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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

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

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, call us again today to rejoice in hope. For all the challenges we have faced this week, votes passed or failed as we had wished or feared, long hours and tedious processes, You have tested our resolve and our faith in Your sovereignty. May we come to accept that we can find certainty in nothing save for a future redeemed by Your favor.

Remind us again to be patient in tribulation. Few things we have done this week have been easy. Much of what we believe in has been contested. Relationships have been strained. Even the civility of this body has been disputed.

Give us steady tempers, open minds, and resilient spirits trusting in Your providence to redeem us and our efforts through these trials.

Indulge us the persistence of our prayers. Respond to the constancy of our appeals. May our words always reflect our sincerity, and may our petitions serve the greater good and the welfare of our Nation.

In Your mercy is our deliverance, and in Your name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Jour-

nal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. O'HALLERAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. O'HALLERAN 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.

CELEBRATING MAJOR FANNIE McCLENDON'S 101ST BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, this week an Arizona legend turned 101 years old. Major Fannie McClendon, known to her friends as Fran, celebrated her 101st birthday on September 22.

Fran is one of seven known survivors of the 855 all-African American 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion who served overseas during World War II.

Known as the Six Triple Eight, the women accomplished the incredible task of moving a 2-year backlog of un-

delivered mail to 7 million service-members. Working three shifts per day, they processed approximately 65,000 pieces of mail per shift.

Embracing their motto, "no mail, low morale", the women cleared the 2-year backlog of mail and packages in 3 months for U.S. military, civilians, and Red Cross workers throughout Europe. Their hard work and dedication brought hope and comfort to Americans around the world during some of our darkest times.

Today, join me in wishing Major McClendon a very happy 101st birthday.

SUPPORT FOR TULSA CYBER PROGRAM IN NDAA

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

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of important funding included in this year's NDAA that will benefit an important initiative with respect to industrial control systems.

Specifically, this funding will advance a key concept in the Army's Smart Installations Strategy and begin to address critical research required to advance our capabilities in the area of testing the cybersecurity and our embedded industrial control systems.

The University of Tulsa in my district has significant capabilities in the area of cybersecurity research and has been engaged in attempting to address many of the issues associated with industrial control systems.

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TU's research efforts in the area of cybersecurity protection are unmatched in the Nation. They play an important role in our national security and deserve this essential funding.

I want to thank my colleague from Oklahoma City (Mrs. BICE) for her work on the House Armed Services Committee to ensure this funding was included in this year's NDAA.

ORLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of the brave first responders of the Orland Fire Protection District. Chief Michael Schofield's team represents the best of Illinois' Third District that we can possibly ask for.

These brave men and women are recognized not just as some of the best firefighters in Illinois but in the Nation. They exemplify what it means to be a public servant, and that is why I am honored to recognize them in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

When I met with the members of the Orland Fire Protection District, their dedication to serving their community shone through. They told me how they adapted to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic by creating a first-of-its-kind response model. Their resourcefulness and innovation saved countless lives across the southwest suburbs.

I honor their leadership. I honor their dedication. And I honor their bravery.

Madam Speaker, I thank the Orland Fire Protection District for all they do, and I am proud every day to serve them as their Congressperson.

THE RIGHT TO LIFE IS ASSAULTED

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

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, today this House will consider H.R. 3755. To me, this is a heart-breaking piece of legislation. It is an assault on the most fundamental right of a person, and that is the right to life.

Wednesday, I was thrilled with the news of the birth of my 21st grandchild. Little Liberty is her name, although she wasn't really little. She was 8 pounds, 14 ounces, and 22-and-a-half inches long. Her life has started; she was born. However, that right given by God happened long before the day she was born. She is a citizen of the United States, and because of that, she has that right.

H.R. 3755 is also an affront to human rights. I have heard many of my friends on the other side say: We only want in

rare and uncommon circumstances the right to have abortions.

But this bill does not do that. It enables and promotes something far beyond that. It promotes the horrific practice of eugenics by ensuring that abortions are allowed in cases of a possible congenital disorder.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF GLADYS SHIPMAN

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

Ms. MANNING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late Gladys Shipman, a lifelong champion of civil rights and pillar in the Greensboro community.

Gladys began her journey as a civil rights pioneer with protests at the Woolworth's lunch counter where the Greensboro Four Sit-In occurred. By the time of her passing, she was a board member on the International Civil Rights Center & Museum in that very same building.

Gladys was the first woman to lead the Greensboro NAACP, served on the city of Greensboro Human Relations Commission, and held many other influential positions.

As a businesswoman, civil rights leader, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she approached every aspect of life with care and compassion. Her passion for social justice and equality guided her as she improved the lives of those around her and inspired future generations to carry on her legacy.

Madam Speaker, I am thankful for Gladys' steadfast commitment to bettering our community, and I am inspired by her kind and determined nature. Her memory will be a blessing for all who knew her.

TOURING THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF IOWA

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

Mr. FEENSTRA. Madam Speaker, last week I officially completed my 39 county tour for 2021, visiting all 39 counties at least twice so far this year. Whether it was speaking to farmers, manufacturers, Main Street business owners, families, educators, or students, I have enjoyed listening to folks all through the Fourth District.

I heard from folks across the district concerned with reckless spending, especially the Democrats' \$3.5 trillion tax and spending spree.

In Palo Alto County I met a sixth-generation farmer who was concerned President Biden's plan to eliminate stepped-up basis would threaten his family farm. I heard this concern everywhere I went, which is why I have fought so hard to put a stop to this supercharged death tax.

I will continue to be a passionate advocate for the Fourth District, especially when it comes to defending the men and women who feed and fuel the world.

COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION IN THE BUILD BACK BETTER PLAN

(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 today as a champion for the Build Back Better Act's \$5 billion investment in community violence intervention.

Last year, our country witnessed the largest spike in murder rates since national recordkeeping began in 1960. In my home city of Las Vegas, murders are up nearly 70 percent this year already.

This violence doesn't happen in a vacuum. It happens when people don't have hope or faith that there are better paths forward, to make money to resolve a conflict, or to feel safe.

For decades, politicians in this Chamber have stoked fear about urban crime to divide us while refusing to invest in real solutions. I lost my father to gun violence, so this is not about politics for me. We need to focus on stopping the bloodshed before it starts.

This summer, I introduced the Break the Cycle of Violence Act along with my colleagues proposing \$5 billion in funding that is now part of the Build Back Better Act. This money will invest in proven, community-based violence intervention programs to build safer communities.

This is about saving lives, and our constituents are counting on us to get this done.

BIDEN'S BORDER CRISIS

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

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, this country is going through crisis after crisis.

The Border Patrol apprehended over 200,000 immigrants at our southern border last month. August's border numbers are alarming and mark a 21-year high. The Biden administration cannot blame this surge on seasonal trends as this number is a 317 percent increase from the same time last year.

So what is the Biden administration doing to stop this ongoing border surge?

Absolutely nothing.

In fact, over 43,000 illegal immigrants were released into the U.S. last month.

This is a national security crisis. We don't know who is pouring across our border, and, unfortunately, this is a humanitarian crisis to the fullest extent.

Just last week, we saw tens of thousands of Haitians make their way to