

Best wishes, GREG. I know you will continue to make a difference in retirement.

FAREWELL TO CONGRESSMAN ROB BISHOP

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a retiring leader and mentor, Congressman ROB BISHOP.

A public schoolteacher turned public servant, ROB BISHOP represents Utah's First Congressional District in the United States Congress. I have had the privilege of serving with and under the leadership of Congressman BISHOP on the Committee on Natural Resources for 8 years.

First elected in 2003, ROB served as chairman of the powerful House Committee on Natural Resources and is now its ranking member. He has been a key player on many public land bills.

Congressman BISHOP is committed to helping Congress strike a balance for wise management of our public lands and resources. Protecting private property rights and State sovereignty and preserving the Western heritage are among his chief priorities on the committees that guided him. There is no stronger fighter to protect the livelihoods of public land users in rural America, while ensuring that we are responsible stewards of our natural resources.

Madam Speaker, Congressman ROB BISHOP negotiated much of the legislation included in the Natural Resources Management Act. This legislation expanded access to public lands, while also shrinking the size of the Federal estate, and provided wins for America's sportsmen, hunters, and fishermen.

Thank you, ROB, for your service, your friendship, and your mentoring. Thank you, as well to his wife, Jeralynn, and his children and grandchildren for sharing ROB with us.

Best wishes in the next chapter of life.

HONORING DR. FRED MULLINS

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor a highly esteemed surgeon, compassionate physician, hero, and an incredible person.

Dr. Fred Mullins, who was president and CEO of the Burn and Reconstructive Centers of America, sadly, passed away at the age of 54. In his over 30 years of caring for thousands of patients, he was a trailblazer in burn care across the Nation and the world.

Dr. Mullins was also a founding board member of the Georgia Trauma Foundation, a member of the Georgia Trauma Commission, and chairman of the JMS Research Foundation. He was a native Augustan and graduated from Augusta College before attending the Medical College of Georgia.

Dr. Mullins was given a foundation for his skills in burn care by Dr. Joseph M. Still, and his focus was on carrying

Dr. Still's legacy to provide the best possible care to patients.

I became acquainted with Dr. Mullins in February of 2008, after the explosion of the Savannah Sugar Refinery in my hometown of Port Wentworth. A number of the victims there were taken to the Augusta Burn Center; and there, I witnessed Dr. Mullins' compassion, his concern, and his care for patients.

Madam Speaker, because of Dr. Mullins' unrivaled work and care for patients, he now leaves behind a legacy that represents dedication to the well-being of patients and improving healthcare across the Nation and world.

Madam Speaker, my thoughts and prayers go out to his family, his friends, his patients, and all who knew him.

REMEMBERING HARRISON DEAL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Statesboro native Harrison Deal, who, tragically, passed away on Friday, December 4, from a fatal car crash in Pooler, Georgia.

Harrison was a 20-year-old student at the University of Georgia and was expected to graduate in 2022. He was a former intern for Senator PERDUE, and worked in the Athens office for Senator KELLY LOEFFLER's campaign.

Governor Brian Kemp stated Harrison was a member of the "Kemp Strong" family, and was a Kemp son and brother they never had. He has been described as an incredible, magnificent young man by Senator PERDUE and Senator LOEFFLER.

He clearly touched countless lives in the State of Georgia and beyond.

Madam Speaker, Harrison was the son of Bulloch County Commissioner Curt Deal and his wife, Jenni, and was the brother of Hannah and Halli Deal.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Deal family, Harrison's friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

RECOGNIZING MARCUS HILL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate a great American. Marcus Hill retires from serving as a senior executive adviser for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, or FLETC, on January 28, 2021.

Marcus began his career of service as a personnel management specialist with the Department of the Navy in 1983 and was assigned to the naval submarine base located in Kings Bay, Georgia. This position further inspired him to a life of service, so he went on to serve an Active-Duty tour in the United States Air Force.

Before he transferred to FLETC in 1999, Marcus served in several leadership assignments within the Navy. His career in FLETC spanned widely and included joining the Transportation Security Administration, or TSA, after the tragic events of 9/11.

Marcus' life has been marked by distinguished commitment to serving his country and fellow man, which is why

he has received numerous awards and honors, to include the 2017 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service among many others.

It is people like Marcus who inspire us to live for something greater than ourselves, and I am thankful for the wonderful example he has set, which will surely outlast his career for countless years to come.

Madam Speaker, I wish him and his family the best as he embarks on his retirement.

NO VOTER FRAUD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to condemn the treacherous and seditious behavior of some in this Nation who continue to poison the integrity of our democracy.

The voters have spoken. The recounts have spoken. The electoral college has spoken. Joe Biden will be the 46th President of the United States of America. Over 80 million people voted for Joe Biden—more than any other Presidential candidate in American history.

Joe Biden won blue States, like New York and California.

Joe Biden won swing States like Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

Joe Biden won red States, like Georgia and Arizona.

Joe Biden is the next President of the United States of America.

And yet there are some in this country who continue to peddle wild conspiracy theories without a shred of evidence:

The Republican Governor of Georgia found no evidence of voter fraud.

The Republican Governor of Arizona—no evidence of voter fraud.

The Republican-led FBI found no evidence of voter fraud.

The Republican-led Department of Justice found no evidence of voter fraud.

Republican-appointed judges throughout the country have found no evidence of voter fraud.

The Republican Attorney General, Bill Barr, found no evidence of voter fraud.

The Supreme Court, with six Republican-appointed Justices dismissed the baseless lawsuit that contained not a shred of evidence of voter fraud.

Madam Speaker, Joe Biden was duly-elected as the next President of the United States of America, and yet there are some in this Nation who are behaving like members of the Jefferson Davis Caucus, including a former Member of this Chamber, who suggested that Texas secede.

Madam Speaker, it is time to respect the Constitution.

It is time to respect our democracy. It is time to respect the voters.

It is time to respect the rule of law. It is time to respect the peaceful

transfer of power.

It is time to end this charade.

It is time to stop providing aid and comfort to an insurrection.

It is time to stop lying to the American people.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 40 minutes p.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 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

As we near the end of a long and difficult year, signs of hope begin to emerge. The long and difficult work of compromise and problem-solving has been encouraging. Continue to inspire the men and women of Congress to work together to fashion bills to fund the government and offer assistance to those who find themselves on the edge of economic disaster.

Bless as well those who, in great hope, deliver vaccines to the men and women who have been on the front line of the battle against the plague of COVID-19. May their work continue in good and improving health. Comfort those who have suffered the loss of loved ones during this difficult year.

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 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY FROM THE COVID-19 VIRUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks all Members in the Chamber, as well as

Members and staff throughout the Capitol, to rise for a moment of silence in remembrance of more than 300,000 Americans who have passed away from the COVID-19 virus.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DICK HINCH, SPEAKER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember the life and legacy of State Representative Dick Hinch, the speaker of the New Hampshire House. I was deeply saddened last week when I learned of the sudden passing of Speaker Hinch. He was yet another American we have lost due to COVID-19.

Dick was a dedicated elected official for the people of Merrimack, the town he represented at the State house for six terms. Just a week before his passing on December 2, Dick was sworn in as the new speaker of the New Hampshire House, a role he considered to be the honor of his life.

I saw him on election day, when he warmly greeted me at his polling place just like everyone else coming to vote. It didn't matter that I was a Democrat and he was a Republican. He knew that public service was a higher calling, and he treated everyone with the utmost respect.

Dick was a happy warrior and embodied the spirit of New Hampshire's citizen legislature. We are better off because of his decades of work on behalf of the people of Merrimack and New Hampshire.

My thoughts are with his wife, Pat, and their children, as well as his family, friends, and colleagues, during this difficult time. May he rest in peace.

REMEMBERING PATROLMAN TYLER HERNDON

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

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Patrolman Tyler Herndon of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, who passed away on December 11 in the line of duty.

He was a dedicated public servant, and many who knew him knew that he loved his job and his community immensely.

To his father, Mark; mother, Debbie; sister, Lindsey; and girlfriend, Holly, Tyler was someone who always put a smile on people's faces.

Tyler always wanted to be in law enforcement. After he received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from

UNC-Charlotte, he went on to pursue his dream.

May God bless Tyler's family and the many brave men and women serving with the Mount Holly Police Department.

WE MUST WORK TOGETHER

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to exhort all of us in this Chamber to work together.

I know there are those of us in this Chamber for whom the spending of one Federal dollar is a physically painful event, but now is not the time to be deficit hawks. Now is the time for us to come together.

The United States of America is more than the sum of its parts. In times of great danger to our Nation, we come together, and the Federal Government leads the way. We did it when we defeated fascism in Europe and Asia. We did it when we rebuilt Europe and Asia to become great allies and peaceful and productive partners.

We can do it again. We have a terrible enemy right now in the COVID virus. It is wrecking our economy, and it is killing our people. We have lost more than 300,000 people, more than our combat losses in World War II.

Let's work together for robust COVID relief for our economy. Let's get it done, Mr. Speaker.

CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT TRUMP ON VACCINE SUCCESS

(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, The Washington Times editorial board is appreciated for publishing "Joy, and Vaccines to the World," where they praised President Donald Trump for his efforts to bring a vaccine to the United States faster than any other vaccine in history.

The article is explaining:

The lifesaving COVID-19 vaccine that President Trump promised to deliver has arrived in record time. Hallelujah.

On Friday, the Food and Drug Administration concluded its review of the front-running vaccine developed and gave a green light for distribution. Initial shipments are expected to reach all 636 locations across the 50 States by today.

"Promises made, promises kept," Mr. Trump likes to say. That is the can-do spirit that makes America special. Just in time for Christmas, the fruits of Operation Warp Speed are starting to bring joy to the world.

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

Our family's sympathy for the death of former DNC Chairman Don Fowler.