

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 lifesaving 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.

A native of South Carolina towns Batesburg-Leesville and Lugoff, Payne and Master Sergeant Joshua L. Wheeler with fellow Army Rangers in 2015 helped rescue about 70 hostages set to be executed by the Islamic State terrorists in Iraq. The terrorists had dug mass graves to prepare for mass murder.

Sadly, Sergeant Wheeler lost his life, but Payne, with Kurdish commandos, continued their multiple courageous assaults to cut the locks, free the hostages, and helicopter the hostages to freedom.

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

HONORING LEVESTER THOMPSON

(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 in memory of my constituent Levester Thompson, who was taken from us far too soon after battling COVID-19.

Growing up in a small Virginia town of 300, LT aspired to move to the big city, inspired to work as a banker in Manhattan. He commuted 2½ hours every day from Staten Island to pursue that dream.

As he got older, he realized there is so much more to life, so he returned to his true passion, his true passion for sports, working as an equipment manager for NYU's athletics department and spending more time helping his children, Jade and Chase, realize their own passions.

LT was a larger-than-life character, a coach, a mentor, someone with a great sense of humor, and a smile that will be so dearly missed.

LT, you will forever live in our memory.

EXPAND MILK OPTIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH WIC PROGRAM

(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 am proud to cosponsor the GIVE MILK Act with my Pennsylvania colleague FRED KELLER.

The GIVE MILK Act is an important piece of legislation that gives families who use the WIC program more control over the nutrition of their children.

The bill would make 2 percent and whole milk available through the WIC program to any child over the age of 2, reversing an Obama-era rule limiting WIC participants to low-fat or non-fat milk.

This legislation will give families who depend on WIC more options when considering nutritional options for their children. It will also help increase milk consumption, which is a win for our dairy farmers.

Whole milk has been wrongfully targeted as unhealthy in recent years, but

in reality, it provides a wealth of vital nutrients that are particularly important for growing children.

Including whole milk in the WIC program will provide a healthy option for those families who find themselves depending upon these benefits for essential nutrition.

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DEFENDING AMERICAN VALUES

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

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the timeless American principles of freedom, equality, and opportunity. These principles are the foundation on which our Nation was built.

Unlike the nations and the empires that came before, the United States was founded on an idea, an idea that men are created equal and have certain inalienable rights given by our Creator. This idea turned into a dream, a dream that, no matter what circumstances you come from, you can come to America and be free to pursue your dreams and be equal to your peers in the eyes of the law.

There are some among us who think this system of self-government has failed. There are some who believe socialism is a better tool to achieve the American Dream, and they think, by tearing down our institutions, by tossing aside the Constitution, and by giving the government more control that they will somehow achieve utopia. Using history as a guide, we know this to be wrong.

Our Constitution is special because it limits the power of government while safeguarding our freedoms and our civil rights. I will do my best to follow their example and keep our America as the shining city on the hill.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2574, EQUITY AND INCLUSION ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2019; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2639, STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY ACT OF 2019; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2694, PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 908, CONDEMNING ALL FORMS OF ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT AS RELATED TO COVID-19; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1107 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1107

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2574) to amend title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to restore the right to individual civil actions in cases involving disparate impact, and for other purposes.

All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2639) to establish the Strength in Diversity Program, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-62 shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor; (2) the further amendments described in section 3 of this resolution; (3) the amendments en bloc described in section 4 of this resolution; and (4) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 3. After debate pursuant to the second section of this resolution, each further amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 4 of this resolution shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

SEC. 4. It shall be in order at any time after debate pursuant to the second section of this resolution for the chair of the Committee on Education and Labor or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

SEC. 5. All points of order against the further amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules or amendments en bloc described in section 4 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 6. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2694) to eliminate discrimination