

always enjoyed most walking by his office and harassing him if his favorite baseball team wasn't doing that well or if his favorite college football team may have lost to one of the others in the Big Ten.

An institution like the House of Representatives will move on from all of us who are here now, but this one is a hard one to replace.

I thank Tom Wickham for his service, and I wish the best to Jason Smith, his successor.

PROTECTING MILKWEED MILE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible efforts of the Thelander and Zarate families, who have spearheaded a conservation and awareness program for thousands of beautiful monarch butterflies that began their lives as caterpillars in Michigan's 11th District before attempting the 2,000-mile migration to central Mexico every year.

A couple of years ago, Maecy Zarate, who was then just 8 years old, petitioned the Highland Township board to establish the Milkweed Mile, a beautiful stretch of land along highway M-59 in Highland Township that provides a sanctuary for monarchs.

Along this stretch of road, which is designated as a no-mow zone, milkweed is left to grow and thrive freely, creating an ideal environment for monarch caterpillars to complete their lifecycle.

Each summer, these conservation efforts culminate in the Highland Monarch Butterfly Festival, an annual celebration of these amazing butterflies, in an effort to raise awareness of this species that has seen their global populations plummet in recent years.

I was honored to visit the Highland Monarch Butterfly Festival in August of 2019, and it was so inspiring to meet young Michiganders passionate about conservation and biodiversity in our great State.

This is also part of the work that we are doing on the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, to protect and to promote biodiversity throughout the world.

The Thelander family also tags and releases hundreds of monarchs every year. One butterfly, named Jeronimo, was tracked all the way from Michigan's 11th District to central Mexico last year, beating the odds and completing a grueling 1,900-mile journey over 3 months.

This is significant and symbolic. It is symbolic because of the journey that we are on as a Nation right now in somewhat uncertain and troubling times but with an end goal to reach the other side.

The monarch sanctuary along Milkweed Mile provides a special opportunity for young people to get involved in real conservation efforts right in

their backyard. As Maecy says, "If there's no milkweed, there's no monarchs."

I look forward to working with monarch lovers all over Michigan to protect Milkweed Mile as a sanctuary for years to come.

I ask this Chamber to join me in recognizing the inspiring efforts of the next generation of conservationists who are making a difference in our community through their passion and dedication for these beautiful butterflies. I could not be more proud of their efforts, and I look forward to learning more about their progress in next year's Highland Township Monarch Festival.

REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT

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

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in final salute to the service of a man who loved the United States and devoted his life to her service, Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft.

General Scowcroft died August 6, 2020, and leaves behind his loving daughter, Karen, and her family. His devoted friends, colleagues, and loyal longtime staff members are left with terrific memories of a man who served two Presidents and had delivered his wise counsel to them.

General Scowcroft was the only American to serve two Presidents, President Gerald Ford and President George H.W. Bush, as their National Security Advisor.

In September 1991, President Bush asked me to leave the Treasury Department and join the White House staff, directing his Economic Policy Council. General Scowcroft was a member of that group and always made significant, substantive, and humorous contributions to our meetings when he was awake.

Brent was renowned among his colleagues for his long hours, dedicated work, and daily care for his long-ailing, beloved wife, Jackie. That made late afternoon meetings a bit of a struggle.

President Bush initiated the Scowcroft Award to that Cabinet Secretary or senior staffer that nodded off in a meeting, as former staffer and now President of the Council on Foreign Relations Richard Haass described, in the most ostentatious manner. One of those nod-offs occurred in the Roosevelt Room, with his head resting on my shoulder.

During those White House years, my wife, Martha, served General Scowcroft as his deputy legal adviser. Our family extends our heartfelt condolences to Brent's family and his scores of friends around the world.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD COLBURN BUTLER, III

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy

of one of Arkansas's great historic preservationists, and my lifelong friend, Richard Butler, III, who recently passed away at the age of 82.

Richard was born in 1937 in Little Rock, where his father, Dick, was a philanthropist for whom the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies is named.

After receiving his law degree from the University of Arkansas, Richard practiced law for a few years before becoming a trust officer at the Commercial National Bank of Little Rock.

His attention to detail and historic architecture led to wonderful projects in Old Washington, Arkansas. For his devoted work, Richard was known in our State as Mr. Preservationist.

Richard had a passion for teaching people about the history of Arkansas and was a steadfast supporter of churches and the arts.

He was an inspiration and friend to many across our State, and I extend my respect, affection, and prayers to his friends, family, and loved ones.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DICKSON FLAKE

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life and legacy of one of Arkansas's great businesspeople and civic leaders, Dickson Flake, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 30, at the age of 81.

Throughout his life, Dickson's accomplishments knew no bounds, as he played major roles in crucial Little Rock developments, including the Arkansas BlueCross BlueShield headquarters and the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

Dickson started his career in 1965 after finishing at the University of Michigan with a master's degree in business with high distinction. Because of his dedication, he was awarded the Arkansas Real Estate Association Realtor of the Year in 1971 and was inducted into the Arkansas Real Estate Hall of Fame in 2011. He was named the 2020 Business and Professional Leader of the Year by the Rotary Club of Little Rock.

With the passing of Dickson Flake, Martha and I lost a good friend. Like many in central Arkansas, I lost a wise counselor.

In this time of thanks and reflection, Martha and I extend our condolences and prayers to his family.

LOS ANGELES OFFICERS AMBUSHED

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, just last weekend, a 31-year-old mother and a 24-year-old man in Los Angeles were ambushed. They were shot at pointblank range by a coward who targeted them for no reason except for the uniform that they wear.

These two police officers were attacked in the very community where they serve, the community that they have sworn to protect.

It is hard to believe, but this story gets worse. As these two police officers were in the hospital fighting for their lives, protestors stood outside, blocking ambulance entrances and chanting: "We hope they die."

What has become of American cities? When did this behavior become acceptable or even fathomable?

This ambush demonstrates total disregard for human life. It is an affront to American values.

Thankfully, by the grace of God and the skill of first responders and trauma medical teams, these brave police officers are expected to recover from their injuries. We are fortunate that they are on the mend, and my prayers are with them on their road to recovery.

Frankly, this time, we truly were fortunate. This time, we expect that a mother will return home to her family. We expect that a young police officer will return to his normal life.

Indeed, this time, we are fortunate. But what about the next time? Will we let this happen again?

Mr. Speaker, as a Nation, we cannot allow this malicious and wicked behavior to continue. We cannot stand by as police officers are shot at pointblank range. We cannot stand by while protestors scream "We hope they die" at critically injured public servants. We must restore law and order to all American cities.

In this Chamber, we should dispense with the Democrats' political games and enact commonsense, bipartisan solutions such as the JUSTICE Act, which was introduced by Senator TIM SCOTT and Congressman PETE STAUBER, to increase police transparency and accountability while supporting our law enforcement community and equipping them with the resources that they need to safely protect our communities.

We cannot stand on the sidelines and leave our law enforcement officers vulnerable to attacks. This is not the time to turn our backs on the police; this is not the time to dismantle the police; and this is definitely not the time to defund the police. We must protect the American people; we must restore law and order; and we must back the blue.

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LAW AND ORDER IN OUR COMMUNITIES

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my wholehearted support for our Nation's law enforcement community. Members of this very Congress have called to defund the police, and when they say "defund police," they mean it literally. They want to strip away support for the officers who keep our communities safe.

Our men and women in blue deserve the utmost respect as they put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve their communities. We wit-

ness now, more than ever, just how dangerous this job is.

We are a nation of law and order, and that is why I will always back the blue.

PRESIDENT TRUMP SUPPORTS OUR VETERANS

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a veteran of the United States Marine Corps to thank President Trump and his administration for all the outstanding work he has done for our veterans and the members of the military. During a time when our country has needed it most, President Trump has shown robust support for our brave men and women in uniform.

Our Armed Forces serve our Nation with honor, and it is our duty to provide them with the resources they need to keep Americans safe. We are building our military and making sure it comes to be the strongest force in the world.

TRUCK DRIVERS APPRECIATION WEEK

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Truck Drivers Appreciation Week.

As a Representative from the "Crossroads of America," I know firsthand just how important truck drivers are to our community and to our Indiana economy. Over 80 percent of Hoosiers depend on the trucking industry to keep their businesses moving.

As a businessman, I understand the important role trucking plays in the American economy, and it is my hope that Truck Drivers Appreciation Week brings attention to driver safety and financial support for this working community.

RICHARD G. LUGAR POST OFFICE

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 3105, a bill to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located in Indianapolis as the Richard G. Lugar Post Office.

Senator Lugar was a true statesman who led a life of honor and service to Indiana and this country. As mayor of Indianapolis, Dick Lugar's vision transformed our State's capital city. As an Indiana Senator, he left a lasting legacy on domestic and global affairs.

The Hoosier State is greater and our Nation is stronger because of Richard G. Lugar. I am proud and humbled to stand with my colleagues to honor the life of this great Hoosier.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO I-70

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to important and positive news regarding infrastructure in the Hoosier State.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is awarding a grant of \$22.5 million to the Indiana Department of Transportation to improve the infrastructure on I-70.

Hoosiers deserve the best infrastructure, and that means making sure our interstates are as safe and efficient as possible. I hear from constituents frequently about I-70, and I am glad to announce a huge improvement is heading toward the Sixth District.

Thank you to the Trump administration for continuing to be committed to

improving the infrastructure of our Nation.

RECOGNIZING HOOSIER FARMERS

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the amazing Hoosier agricultural community.

Farmers across our Nation work hard each day ensuring our friends, family, and neighbors can put food on the table. This devoted community has recently been put to the test with COVID-19, and they have stood up to the challenge to keep America fed.

I recently had the privilege of holding a farmers roundtable in my district to hear directly from this community how I can better represent them in Congress. As Indiana's Sixth District Representative, I will always support Hoosier farmers and our ag and ethanol communities.

CONGRESS MUST GET BACK TO WORK

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge Congress to get back to substantive work in our Nation's Capital.

The definition of Congress is "a national legislative body, especially that of the United States, which meets at the Capitol in Washington, D.C."

Last week, I was the only one to physically attend a Transportation Committee hearing on rail workers affected by COVID-19.

I believe the proper way for Congress to represent our constituents is in person in our Nation's Capital. It is imperative we simply get back to work for our constituents.

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 35 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 at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord, God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As the morning temperatures cool here at the Capitol, and schools throughout the country open to various configurations, we know the season is changing, yet the challenges confronting our Nation remain. The weather in the West especially belies the normal and further gives notice that much needs to be done.

Bless the Members of the people's House with wisdom and goodwill, that they might address these many challenges with due care and diligence, and the stress confronting so many of our families and businesses might be eased.