

transformational. It is Your love that seeks the greater good. It is Your love that heals.

Let us face this day knowing that You are with us, and may all that is done in this place on this day bring You, and You alone, glory and honor. 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 North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina 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 DR. MARILYN MONROE HARRIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GOTTHEIMER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome my dear friend and a true leader, Reverend Dr. Marilyn Monroe Harris, and thank her for delivering today's invocation.

Dr. Harris is the fifth pastor and the first female pastor of the First Baptist Church of Teaneck, Teaneck, New Jersey, and she is a beacon of leadership for north Jersey and our Nation.

She is joined today by her niece, Amma, and fellow pastors, colleagues, and friends from the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention.

Pastor Harris is a lifelong civil servant; the founder of the Christian Women's Alliance, allowing clergywomen to grow together; a founder of the Foundation Building Christian Institute; and a recipient of New Jersey's NAACP Award for Pastoral Leadership and Excellence.

She has preached across the globe, from Spain to South Africa. Reverend Harris also supports our first responders back home, serving as the first female African American chaplain of the Teaneck Fire Department, and she currently serves as the first female president of the United Missionary Baptist Convention of New Jersey.

Dr. Harris brings integrity and excellence to everything she does. With so much in our country dividing us, Reverend Harris' words can bring us together so that we can better serve our great country, the greatest country in the world.

I thank Reverend Harris for praying with us today.

May God continue to bless the United States of America.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Miss Kaitlyn Roberts, one of his secretaries.

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.

HONORING AND LAYING TO REST 81 SOUTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS

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

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, in late 1965, a C-123 transport was shot down over Vietnam. The flight's four American crewmen were identified and their remains returned home.

The 81 South Vietnamese soldiers also on board were never identified, their remains never properly interred. The current Vietnamese Government has twice refused to allow the soldiers' remains to return home.

This Saturday, October 26, the remains of these 81 soldiers will be finally laid to rest in the Little Saigon community of Orange County, California, in my district.

I thank Senator Jim Webb, the Lost Soldiers Foundation, the Republic of Vietnam Airborne Division's national and local chapters, and everyone involved in making it possible to finally honor and properly inter these 81 soldiers.

HOLD VOTE ON IMPEACHMENT OR MOVE ON

(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, efforts to impeach the President began in January 2017 with The Washington Post reporting: "The effort to impeach President Donald John Trump is already underway." This was just minutes after the President was sworn into office.

Now, 4 weeks into the Speaker's unprecedented impeachment inquiry, we learn of hidden transcripts, closed-door meetings, complete disregard for transparency and process, and the House has not even been afforded the opportunity to go on record with a vote to open an inquiry.

If this were serious, House Democrats would bring a vote to the floor to open a formal impeachment inquiry, but they won't do that. This is a political stunt beneath the dignity of this institution.

Perhaps more egregious, this stunt has consumed valuable time that we could have used to pass meaningful legislation for all Americans: lowering prescription drugs prices, securing the border, repairing our infrastructure, and moving the USMCA trade agreement forward.

Hold a vote or move on. The American people deserve better.

HONORING DR. ALVIN POUSSAINT

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

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of renown psychiatrist, a former associate dean of student affairs at Harvard Medical School, a lifelong public servant, and my mentor and friend, Dr. Alvin Poussaint.

Dr. Poussaint's career has been one of passion and service. During the civil rights movement, Dr. Poussaint marched from Selma to Montgomery with Martin Luther King, Jr., organizing Freedom Clinics with the Freedom Riders.

Over his accomplished career, Dr. Poussaint and his experience, insight, and intellect have been requested by the FBI, the White House, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

One of the biggest blessings of my life is that our paths crossed when I was a student at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Poussaint believed in me and supported me in my studies and my student advocacies.

Dr. Poussaint embraced me and my approach to learning. He encouraged me and guided my passion and energy, and he defended me from those who wanted me to think that I didn't belong there.

Dr. Alvin Poussaint is one of the reasons I am standing up here today as a physician and Congressman standing up for health and social justice.

I wish him well in his retirement and celebrate his decades of professional accomplishments and contributions to our society.

IN MEMORY OF FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK MONROE "SKIP" MURPHY

(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, this month, a bronze statue was dedicated at Johnson Hagood Stadium at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, in memory of Lieutenant Joe Missar and Lieutenant Skip Murphy, who died for freedom in Vietnam.

First Lieutenant Frank M. "Skip" Murphy was from Florham Park, New Jersey, graduating from The Citadel in 1965, achieving the dean's list, and

going from football walk-on to team captain, being an honorable mention in the All-Southern Conference.

On December 7, 1966, Lieutenant Murphy courageously rescued his fellow members of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Rescue Platoon, cited by Sergeant Ken Eising. Sadly, a command-detonated mine exploded under his vehicle, killing him and two of his men.

He was survived by his wife, Molly.

I am grateful Lieutenant Murphy was a student teacher with Ms. Sara Bookhart DeLapp's civic class at the High School of Charleston. I learned firsthand of his inspiring young people to be the best they can be, to promote freedom and democracy.

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

PRAISING THE BLACK STUDENT FUND

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I would like to celebrate an organization right here in Washington, D.C., that fights every day to increase the academic achievements of local African American students, the Black Student Fund.

The fund has provided educational assistance and resources to promising Black students since 1964.

Officials work with students from pre-K to 12th grade to keep their grades up, graduate high school, and go on to college. Many of these students are the first in their families to go to college, and 70 percent of them are from single-parent households.

The benefits of a quality education to students and their communities are too numerous to mention in 1 minute. That is why we need more organizations like the Black Student Fund to keep more of our youth out of trouble and in the classrooms where they belong.

STOP SECRET, PARTISAN IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

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

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, last month, House Democrats announced an impeachment inquiry into the President without a formal vote, and they chose ADAM SCHIFF to lead the process.

This effectively means that, for the first time in American history, the impeachment of a duly elected President will take place in secret.

Chairman SCHIFF has been caught on at least three occasions making blatantly false statements about this investigation. He has a complete lack of credibility to lead this sham of an inquiry. This whole thing is profoundly unfair and just not worthy of Congress.

So I say to my Democrat colleagues: Stop this secret, partisan impeach-

ment, and let's get back to work for the American people.

REMEMBERING ELIJAH CUMMINGS

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

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember my great friend and hero, Elijah Cummings.

The enormity of the loss felt with the passing of Elijah has reverberated throughout Maryland and this entire country. He was the voice of the powerless in the Halls of power. He had a giant heart and acted as the conscience of America when we needed it most.

Baltimore had no greater champion. Elijah and I shared a special concern for those impacted by the opioid epidemic and the criminal justice system. I will continue to work on those issues while drawing on Elijah's legacy for inspiration.

My wife, June, and I extend our condolences to Maya and his three children, and we take comfort in knowing that our friend and hero is dancing with the angels.

HONORING STATE TROOPER PETER R. STEPHAN

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

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Indiana State Trooper Peter R. Stephan, or "Bo," of Lafayette, Indiana, who paid the ultimate price and sacrificed his life while protecting his community.

He served with the Indiana State Police Department for 4 years and, tragically, will never return home to his wife, Jessica, or his 5-month-old daughter.

Two weeks ago, this 27-year-old trooper was on his way to assist another trooper who had called for assistance. On his way, Trooper Stephan's car hit a curve and, for unknown reasons, went off the road. The car rolled at least once and hit a utility pole, and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Trooper Stephan is the 44th Indiana State Police trooper to die in the line of duty. A coworker of his said: "He did what was right. He wasn't pushed around by public opinion. If there were 100 people doing the wrong thing, he would be the one guy doing it right."

I offer my deepest condolences to his family, the Indiana State Police Department, all Hoosiers, and all of those officers around our country who mourn his loss and will forever cherish his memory.

We will never forget.

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CONGRATULATING THE WASHINGTON NATIONALS

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate D.C.'s own Washington Nationals for winning the National League Championship to advance to the World Series—sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals in four straight games, no less. The Nationals will now face the Houston Astros to compete for the team's first World Series title.

The Nation's Capital has been on a roll lately. Last year, the Washington Capitals won their first Stanley Cup, and earlier this month, the Washington Mystics won their first WNBA championship.

But, Madam Speaker, I also rise today to issue a challenge to Houston Representative and, yes, my friend, SHEILA JACKSON LEE. I challenge my colleague that, if the Nats win the World Series—I should say, when the Nats win the World Series—she and her staff will wear, for a full day at least, and take a photo in D.C. statehood T-shirts to help us further nationalize the fight for D.C. statehood in Texas.

Although the Nats are underdogs, who doesn't love an underdog story?

Go Nats.

THE PRESIDENT DESERVES DUE PROCESS

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

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today I rise in opposition to the unfair and unprecedented process that is being used by my colleagues across the aisle to smear the duly elected President of the United States and make a mockery of American justice.

Since the day he was sworn in, Democrats have dismissed their duty as the majority party to lead this country. Instead, their agenda has revolved around their desire to oust the duly elected President.

Since hearings with Robert Mueller, Joseph Maguire, and others did not yield their desired results, Democrats have changed their tactics. Those publicity stunts backfired.

So what has been their response? Hold Soviet-style, closed-door, "guilty until proven innocent" investigations.

President Trump deserves due process, and the American people deserve transparency and fairness; but, more importantly, Congress should be tending to the business of the people by passing substantive legislation instead of continuing to waste taxpayer time and money on yet another witch hunt.

CONGRATULATING THE HISTORIC ONCE-IN-A-CENTURY WIN OF THE WASHINGTON NATIONALS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)