

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.

RECOGNIZING RADIO LEGEND  
PAUL TINKLE

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

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul Tinkle, a Tennessee radio legend.

Paul is currently the president and general manager of Thunderbolt Radio, a strong media presence in west Tennessee. Paul has almost 50 years in radio and is a past Distinguished Service Award recipient, served as the National Association of Broadcasters director representing both Tennessee and Arkansas, and was the 1982 Tennessee Associated Press Broadcaster of the Year.

On August 6, Paul will be inducted into the Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame, an honor that is so well-deserved.

Keith Carver, chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Martin, said:

Paul Tinkle is a tremendous asset to northwest Tennessee. In an era of large networks and 24-hour continuous world news coverage, Paul's primary focus is bringing the world to his region. Paul is a master at his craft and a true public servant.

Chancellor Carver summed up Paul's legacy perfectly.

I congratulate Paul on his induction into the Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame. I know I speak for everyone when I say west Tennessee is lucky to have someone as dedicated and committed to good journalism as Paul.

ENACT LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR  
DEFRAUDED STUDENTS

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

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, today, I am proud to introduce the Relief for Defrauded Students Act. This bill would give students the opportunity for a quick and fair process for loan forgiveness against schools that defrauded them.

Borrowers defense is especially important to me after the closing of Argosy University's campus in my district this past March. The 1,500 students who were affected were left with incredible debts but no degree to show for it.

Students should focus on getting the quality education they were promised, not worrying about being saddled with large debts from schools that could not and did not deliver on their education promise.

I am proud to lead the Relief for Defrauded Students Act with my colleagues, Representatives ABBY FINKEAUER, KATIE PORTER, CINDY AXNE, MARY GAY SCANLON, and SHARICE DAVIDS. Together, we will protect our students and hold these institutions accountable.

## RECOGNIZING U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

(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, I rise today to applaud the incredible talent of the United States Women's National Soccer Team, which secured their fourth World Cup title this Sunday, July 7.

The commitment, athleticism, and drive of these women brought our Nation together to cheer them on as they truly dominated match after match.

The team scored 26 goals in their seven matches and allowed only three goals during the entire tournament, making them the highest scoring team in tournament history.

I would like to personally recognize the efforts of goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher and defender Ali Krieger, both alumnae of Pennsylvania State University.

Naeher denied England a critical penalty shot in the semifinals, sending the United States to the championship round where the team outran, outshot, and outplayed the Netherlands Women's National Team to win 2-0.

Krieger said, "We were ready for the moment."

She, along with their 21 other teammates, delivered and brought home a hard-fought and well-deserved victory for the United States, rightfully earning the title of champions.

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MAINTAIN CRITICAL AFFORDABLE  
CARE ACT PROTECTIONS

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

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, our work to lower healthcare costs for working families could not be more urgent. Yesterday, we heard the first arguments in the *Texas v. United States* case that will determine whether we maintain critical protections for patients with preexisting conditions.

We must work to improve the healthcare system that has now been in place for almost a decade, not dismantle the progress that we have achieved. If this lawsuit is successful, an additional 35,000 folks in my district could become uninsured.

We cannot allow this to happen. To be sure, we need to fix and improve the healthcare system today. What we should be here talking about is how we can do that together.

We should be talking about ideas, such as the Medicare-X Choice Act of 2019, which would add competition in the health insurance market. We should be talking about how we reduce the high price of prescription drugs. Medicare-X would create an affordable public option. The PRICED Act would shorten market exclusivity.

It is time for solutions. Americans don't have time for anything less.

## REFORM OUR ASYLUM LAWS

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

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I have been to the detention facilities in Yuma, Arizona, where I have seen the individuals who committed the crime of unlawful entry into our country, who have been detained, and who are kept in undeniably wretched conditions. The stench, the level of care, the inadequate training and facilities provided to our Homeland Security officials create conditions that are ripe for the vulnerable to be taken advantage of and to truly be harmed.

The question is not whether or not circumstances have fallen below our standards; the question is what has led to these circumstances.

The inability of my colleagues in the majority to reform our asylum laws so people aren't incentivized to come to our country illegally, bringing small children with them, is a stain on this institution.

The inability to secure our border so we don't have 1 percent of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador moving into our country every few months is indefensible.

And the inability to build a physical barrier or a wall to keep people from coming into our country illegally will ultimately erode the fabric of our Nation if we do not act quickly.

We can resolve these problems. It wasn't too long ago the Democrats used to agree with us on this stuff.

HUMANITARIAN AID IS NOT A  
CRIME

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

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Madam Speaker, imagine fleeing your home, journeying through the desert in search of refuge. Imagine having your child ripped away from you. Imagine learning that your kids are hungry, unbathed, cold, screaming from cages, wrapped in foil blankets.

Yesterday, news broke of children being sexually assaulted at a Yuma detention facility. What I have described is a reality here, and it is un-American.

I represent a border district in southern Arizona. I have met with Border Patrol, migrant advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, and city leaders. I have been proud to see our community work together in powerful ways. Our Tucson community has shown more humane leadership than Federal departments led by the Trump administration.

We must be vigilant and protect humanitarian rights, and we must remind our neighbors that humanitarian aid is not a crime.