

This is great, nonpartisan work by Congress. And, going forward, we must all be committed to doing what we can to ensure our seniors are able to plan for their financial futures, stay healthy, and maintain connections to their communities.

HONORING YARDLEY BOROUGH CHIEF OF POLICE JOSEPH KELLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Yardley Borough Chief of Police Joseph Kelly.

Chief Kelly was presented with the Excellent Police Service Award, a well-deserved distinction for a man who has dedicated his life to public service.

Before he served in Yardley, Chief Kelly was a 23-year veteran of the New Jersey Transit Police Department, serving as deputy chief and chief of operations. Before his service there, he was an EMT dispatcher for the Maplewood, New Jersey, Police Department.

Upon becoming Yardley Borough police chief, the area saw a 20 percent drop in traffic accidents compared to the year before, as well as a more successful enforcement of transit laws.

In addition, Chief Kelly has moved to make the department more approachable, especially for victims of domestic violence, pushing for a closer relationship with A Woman's Place and other organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Chief Joseph Kelly for his continued service, and I would also like to thank all the members of the Yardley Borough Police Department for their tireless work in protecting our community.

HONORING THEODORE HAUPTMAN, FEASTERVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION 2019 PERSON OF THE YEAR

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the distinguished achievements of the Feasterville Business Association 2019 Person of the Year, Theodore Hauptman.

Mr. Hauptman serves both in his immediate community in Holland, Pennsylvania, as well as the greater community of Bucks County.

He has logged 25 active years with the Feasterville Business Association, serving as its president, corresponding secretary, and as a member of its executive board. He currently serves as legal counsel for the organization.

Mr. Speaker, the mission statement of the Feasterville Business Association is to foster and encourage growth, progress, and the betterment of the community.

Mr. Hauptman has shown his belief in and dedication to this mission as he serves his community with distinction in his practice of law; his position on the Northampton Township Zoning Hearing Board; and his positions as di-

rector, counsel, and president of the Northampton Community and Economic Development group.

Mr. Hauptman is a black belt in taekwondo and serves as a certified coach and referee for the World Taekwondo Federation.

He and his wife are also the proud parents of three children: Jonathan, Adam, and Allyson, the latter of whom is currently serving our country on Active Duty as a captain in the United States Army.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to once again thank Mr. Hauptman for his service to Bucks County and our constituents, and we congratulate him on his achievement.

REMEMBERING KRISTEN MARIE RIDGE

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to recognize the remarkable life of 26-year-old Kristen Marie Ridge, who, on July 5, was taken from us too soon.

Kristen was a veterinary technician at the Animals' Hospital of Levittown. She deeply cared about the safety and well-being of all animals.

Her thoughtfulness continues after her death with her urging friends and family to donate towards animal welfare in lieu of flowers.

Mr. Speaker, Kristen's selflessness is precisely why we recognize her today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

She is an example of someone with a compassionate heart having a desire to help people and animals in our community.

We send our love to her parents, Susan and Robert Ridge; her sister, Katherine Ridge Mayer; and her grandparents, Rob and Lil Boyson.

May they find peace knowing that Kristen left an indelible mark on our community and she is now enjoying her eternal reward for a life she spent caring for all of God's creatures.

CONGRATULATING ANTHONY CICERO IV AND DAKOTA SNYDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SMUCKER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Anthony Cicero IV and Dakota Snyder of Elizabethtown High School in Lancaster County for their remarkable achievement on winning the Student Angler Federation High School Fishing World Championship last month.

Their partnership led them to victory over 389 high school teams from around the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, these two young gentlemen are no strangers to the water. At their young age, they have been tournament fishing for years and practicing all year round.

Dakota said: "As long as there is no ice, I am out there fishing."

It is a trait that runs in the family, as Anthony and Dakota's fathers fished together as a team as well.

Mr. Speaker, we are blessed with beautiful and great natural resources in York and Lancaster Counties, which will be celebrated and protected through the passage of my legislation to create the Susquehanna National Heritage Area.

I am very thankful that these two young men enjoy spending time in nature while using their talents. I wish them both continued success and congratulate them on their championship victory.

HONORING COMMUNITY LEADERS MAKING AN IMPACT COMBATING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and give thanks to community leaders who are making an impact on the communities I represent in combating the opioid epidemic.

York and Lancaster County are leading the Nation in their community-wide, collaborative approach to help neighbors who are struggling with addiction.

York County District Attorney David Sunday and coroner Pam Gay are leaders in our community. They have brought together community organizations in York County, creating an organization that is now known as the York Opioid Collaborative, assisting in coordination of services and raising awareness about the opioid crisis in our communities and across the Nation.

Similarly, in Lancaster County, Alice Yoder, the director of community health with Penn Medicine, and Lancaster County Commissioner Josh Parsons have led an organization called Joining Forces, another community-wide effort, this one in Lancaster County.

Mr. Speaker, while Congress continues to address this critical issue, we are fortunate in Pennsylvania's 11th District to have public servants leading on the effort to address this horrific epidemic. I thank them and many others across our community who are working together to make a difference.

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 40 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 at noon.

PRAAYER

Reverend Asriel McLain, Little Union Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, how excellent is Thy name. In the mighty name of Jesus, we praise

You for the liberties paid for by our sons and daughters who gave their last full measure of devotion at Lexington and Concord, Chalmette-New Orleans, Gettysburg, Normandy, Iwo Jima, Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East. Thank you for those who marched with tired feet and rested souls in such places as Selma and Montgomery seeking to perfect our Union.

Lord, bless this, the people's House, of which it is said, "Here, sir, the people govern." Bless, O Lord, this body, its leadership on both sides of the aisle, whose composition mirrors the tapestry of America from the apple orchards of Washington State to the fragrant citrus groves of Florida, from the sun-kissed beaches of California to the bayous of my beloved Louisiana. Remember their families, staffs, and constituents back home as they function as servant-leaders with the vision to see what is right and the power and the strength to do what is right, remembering the Master's words that the greatest among you is Your servant and Dr. King's admonition that everyone can be great because everyone can serve.

May Members of this House heed the words of the eighth century prophet Micah when he says that You require us to love justice, do mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

Amen, amen, and 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 Tennessee (Mr. KUSTOFF) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee 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 ASRIEL MCLAIN

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to introduce my friend and Louisiana native, Reverend Asriel G. McLain, as our guest chaplain to lead the opening prayer today.

Reverend McLain has held leadership positions in numerous churches throughout the United States, including Louisiana, Michigan, and Texas. He has written over a dozen books and frequently gives lectures on equipping

Christian education leaders for effective ministry and discipleship.

Reverend McLain received his bachelor of arts from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, and his master of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. He is the proud father of four children: David, Joseph, Desiree, and Danielle. Some of the family is here today. He is also a lifelong member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

In addition to his work behind the pulpit and inside the classroom, Reverend McLain followed in his father's footsteps, becoming a leading voice on advancing the cause of justice and equality for all Americans. Having witnessed and endured the hardships of racism personally, Reverend McLain has devoted much of his life to ensuring that future generations can enjoy equality in all aspects of life.

It is a great honor to ask God's blessings over us, and I ask my colleagues to help me in welcoming my dear friend, Reverend Asriel McLain.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

RECOGNIZING SECOND ANNUAL ABSECON KIDS' ALL-DOGS DOG SHOW

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, a group of impressive young south Jersey people, aged 8 to 11, hosted their second annual dog show at a local park in Absecon, New Jersey. The event began in 2018 when Grace Marczyk watched a dog show and felt bad for the mixed breeds. They weren't allowed to compete.

Grace talked to her friend Zoey. Together, they formed a committee of animal lovers, and they hosted a dog show that was inclusive to all members of the species.

The competition is comprised of multiple categories, judged exclusively by the kids, and concludes with different prizes being awarded for the Best in Show.

At their first show, the kids raised \$650, all of which was donated to the Humane Society of Atlantic County. Their second show raised over \$2,000 for the Humane Society and nearly doubled its participants and its sponsors.

These innovative, enthusiastic young people and their inclusivity and love for animals is a truly great thing to see. We are lucky to have them as part of our community in south Jersey.

It is said that a nation is judged by the way it treats its pets. If it is, Madam Speaker, these are going to be fine young Americans.

PRESIDENT TRUMP IS DELIVERING

(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. Madam Speaker, in a climate of endless negative attacks, it is refreshing to read "President Trump Is Delivering" by the respected national columnist Star Parker in the Aiken Standard on June 24.

She has correctly identified success as being three criteria, the Constitution, Christianity, and capitalism.

"On all three fronts, Donald Trump is making America great again. The Supreme Court now has a solid conservative majority," with the environment friendly to Christian values to restore respect for life and family.

Regarding the third C, Harvard economist Robert Barro estimates that the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act added almost a third over the average GDP growth rate in the Obama years.

"Optimism among the Nation's small businesses is surging, according to the recent National Federation of Independent Business Small Business Optimism Index," with record-low unemployment among Hispanics and African Americans.

"President Trump's courage to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel has changed the face of the Middle East . . . for the better."

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

HONORING JILL ELLIS

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

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the brilliant coach of the United States Women's National Team, Jill Ellis.

On Sunday, on a soccer pitch in Lyon, France, our U.S. team clinched their fourth FIFA World Cup victory, two of which have been won under the leadership of Coach Jill Ellis.

I know that our former colleagues who passed title IX in 1972 are smiling. That year, only 700 girls in the United States played soccer at a high school level. This year, over 400,000 played at a high school level, a 55,000 percent increase.

Coach Ellis lives in my district with her family. She is my friend.

We join our entire country in honoring her extraordinary recruiting, her analytical skills, and the sophisticated winning system she developed. As one writer put it, her team "could do different things and win in different ways."

Jill Ellis is one of the greatest coaches in soccer history. She is the very definition of world class.

I am proud to join my colleagues in honoring her and the entire United States Women's National Team today.