

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.

Lord, have mercy.
May all that is done this day be for
Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Kansas (Ms. DAVIDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas 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

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

HONORING MAYOR MICHAEL COPELAND

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

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mayor Michael Copeland, who passed away on August 19, 2020.

Mayor Copeland was a devoted father and husband. He is survived by his wife, Maria, and three children, Olivia, Abigail, and Joshua.

As Olathe's longest serving mayor, he was elected in 2001 and held the office until his passing.

Mayor Copeland leaves behind a legacy that has touched the lives of many in the Olathe community.

Personally, I will miss Mayor Copeland's counsel. I very much appreciated each one of our many conversations since I took office. He was always generous with his time and knowledge, willing and eager to represent the people of Olathe.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my deepest condolences to Mayor Copeland's family and friends and to all of those who will miss his kindness and leadership. This truly is a loss for Kansas and our community.

RECOGNIZING MARY KAY CSANYI

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

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today and recognize Mary Kay Csanyi from Kernersville, North Carolina.

Since 2004, Mary Kay has served as an administrative assistant with the Kernersville Chamber of Commerce.

The title she holds does not do justice to the impact she has at the chamber or in Kernersville. To me, she was the sunshine in the room, no matter where she is. Her ray of sunshine will be sorely missed.

In her capacity, she has coordinated numerous craft shows, festivals, and events within the Kernersville community. After 15 wonderful years at the Kernersville Chamber, Mary Kay retired on August 26 and celebrated alongside her colleagues and friends with a drive-in celebration.

Mary Kay, as you enter this new stage of your life, I know that you will continue to serve your community, impact the lives of your friends and neighbors, and be a ray of sunshine wherever you are.

May God continue to bless you; Bob, your husband of 40 years; and your family.

RECOGNIZING BUFFALO BLACK ACHIEVERS

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Buffalo Black Achievers, who will soon celebrate virtually its 48th annual Black Achievers Awards ceremony.

I have been honored to speak at several past ceremonies, and I am certain this year's event will be very memorable.

The Buffalo Black Achievers honor the character and accomplishments of outstanding citizens of Buffalo and western New York and the substantial contributions they make every day.

In 2020, 36 Black Achievers Awards will be bestowed upon recipients in a variety of walks of life. A particular emphasis is placed upon community service, a fact underscored by the existence of the Black Achievers Scholarship, which has funded awards to local high school students for more than 15 years.

My congratulations go out to all of those earning the Buffalo Black Achievers Awards for 2020, and I offer my best wishes to my friend, Chief Executive Officer Herb Bellamy, Jr., and in the memory of his great father, Herb Bellamy, Sr., and to the other members of his board of directors for a successful virtual ceremony in 2020.

We look forward to celebrating together once again in 2021.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION NEGOTIATES PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST

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

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, we are witnessing history at this time: historic peace agreements between Israel and its Arab neighbors, the UAE and Bahrain, both negotiated with the help of the Trump administration.

But judging from the media coverage, you would hardly know it. In fact, I

wouldn't be surprised if we actually saw a banner headline like this: Extra! Trump kills U.S. defense jobs! President brokers Middle East peace deals.

I made this front-page parody, but it is trying to make a point.

When President Jimmy Carter brokered the Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel, the achievement was celebrated. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. It was a defining moment in history.

There have been just four peace agreements negotiated between Israel and its Arab neighbors. President Trump played an important role in two of these, as well as his administration.

Let's give credit where credit is due, and let's work together for even more peace in the region.

COMMENDING OREGON'S FIRST RESPONDERS ON FRONT LINES OF HISTORIC WILDFIRES

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

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, over the last week, historic wildfires have ravaged my home State of Oregon. I have three major fires in my congressional district alone.

These fires continue to burn at an alarming rate. The extent of loss of life and property is still unknown.

However, without the heroic life-saving work of our firefighters, police, and sheriffs' offices, the sheer magnitude of that loss would have been far greater.

First responders from Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Clackamas, and Tillamook Counties have been working around the clock to evacuate families while the winds have changed most rapidly and dangerously, putting their own lives in peril.

Currently, Oregon experiences the worst air quality in the world and has been enveloped in absolute dense smoke for 1 week.

Many of those battling these fires live in impacted communities and have continued their work as their families evacuate and their homes are lost.

There are not enough words of thanks to give to these heroes, but I know that I speak on behalf of all Oregonians when I say that we are forever grateful to you.

HONORING SERGEANT MAJOR THOMAS PAYNE

(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, all of America was grateful on Friday, the 19th anniversary of the September 11 attacks, to witness President Donald Trump present Sergeant Major Thomas Patrick Payne the military's highest honor for valor, the Medal of Honor.