

Mr. QUIGLEY 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 LANCE WATSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. SPANBERGER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Reverend Lance Watson for his thoughtful opening prayer this morning. His service to central Virginia and his accomplishments as a spiritual and community leader are an example to all of us.

For more than 30 years, Reverend Watson has served as the senior pastor of St. Paul's Baptist Church in the Richmond area. Dr. Watson has been honored as an outstanding community leader, outstanding contributor to education, and Minister of the Year by multiple organizations, and he leads a congregation of nearly 12,000 people.

While Reverend Watson has focused on the spiritual development of the community through his ministry, he has also supported the social and economic development of the community in a variety of ways. Under his leadership, St. Paul's Baptist Church has initiated a bold plan to build housing, a park, an urban farm, and community gardens to improve the central Virginia community.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Reverend Watson; his wife, first lady Rose Watson, herself an accomplished singer; and the entire Watson family for their service to the St. Paul's community in central Virginia.

I also thank Reverend Watson for being here today to offer us inspiration through the opening prayer.

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.

UNFAIR TREATMENT OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALEXANDER VINDMAN AND AMBASSADOR MARIE YOVANOVITCH

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, during his testimony before the Intel Committee, Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Vindman had a message for his father: "Do not worry. I will be fine for telling the truth."

Lieutenant Colonel Vindman is a war hero who has earned far better than the treatment he received from the admin-

istration last week. But this behavior should not surprise us. It is part of a pattern.

Let us remember the campaign waged against Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch last year. Ambassador Yovanovitch is an exemplary public servant who deserved our gratitude. Instead, the administration shamelessly attacked her and fired her to further the President's personal agenda.

But I agree with the Ambassador when she wrote:

I remain optimistic about the future. The events of the past year, while deeply disturbing, show that even though our institutions and our fellow citizens are being challenged in ways that few of us ever expected, we will endure and we will persist.

Indeed.

CELEBRATING 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, the Boy Scouts of America celebrated its 110th anniversary. With over 2 million active participants, it is one of the largest youth organizations in the country.

Since its founding in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has shaped the lives of young men by teaching them character development, self-reliance, and principles of responsible citizenship.

In my district, the Old Hickory Council of the Boy Scouts of America, originally a single troop organized in Winston-Salem, serves over eight counties and has almost 5,000 members. In 2018, they provided more than 17,600 service hours at local charities and organizations.

I congratulate the Boy Scouts of America on 110 years of service, and I am confident that they will continue to positively impact communities across our country for many years to come.

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, it can be easy to feel disheartened in Washington amid the partisan strife and bitter political division. I want to take a moment to change that narrative and thank my district for their profound display of community.

My office is leading a Valentines for Veterans drive this week, which encourages members of our community to make valentines for those who have bravely served our Nation. The number of heartfelt cards we have seen thanking our servicemembers for their commitment to this country has been truly heartening.

I would like to especially give a shout-out to the students in my dis-

trict whose classes have dropped off a number of incredibly creative cards: Ms. Walsh's fourth grade class at Northside School in Fairport; the Klem North Elementary School in Webster; TLC Adventure in Child Care daycare; the Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy in Rochester; the Mary Cariola Center; and my granddaughter Harper's class at Paddy Hill Elementary School in Greece.

I am so proud of our Nation's veterans and of our community for coming together in such a touching display of support for them.

CONGRATULATING THE GRANDVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ZEBRAS

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the 2019 Grandview High School fighting Zebras football team on back-to-back State championship titles.

For Texans, high school football isn't just a sport; it is a way of life. Each week in the fall, we gather under Friday night lights and cheer our team on to victory.

The young men and women and coaches on our teams spend countless hours running drills, watching film, and getting ready for their moment in history.

During the 2019 season, Grandview's dedication paid off, as they defeated the Pottsboro Cardinals 42-35 at AT&T Stadium for their second straight title.

On behalf of the 25th Congressional District, I congratulate the fighting Zebras on their victory, and I wish them the very best in the future.

In God we trust.

THE NEED FOR A MILITARY PILOT CANCER INCIDENCE STUDY

(Mrs. LURIA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LURIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on my colleagues to join me in addressing the need for preventive healthcare for our military's aviators. As a 20-year Navy veteran, I am concerned by the alarming anecdotal evidence by former Air Force and Navy pilots of increased incidence of cancer at a young age due to cockpit exposure.

We have a duty to ensure that our servicemembers receive the best care possible. That is why I am introducing the Military Pilot Cancer Incidence Study Act. This bipartisan bill will help the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs understand the causes of cancer among our military pilots so that we can ensure that our aviators receive the preventive cancer screenings they have earned through their service to our country.

By analyzing the correlation between cockpit radiation exposure and cancer, health professionals at DOD and the

VA can determine the appropriate age to screen pilots for cancer so they can live longer and healthier lives.

RECOGNIZING COURTNEY VEATCH

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

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding member of my staff who has been selected by the Trump administration to be the oversight counsel for the Department of Homeland Security, Dr. Courtney Veatch.

Courtney graduated from the University of North Florida and the Florida State University College of Law in 2015. She has been with my office for 3 years as a legislative assistant and as general counsel. She has been an expert on veterans affairs, healthcare, and tax policy, and she has always served with both grit and grace.

Because of her love for the law and for policy, she also served on the campaigns of Senator MARCO RUBIO and Governor Ron DeSantis.

In 2018, I had the honor of swearing her in to the District of Columbia Bar in this very building.

We are so very proud of all Courtney has accomplished serving the people of the Second Congressional District of Florida.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Courtney Veatch and wishing her luck in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING NAVY MIDSHIPMAN THIRD CLASS DUKE ANTHONY CARILLO

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

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Navy Midshipman Third Class Duke Anthony Carillo, who died suddenly and unexpectedly, training to serve his country in the United States military.

Duke was just 21 years old but had already distinguished himself as a hard-working, patriotic American. Duke was a gifted student and athlete from Flower Mound, Texas, where he was captain of his high school football and wrestling teams and earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

Kind, generous, and fun-loving, Duke enriched the lives of his friends and family as well as the lives of his classmates at the Naval Academy.

I knew Duke personally. He was my son Ryan's roommate and best friend at Annapolis.

We mourn his loss. Our country lost a dedicated public servant, one of those special people whose entire purpose was the defense of our great country so the rest of us can live in peace.

Duke never expected acclaim or accolades. He was doing his duty, just like

his twin brother, Dylan, and younger brother, Jake, also midshipmen at the Naval Academy, a strong testament to the faith and devotion of their parents.

Though he left us at a young age, we can all learn from Duke's example.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

HONORING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, February is Career and Technical Education Month, and I rise today to bring attention to the importance of technical skills to our economy and our education system.

Teaching our students the skills they need to thrive in the modern economy should be our top education priority. Our economy depends on a workforce that is capable of doing jobs in the fields of welding, automotive, and electrical work, among others.

While the current state of our economy is strong, we must strive to remain competitive with the rest of the world. Developing a highly skilled workforce is a key part of that effort and a top priority of mine. That is why I was happy to see President Trump prioritize technical education in his budget with a proposed \$900 million increased investment.

I am very proud of our high schools and technology centers in Kentucky's First Congressional District that are working to equip our students with crucial vocational skills. I am hopeful that Congress can work to provide them with the support necessary to build on their success in creating a 21st century workforce.

PEGGY WILLIAMS DANIEL: A TRUE AMERICAN PATRIOT

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable life of Peggy Williams Daniel.

Peggy was a true friend not only to me, but, really, to everyone she met.

A graduate of Lambeth College and earning her postgraduate degree from the University of Memphis, Peggy loved watching and rooting for her Memphis Tigers.

Peggy also knew that her roots were in west Tennessee. She was married to a great man, Jimmy Daniel, who predeceased her.

Peggy was an active leader at the Girl Scouts, a Cub Scout leader, and deeply involved in the political process. She and Jimmy worked hard to build the Republican Party in west Tennessee; and, frankly, there are few people that I can think of who are as

patriotic as Peggy. Peggy was a true American patriot. She loved wearing her red, white, and blue.

Peggy's daughter, Melanie, summed it up best when she said: "Peggy Williams Daniel entered this world with a star-spangled bang and has showered all with her firecracker wit and enthusiastic energy throughout her colorful life."

Peggy leaves behind her three children, my friends: Mike, Melanie, and Drew. We will all deeply miss Peggy but know that her spirit lives on.

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RESTORING LIMITS OF CLEAN WATER ACT

(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. Mr. Speaker, last month, the EPA announced the new navigable waters rules that would replace the disastrous waters of the U.S. proposal.

I strongly support this rule, which will finally restore the limits of the Clean Water Act, providing farmers, ranchers, and landowners true clarity on the law's reach.

To help bring more certainty to farm producers, I recently introduced with my friend, Representative COLLIN PETERSON, H.R. 5799, the Bridging Responsible Agricultural Conservation Efforts Act of 2020, which addresses wetland determinations under the Clean Water Act.

Under current law, EPA, Army Corps of Engineers, and USDA are tasked with such determinations on farmlands. However, farmers have experienced confusion and undue burdens for decades due to the discoordination between the agencies when making such determinations. This bill will foster cohesion between the agencies and clarify what defines normal farming practices.

Modernizing modern farming practices and clearly defining converted croplands will bring long-overdue certainty to this process.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support this legislation, which is a win for our Nation's farmers and ranchers.

AMERICA'S ECONOMY WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE

(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. Mr. Speaker, the January jobs report with gains is terrific.

Over 225,000 jobs were created and wages increased. New job creation has achieved a 50-year high with record highs for women and younger citizens.

I am grateful that President Donald Trump and Republican policies have put the American economy into high gear, reducing taxes and regulations.