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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 29, 2020, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 26, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONALD S. BEYER, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Almighty God, thank You for giving us another day.

Have mercy upon us, O God, as the ravages of the coronavirus are spreading still in many States nationwide.

Bless and comfort those who suffer from this disease; give them healing. Bless and comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones in the wake of COVID-19.

Inspire those professionals whose life's work is healthcare, those who care for the sick, and those who labor to find treatments and cures to diseases as they emerge and begin their own effort to survive. Help us to love You, and one another, for we know that You work all things together for the good of those who do so.

In our communities throughout the country, continue to bless govern-

ments, citizens, and police with a spirit of respect and cooperation. May peace might descend upon all, that neighbors, and those in service to them, can look forward together to a more prosperous future.

Bless the people's House, and may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

CONGRATULATING ZACK EARP

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a dear friend and community member, Zack Earp, on receiving the Riverside Spirit Award.

Zack was a longtime educator and Marine veteran who saw combat in Vietnam.

Despite the health challenges he has faced, Zack continues to serve actively in our community by working with local volunteers, advocating for local students, and volunteering with the Boy Scouts.

Zack has inspired so many people, including me, with his positive attitude and his will to make our community a better place for all.

Zack has dedicated his life to service and to activism, and we are lucky to have him in Riverside.

Zack is deserving of this award, and I am glad that the Riverside City Council is recognizing such an outstanding citizen.

CONGRATULATING MAJOR GENERAL JON JENSEN

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to stand here today and congratulate Major General Jon Jensen of the Minnesota National Guard on his recent nomination to become the next Director of the Army National Guard.

Major General Jensen is a proven leader with an extraordinary record of

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service to the great State of Minnesota and our Nation.

Currently, Major General Jensen serves as the adjutant general of the Minnesota National Guard, meaning that he is the highest ranking guardsman in our State. Major General Jensen has also held numerous other leadership positions during his 37 years with the National Guard.

Throughout his entire career, Major General Jensen has served with the highest level of dedication. His service has earned him the respect of the public; countless government officials; and, most importantly, his fellow guardsmen.

On behalf of the entire State of Minnesota, I thank Major General Jon Jensen for his service and congratulate him on this well-deserved nomination.

Major General Jensen's rich experience makes him the perfect fit for the position, and I look forward to seeing him confirmed by the United States Senate soon.

SENATE MUST PASS JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT

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

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because our Nation is screaming out, grieving for those killed by police brutality and racial injustice.

I rise today because, for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, a police officer pressed his knee on George Floyd's neck, slowly killing him, but we know there are countless more who will forever remain faceless and nameless because their stories were never recorded.

I rise today because Black lives matter.

Last night, I proudly voted to pass this historic, transformative bill, the Justice in Policing Act.

This bill would finally put in place unprecedented and bold reforms to curb police brutality and racial profiling and combat the epidemic of racial injustice.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot turn our backs on the cries for justice. We cannot go back to a system that would look the other way when faced with police brutality.

The Senate must follow the House's lead and immediately pass this bill because this moment of national anguish demands nothing less.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT BOATRIGHT

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Mr. Roger Boatright of Alma, Georgia, who passed away on May 8.

Roger was a remarkable man of great courage, leadership, and depth, and I

had the honor and privilege of knowing him well.

Roger retired from the Georgia State Patrol as a trooper first class and was a faithful member to his church and numerous community organizations, such as the Bacon County Exchange Club; the Bacon County Hospital Authority; and the Georgia Municipal Association, to which he served as president.

When Roger was elected as a council member for the city of Alma in 1986, this paved the course of his life of service to his community.

A few years later, Roger was elected mayor of Alma, where he faithfully served 14 years. In 2009, he was elected chairman of the Bacon County Board of Commissioners and later returned to serve as a council member for the city of Alma.

While tremendously improving his city as mayor, he was appointed to the board of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs before he became chair of this statewide board.

Roger was truly a pillar in his community, which is why he was rightfully rewarded various accolades.

Although Roger had a passion for service and loved his community deeply, he loved his family more than anything.

I am thankful for the lasting impact Roger had on so many, including myself, and I know his legacy and influence will remain for years to come.

My thoughts and prayers are with all who worked with him, knew him, and loved him. Southeast Georgia has lost a great man.

DEMOCRATS REMAIN COMMITTED TO STRENGTHENING HEALTHCARE

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, the House will vote on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act, a bill that will lower healthcare costs and prescription drug costs, protect patients with pre-existing conditions, expand Medicaid, and lower prescription drug costs.

Democrats have been committed since the day we arrived here to strengthening access to quality healthcare.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle, on the other hand, are trying to rip away healthcare from 20 million Americans and weaken protection for 135 million Americans with preexisting conditions.

They have been trying to do this for 10 years. They are obsessed with the very idea.

Yesterday, President Trump joined 18 Republican Governors and attorneys general in filing a brief in the United States Supreme Court to have the entire Affordable Care Act declared unconstitutional in the middle of a global health pandemic. More than 40 million Americans have filed for unemployment;

120,000 Americans have died; and more than 2.25 million Americans have been infected with this virus. There has never been a more important time to protect access to quality, affordable healthcare than right now.

That is why Democrats are going to move forward with another bill that will further strengthen access to high-quality, affordable healthcare. It is important that we continue this fight to protect the American people and their access to healthcare.

RECOGNIZING 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN WAR

(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, yesterday marked the 70th anniversary of the Korean war. On June 25, 1950, at 4 a.m., the North Korean army mercilessly crossed the 38th parallel with 135,000 troops to begin the invasion of the South.

This anniversary is an opportunity to especially remember the 326,863 Americans who served and the 36,574 who died to successfully stop communist imperialism.

I am grateful that President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump provided a wreath at the extraordinary Korean War Veterans Memorial on The Mall yesterday in Washington.

There is no greater contrast between the blessings of democratic capitalism, with South Korea being one of the world's wealthiest nations as North Korea's totalitarian socialist regime has mass poverty.

Korea is well represented in Washington by Ambassador Lee Soo-hyuck, and Korean Americans are valued citizens.

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

HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND MAGGIE HOWARD

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

Mr. ROSE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with an incredibly heavy heart to honor the life of my dear friend, Reverend Maggie Howard, a woman whose kind soul is impossible to describe in just this 1 minute that I have.

From her Stapleton UAME Church on Tompkins Avenue on Staten Island, Reverend Howard led a ministry of service that was impossible to miss.

Through her soup kitchen and pantry, she not only opened the doors of her church; she opened her heart and soul to anyone in need. When others might see someone homeless or suffering and look the other way, no, Maggie would offer them a meal or even a job.

That love for her community earned her the nickname Stapleton's Mother