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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

Loving God, You long to be gracious to us. When our wishes and hopes rush at us like wild animals, when our personal agendas and self-serving desires threaten to determine the course of our day, we ask that You would interrupt the cacophony of chaos and speak Your grace to us. Envelop us in the wideness of Your mercy and show us Your compassion.

You, O Lord, are a God of justice. When our understanding of equity is dimmed by our sense of entitlement and our urge to be right blinds us from pursuing what is moral, repair our relationships with Your righteous judgment. Then, as You envelop us in the wideness of Your mercy, show us how to show compassion.

God, You do not spare us the bread of adversity nor the water of affliction. Open our eyes to that which You reveal to us in these moments, open our ears that we would hear the assurance of Your voice, and open our hearts to receive Your salvation. For by Your grace, You envelop us in the wideness of Your mercy and in You we will find compassion.

In Your loving name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. COMER 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 ROSA PARKS

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

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an American native, an Alabama native, and a civil rights icon, Mrs. Rosa Parks, on the 67th anniversary of her historic arrest.

On this day, December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Mrs. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat, taking a bold stand against Montgomery's segregated bus system. Her dignified courage sparked the beginning of the Montgomery bus boycott and changed the very fabric of our Nation.

As the Representative of Alabama's Seventh Congressional District, I am proud to be an original cosponsor of H.R. 5111, the Rosa Parks Day Act, which would designate today, December 1, as a Federal holiday in her honor.

This bill would ensure that her brave sacrifice will live on in American history forever, and I urge my colleagues to sign on.

As we reflect on her courage, let us never forget the power of ordinary Americans to achieve extraordinary social change.

In the words of Rosa Parks, I urge you all to "never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right."

IT IS TIME TO RETURN TO AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, last night, the temperature in my hometown of Altoona, Pennsylvania, was 28 degrees Fahrenheit.

As a harsh winter arrives, the Biden administration has failed to address the skyrocketing heating prices that are set to affect people across the entirety of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In the past year, the price of fuel oil has risen 86 percent. This is the direct result of President Biden's decision to implement Green New Deal initiatives instead of using the energy that is under the feet of my constituents, the coal, the oil, the Marcellus shale, and the natural gas that are in Pennsylvania and that can help drive down the prices this winter.

It is time to enact commonsense permitting reforms. It is time to return to American energy dominance, instead of using taxpayer dollars to subsidize windmills and solar panels that fail to produce the baseload power that Americans want and, right now, facing winter, that Americans need.

RECOGNIZING SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT PAIGE FLAHERTY

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

Ms. HOULAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Senior Master Sergeant Paige Flaherty, who for the past year has joined my office as a

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member of the Air Force's legislative fellowship program. Paige embodies some of the best qualities of our forces, and indeed, of our Nation.

Her tireless work with my team these past 11 months has revealed not only the immense depth of her commitment to public service, but also her intelligence, her kindness, and her grit. I am grateful for her leadership and insight, which I have relied upon time and time again as we have worked together to advocate for military families and those who serve in uniform.

Although I am extremely sad to see her leave my staff and resume her work in the Air Force, I appreciate all she has done as part of my team.

Thank you, Paige.

CELEBRATING THE 96TH BIRTHDAY OF PLACENTIA, CALIFORNIA

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join our amazing city of Placentia and the residents that live in it and the entire community in California's 39th Congressional District as we celebrate the city's 96th birthday.

"Placentia" is derived from the Latin word meaning "pleasant place to live," and it certainly fulfills its name. Placentia is home to beautiful neighborhoods, good schools, stately churches, and endless outdoor recreation.

Our fast-growing community of 45,000 residents is tight-knit, hardworking, and dedicated to giving back. Some of my fondest memories include the city's concerts in the park, the annual Love Placentia event, and the always-lively Tamale Festival.

I am honored to represent Placentia in Congress and will do all I can to ensure our community continues to thrive.

Happy birthday, Placentia.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARGARET "PEGGY" PALMER

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

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a devoted community leader and friend, Margaret "Peggy" Palmer, who passed away on October 27.

A native of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, Peggy gave her time, her energy, and her love to our community in Montgomery County.

She was guided by her strong faith and was a committed member of the First Baptist Church of Crestmont. She was also a guiding light for civic engagement, serving as a committee person with the ARDC. Peggy was a relentless volunteer for Democratic candidates that began when she volunteered with her beloved mother, Lil-

lian, for President Obama's 2008 campaign. She also worked as court crier and served as a member of the Willow Grove NAACP.

No matter the role, Peggy worked harder than anyone, always with her signature kindness, humility, Jolly Ranchers, and red lipstick. She greeted everyone the same, with a hug and a kiss and "hey, baby."

She was loved by her family. Until the day she died, Peggy cared for her whole family, especially her dear brother, Johnny.

I join Johnny and the rest of our community in mourning her passing. Her legacy lives on in the lives of the people she inspired, including me.

HONORING ROBIN REED

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

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great Virginian, WDBJ7's legendary meteorologist, Robin Reed, as Reed recently announced his well-deserved retirement from local news.

Since graduating from James Madison University in 1978, Reed pursued a career in local journalism. Forty of his 44 years in the business have been at WDBJ7 out of Roanoke.

Even though weathermen take undeserved hits for nasty weather forecasts, Reed's long-running weather reports were a favorite of the community, sunshine, rain, or snow.

Additionally, Reed teaches as a professor of practice at Virginia Tech School of Communication, a position he will continue in, preparing the next generation to improve their communication skills for the betterment of society.

Reed is also a devout family man, as his children remember him regularly coming to big events in their lives, from marching band performances to camping in the Adirondacks with the Scouts.

Among numerous journalistic accomplishments, Reed received the Citizen of the Year Award in Media from the Roanoke branch of the NAACP and was honored as a favorite member of the Virginia Tech faculty after being nominated by numerous students.

I join countless Roanoke Valley residents and viewers in wishing Reed a great retirement and thank him for his lasting contributions to local journalism.

REMEMBERING DR. NOA EMMETT ALULI

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

Mr. KAHELE. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I stand before you to share the passing of one of Hawaii's most beloved individuals, my

friend and mentor, Dr. Noa Emmett Aluli.

Uncle Emmett, as many affectionately called him, dedicated his life to the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians.

He graduated from the University of Hawaii and later opened and practiced at Molokai Family Health Center and Clinic. He helped draft the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act that was signed into law in 1988 to improve the health status of Native Hawaiians and cofounded Na Pu'uwai, the Native Hawaiian Health Care System that serves the island of Molokai.

Dr. Aluli also served as a member of the Second Congressional District's Native Hawaiian Health Task Force, helping set Federal policies to advance Native Hawaiian healthcare.

Uncle Emmett leaves an indelible mark on the hearts of the people of Hawaii, and his contributions will be felt for generations. He will be greatly missed by his family and his beloved people of Molokai.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2220. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to modify the treatment of certain bargain-price options to purchase at less than fair market value, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 118. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present Congressional Gold Medals to the United States Capitol Police and others who protected the Capitol on January 6, 2021.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1466. An act to authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to establish a regional program to assess, monitor, and benefit the hydrology of saline lakes in the Great Basin and the migratory birds and other wildlife dependent on those habitats, and for other purposes.

S. 4017. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 111 South Highland Avenue in Jackson, Tennessee, as the "James D. Todd United States Courthouse", and for other purposes.

S. 4337. An act to amend title 5, United States code, to authorize the appointment of spouses of members of the Armed Forces who are on active duty, disabled, or deceased to positions in which the spouses will work remotely.

S. 5060. An act to redesignate the Federal building located at 212 Third Avenue South in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the "Paul D. Wellstone Federal Building", and for other purposes.