

an incredibly damaging impact on local waterways.

When outdoor recreation is a big part of the local economy, our communities feel that financial loss. Ms. Williams estimated that Clearfield County could lose as much as \$3 million a year due to this impact.

Reed continues to work to raise awareness about abandoned mine lands. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection says the project would take years to finish, but I know Reed won't stop fighting.

In the meantime, Congress needs to reauthorize the AML trust fund to ensure abandoned mine land sites are reclaimed, our environment is protected, and our communities are safe.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 22 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. CROW) at 10 a.m.

#### PRAYER

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

Loving God, Father of us all, Father of all our ancestors, thank You for giving us another day.

The Congress returns mourning the loss of a sweet man, a saint, warrior, and prophet, JOHN LEWIS.

A saint in his commitment to non-violence in a violent world, where all too often people are oppressed because of their nationality, their tribe, their religion, their color.

A warrior in his lifelong commitment to engaging in good trouble, to breaking down the forces of separation, especially in this Nation of ours; to challenge those who would claim innocence in their actions designed to maintain a caste society based on race and address the systems of exclusion from full participation in the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution—especially participation in the vote.

A prophet who spoke of Your will that we become the beloved community he has now joined among the community of saints, the cloud of witnesses to Your love and Your truth.

In all of this, JOHN's work must now be our own.

Bless the Members of this Chamber with the courage and wisdom to address the ongoing challenges that JOHN LEWIS encountered in his entire life. Help them, help us all, to bring forth the beloved community in our midst, where all men and women might live,

together, in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

May all that is done in the people's House this day, and in all the days to come, 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 Colorado (Mr. PERLMUTTER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PERLMUTTER 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. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that in light of the passing of the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS), the whole number of the House is 430.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I have walked with JOHN LEWIS at least 15 times across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where, with courage and commitment, he made a seminal difference in the life of our country.

Many of us walked with him. As we followed in JOHN LEWIS' footsteps, I suspect my colleagues saw, as I did, that the man we knew to be a veteran legislator and a person of wisdom and experience still carried in his heart the same energy, optimism, and determined spirit that he bore in his youth.

JOHN never stopped being the young man who dreamed of change and knew it could be achieved. In that springtime Alabama Sun, he beamed with a passion for justice and shone that light back on all of us who marched with him.

Even at 80, JOHN ROBERT LEWIS had the heart and fiery soul of a young protestor for a righteous cause, an organizer for the community and the country he served.

Every day of his life, JOHN marched for justice, civil rights, peace, and equality. On every step of his journey, he brought all of us and this country he loved with him.

On Friday, JOHN's march on Earth came to an end, and he was revered as

a good and faithful servant. Now, Mr. Speaker, he rests in the bosom of God.

He made sure that we know the way forward:

Toward racial justice;

Toward communities safer from gun violence;

Toward a cleaner and healthier planet;

Toward an America where everyone can access quality, affordable healthcare and where no child goes to bed hungry;

Toward a world where peace and plenty replace conflict and scarcity;

And toward an America whose people heed Dr. King's call to sit together at the table of brotherhood and sisterhood.

Mr. Speaker, we have a long way to go on that march. But if we continue to walk in JOHN LEWIS' footsteps, we will make it. He would say we must make it.

Our struggle to realize the beloved community was his vision and our mission. Surely, he will be with us as we continue that mission of the movement.

Where he was the veteran at our side, now JOHN will be the wind at our backs and, as the song says, beneath our wings. With his guidance and inspiration, we can, as he did, walk with the wind as we march on towards justice, equality, and peace until victory is won.

He was our inspiration; he was our guide; he was our friend; he was our colleague. As I said on Saturday morning, there is a hole in the heart of America.

#### CONGRATULATING RUTH KELLEY

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

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ruth Kelley, an exemplary student from Kernersville, North Carolina, who was selected to be part of the National Youth Orchestra of the United States.

Every year, thousands of students submit applications to take part in the National Youth Orchestra, and only 200 applicants are selected. This, without question, is an amazing achievement.

In this program administered by Carnegie Hall, young musicians are exposed to digital learning, mentorship, and performances by principal players from top American orchestras. Additionally, participants are invited to take private lessons, studio sectionals, and master classes to perfect their craft.

Congratulations to Ruth. I am confident this experience will propel her to new heights and teach her lessons she will carry with her into her future career.

#### NATIONAL HEROES DAY

(Mr. PERLMUTTER asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, with you, to honor the heroes from the Aurora theater shooting in Colorado on July 20, 2012, and the everyday heroes who make sacrifices for their community, including those we have seen emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eight years ago today, 12 lives were taken, 70 were wounded, and hundreds more suffered emotional trauma. Yet, even in this tragedy, we saw incredible heroism that night—those who carried people to safety and cared for the gravely wounded.

We saw those who sacrificed themselves by shielding others, such as: Jonathan Blunk, John Larimer, Matt McQuinn, and Alex Teves. It is these four men who inspired you, Mr. Speaker, and me to introduce H. Res. 1051, to designate July 20 as National Heroes Day.

Today, we mourn JOHN LEWIS, another real national hero. During these trying times, everyday heroes have been particularly visible during the coronavirus pandemic where we have seen tremendous acts of selflessness and bravery.

Join me in saying thank you to the hero in your life, and let us exhibit their courage and service today and throughout the year.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DAY

(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, I rise today to recognize July 20 as Pennsylvania Day.

Since the inception of our Nation, Pennsylvania has played a transformative role in United States history.

In our foundational years, Pennsylvania was the site of many important battles and military milestones, like the Battle of Valley Forge in the Revolutionary War and the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War.

Pennsylvania is home to a lot of firsts, including: our Nation's first capitol, Philadelphia; the American flag sewn by Betsy Ross; and the first commercial oil well, in my district, giving birth to the modern petroleum industry.

Pennsylvania has a proud history of American craftsmanship and work ethic, from our steel mills and coal mines to farmlands and forests.

I am encouraged each and every day by Pennsylvania's rich history, and I am grateful for our industrious residents who continue to build a bright future for the Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Pennsylvania my home, today and always.

#### BANNING BURN PITS

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, in 2017, my constituent, Jennifer Kepner, passed away due to pancreatic cancer connected to her exposure to burn pits during her military service in Balad, Iraq.

In her honor and the countless veterans who are sick, permanently disabled, or who have died from illnesses due to exposure to burn pits, I introduced an amendment to the NDAA to prohibit Federal funding for the military use of toxic burn pits.

My amendment was not included, but it is imperative to acknowledge the serious health risks that open-air burn pits have on our troops, yet our military still uses them to dispose of waste on the battlefield.

The EPA's website has a brochure discouraging burning household trash, because burning waste releases dioxin and other pollutants to the air and at the ground level, where they are most readily inhaled. In addition, many counties across the Nation have banned open-air trash burning because of air pollutants that pose a risk to our health.

If we can't burn trash here at home because of the health effects, why do we keep exposing our servicemembers to dioxin and other toxins and carcinogens that are released by burn pits?

We must address reducing the use of burn pits in our military.

#### ADDITIONAL JOBS RESTORED

(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, as the world has been challenged over the past few months, we see success. As America recovers from the Wuhan virus pandemic, I am grateful to see job growth.

The June jobs report showed inspiring improvement. With 4.8 million jobs added, this job growth has exceeded expectations by nearly 2 million and shows the economy continues to recuperate.

In South Carolina, over 105,000 people have rejoined the workforce, and we now have over 2 million people employed in the Palmetto State. It is great to see the jobs return as small businesses work to fully recover for families.

America is resilient. I am confident, with President Donald Trump's business-savvy leadership and proven record of creating jobs, our citizens will come out of this stronger than ever.

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

Our sympathy to the family of Congressman JOHN LEWIS.

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#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN LEWIS

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

Mr. COHEN. Leader HOYER expressed, I think, everybody's feelings about JOHN LEWIS.

I lost a hero and a friend, a cohort in good trouble, and a colleague. It is said, when you come to the House, you sometimes walk with giants, rarely do you get to walk with a saint. JOHN LEWIS was a saint. He was heavenly. He embodied the spirit of Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi. He exhibited that in his work, his life, his votes, his advice to his colleagues.

There is no good time to die, but JOHN LEWIS lit a fire that has turned into a tremendous blaze, and I am fortunate that I have been able to feel the warmth and share it with him.

#### RECOGNIZING DRIVE BY HEROES IN PEARLAND, TEXAS

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, over half the States in America have had a large spike in the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. Sadly, my own State of Texas has had one of the highest increases in the past week.

There are lots of factors why. Most blame is laid upon youngsters age 18 to 30 because they know they have a small chance of dying, so they don't really care about social distancing.

I spent about an hour last Thursday with three amazing Pearland High School students, twins Isaiah and Stephan Torres and Jasmine Saenz. These kids care with spider webs and bracelets of submission.

On their own, they set up a nonprofit called Drive By Heroes. They dress up as Spider Man and Wonder Woman, and they have kids out of school prod their parents to drop by to see their superheroes.

The price? Food supplies for victims of COVID-19. In less than 2 weeks, these three youngsters raised 1 ton of food for the Pearland Neighborhood Center.

So, people of Pearland, southeast Texas, if you want to meet a real superhero, go to Facebook and find out where they are, or invite them to come to your home. Enjoy the pride of Texans being Texans.