

The bill we are voting on today contains the language of my bill that I introduced 8 months ago verbatim. I do not complain because in the end, I want results. We want results. We are closer than we have ever been in making lynching a Federal crime. The action is long overdue, going back 200 attempts since 1918, and today we are going to make history once and for all on this issue.

It has been my privilege to be an advocate on this issue. I applaud Senator HARRIS and Congressman RUSH who have championed this bill for years. We will finally get this bill to the President's desk to be signed into law in order to close one of the ugliest chapters in America's history once and for all.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF BILL MEUTH

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

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish Caldwell County resident Bill Meuth a happy 100th birthday.

Mr. Meuth served as an Army medic in World War II. He stormed the beaches at Normandy on D-day, fighting with the Allies in the name of freedom. Prior to the war, he had quit school at an early age to help care for his father who was sick, representing the ethos of a generation who understood that commitment to family and country sometimes comes at a personal cost.

After the war, he worked in the oil fields instilling a strong work ethic in his family.

In 1943, Mr. Meuth married his sweetheart, Lucy, and they remained married for 72 years until Miss Lucy passed away in 2015.

Together they had four children, 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

We in south Texas are incredibly thankful for his sacrifice at such a critical time in our history and for the cause of freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I wish a happy birthday to Mr. Meuth, and may God bless him.

CONGRATULATING NATHAN TUDOR

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nathan Tudor for receiving the Texas Hospital Association Pioneer Award. Each year this award is given to rural hospital administrators or a CEO who demonstrates creative and innovative leadership within the organization and community.

This year the award was given to one of El Campo's very own. Mr. Tudor came on board as the CEO of El Campo Memorial Hospital in January of 2017.

Since Mr. Tudor has been on the team, the emergency department has expanded by 11 beds, three new campus-care clinics have been opened within the community, five walk-in clinics have been added, and new physicians have been recruited.

El Campo has directly benefited from the expansion of services but so have the surrounding communities.

We are thankful for Mr. Tudor and those working with him at the El Campo Hospital for their efforts in improving and expanding healthcare services for the El Campo area.

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 18 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 (Ms. UNDERWOOD) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We use this moment to be reminded of Your presence and to tap the resources needed by the Members of this people's House to do their work as well as it can be done.

Send, O God, Your healing grace upon those torn nations and upon the Members of this assembly who struggle to see the shared hope for a better future in those with whom they disagree.

For many Americans, the holy season of Lent begins tomorrow, and foreheads are marked this day in recognition of our limits as men and women and as a reminder of Your power to forgive and heal the harms done through our failures.

All this day, and through the week, may our representatives do their best to find solutions to pressing issues facing our Nation. Please hasten the day when justice and love shall dwell in the hearts of all peoples and rule the affairs of the nations of Earth.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. HIGGINS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HIGGINS of New York led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND J. EDWARD NASH

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today as we celebrate Black History Month and adopt antilynching legislation to recognize civil rights trailblazer Reverend J. Edward Nash.

The son of slaves, Reverend Nash served as pastor of the Michigan Street Baptist Church in Buffalo, New York, which opened its doors up as a meeting place for abolitionists and antilynching activists and as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

Last week, I visited the Nash House, a site on the National Register of Historic Places and a testament to his work as part of our national story. Our gracious hosts, former Buffalo Council President George K. Arthur and Sharon Jordan Holley, shared with me their vision, enthusiasm, and dedication to Nash, his home, and his legacy.

Among his papers are notes from the 1939 Urban League meeting benediction in which he applauds those working to "free us from the shackles that hold us in the bondage of narrowness, selfishness, and prejudice."

Let us heed the advice of Reverend Nash.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK

(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 celebrate National FFA week. FFA is a national leader in agricultural education, inspiring our Nation's young people to pursue careers that help support a robust rural economy.

Agriculture is the backbone of Pennsylvania's economy. It is rooted in American heritage, and our Nation's producers provide us the food, the fiber, the building materials, and the energy that we all depend upon.

By committing to FFA, young men and women are helping shape the science, technology, and business of agriculture. Every time I see a distinctive blue FFA jacket, I am reminded of the strong character and impressive leadership abilities that come along with it.

FFA leaders have gone on to become Ivy League graduates, Federal court

judges, innovative farmers, famous performance artists, and even U.S. Presidents.

This week, we celebrate the important success of FFA and look forward to what FFA leaders have in store for the future of rural America.

VIRGIN ISLANDS WELCOME U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEES ON THEIR VISIT

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, this is a time of unprecedented opportunity to rebuild our highways and roads as well as harden our utilities and infrastructure.

I was delighted to welcome Chairmen PETERSON and DEFazio, along with members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Agriculture Committee to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Members were able to meet with FEMA officials to discuss the territory's disaster recovery progress and objectives regarding housing, power, education, and project obligations and formulation.

The delegations toured the hospital, the Arthur Richards School, Alexander Henderson School, as well as the STEP home.

Members of the Agriculture Committee, with local farmers, officials, and USDA representatives, discussed challenges and opportunities for agriculture in the Virgin Islands. They also visited the U.S. Virgin Islands Agriculture Fair, which is the largest in the Caribbean. They saw firsthand the diversity of agriculture in the Virgin Islands and the resourcefulness of farmers to supply the growing demand for local and regional products.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful to the committee members for coming. I am looking forward to working with them. My staff and I are committed to continuing to work with Chairmen DEFazio and PETERSON to ensure that the future of local farmers, highways, and infrastructure are guaranteed all the resources needed.

REFLECTING ON THE LIFE OF JO ALLISON SMITH

(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, I rise today to reflect on the life of Jo Allison Smith, a dear friend to many and lifelong North Carolinian who passed away Saturday, February 15.

Jo was the devoted wife to Eddie Smith, Jr., for over 57 years, as well as a loving mother to their son, Chris.

Beyond family, Jo was passionate about her faith and served as an active member of St. James United Methodist Church in Greenville, North Carolina.

She will no doubt be remembered for her extraordinary voice, which graced the music program for years.

She was also a strong supporter of women in need. She helped found and lead Women for Women's Power of the Pulse and served on the board of many other local charities.

Jo was a passionate supporter of the UNC Tar Heels, where she served on the Board of Visitors for the UNC Comprehensive Cancer Center and graced UNC football fans with a wonderful rendition of our national anthem.

Our State was blessed by Jo's presence, and our family was blessed to call her friend. Please join me in giving thanks for Jo's life and praying for the entire Smith family during this time.

RECOGNIZING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SELMA MARCH

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

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, as we know, March 7 marks the 55th anniversary of the 1965 Selma march, where courageous men and women crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery to peacefully fight for the right for Black Americans to register to vote.

I rise today to honor those who marched and to spotlight and highlight the Sisters of St. Joseph in my home district of Rochester, New York. The Sisters of St. Joseph came to Alabama from New York and played an integral role in running the Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma, Alabama.

The 600 peaceful marchers that day were met with tear gas and clubs, and the Good Samaritan Hospital was the only facility within nine counties that would serve Black citizens. Despite having just emergency room beds, the sisters diligently cared for the huge onslaught of people who had been attacked and beaten in their pursuit of equality.

Some of the nuns present reside in Rochester today, and I could not be prouder to call them my constituents. Let us celebrate them as courageous leaders and honor them by committing to continue their fight for justice and equality.

RECOGNIZING PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, this week is Public Schools Week, and I rise today to recognize our public schools in Kentucky for the critical work they do to educate Kentucky's students.

Public schools are essential to the growth and development of future generations. They are the backbone of our communities and responsible for educating our young people and providing

them with a stable and secure learning environment.

The learning opportunities provided by our schools are also critical to preparing a workforce capable of taking on the challenges of the 21st century economy.

I am very proud of the public schools which make up the First Congressional District. As a product of the public school system myself, I know how hard our teachers and staff work to prepare our students for success.

Madam Speaker, we thank our educators for their service, and I look forward to advocating for the needs of our public schools moving forward.

TRUMP POLICIES SUCCEED

(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 the Democratic Presidential debate was last night in my birthplace, the holy city of Charleston, where they would see firsthand the successes of the economic policies of Donald Trump creating jobs.

When President Trump visits North Charleston Friday, the facts are clear. The Post and Courier, on February 7, by David Wren, reported "SC Extends Global Reach."

"By air and sea, South Carolina boosted the dollar amount of goods exported to foreign countries to a record of \$41.5 billion in 2019—nearly 20 percent better than the previous year, despite the threat of tariffs.

"Dreamliner jets built at Boeing Co.'s North Charleston plant and vehicles manufactured by BMW in the Upstate and Volvo cars in the Lowcountry combined for more than half of the total, or roughly \$24.4 billion"

"The dollar amount of outbound goods has swelled by 68 percent since 2011, and South Carolina now accounts for 35 percent of all U.S. tire exports and 16 percent of all U.S. vehicle exports."

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

Best wishes to Zach Caldwell on his visit to Washington.

HONORING MS. RACHEL O'KELLEY

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

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rachel O'Kelley, the chair of the science department and a biology teacher at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton, North Carolina. Earlier this month, she was awarded the prestigious Milken Educator Award. This national honor is given to teachers who display distinguished service and commitment to their communities.