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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 24, 2019, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

Bless the Members of the people's House as they gather at the end of another week in the Capitol. Endow each with the graces needed to attend to the issues of the day with wisdom, that the result of their efforts might benefit the citizens of our Nation and the world.

We also ask Your blessing leading into this weekend upon a world both celebrating sport with the Women's World Cup competition, and facing heightened, even dangerous, tensions in the Middle East.

May the best of the human spirit be manifest in all the actions undertaken by those in positions of responsibility.

May all that is done 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 her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. PAPPAS)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PAPPAS 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

THANKING MRS. KATHLEEN MIRABILE

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my high school U.S. history teacher, Kathleen Mirabile, who retired last week after serving the Manchester School District for 49 years, 42 of those at my alma mater of Central High School.

Mrs. Mirabile is a Central High institution, and her passion for her subject matter and dedication to her profession made her an exemplary teacher. She was a longtime leader of the social studies department and the National Honor Society.

She gave back to her community in many ways, including leading efforts locally to preserve and share the history of Manchester.

Mrs. Mirabile knows that history is not simply a collection of dates, facts

and figures; it is about people. We must understand it or be bound to repeat it.

I think of her lessons on a regular basis, and so do thousands of New Hampshire students who have walked through her classroom doors.

On behalf of the people of New Hampshire's First District, I thank Mrs. Mirabile for incredible service and wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement.

THANKING RICHARD SCHAFER

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

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, last month, I proudly introduced legislation, H.R. 2695, to name Success Dam, located in Tulare County, California, after Mr. Richard L. Schafer, a longtime Tule River Water Master. Last week, I was pleased to see this bill pass the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

For decades, Mr. Schafer has demonstrated unparalleled commitment to ensuring our families, farms, and communities get the water they need to live and work. A major part of this commitment includes this yearlong persistence to enlarge Lake Success. Doing so, would increase flood protection to communities and farmlands that are below the dam. But as California knows, more water storage means more security for the inevitable times of a drought that put a strain on our lives.

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The good news for Tulare County is that, in 2018, the Army Corps of Engineers fully funded work to raise the dam. I stand here today to state with confidence that, without Mr. Schafer's leadership, this project might not have been approved.

This is because no matter how contentious water issues can get—and if you are in California, you know that can be quite contentious—Mr. Schafer has always been the consummate professional, always remaining even-keeled, results-focused. It is only appropriate and fitting that Success Dam be named after Mr. Schafer.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues in this Chamber for coming together and acknowledging the individuals who work hard and make our communities better.

Most importantly, I want to thank Mr. Schafer for his continued leadership and service to our community. This is a much-deserved honor.

REMEMBERING FRANK WILLS AND HONORING HIS MEMORY

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

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hero who has too often been forgotten; Frank Wills is his name, the security guard who discovered the Watergate burglary in progress.

Mr. Wills' discovery ultimately led to the exposure of crimes and scandalous behavior by several members of the Nixon administration and campaign, including the President himself.

Despite his central role in exposing that Presidential scandal, Mr. Wills only received a 3 percent raise in his weekly salary, and his work at the Watergate actually hurt his later efforts to find a new job.

Unfortunately, Mr. Wills passed away at the age of 52 without receiving the type of official recognition he deserved. This week, we observed the anniversary of the Watergate break-in, and on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, I urge everyone to remember Mr. Wills and honor his memory.

ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

(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, June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and it has reached crisis proportions. There is no effective treatment and no means of prevention and no method for slowing the progression of this disease. Sadly, one in three seniors will die of the disease of Alzheimer's.

Today, on the longest day of the year, the Alzheimer's Association is

raising awareness to outshine the darkness of Alzheimer's disease.

Approximately 50 million people, worldwide, are living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. This not only has a devastating impact on those who are diagnosed with the disease, but also their caregivers and their loved ones.

More than 15 million Americans provide unpaid care to families and friends living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Compared with caregivers for people without dementia, twice as many caregivers for people with dementia indicate substantial emotional, financial, and physical stress.

Madam Speaker, the time to act is now. Let's join the fight. Let's take the pledge to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and to never stop searching for a cure.

ENERGY WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, our neighbors and low-income households pay three times more as a share of their income on energy bills than those in higher income strata.

The fiscal year 2020 Energy and Water appropriations bill marks an important step to reduce that energy burden for America's most vulnerable people by increasing investments in the Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program.

This program helps families make their home healthier and safer. It promotes energy efficiency and reduces utility bills, which means more money in the pockets of these families for healthcare, groceries, and other basic expenses.

For each dollar the American people invest in the weatherization program, we see an estimated \$4.50 in energy and nonenergy benefits. This additional funding will ensure that even more families are able to experience the benefits of the program.

The Energy and Water bill also recognizes America's need for clean energy innovation by significantly increasing funding for essential DOE research programs, including the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, the State Energy Program and ARPA-E.

The work done by DOE and State energy offices is absolutely critical to accelerate our Nation's transition to a clean energy economy. This bill recognizes the need for the United States to continue to be the global leader in clean energy innovation, technology development, and deployment.

I thank and express my gratitude to Chairwomen LOWEY and KAPTUR for their leadership on these issues.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ATTORNEY JERRY BRADY

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Peoria County State's Attorney Jerry Brady, who was laid to rest this week. Jerry Brady was an admired public servant in the Peoria legal community and beloved by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Jerry grew up in Peoria, attending Spalding Institute High School and graduating from Bradley University and Saint Louis University law school.

In 1981, he became an assistant state's attorney in Peoria County and went on to run a successful law practice for nearly 30 years, where he served until his unfortunate passing.

Inside the courtroom, Jerry was known as one of the most principled and hardest working legal minds in all of central Illinois. Outside of the courtroom, he was known as a benefactor, friend, and role model throughout the community.

Jerry was instrumental in numerous fundraising efforts to support the Peoria community, including the recent completion of our veterans memorial in downtown Peoria.

Jerry was a selfless public servant who left a profound impact on our community, and Peoria, Illinois, misses him and will miss him in the future.

As our community mourns his loss, my thoughts and prayers are with his wonderful wife, Sue, and their three children. He will be missed.

CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

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

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Pride Month, we are reminded of the great strides towards equality we have taken.

Madam Speaker, 50 years ago, on the streets outside the Stonewall Inn where the modern LGBTQ rights movement began, the journey towards equality, no doubt, looked endless. Today, we can see the end in sight. And yet, for all of our success, the struggle continues.

We cannot rest; we cannot compromise; we simply cannot allow the demagogues of ignorance, of fear, and of hatred of others, no matter what levels of power they hold, to stop our march forward.

We must redouble our efforts to ensure that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness applies to each and every American, no matter who they are and no matter whom they love.

DELISTING THE GRAY WOLF

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