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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: We give You thanks, O God, for giving us another day.

As the Congress enters a long week-end following a contentious period of time on the Hill, give them rest. As they encounter the voices of constituents back home, may all their exchanges be fruitful and promise encouragement toward productive work here in the people's House when they return.

May the power of Your truth and our faith in Your providence give them all the confidence they must have to do the good work required for service to our Nation.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. LAWRENCE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. LAWRENCE 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

47TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Mrs. LAWRENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 47th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, that ultimately gave women the right to control their own reproductive health.

Today, that choice is under attack as the current administration and several States have enacted bans to restrict a woman's right to control her own body.

This year proves to be a pivotal year for access to abortion. Next month, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in the case of *June Medical Services v. Gee*.

As co-chair of the Democratic Women's Caucus, I firmly believe that every woman has the right to decide when, how, if, and with whom to begin or expand her family. That is why we must push back against those who wish to take away this legal right.

The public is overwhelmingly in favor of protecting *Row v. Wade*—nearly 8 in 10 Americans.

In the face of increased attacks on women's right to choose, I continue to fight for the reproductive healthcare that all women deserve.

ROOTING FOR THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS IN SUPER BOWL LIV

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, it seems like just yesterday, but it was 50 years ago that my dad and I sat down

to watch Super Bowl IV. We watched on a black-and-white television, and we watched the Chiefs beat the Vikings 23-7.

We saw Lenny Dawson making long passes to Otis Taylor, one of the greatest linebacking corps in history dominate the game, and we saw Jan Stenerud kick three field goals.

This weekend at Super Bowl LIV, the Chiefs Nation will be coming to Miami, Florida, and I am here on behalf of the Kansas delegation to wish Coach Andy Reid and our MVP quarterback, Patrick Mahomes, the very best and that they have the best game of their life.

And as the Chiefs Nation joins the folks in Miami, I want everyone to stand and join us in rooting the Chiefs Nation on and remember that we are the land of the free and the home of the Chiefs.

UNITED STATES-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, we have cause for bipartisan celebration. The USMCA trade deal was signed into law yesterday.

I want to congratulate the Democratic House negotiating team and thank them for their hard work for the better part of a year to make this a better deal.

Heading the push to lower drug prices and strip out a massive giveaway to Big Pharma were Representatives EARL BLUMENAUER and JAN SCHA-KOWSKY.

Representatives JIMMY GOMEZ and MIKE THOMPSON handled the negotiation to strengthen labor rights in the deal, and they got it to where they earned an AFL-CIO endorsement.

Representatives SUSAN BONAMICI and JOHN LARSON improved protections for clean air and clean water in the deal.

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And Representatives TERRI SEWELL and ROSA DELAURO strengthened the all-important enforcement provisions in this deal.

While we can't fix NAFTA overnight, this is a good start, and it will help our farmers and manufacturers create jobs. So I am glad we came together and passed this deal.

HONORING TIMOTHY SWEZEY

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mr. Timothy Swezey, who passed away on January 11 at the age of 50.

At the time of his passing, he was serving as the city manager of Darien, in the First Congressional District of Georgia. In his own words, that position was the dream job he always wanted. And, as city manager, Mr. Swezey did an exceptional job managing the unique challenges in Darien, including multiple hurricanes, preserving historical buildings, and new developments in the downtown area.

But nobody reaches their dream job without hard work. Prior to his time with the City of Darien, he worked as a substitute teacher, led city recreation departments, and headed a marine institute, all of which prepared him for his excellent public service in coastal Georgia.

Mr. Swezey is certainly leaving Darien a better place than he found it, and his work in the city will be missed.

His family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

HONORING THE JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE MIGRANT FAMILY SHELTER

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

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the migrants and asylum-seekers who have been sheltered by Jewish Family Service of San Diego.

On October 1, 2018, Jewish Family Service, along with other members of the San Diego Rapid Response Network, heeded an important call. These organizations were alerted that, due to a drastic change in policy, women and children were being left on the side of the road. They were released with nowhere to go and no resources to get to their final destination.

These nonprofits decided that they would not stand idly by and would assist these deserted families. Despite all the obstacles the organizations faced, they dedicated themselves to welcoming the stranger.

Jewish Family Service Shelter is now in its seventh location, where it has served 21,000 individuals. The shelters have provided a safe and welcoming

place to sleep, fresh new clothes, warm meals, and travel assistance.

I have had the opportunity to tour some of the facilities and believe they follow the teaching of Leviticus 19: "You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you. . . ."

I thank Jewish Family Service and the organizations of the San Diego Rapid Response Network for their efforts.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF BRIAN WINTER

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life and service of retired Yakima County Sheriff Brian Winter. Sheriff Winter spent his life dedicated to serving his community and his country.

After graduating from Central Washington University, he joined the United States Marine Corps, where he served honorably in Operations Desert Shield and Iraqi Freedom.

As Brian returned to central Washington and worked his way up in the police force, he became known for prioritizing safety and security in schools throughout the county, his ability to build lasting community relationships, and creating meaningful connections with the Yakama Nation.

Soon after being elected as sheriff, he was diagnosed with ALS. Despite his condition, he was determined to serve his full 4-year term, which he did.

Up until the day he passed away on January 25, 2020, Sheriff Winter prioritized others before himself.

I urge my colleagues to join me in keeping his wife and children in our prayers.

His legacy throughout the Yakima Valley will not be forgotten.

HONORING ANN ELIZABETH CHRISTIAN ABRAMSON

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, the Virgin Islands is known for its queens—powerful, dynamic, passionate women who lead. We had Queen Coziah, who led the coal strikes; Queen Mary and "Bottom Belly," who led the labor strikes.

We lost one of our queens last week, Ann Elizabeth Christian Abramson, who was a loyal, fearless, compassionate leader, an entrepreneur, and a stateswoman.

She was born in 1924, the last of 15 children. Ever industrious, even as a child, she left school for several years to help her family when they were in need and then went back.

She was a businesswoman extraordinaire—taxicab business, con-

struction company, bus company, aggregate owner, and the list goes on. She was appointed to our municipal council, where she was the only woman to serve during her time, as well as to our legislature.

She gave tremendously to our community, but I know she also gave to me. When I went to this fearless leader to ask her for support, she not only gave me her support, but she gave me her time.

I saw how she cared for her islands and her people. She was chair of the state Republican Party and helped the Girl Scouts, hospitals, and chamber of commerce. She did it all.

Mr. Speaker, we will remember her legacy and hope she rests well.

NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

(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, 50 years ago, President Richard Nixon designated January as National Blood Donor Month.

The decision to choose January for this occasion was no coincidence. There is often a shortage of blood in January. In the winter months, eligible donors don't give blood as frequently because both the holidays as well as the cold and flu season are quickly approaching.

No matter the time of year, donating blood can help save a life, and there is always a demand. According to the American Red Cross, someone in the United States needs blood every 2 seconds, and approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed each and every day.

However, less than 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood, and only 3 percent of those individuals donate annually.

There are often opportunities to donate blood right here on Capitol Hill, and the Red Cross is hosting its next blood drive on Wednesday, February 5, in the Ford Building. I would like to encourage those eligible to take some time out of their day to make a difference in the lives of others by donating blood.

CLEAN ENERGY AGENDA

(Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, climate change poses a serious threat to virtually every aspect of our lives, particularly in my State of New Hampshire, where our economy is deeply tied to nature.

That is why, earlier this week, I was proud to unveil my Clean Energy Agenda with climate experts from across my district to outline policies and bills that Congress can pass this year to move the United States toward a clean energy economy.