

and the Nazi wearers and proponents, in light of the First Amendment, which as a member of the Committee on the Judiciary I highly respect, we are losing lives. Our children are in jeopardy. Misrepresentation is occurring about innocent discussion about race and history. Let us put that kind of attack aside. Let us find a way to deal with domestic terrorism to save lives in America.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that I will draw upon my colleagues. I will be introducing legislation, as I have done, on dealing with this idea of bomb threats to universities in this instance, bomb threats to historically Black colleges last week and coming into this week. God knows what will be next. I pray for their safety, as I do all students and all Americans. We must stand against domestic terrorism.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF MIKE LAPLANT

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of two outstanding cultural leaders in Washington State.

First, I want to thank Mr. Mike LaPlant. For years Mike has been a fierce champion of agriculture in Washington, serving as the president of the Washington State Farm Bureau since 2011. Washington State is home to one of the most robust and vibrant agricultural industries in the country. With over 300 different crops and virtually every type of livestock raised in our State, the hardworking men and women who make the industry run face challenges as diverse as they are.

That is why it is so important that they have solid, experienced, and servant-minded people working to raise their voices. Not only has Mike been a strong advocate for the industry in Washington State and beyond, but he has been a valuable partner in my work on behalf of the farmers, ranchers, and growers in my district. He has my thanks for his years of leadership and my best wishes for the next chapter in his life.

I also recently had the opportunity to meet with Mike's successor as Farm Bureau president, Rosella Mosby. Rosella, like Mike, will be an effective voice for Washington State agriculture. I look forward to a continued partnership with the bureau under her leadership.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all central Washingtonians, I say congratulations to Rosella and thank you to Mike.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF CHIEF KEN HOHENBERG

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of one of my constituents, longtime chief of the Kennewick Police Department, Ken Hohenberg, and to congratulate him on concluding 40 years of service to his badge and to his community.

Chief Hohenberg is the city of Kennewick's longest serving employee, having joined the force in 1978. Back then, Kennewick had just over 20,000 residents. Although the town has changed a lot over the years and now has over 80,000 people, Chief Hohenberg's commitment to protecting his community has never wavered. Through good times and bad, economic downturns, and social unrest, Chief Hohenberg has spent the last four decades putting himself in harm's way for the good of his friends and neighbors. We owe a debt of gratitude to all men and women who don a badge and a uniform. Chief Hohenberg stands out as a shining example of what it means to serve and protect.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of central Washington, I extend my sincere gratitude and best wishes to Chief Hohenberg. Thank you for your service, Chief.

#### HONORING CONGRESSIONAL AWARD WINNER CARA ELZIE

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of my constituents, Cara Elzie of Yakima, on earning the Congressional Award silver medal. Cara served her community, spending over 420 hours with the 4-H group called Youth Advocates for Health which engages with young people to teach the importance of healthy living. Cara's efforts helped reach over 1,500 young people in Yakima County through various events. She committed herself to personal development, spending more than 300 hours learning about journalism through her work as a journalist and photographer for the Yakima Herald-Republic's Unleashed program.

Cara also improved her musical talents by practicing the guitar and piano for over 750 hours. She dedicated herself to personal fitness by working on her goals for more than 450 hours, with an emphasis on yoga. Finally, Cara completed five expeditions, traveling to new places as far away and diverse as Boston, Scotland, London, Spain, and Italy. In each location she learned about history and immersed herself in different cultures.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Cara for all her hard work. I congratulate her on this remarkable achievement and wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavors. She truly represents the best of our region and is a source of hope for the future.

#### HONORING CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE WINNERS

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the accomplishments of three of my young constituents: Andrew Modine, Torin Rauch, and Tyler Iverson of the West Valley Innovation Center.

These three students won the 2021 Central Washington Congressional App Challenge with their app, Beating Heart Health, which aims to promote teen health and wellness by offering tools to practice and improve mindfulness and healthy sleep habits.

On Monday, I got to see the West Valley Skills Center where Andrew, Torin, and Tyler developed their winning app. I am very pleased to see the work going on. Cultivating robust STEM education opportunities for our students is critical to ensuring the United States remains a competitive leader in the global economy. The app challenge is one way we can foster a passion for STEM among our young people and help them become the innovators and industry leaders of tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Andrew, Torin, and Tyler on their achievement and offer my thanks to West Valley educators for all of their hard work.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF EILEEN REED

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of a very respected member of our beloved Bucks County community, Eileen Reed.

Born in Macon, Georgia, as an Army child, Eileen often relocated before eventually settling in our beloved Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Eileen enjoyed a long, successful career with New Jersey Bell Telephone, AT&T, and Lucent Technologies, before retiring in July 2000 to devote more time to her two granddaughters.

Eileen was a lifelong learner with a keen interest in understanding the detail of exactly how things worked, especially in technology. Our community will remember Eileen for her strong passion and commitment to a number of local and national political, social, and charitable organizations.

Mr. Speaker, the story of how I met Eileen is she was actually a protestor outside of my office who I got to know. I invited her up to my office and quickly saw her passion, her intellect, and her love for our country. Eileen taught me a lot. She taught our staff a lot. There is no question that Bucks County is missing a very, very special person today without Eileen in it.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself, my family, and our entire staff, we send our deepest condolences to Eileen's family and all who knew and loved her. Eileen will be deeply missed and remembered for her love and devotion to her family, her friends, and her community.

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#### 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 11 o'clock and 45 minutes a.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 noon.

## PRAYER

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

We draw near to You this day, O God, in deepest reverence. For You alone are God, the creator of the universe, the giver of our lives.

Holy are You, the Lord of hosts. The Earth is filled with Your glory. You are both transcendent and imminent, above and around us, among and within us.

In Your magnificent presence, we are in awe to stand before You, vulnerable before Your power, undeserving of Your regard.

Humbly, then, we offer ourselves to You, confiding in Your mercy, hopeful for Your grace, finding in You our refuge and strength.

Touch our unclean lips with Your purifying word, that we would be cleansed of our wrongdoing and redeemed of our unworthiness.

Send us forth and we will serve You with gratitude for our healing and wholeness. May we give our time and effort to Your service and live our lives in faithfulness to you.

In your sovereign name we pray.  
Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MURPHY of North 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.

## 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 GARY BEIKIRCH

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

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of a Rochester, New York, legend and beloved veteran, Gary Beikirch, who sadly passed away December 26 at the age of 74.

With little regard for his own safety, Sergeant Beikirch's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, earned him the prestigious Medal of Honor in 1973.

Sergeant Beikirch's story of selfless valor is so revered in Rochester that our Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park bears his name.

Sergeant Beikirch went on to become a pastor and beloved school counselor whose presence, empathy, and service will impact our community for generations to come.

I close with the words of General George Patton: "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived."

I thank God for the life of Gary Beikirch.

## BIDEN'S YEAR ONE DISASTER

(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. Madam Speaker, Biden took office only a year ago, and under a one-party Democrat rule, America is experiencing unprecedented adversity.

Today, jobs are being destroyed, and we face crises in energy, education, crime, national security, the border, and more.

Bidenflation is at the highest in 40 years, resulting in real wage decreases with job destruction.

Energy independence has been replaced by energy dependence, raising gas prices by 50 percent.

Remote learning is catastrophic for students and teachers.

Defunding police leads to homicide rates at record highs.

National security is endangered from feeble responses to China, Iran, Putin, and terrorists.

Two million illegal aliens, including murderous terrorists, have crossed into America.

Today is a tragic, historical landmark as our children are burdened by a \$30 trillion debt.

America needs new positive leadership.

In conclusion, the Democrat elite think they are smarter than everyone and believe Democrat voters and Democrat media are ignorant to accept \$5 trillion cost zero dollars.

## MAKE MORE THINGS IN AMERICA

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, as an original cosponsor of the Homeland Procurement Reform Act, I am grateful that this legislation has been included in the America COMPETES Act. I will offer an amendment later today that strengthens provisions that support domestic manufacturing and American small businesses.

It is of the utmost importance for our economic and national security interests that we make more things in America. That should be a priority when it comes to purchases made by the Department of Homeland Security for protective equipment for frontline personnel. Purchasing more of these items from qualified American small businesses would be a win for workers and companies that manufacture their products here in the United States.

Small businesses receive less than 26 percent of Federal Government contracts. My amendment will help close that procurement gap and at the same time create good-paying jobs, support domestic manufacturing, and strengthen our supply chains.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment and the America COMPETES Act.

## HONORING DR. DONALD H. TUCKER

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

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my friend, Dr. Donald H. Tucker of Greenville, North Carolina.

An altruistic and humble husband, father, and friend, Dr. Tucker was considered by many to be the gateway to healthcare in eastern North Carolina.

Dr. Tucker completed his undergraduate and medical studies at Duke University, and following completion of his residency in internal medicine at Cornell, he then returned to Duke for a cardiology fellowship.

Dr. Tucker then would serve as the director of the cardiopulmonary catheterization lab at the Portsmouth, Virginia, naval hospital, earning the rank of lieutenant commander.

Dr. Tucker then returned home to Greenville and eventually opened up a multispecialty physician clinic called Quadrangle Physicians, which eventually turned into Physicians East, the largest multispecialty private group in eastern North Carolina.

Dr. Tucker was a pillar of our community, a leader in his church and multiple charitable organizations, and a leader who helped bring a medical school to rural eastern North Carolina. Dr. Tucker advocated for all those around him and unfailingly strived to advance the well-being of our State and community.

Madam Speaker, I was honored to know Dr. Tucker as a friend and physician colleague. I ask that everyone today please join me in honoring the incredible life of Dr. Donald Tucker.

## SPREADING GOOD NEWS

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, over the last 2 months since we passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs