

Alexander Hamilton, the drafter of the United States Constitution and our first Secretary of the Treasury, was born on the island of Nevis and spent his childhood and formative years on my home, St. Croix, in the Danish West Indies, what is now the Virgin Islands.

Caribbean-American heritage not only flows through the fabric of this country; it also flows through the Halls of Congress every day. Shirley Chisholm, a personal hero of mine, was the first African-American Congresswoman and the first Black woman to run for President, nominated by a major party. Her heritage hails from Barbados and Guyana. Without her, Caribbean women, even Black women, myself, and many other of my colleagues would not be here today: YVETTE CLARKE, JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ, SHEILA JACKSON LEE, FREDERICA WILSON, former Members Mia Love and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, and many more. Even our current Vice President, KAMALA HARRIS, is of Jamaican descent.

The Caribbean people have done so much more than just fight and make laws for this country. That doesn't even scratch the surface. The building we are standing in right now was designed by Dr. William Thornton, who was born on the island of Jost Van Dyke in the British Virgin Islands. The symbol of our democracy was designed by a Caribbean American.

Our works in the arts are felt every day: news commentators Joy Reid, Yamiche Alcindor, Karine Jean-Pierre; from Sidney Poitier, the first Black man to win an Academy Award, to Kerry Washington. Who can forget Cicely Tyson and Harry Belafonte; great minds like Edward Wilmot Blyden, the father of Pan-Africanism; Denmark Vesey; Malcolm X; and Stokely Carmichael.

In music, we have managed to not only be great but iconic as well: Maxwell, who is considered to be the godfather of neo-soul and the R&B movement; Biggie Smalls, a fellow Brooklynite born to Jamaican parents, changed hip-hop forever; and Nicki Minaj, who is changing it even more in the modern era.

Some of the greatest athletes of our time are Caribbean, from Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, whose family is from Trinidad, to Tim Duncan, from my home on St. Croix, who was just elected to the hall of fame, and even Ramon Harewood in the NFL.

During this unique time in our country's history, I encourage everyone to learn more about the contributions of Caribbean Americans.

DEMOCRATIC DOUBLE STANDARDS

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

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I am that woman, and I am back to talk about the Democratic double standards once again.

Democrats love to jump on the Republican outrage train. But when we see the blatant anti-Semitism from one of their own, all you see are timid, fake, pandering, and watered-down responses.

For those of you who struggle to keep up with the latest anti-Semitic rhetoric from a Democrat, I am referring to the Congresswoman from this Chamber comparing the United States and Israel to real terrorist organizations.

The Speaker and her leadership team issued a weak and embarrassing press release thanking her for her clarification and walking back her remarks. But, of course, Democrats are not serious in disciplining anti-Semitism, or even anti-American remarks, within their ranks.

This photo of the Speaker smiling next to the Congresswoman from Minnesota was on the cover of the March 2019 edition of Rolling Stone. This came after the Congresswoman from Minnesota had tweeted, and then defended, that "Israel has hypnotized the world" and implied that the Jewish people were buying political support by tweeting: "It's all about the Benjamins baby."

The cover of the magazine says: "Women Shaping the Future: NANCY PELOSI and the New Voices of the House."

Is this really the voice of the Democratic Party, Madam Speaker?

Can you imagine, for one moment, the Democratic outrage if this were the Republican leader and the Congresswoman from Georgia? There would be demands for resignations, and Republican office phones would be ringing off the hook from leftwing, liberal activists.

I ask the Speaker, are you truly proud of this photo?

I can't wait to hear her answer. I just hope she won't be as demeaning as the last time she spoke about "that woman."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair and not to a perceived viewing audience.

REPUBLICANS SUPPORT POLICE

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

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, as a 30-year law enforcement veteran, the rhetoric and hatred I have seen toward law enforcement the past 12 months are, quite honestly, infuriating.

Liberal cities across our country have defunded hundreds of millions from their police. Seattle, Portland, Minneapolis, Austin, they all cut police budgets, and every single one of them is now experiencing skyrocketing crime.

No surprise. Less police equal more crime, common sense that doesn't seem all too common in today's Democratic Party.

Whatever happened to the Democratic Party of Bill Clinton? In 1994, Clinton added 100,000 law enforcement officers to the streets with the COPS grants. Today's Democratic Party is unrecognizable to that party.

The socialist squad is the de facto leaders of the Democrats, and they are the driving force behind the defund the police movement. They would rather see 100,000 less police than 100,000 more.

The Republican Party has never wavered in our steadfast support for our Nation's law enforcement. I hope to see the Democrats will one day embrace common sense and join us.

□ 1030

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DON L. TAYLOR

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

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and celebrate the life of Don L. Taylor, a lifelong resident of Wisconsin and a friend, who peacefully passed away at age 88 on April 16, 2021, surrounded by his family.

Don was active in many civic and service organizations and wore many hats throughout his lifetime. He served honorably as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was a longtime member and past president of the Waukesha Rotary Club. He spent his leisure time writing historical fiction set in Waukesha. He also had many other interests and, as many Wisconsinites do, Don enjoyed many trips to his family cabin up north in Wisconsin.

Don was a staple in the Waukesha community due to his involvement in the Waukesha State Bank. Don succeeded his father, Carl, as president and CEO of the Waukesha State Bank, a role he held for 25 years, from 1969 to 1994. Don is credited with modernizing the operations of the bank and computerizing operations in 1968, one of the first banks to do so. In 2004 Don's son, Ty Taylor, became the third generation of the family to serve as president of the bank.

Don will also be remembered for his deep involvement in politics. He served as chairman of the Waukesha County Republican Party for 30 years, from 1979 to 1989, and again from 1993 to 2013. Don was one of the early pioneers in Waukesha to help grow the conservative movement, and his efforts cannot be understated for their lasting impact today. Don was recognized for his organizing capabilities by being selected to chair and co-chair President Ronald Reagan's 1968, 1980, and 1984 Wisconsin campaigns.

Above all else, Don Taylor was first and foremost a man of faith. He was a devoted Christian who lived his values through his everyday work and his family life.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Carol. He is also survived by

children Wendy, Scott, Jenifer, and Ty; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his sister, Velma Geraldson.

On behalf of Wisconsin's Fifth Congressional District, it is my privilege to celebrate the life and legacy of Don L. Taylor for his unparalleled contributions and impact on our community. I offer my heartfelt condolences to Don's family and those who were lucky to call him a friend.

THIS NATION WON'T GIVE UP ITS LIBERTIES EASILY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. CAWTHORN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CAWTHORN. Mr. Speaker, for over 200 years, American citizens have chosen dangerous freedom over peaceful subjugation. For the past few decades, the American patriot has watched in horror as the Federal Government has opened the shackles of safety and firmly clamped them around the Second Amendment.

As the Second Amendment restrictions have risen, so has violent crime. Washington wonders in one moment why violent crime is rising, and then takes away the right of Americans to defend themselves in the next.

Mr. Speaker, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives exists for the sole purpose of regulating and keeping me from three of the things I hold most dear as an American.

This administration's proposed head of the ATF thinks that the Second Amendment was created for hunting and sporting. David Chipman could not be more wrong. The purpose of the Second Amendment was and is to hold back a tyrannical government. Chipman's tyrannical reading of the Constitution would turn millions of Americans into criminals overnight.

I am here to tell you today that these Americans who seek to defend their right to bear arms are not the criminals our Nation ought to be concerned by.

Mr. Speaker, the most dangerous threat to our safety and security does not arise from Americans wanting to protect themselves. No, it comes from men and women like those in this Chamber who would choose the quiet of servitude over the tumult of liberty.

The Second Amendment was designed to protect the First, and this Nation will not give up its liberties so easily.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 34 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. UNDERWOOD) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, even as we acknowledge the tragedy of over 600,000 deaths this pandemic has wrought on our country and the devastation it has caused around the world, help us to find the gift we are now being given: the opportunity to emerge, carefully, from the fear and anxiety COVID has imposed on our daily living and rediscover the importance of our relationships one with another.

What a joy it is to see someone else's whole face, to look not just in their eyes but to be graced by their whole countenance.

As we dare to unmask, may we dare also to reveal our hearts to one another and rediscover the gift of being in fellowship.

Even as we risk exposure to the enduring dangers of our environment, may we also risk exposing ourselves to the challenge of frank and open, albeit respectful, interchange of ideas and diversity of thought.

In sharing our heartfelt thoughts and opinions, may we also find ways to share care and concern with those whose perspectives are at times drastically different from our own.

May we, our faces, our whole selves, unhidden and unrestrained, reflect Your generosity, mercy, and love.

Then reveal Yourself to us, in the face of those with whom we serve this day.

In Your merciful name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. STEEL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. STEEL 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 PRO TEMPORE

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

HONORING UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the glorious Thunderbirds of Nellis Air Force Base, who are celebrating 65 years in Las Vegas this month.

Since their establishment, the Thunderbirds, America's Ambassadors in Blue, have performed in front of millions worldwide, defying gravity with stunning aerobatics that showcase our military power and might.

Their mission is to recruit, retain, and inspire. With each dazzling performance, they rouse America's future heroes to serve our Nation.

Congratulations on 65 years, Thunderbirds. You are the pride of Nevada's Fourth District and the pride of our Nation.

REMEMBERING COACH JOHN MCDONNELL

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

Mr. WOMACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a legend in Arkansas sports, the late Razorback track and field coach John McDonnell.

Coach McDonnell was laid to rest last week, leaving a truly remarkable legacy: the most decorated coach in NCAA history, having won 40 national championships in indoor and outdoor track and cross country. He was the national coach of the year 30 times and is responsible for six NCAA triple crowns at Arkansas.

He coached and mentored some of the world's best athletes: Southwest Conference champions, Southeast Conference champions, NCAA champions, and Olympic champions. He himself was an outstanding runner, and he knew how to help his student-athletes become successful.

Coach McDonnell was a native of Ireland. He came to the U.S., graduated from Southwest Louisiana, and earned his citizenship in 1969.

He devoted his life to inspiring young people to excel. On the many occasions that I had a chance to visit with Coach McDonnell, I always came away thankful that we in America were blessed to have him.

When the starting gun fires and they are calling the Hogs on the track that bears his name, we will all be reminded of his legacy of good works and great coaching and his unrelenting Razorback spirit.

My deepest condolences to his wife of more than 50 years, Ellen, children Sean and Heather, and the rest of the McDonnell family.

HELP NEEDED FOR VETERANS WITH PTSD

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