

And I would just say that the New Orleans community is better off because Angie Reed passed our way, and she will be sorely missed.

She also will hear those words: "Judge Reed, well done, my good and faithful servant."

SUPPORT THE K-9 HERO ACT

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

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have introduced the K-9 Hero Act last week.

Military and law enforcement K-9s work in tandem with the brave men and women who serve our great Nation. Once these heroes retire from service, the medical treatment they need is often significant enough to create a financial hardship for the individuals who care for them.

The K-9 Hero Act creates a grant program to assist nonprofits that take in retired working dogs or provide financial assistance to the owners of retired working dogs. These grants will cover medical costs, such as veterinarian visits, medical procedures, diagnostic tests, and medications, which tend to average around \$3,000 per year per dog.

As most know, just a few weeks ago, a K-9 played a crucial role in the capture and ultimate killing of ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. This K-9 took off, racing down an underground tunnel before cornering Baghdadi, leaving him nowhere to run. It is stories like these that inspired me to introduce the K-9 Hero Act.

These dogs assist our Federal Government in ways that no man or machine could, and it is unacceptable to me for them to live with inadequate medical care—or even be euthanized, in some cases—after sacrificing so much for our country.

This bill helps ensure these heroes are well taken care of during retirement and that their need for medical care never prevents them from finding a loving forever home. My K-9-loving colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I believe, should support this legislation.

STOP THE PRACTICE OF TELEABORTION

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my outrage over the practice of teleabortion. This practice, which gets its name from practitioners conducting abortions over the phone or computer, occurs when chemical abortions are induced with no healthcare provider present.

This practice sounds simple, except the woman taking the drugs isn't in a medical facility, no certified medical personnel are present, and if the drugs don't work as planned and the baby is not stillborn, it may still end up in a dumpster and the mother may end up in an emergency room.

The obvious danger is why I filed H.R. 4935, the Teleabortion Prevention Act. This legislation protects women's health by making it a Federal offense for healthcare providers to perform a

chemical abortion without first physically examining the patient, being present during the chemical abortion, and scheduling a follow-up visit for the patient.

Chemical abortions are induced using a two-step abortion pill regimen that can be taken up until the ninth week of pregnancy. Given the serious risks, the FDA has put regulations in place, but pro-abortion groups are looking for ways to get around the law.

If these FDA regulations are ever lifted, chemical abortion drugs could become available by prescription, enabling a single healthcare provider to mail chemical abortion pills to women and young girls across the country, regardless of State pro-life protections and whether they have seen a doctor and had an ultrasound performed. This legislation ensures these much-needed FDA regulations will not be lifted.

No doctor should feel comfortable prescribing a life-ending pharmaceutical drug without physically being there to administer it to the patient.

If the woman's health argument is really more than subterfuge that puts dressing on a tragedy, I urge my colleagues to join me in passing H.R. 4935, the Teleabortion Prevention Act.

NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR MONUMENT ACT

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise because yesterday I had the privilege of introducing the National Medal of Honor Monument Act, with my fellow Texan, Congressman MARC VEASEY.

Over the course of our history, over 3,500 United States servicemen and -women have been honored with our Nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor.

The Medal of Honor is awarded to U.S. servicemembers who have distinguished themselves with extraordinary acts of valor. These men and women I am referring to went above and beyond the call of duty on the battlefield in order to preserve our families and way of life.

This legislation ensures that their contribution and patriotism are never forgotten. These heroic individuals deserve to be memorialized with a monument in our Nation's Capitol, among the other great Americans that have helped shape our Nation.

In Texas, we celebrate patriotism, American ideals, and our Nation's heroes. Earlier this fall, the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation chose my hometown of Arlington, Texas, as the location for the new National Medal of Honor Museum. This legislation makes it official.

Congratulations to Mayor Williams and the rest of Arlington's leadership for bringing it to the 6.8 million Dallas-Ft. Worth residents and the over 14 million visitors Arlington welcomes each year and, most importantly, the 1.8 million veterans and Active-Duty military that call Texas home.

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 29 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 pro tempore (Mr. DESAULNIER) at noon.

PRAYER

Rabbi Steven Abraham, Beth El Synagogue, Omaha, Nebraska, offered the following prayer:

Our God and God of our ancestors, we stand before You in this sacred Hall to ask for Your blessings upon the Members of this House, the leaders of our country, and the citizens of this great Nation.

May You bless our leaders with the wisdom to follow Your teachings; to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; to protect the widow, the orphan, and the stranger.

May You bless our leaders with compassion to open both their hearts and their minds to places and ideas where they are currently closed.

May You bless our leaders with the courage to do what is hard, to do what is unpopular, but to do what is right.

Sovereign of the universe, continue to protect the men and women of our Armed Forces; watch over our elected officials; and continue to grant peace, freedom, and prosperity to the United States.

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 Tennessee (Mr. GREEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GREEN 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 RABBI STEVEN ABRAHAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my appreciation for my friend, Rabbi Steven Abraham, and thank him for leading today's session

with the opening prayer. I would also like to welcome his family to this House that belongs to all Americans.

Rabbi Abraham has been the rabbi for Beth El Synagogue since 2013, after moving to Omaha to be the assistant rabbi in 2011. He graduated from rabbinical school at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he also received a masters of arts in Jewish education. He is also an alumnus of the University of Baltimore.

Since I came to Congress in 2017, Rabbi Abraham has been a trusted friend and adviser for both my staff and me.

I call on all of us to heed the words offered in prayer by the rabbi. We must all humble ourselves to the wisdom of the Almighty, and let us always try to be a voice for the voiceless and serve with compassion and courage.

We face many challenges ahead, but with prayerfulness and good faith in one another, I know we can rise above the trials of today in search of a better tomorrow, all for the sake of our country.

Thank you again, Rabbi Abraham, for being a genuine leader and for being with us today.

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.

WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, November 21 is recognized as World Pancreatic Cancer Day, a time to raise awareness and inspire action in the fight against this devastating diagnosis which touches too many families.

It is the third leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, with a 5-year survival rate of just 9 percent. More than 1,000 new cases are diagnosed around the world every day, and it is estimated that pancreatic cancer will be responsible for 3,000 deaths in New York State this year alone.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its western New York affiliate have made it their goal to double pancreatic cancer survival. As co-chair of the House Cancer Caucus, I am proud to advocate for robust funding for cancer research to put goals like this within reach.

Recently, researchers at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center announced promising findings on treatments aimed at overcoming pancreatic cancer's resistance to treatment, but continued funding on projects like this is critical to saving lives.

The need to increase pancreatic cancer survival rates is urgent, and it must be America's goal.

AMERICA APPRECIATES FARMERS

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

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, as we remember the first Thanksgiving when settlers broke bread with their Native American allies and shared fruits of their harvest, I rise today to thank our Nation's farmers.

As Thanksgiving approaches and we prepare to enjoy the holiday meal with our families, I would be remiss if I did not take time to thank the Americans whose labor allows us to put food on our tables.

Along with our military, our farmers are the hardest working, most skilled, and patriotic citizens in our country. They rise before dawn and work long after dusk to ensure our Nation can feed and clothe the world.

I urge this body to uphold its commitment to our farmers by passing the United States-Mexico-Canada trade agreement and ensure American agriculture remains the strongest and most competitive in the world.

I hope my colleagues will join me today in giving thanks to America's farmers during this Thanksgiving season.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Native American Heritage Month.

Oregon currently has nine federally recognized Tribes, three of which I am proud to represent here in Congress: The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. I work closely with these Tribal governments and with Tribal members, and I am proud to partner with them and support their work.

Oregon's Tribes do incredible work to protect precious natural resources, to save our salmon, to lift up Native youth, to keep our communities safe, and so much more.

I want to specifically thank Siletz Chairwoman Dee Pigsley, Grand Ronde Chairwoman Cheryle Kennedy, and Warm Springs Chairman Raymond Tsumpti for their leadership.

I also want to acknowledge that Grand Ronde, Siletz, and Warm Springs are confederations of Tribes that were terminated in 1954 in an insidious act that ended the government's recognition of Tribal sovereignty and dismissed the government's trust responsibility in western Oregon and across the country. Their restoration is only beginning.

Because of this, Congress must do more to ensure that we are honoring

our commitments to Tribes and taking seriously our trust responsibility.

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

(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, I am grateful that our office is participating in the Veterans History Project. This project is an ongoing effort by the Library of Congress to collect and preserve personal accounts by American military veterans and families.

I have had the opportunity to meet with local veterans in Aiken and the Midlands to encourage participation. The narratives recorded through this project keep history alive for future generations.

Coordinating the project is Purple Heart recipient Jeffrey Crosby. Across America, citizens can participate at website.loc.gov/vets.

As a veteran, as the son of a Flying Tiger with service in India and China, and as the father of four sons who have served overseas in the Army National Guard and the Navy, I am thankful for the project.

Congratulations, President Donald Trump, with news today that his policies of creating jobs have led to South Carolina's lowest unemployment level in history at 2.6 percent—opportunities for all according to WVOC.

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

THE HOUSE IS CONTINUING THE WORK OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the great work of the House of Representatives. For the last 10 months in the 116th Congress, the House of Representatives has passed 18 healthcare bills, 5 gun safety bills, 81 education bills, 47 national security and defense bills, 45 environmental bills, 36 immigration bills, 40 infrastructure and transportation bills, and much more.

My point, Madam Speaker, is that we are continuing the work of the American people. We never lost sight of our promise and commitment to the people of this great country.

We are constantly fighting back the White House's attempt to take away healthcare from millions of Americans, and we are working to lower prescription drug costs.

We will continue supporting our military and ensure that they have all the resources that they need to keep Americans safe.

We will not allow this President to keep us from fulfilling our duty to make our economy stronger, our