

"Now, in my view of the present aspect of affairs, there need be no bloodshed and war. There is no necessity for it. I am not in favor of such a course, and I may say, in advance, that there will be no bloodshed unless it be forced upon the Government, and then it will be compelled to act in self-defense.

"My friends, this is wholly an unexpected speech, and I did not expect to be called upon to say a word when I came here. I supposed it was merely to do something toward raising the flag. I may, therefore, have said something indiscreet. I have said nothing but what I am willing to live by, and, if it be the pleasure of Almighty God, die by."

It is impossible to compare any situation we, as a Nation, are in today with a battle between families, brothers, sisters, and Americans that was the American Civil War. I am not attempting today in any way to do so. With that being said, the words of President Lincoln in his second inaugural address, which I am about ready to read, is an inspiration, I think, and should be to all of us.

"With malice toward none with charity for all with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right let us strive on to finish the work we are in to bind up the Nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish just and lasting peace amongst ourselves and all nations."

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TRIBUTE TO DR. EILEEN LANGDON

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

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Eileen Langdon of Johnston County, North Carolina. Following more than 30 years working as a distinguished veterinarian at Willowrun Veterinary Hospital in Smithfield, Dr. Langdon is retiring.

In the words of Dr. Langdon, she "felt called to serve the ones in our world who seemingly have no voice. The ones who need an advocate." As a devoted Christian, God's plan led her to Auburn University where she received her degree in veterinary medicine in 1986.

She joined the Willowrun Veterinary family and healthcare team as an associate veterinarian in 1990 and became a partner at the practice in 2007. Dr. Langdon is cherished by her colleagues. Her many years of hard work and expertise, without a doubt, have built a lasting legacy of exceptional service, as well as mentorship to other women in the profession that will provide a lasting influence.

Though she will be retiring from Willowrun with a tremendous record of achievement, she will be moving on to

do what she loves, working full-time on the family farm with her husband and three children. The Langdon family farm is a third generation farm in the McGees Crossroads community—a family I know quite well—not all that far from my own family's farm. Like all of our wonderful farm families, preserving natural resources is always their top priority as they grow crops and livestock.

In addition to her veterinarian career and working on the family farm, Dr. Langdon served for 10 years as a member of the Johnston County Board of Health. She has been an active church member, and she has received recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow through the Rotary Club of Central Johnston County for her years of service to the community. Dr. Langdon and her husband are also inducted members of the Johnston County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

I commend and thank Dr. Langdon for her many years of service to our community, State, and country. May God continue to bless her path and that of the Langdon family.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE CRAIG OLIVE

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to my friend, Craig Olive, who has served as Johnston County Register of Deeds since December 2002.

Craig found a love for politics at an early age, and he assisted many local and statewide candidates by putting up signs as a young boy. During his involvement as a volunteer for the Johnston County Republican Party, he helped bring rise to the Republican Party in Johnston County in eastern North Carolina.

Beyond politics and his own service as register of deeds, he has served his community in a variety of ways and he continues to do so. He is a past member of the Board of Advisors for the Paul A. Johnston Auditorium and Johnston Community College, a past member of the Capital Campaign for the Johnston County Heritage Center Community, and a past member of the Johnston County Tourism Board—just to name a few.

He also helped spearhead an annual ceremony remembering those who have lost their lives to dementia and honoring those currently living with dementia as well as their caregivers. Even long before these contributions and his election to office, Craig was awarded the Long Leaf Pine, an award that is bestowed on North Carolinians, the highest civilian honor the State bestows.

During his tenure as Johnston County Register of Deeds, Craig has had tremendous accomplishments implementing major improvements in automation, technology, and customer service. His office was the first Register of Deeds office in North Carolina to electronically record documents, and the first office in the Nation to electronically record a survey map.

He has worked tirelessly to ensure that the county's history is preserved

and secure within his office while performing the duties of his office under budget. He has returned \$4.1 million to the county, which is a tremendous savings to Johnston County taxpayers.

Mr. Olive also worked with me during my time in the North Carolina Senate to introduce a bill to improve identity theft protection. This bill became law in 2009 and was a direct result of his great efforts.

In 2016, Craig implemented a Thank A Vet program to assist veterans by providing them with an ID. An added benefit of this program is that it allows for better safekeeping of veterans' military discharge papers.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, his office has faced many challenges, yet he has been determined to remain open to assist our citizens. He continues to lead the way in providing the highest level of efficiency, productivity, innovation, and service to the people of Johnston County in North Carolina.

Thank you, Craig, for your commitment to your family, your neighbors, and to the citizens of Johnston County and beyond.

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 20 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CARSON) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

God our creator, we pray this day that in Your immeasurable mercy, You would look favorably upon us. We bow our heads to our hearts and pray for compassion for the needs You call us to attend and for awareness to the burdens borne by the fellow servants we serve alongside.

Give us this day a spirit of wisdom and understanding. May the eyes of our hearts be enlightened to the hope to which You call us. May our wills be open and receptive to accomplish the tasks You would have us do. May our spirits be keen to share Your love with all those we encounter.

Lord, You have blessed us richly with a remarkable legacy. May we acknowledge that glorious inheritance of faith with lives worthy of the mantle of responsibility You have laid upon us.

Give us the courage to live into Your grace plan for us this day. We pray this in the strength of Your holy name.

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 Illinois (Ms. UNDERWOOD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. UNDERWOOD 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.

ANOTHER HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN AMERICA

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

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, last week, House Democrats advanced yet another historic investment in the American people, the America COMPETES Act. Not only will the America COMPETES Act strengthen our economic and national security, it supports the production of U.S. semiconductors, which play a role in nearly every sector of our economy.

This critical \$52 billion investment in semiconductors will address chip shortages and supply chain disruptions, lowering car costs for consumers while creating good-paying jobs. I have heard from my neighbors how much they have been feeling the recent spike in new and used car prices and wait times, and this bill will help.

The America COMPETES Act also makes transformational investments in research, authorizing a new program to advance accelerator technology and build on the work of scientists at Fermilab National Accelerator Facility in my district.

I am proud to support this comprehensive legislation to boost American competitiveness and broaden economic opportunity, and I urge my colleagues in the Senate to act swiftly to send it to President Biden's desk.

IOWA'S INDEPENDENT BEEF PRODUCERS

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

Mr. FEENSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of Iowa's independent beef producers amid the ongoing DOJ investigations into anti-competitive behavior by the Big Four Meat Packers.

On Wednesday, JBS Foods, the world's largest meat supplier, paid \$52 million to sweep their price-fixing shenanigans under the rug. But they can't hide what we have known all along. These big meat packers are illegally distorting the market to increase their profits and at the expense on Iowa family farmers. It is shameful and it is wrong.

That is why we need to pass the Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act to finally hold big packers accountable and help Iowa's small, independent producers compete on a level playing field. That is what a free and fair market is all about. It is time that DOJ do its job and take real steps to hold Big Four Meat Packers accountable.

We have waited long enough.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ESTEBAN TORRES

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to the late, former Congressman Esteban Torres, a devoted and beloved Chicano civil rights champion. I knew Mr. Torres in the 1990s during my first campaigns for Congress. I was honored by his support of my early campaigns and benefitted greatly from his counsel and his goodwill. We should all find inspiration in his rise from very humble beginnings to becoming a highly respected and influential Member of Congress. Indisputably, Mr. Torres was a trailblazing Latino leader and immigration advocate, who opened the space of greater diversity and representation in California politics for all people.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the life of a Korean war veteran, labor leader, community development executive, diplomat, and Member of Congress who continued to make a difference in his retirement.

To the Torres family and all those who have been inspired by him, I offer my deepest condolences.

RECOGNIZING KOLE KING

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from my district who is dominating motorcycle racing. Kole King of Burlington, Iowa, recently won the Grand National Hooligan Championship in Pensacola, Florida.

At just 25, Kole has already reached the top of flat-track motorcycle racing. Through 13 races during last sea-

son, he won 8 times, blowing past his competition. Kole has been racing since he was a young child and is a great example that if you work hard and do what you love, your dreams can come true.

Good luck, Kole King, the now-defending champion. Iowa is cheering for you.

STAND WITH POLICE

(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. Mr. Speaker, right now crime throughout America is on the rise. One year ago, Democrats across our country began their calls to defund the police. And now, today, we are seeing the sad reality that their words and actions have had deadly consequences throughout American communities.

Last year, over a dozen U.S. cities set dismal new records for the number of murders that have occurred in their streets. What we are seeing right now is more drugs, more carjackings, more violence, and more crime. And through all of it, our police officers have been forced not only to battle this new wave of lawlessness, but also they have been fighting to keep the funding that provides the training and the equipment that they need to keep us safe.

It is actually very simple to see, we cannot afford to defund the police. We cannot afford to leave our communities vulnerable to crime. It is time for liberals to take public safety seriously. It is time to back the men and women in blue. And it is time to stand up for law enforcement.

FENTANYL DRUG OVERDOSES

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, each year, too many lives are cut short because of drug overdoses. And fentanyl and its analogs, most of which originate from China, are making this crisis even worse.

Sadly, under the Biden administration's porous border policies, many of these deadly drugs are flooding across the southern border and devastating communities across the country. We need to use every available resource to fight back, including giving law enforcement the flexibility to go after drug traffickers who flout the law. Unless we take action, an important tool—the DEA's emergency scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances—will expire this very month.

It is past time to make this scheduling classification permanent, and I am proud to cosponsor the HALT Fentanyl Act to do just that.

Mr. Speaker, let's pass this bill, secure the border, and stem the tide of the growing fentanyl crisis.