

This Martin Luther King Jr. Day, it is critical that we not forget the many lessons Dr. King taught us, lessons that emphasize ways to treat our peers and our neighbors with respect, despite our differences, in order to make the dream of a better and more unified tomorrow possible.

That message should resonate today more than ever to my peers in this Chamber.

I have been thinking of this a lot lately, what Dr. King might say if he was here with us today, as he might see the divisive partisanship that lives among these halls, and I think he would deliver one clear message: We must unify to make meaningful changes. We must bridge the gaps that divide our Nation by working together to find common good civilly.

It is no secret that division brings pain and disables our capacity to solve problems.

As Martin Luther King said in his last speech in Tennessee, “I wouldn’t stop there.”

116TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

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

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today on the 116th anniversary of Korean American Day, which recognizes the first wave of Korean immigrants who arrived to the United States on January 13, 1903.

They reached our country in pursuit of the American Dream, determined to secure a better life for themselves and their families.

They served as farm workers, wage laborers, and section hands, laying the groundwork for the success of their children and future generations to come.

Today, our Nation is home to nearly 2 million Korean Americans who enrich every aspect of American life. They embody the ideals that define our country: hard work, resilience, and community spirit.

I am proud to represent the largest Korean population in the country in California’s 34th Congressional District, and I am honored to reintroduce this resolution in the 116th Congress, recognizing their contribution 116 years after their arrival.

Please join me in acknowledging the generation of Korean Americans—the dreamers, the trailblazers, and the visionaries—who have realized the American Dream and continue to inspire us all.

MARCH FOR LIFE

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

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, it is an honor today to represent hun-

dreds of thousands of men, women, and children who will be marching this week in Washington, D.C., and around the country through the cold, through the wet, and, frankly, through the ridicule.

We don’t march for the recognition or for the headlines. We march on behalf of the millions of children who have had their opportunity to make an impact on this world stolen from them.

We don’t march because it is merely a political statement. We march because it is right. We march for life.

We must continue to prevent taxpayer dollars from being used to end the lives of innocent children here in the United States and around the globe.

When an organization prioritizes abortion over adoption and creating a culture of life, we must question why our government funds them at all.

Now more than ever, Madam Speaker, we are called to speak up for those who cannot for themselves. We must all stand firm to defend the sanctity of life, for the challenge is great and the cause is noble.

Together, we will march in solidarity for those who have never had the opportunity to walk on their own, and, in coming days, our voices will be heard louder than ever.

COAST GUARD MISSING FIRST PAYCHECKS

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

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, last week, I spoke on this floor about the first bill I introduced, a bill to fund our Coast Guard through this government shutdown.

Incredibly, our Coast Guard is still not being paid. Yesterday was payday, but they got nothing.

Just an hour ago, I spoke with Admiral Charles Ray, Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, who emphasized to me just how hard this is for young members of the Coast Guard who have not yet accumulated savings. As he said to me, these men and women do everything we ask of them. All they ask is that we stand by them.

This is no way to treat those who put their lives on the line in our defense. Members of every branch of our military, and the families who serve alongside them, need to know that our government’s commitment to them is unbreakable.

Our government has betrayed the values of service and camaraderie embodied by our military families. We need to remember and honor those values. That means funding our Coast Guard and ending this crisis right now.

HELPING VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS MEN AND WOMEN

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

Mr. WATKINS. Madam Speaker, today, the House came together to pass H.R. 190, led by my friend and colleague from Kansas’ Big First, Dr. ROGER MARSHALL. This act helps service-disabled, veteran-owned small business men and women.

The path of the American veteran is tough. So is the path of the small business man. Where those paths intersect are the people, innovation, and drive that make America the greatest country in the world.

This legislation not only helps veterans but helps us all through economic growth and through job creation.

When an American veteran finds his or her new mission, identity, and team in a small business, we got your 6.

HONORING MAJOR JAMES M. BROPHY

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

Mr. DELGADO. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor Major James M. Brophy, a marine from Staatsburg who lost his life while serving our country and was laid to rest this past Friday.

Major Brophy was a decorated combat veteran who served in Afghanistan as well as Japan. He dedicated his life to our Nation, and he was a devoted father, husband, and son.

This is a tremendous loss to not only his family but to the entire Dutchess County community, and he serves as an example to all of us.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends, and I offer my sympathy, support, and gratitude for his selfless service to our country.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(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, I am frustrated. For 26 days, critical functions of the Federal Government have been nonoperational. Coastguardsmen have not been paid, and there is no end in sight.

We must work together to pass a bill, end the shutdown, and fund security measures at our borders. Put all 435 of us in a room with no phones, no TV, until the job is done.

I came from the private sector. In the private sector, you do not leave until the job is done.

Is our job done here in Washington? Did we end the shutdown? Did we adequately fund border security? The answer is no, we have not.

House leadership has refused to bring any serious attempt to open the government and address critical security needs to the House floor. Rather than playing political games with government funding, let’s work on solutions.

I am ready to stay here until we get the job done. Let’s get to work.

DISASTER RELIEF

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

Mr. MCADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 268, the legislation that we voted on earlier today to provide disaster relief, including relief for my home State of Utah.

Specifically, this bill includes money for the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission for critical environmental work in the Strawberry River watershed and part of the Diamond Fork drainage.

Last summer, the Dollar Ridge fire burned an area of almost 70,000 acres, centered over the Strawberry River watershed. This area has been a critical focal point of the Central Utah Project for almost 40 years. The Central Utah Project diverts, stores, and delivers large quantities of water from numerous Utah rivers to meet the needs of central Utah's citizens.

In cooperation with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the mitigation commission is working to repair tremendous damage to the area, both from the fire itself and subsequent rain and runoff events.

Water quality has suffered greatly. Money from this legislation will be used to reseed, replant, and set up monitoring stations to better respond to the future mudslide and sediment flows.

A portion of the funds will also be used to begin restoring an area in the Diamond Fork Canyon that was affected by a second fire.

I also commend my Utah colleague Representative CHRIS STEWART for his amendment to the bill, providing much-needed funding for fire protection.

HONORING JAMES C. HIGH

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

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, Columbus County and many throughout North Carolina and beyond are mourning the passing of Mr. James C. High, known to his many friends and colleagues as Jim.

As the publisher of The News Reporter, a family-owned newspaper in Whiteville for 61 years, Mr. High was a strong advocate for a free press and was highly recognized in the industry for making The News Reporter a leading community newspaper.

He has been long admired in the community for his years of dedicated leadership, service to others, and distinguished contributions to Columbus County.

Mr. High's impact went beyond just the newspaper. He helped lead the effort to create the Committee of 100 to bring industry and jobs to Columbus County.

He was influential in many different capital campaigns, including those for the Carolyn T. High Memorial Library, the Whiteville High School gymnasium, the Angel House Hospice Care Center, and many others too numerous to list.

Jim High was a vital part of Columbus County, and he will be greatly missed. His was a life lived well, and he leaves a great legacy of enrichment that will continue to benefit many.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. HIMES, Connecticut
Ms. SEWELL, Alabama
Mr. CARSON, Indiana
Ms. SPEIER, California
Mr. QUIGLEY, Illinois
Mr. SWALWELL, California
Mr. CASTRO, Texas
Mr. HECK, Washington
Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY, New York
Mrs. DEMINGS, Florida
Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Illinois

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NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. MITCHELL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I represent Michigan's 10th Congressional District—northern Macomb County and the Thumb. For us in Michigan, it is simple. I am from here.

I am co-chair of the Congressional School Choice Caucus with Senator TIM SCOTT from South Carolina. Today, a number of Members are gathered here on the floor to celebrate all types of school choice—from traditional public schools, to public charter schools, public magnet schools, online learning, private schools, homeschooling, and more.

Every year, National School Choice Week offers an opportunity to parents, educators, and students from around the country to come together and

share the many successes of education choice in this country.

Yesterday, I introduced a resolution in the House recognizing the importance of school choice the week of January 20 through January 26. I spent 35 years in business focused on career and technical education and workforce education. I know the importance of a preparatory education, of a K-12 education to success in the future.

I am the oldest of seven children. My family struggled. Dad built trucks on the line when he wasn't laid off, and mom worked at the Salvation Army. I was the first of my extended family to ever set foot on a college campus, never mind actually graduate. I saw, firsthand, the importance of that education and the skills I could acquire if I put my mind to it.

My mom convinced me I could be anything, and, to her credit, I became CEO of a fair-size company devoted to workforce education, to helping people gain the skills necessary for a career, or to retrain if they lost their jobs.

My company ran some of the largest welfare-to-work programs in the country back when welfare-to-work meant going to work. I personally benefitted from that alternative education when I went to college.

As a father of six, I also know that no two kids are alike. Yes, I am the father of six. You would think I would have learned after being the oldest of seven, but I didn't. We have a blended family. My oldest is in her 30s, and my youngest is 8 years old. We adopted him from Russia 6 years ago.

I know that one size of education does not fit for all children. One of my children, my daughter, who is 17 now, attends a virtual academy because those who have teenagers know that getting your child up as a teenager early in the morning to go to school is like running a zoo. It doesn't go well. So she goes to virtual school, controls her schedule, controls what classes she does that day, controls her time, and learns to manage time like we all have to learn as we get older.

My youngest son has special needs that traditional schools have not handled well. He has learning disabilities. He has dyslexia and ADHD. It has been suggested I suffer from that as well some days. So we had to find an alternative for him. Luckily, my wife was able to stay home and homeschool him, but not everyone has that choice.

Today, we are here to celebrate the range of choices of education, innovation education, and to encourage that. I would like to start by recognizing one of my colleagues to talk about education. I would like to start by recognizing and yielding time to Representative TIM WALBERG from Michigan's Seventh District.

I am proud to introduce him. He is a good friend of mine from Michigan, who also recognizes the importance of alternative education, of education options in our home State, and I now yield to Mr. WALBERG.