

Since this news has broken and spread throughout the world, they have heard from the world. From Alaska to Arizona, to as far away as Taiwan, people reaching out and sending them masks, sending them Hershey chocolate bars.

This distinguished group has been responsible for the founding of multiple schools and care centers in Michigan's 11th District, including our beloved Madonna University, which has become one of the Nation's largest Franciscan universities, with a student body of approximately 3,000 students. We, in Michigan's 11th District, are forever indebted to these beloved nuns for their mission and their impact. We grieve for the virtuous lives lost, and we hold their extended community in our prayers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in reflecting on the indelible mark left by these Sisters on our community, our country, the soul of our country, and this world. May the grieving find comfort in the extraordinary legacies of faith and service that they leave.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF SHARON ERICHSRUD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER) for 30 seconds.

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sharon Erichsrud, who passed away in March at the age of 79. She was a loving mother, devoted wife, and lifelong Minnesotan.

Sharon was born in 1941 in Frost, Minnesota. She attended Frost High School, where she met Butch, her husband of 60 years. After graduation, she went on to work at 3M and several banks in the Blue Earth area, eventually becoming bank manager at Albert Lea Savings and Loan.

Sharon and Butch are parents of three children, Beth, Shelly, and Mark of St. Michael-Albertville, who gave them five children and four great-grandchildren.

Sharon was adored by her family, who remember her as a voracious reader and a pillar of her community at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Sharon was a beloved member of our Minnesota community. May her memory be a blessing.

#### 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 50 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. GOMEZ) at 10 a.m.

#### PRAYER

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

On the day our Nation says its final good-bye as Your servant John Lewis returns to You and joins the beloved community in its fullness in eternity, we bring our petitions to You using some of his final words.

Bless the Members of this people's House, and those in authority on all levels of society, with wisdom and courage to address the unholy oppression that awaits so many of our brothers and sisters of color. May there be a new, creative way of establishing something like community policing, that peace and security might be enjoyed where we live.

O Lord, do we dare to consider the power of nonviolence in our homes, our communities, our Nation, and, perhaps, in leadership for our world? Might we truly be called, if not challenged, to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, so that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall we learn war anymore?

And, as we are reminded, the greatest expression of nonviolent challenge to injustice is the vote. Bless all efforts to secure access to the ballot for all American citizens.

Help us, O Lord, to answer the highest calling of our hearts, to carry forward the mission of John Lewis, our mission as one nation under God, under You, to bring to fruition the beloved community here on Earth. You, Lord, know what that might be. Help us to find our way to it.

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 South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### POST OFFICE DELAYS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, as our Nation reels from COVID-19 and over 150,000 deaths, millions of Americans depend on the U.S. Postal Service for access to medicine, stimulus payments, small business support, and trustworthy door-to-door service upon which Americans rely. Yet, recently appointed Postmaster General and major Trump donor Louis DeJoy has instituted a deeply misguided policy that puts American lives at risk.

In a disturbing memo, it reads: "late trips are no longer authorized or accepted . . . we may see mail left behind or mail on the workroom floor or docks."

The United States Postal Service has served our Nation ably for over two centuries, delivering at the most cost-effective rate. Letter carriers walk through rain, sleet, snow, dark of night to ensure the mail gets delivered. That is why Congress already provided \$10 billion in financing to the Postal Service during this pandemic, and, tragically, the Trump administration continued to hold it up, causing backups in mail across our Nation.

I demand the Trump administration release the funds Congress provided to our Postal Service. We must act now to ensure our people have access to medications they need, protect our small businesses and democratic institutions, and end these senseless delays.

#### SAVE OUR STAGES

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, Austin, Texas, is known as the Live Music Capital of the World, and every year millions of people come from around the world to my district to enjoy concerts and events.

Venues like Songbird Live in Cleburne, Hudson's on Mercer Street in Dripping Springs, and Mohawk in Austin play a crucial role in our culture. During COVID-19, these venues have faced devastation as they were the first to close and will be among the last to open.

In order to provide relief, I am proud to introduce the bipartisan Save Our Stages Act with my colleague, PETER WELCH, to create a grant program that will ensure they have the resources needed to survive.

American music legends that rose to fame once graced their stages that are currently empty and motionless. They moved the young and old alike and inspired the next generation of artists.

It is my hope that our venues, with the help of Congress and our communities, will be able to once again welcome their next act to the stage. I urge consideration and passage of this vital bill.

In God we trust.

### ENSURING SAFETY FOR THE AMERICAN FLYING PUBLIC

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, August 1 marks the 10th anniversary of Congress passing landmark legislation to ensure one level of safety for the American flying public.

The success of this legislation belongs to the courageous advocacy of the families of flight 3407, who lost their loved ones in a tragic plane crash in Clarence, New York, in 2009. These families lost sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, friends and loved ones. No one would have blamed them had they gone on to live their lives in quiet solitude. They did not do that.

They turned their personal tragedy into a life-giving force, a citizen army to fight for change so that what happened to them would not happen to others. These families were relentless, pushing Congress to strengthen pilot training standards, as the National Transportation Safety Board found pilot error was responsible for the crash. The families did not blame the pilots, for they, too, were victims. They attacked the system that allowed pilots who were ill-trained to fly planes.

There is still much work to be done, but today we honor and express our gratitude to the good and courageous families of flight 3407.

### HONORING BERNELL TRAMMELL

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Bernell Trammell.

Bernell was one of 10 children of Delores Jackson, born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who attended Milwaukee Lincoln High School in its heyday. He followed the steps of his grandfather, Cecil Ballenger, who was one of the first African-American businesses in Milwaukee when he founded Expressions Printing.

He was well-read and liked to read the books of Abraham Lincoln and Malcolm X. He was not afraid to speak the truth. He liked to show us signs of Bible verses and signs supporting Trump. He was killed with his Trump sign a little over a week ago.

I would like to read a short Bible verse, which is one of the ones he is pictured with. Matthew, chapter 12, verse 38:

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him saying, Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you. And he answered them, An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it.

Again, I rise today in honor of Bernell Trammell, who was murdered with his sign a little over a week ago.

### RECOGNIZING AND HONORING DR. JEAN FRUCI

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Jean Fruci, a professional staff member with the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Jean is also one of my most trusted advisers, a former coworker in my personal office, and a true friend.

Jean first came to the Hill in the 1990s as an AAAS fellow, after receiving her Ph.D. in soil science from Cornell University. She had already served in several Member and committee offices before I met her in 2009 on the Science, Space, and Technology Committee. Her brilliance and integrity were evident.

After a brief stint away from Capitol Hill to care for her ailing parents, Jean returned to congressional service as my legislative director. She was a valued guide and coach as I worked to earn a place on the Energy and Commerce Committee in early 2013.

Within just a few years, my colleague, Chairman PALLONE, was smart enough to recruit her from my personal office to join the committee, where she would serve both the Subcommittees on Energy as well as Environment and Climate Change, which I now chair. Her work in that capacity has strengthened the quality of our lawmaking and helped countless Americans in ways most will never realize.

Over her congressional career, Jean has served on multiple conference committees, helped authorize and reauthorize numerous vital programs, provided needed oversight, and negotiated many deals. In her exemplary service, she has reminded us time and again of the importance of our work in Congress and its potential to help the people we serve.

Jean is a legendary negotiator. I know this because my colleague from Illinois, Mr. SHIMKUS, would often remark as such. He knows, however, that she is also fair, honest, and does her homework.

Jean, as a STEM professional, your skills and knowledge made me and this institution better.

We need more STEM professionals, more Jean Frucis, to guide us in our policymaking, as the world and our economy become increasingly complex.

Mr. Speaker, Jean has done so much for this House, far beyond what I can convey in these brief remarks. I know all of my colleagues join me in wishing her and her husband, John, a retirement full of health, happiness, travel when safe to do so again, and fulfillment.

You have earned that and more, Jean, and for that I humbly say thank you for what you have done for this institution and for all Americans.

### AUTOMOTIVE PARTS HEADQUARTERS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Automotive Parts Headquarters in St. Cloud, Minnesota, on 100 years of dedicated service to their customers and their community.

Owning and operating a business is never easy, and reaching this milestone is an important testament to the hard-working people they employ and the services they offer.

Founded in 1920, Automotive Parts Headquarters outgrew their first shop in Minneapolis. Today, they have 125 corporate stores and 36 independent locations across the Midwest.

Automotive Parts Headquarters has stayed true to its roots. In fact, President and CEO Corey Bartlett is the third generation of his family to be involved in the business.

It was an honor to visit Automotive Parts Headquarters recently and learn about the great work they do in the St. Cloud area.

Automotive Parts Headquarters not only supplies parts to repair shops, the company builds partnerships with their customers to help them grow.

Automotive Parts Headquarters also supports the communities where they operate, contributing to charities like the American Cancer Society, Toys for Tots, and WACOSA.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Automotive Parts Headquarters for their continued service to our communities and congratulate them for 100 years of incredible service in Minnesota.

### DON'T LET UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS EXPIRE

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, in the summer of 1789, according to a story, there was a famine in France. The people didn't have enough bread to eat, and they approached the queen, and they said: Queen Marie Antoinette, the people do not have enough bread to eat.

According to the story, she said: Well then let them eat cake.

Showing the most callous disregard for what the lives of the people actually was like, assuming that without enough bread to eat they actually had cake lying around, that is ridiculous.

Mr. Speaker, that is almost certainly an apocryphal story; it didn't really happen. But now, here, in America, we have a real-life American Marie Antoinette.

Showing the most cavalier disregard for the plight of the American people, allowing UI to expire without negotiating, without talking, without trying to extend relief, Senator MITCH MCCONNELL, don't risk letting our economy