and make us always desirous of standing before You with integrity. Invoking Your mercy upon our failings and Your grace upon the work of our hands, we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PHILLIPS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PHILLIPS 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 REVEREND J. DAVID CARTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FLEISCHMANN) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome a very special guest to our Nation's Capitol, Father David Carter of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Chattanooga, and the Rist family.

Father David Carter is a man of strong faith and principled leadership. In our east Tennessee community, he serves as the vice chancellor for the Diocese of Knoxville and was the chaplain at Knoxville Catholic High School until his tenure as the rector of the basilica began in 2013.

Father Carter also enjoys the beauty that God has bestowed on the Volunteer State, leading treks in the Great Smoky Mountains. But even outside the House of God, he continues to show his faith, serving as chaplain to the parish's Trail Life troop.

In my service to east Tennessee in this Chamber, I often seek guidance from the Lord's word, and I am thankful to have Father Carter as my priest. I pray that our Nation knows more Father Carters, those who seek to serve and find Christ as the source of truth. I hope that Father Carter and his guests enjoy their time in this beautiful city.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

#### ACTION SAVES LIVES

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

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago today, a mother woke up at 2 a.m. She woke up to a flurry of text messages from her son. He was trapped in a nightclub bathroom at the mercy of a man with an MCX rifle and a death wish. His first text: "Mommy, I love you"; then at 2:39 a.m.: "He's coming. I'm gonna to die." Eddie Justice was murdered in the Pulse nightclub that morning, and he was 30 years old.

Today we stand with Eddie's family and loved ones. We stand with Orlando. We stand with the LGBTQ community. And we stand up here to say doing nothing to prevent mass shootings in our country is a dereliction of our duty.

The Senate must pass the gun violence prevention measures that the House put forward in February. Thoughts and tweets do not save lives. Action saves lives.

In honor of all the Pulse nightclub victims, we need action, and we need it now.

#### IN HONOR OF FLAG 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, this Friday is Flag Day and the U.S. Army's 244th birthday.

Each year, on June 14, we celebrate the Stars and Stripes, which the Second Continental Congress designated as the symbol of our Nation on June 14, 1777.

Since our founding, our flag has flown across the country and the world. It has flown during both our most tragic moments and our greatest triumphs. It has also been a glorious symbol of hope for our brave servicemen and -women who salute it, defend it, serve it, and, in some cases, die for it to protect our freedom and liberty.

Later today, the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army, and the Sergeant Major of the Army will be on Capitol Hill to celebrate the rich history of our Army.

Without the Army 244 years ago, we would not be the great Nation that we are today. On Friday, our Nation will celebrate our Army and our flag, which both symbolize America being the land of the free and the home of the brave.

#### HONORING CHRISTOPHER J. MORGAN

(Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a young hero we lost last week who died in a tragic accident at the United States Military Academy at West Point, located in my district in New York's Hudson Valley.

The cadet's name was Christopher J. Morgan, but most folks called him C.J. He was a member of the class of 2020. He was just 22 years old.

Chris was a talented cadet. He was majoring in law and legal studies and was a standout wrestler. Above all, he was dedicated to this country and to protecting our freedoms.

The loss of a young cadet is heartbreaking, and this accident is devastating to our community. This tragedy is another painful reminder of the sacrifices our military servicemembers and their families make for us and on our behalf.

My heart goes out to Chris' family, to his fellow cadets, some of whom were also injured in the accident, and I ask today that all join me in praying for these cadets and the soldiers injured last week in the accident. The Army family is impacted and the entire West Point community.

I also want to thank New York's first responders, medics, emergency personnel, and State troopers for their quick action after the accident last week.

#### CONGRATULATING MATTHEW CHAIRES

(Mr. RUTHERFORD asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Second Lieutenant Matthew Chaires on his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Lieutenant Chaires, or Gunner, as his family and friends call him, is from Hilliard, a small town in northeast Florida with a population of just over 3,000.

At Hilliard Middle-Senior High School, he was a student athlete and all-State football player, and he received numerous athletic and academic honors. In fact, Lieutenant Chaires is the only Hilliard resident to ever attend and graduate from one of our Nation's prestigious service academies.

At West Point, he was assigned to Bravo Company B2 Bulldogs in the second regiment and was a member of the cannon crew for the Black Knights during football season. With his time at West Point complete, he now heads to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to begin field artillery training.

On behalf of the Hilliard community and all of northeast Florida, thank you to Lieutenant Chaires for his commitment to both service and academic excellence. We are all very proud of him.

#### GUN VIOLENCE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the anniversary of the Pulse nightclub tragedy to remember those who lost their lives on that horrific night.

It should not be lost that this happened at an LGBTQ nightclub during Latino night and that those who lost their lives were mostly our Brown and Black neighbors.

Just this weekend, I joined community members, advocates, and local elected officials to demand action on gun violence in our country. Hundreds of us gathered for this rally across the street from where organizers were getting ready to open Motor City Pride, Detroit's Pride celebration attracting tens of thousands of people wanting to celebrate the community and recommit to the fight for justice for our LGBTQ neighbors.

A few hours after the gun violence rally wrapped up and Motor City Pride opened, armed neo-Nazis right outside of the gates of the festival taunted attendees, creating an unsafe environment for all of us.

I bring this up because the fight against gun violence is intersectional. The fight against hate is intersectional.

Let us remember those who have been lost to gun violence. Let us remember those at Pulse. Remember those at Stonewall Douglas.

I commend our people who have taken action out of the tragedy that shouldn't have happened at all. It is

time for us elected officials in this Chamber to do what we can to stop gun violence and hate in this country.

#### HONORING BRUCE BURNHAM

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bruce Burnham, a retired member of the military police who served in the Vietnam war and was awarded the Bronze Star.

After retiring from the military, Mr. Burnham began teaching at Armwood High School, where he taught history, social studies, and classes on the Vietnam war for 30 years.

Known affectionately as the mayor of Armwood, Mr. Burnham continues to dedicate his retirement to the students. He serves as the announcer for the Armwood varsity football team and continues to give speeches to high school students on the Vietnam war.

Mr. Burnham was placed on the front lines of history, and he has spent the last 30 years retelling that history to his students.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burnham clearly has the love of our community. He also has the respect of our country.

#### REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 962, BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which is necessary to save the innocent lives of innocent children, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois). Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, if this unanimous consent request can't be entertained, I urge the Speaker to—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not been recognized for debate.

#### COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the University of Rochester Medical Center, which has just been awarded a \$3.75 million grant for their Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program.