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Secondly, I recognize Daniel and David Taitano, also known as the Dinga's. Just to place it on the record, the term "dinga" refers to twins. These two heroes have served the people of Guam in the capacities of firefighter and customs officer.

Daniel is a longtime firefighter in Guam and has placed himself in harm's way to protect his community. From battling wildfires to reassuring individuals in unsafe conditions to delivering kids in ambulances as an EMT, this hero is an icon in Guam.

Daniel is famous for ensuring that his brothers and sisters in the fire stations are well fed, as he is a renowned cook. Daniel is also a decent man, a proud son, a good sibling, and certainly a favorite uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. He is also a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

His brother David has been protecting Guam's community and our borders as a lieutenant in the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency for many years. His efforts have resulted in the interception of drugs and other contraband entering the island, and he has worked diligently to protect Guam's economy through the seizure of counterfeit goods.

David has placed himself in harm's way too many times, but he has always stated that it was for the betterment of his community and his island. He is also a decent man, a proud son, a good sibling, and another favorite uncle. This fan of the Dallas Cowboys continues to strive to protect our island.

From these historic and sacred Halls of democracy, and on behalf of a thankful Nation and the island of Guam, I thank Troy, Daniel, and David for their service to our community and wish them a happy birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE PFC JOSEPH P. DWYER PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. LALOTA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to a critical veterans program that has been helping veterans in my district for years. The PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program is a program that helps veterans deal with the invisible scars of war, including PTSD.

This program was named after Iraq war veteran Army Private First Class Joseph Dwyer, a native of Mount Sinai, New York. After years of struggling with PTSD and addiction, PFC Dwyer passed away. He tried to seek help, but it was never enough.

As a Navy veteran myself, I understand the difficulties many of our servicemembers face when they return home.

I recently introduced the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act to help nationalize an important program that has been incredibly successful in

my district. This program has a proven track record of success in helping veterans deal with their mental health issues in a safe and welcoming environment among their fellow veterans.

My bipartisan bill would provide grants for State and local entities across the country to make the program easily accessible to all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this commonsense bill to help our veteran community.

CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF KAI LI

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on the Chinese Communist Party to release Kai Li of Huntington Station, who has been unjustly held as a prisoner by the CCP since 2016.

Mr. Li immigrated to the United States from China decades ago and soon after became a United States citizen.

For years, Mr. Li visited China to see relatives and conduct business, never having an issue. Yet, in 2016, while Mr. Li was visiting Shanghai for the anniversary of his mother's passing, he was apprehended by Chinese police at the Shanghai airport. Mr. Li's secret trial ended in just an hour, and he was sentenced to 10 years in prison for espionage.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Li is being detained unjustly and for purely political reasons.

On March 17, I sent a letter to Secretary Blinken urging him to do everything possible to bring Mr. Li home. I again urge President Biden, Secretary Blinken, and Ambassador Burns to bring Kai Li home. He and his family have suffered long enough. Let's bring him home.

THE THREAT OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the growing threat coming from the Chinese Communist Party.

For too long, the Chinese Communist Party has been allowed to grow and spread its influence throughout the world. They have encroached on Taiwan's territorial sovereignty. They have developed in and around the Paracel and Spratly Islands, continuing to falsely claim their control over the South China Sea. They have supercharged the Belt and Road Initiative to spread their influence. They continue to lie to the world about COVID-19. The list goes on, Mr. Speaker.

Every day, we read stories of the CCP's attempt to become the dominant power in the Indo-Pacific and around the world.

Mr. Speaker, we must act in a bipartisan manner to address the threats from the Chinese Communist Party before it is too late.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SERGEANT NEIL HORN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from

Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Sergeant Neil Horn, who dedicated 8 years of his life to service of his country in the United States Marine Corps.

Sergeant Horn spent most of his career in the U.S. Marines traveling the world as a security guard to defend the U.S. embassies where he was stationed.

In 2002, Neil served in antiterrorism capacities in North Africa, and part of his job was to train marines in door-to-door combat and enhanced marksmanship. He was also an instructor for combat water survival.

Sergeant Horn spent 14 years working in diplomatic security for the State Department, where he was engaged in a wide array of investigations, including human trafficking, terrorism, counterintelligence, the location and return of U.S. fugitives, large scale visa fraud, and passport and identity fraud. Most notably, Sergeant Horn played an integral part in reestablishing the United States Embassy in Cuba.

His country is forever grateful for the sacrifice that he and his family have made for this great Nation. May he rest in eternal peace.

CONGRATULATING AVA LOWMAN

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ava Lowman of Cambridge-Isanti High School for being selected as a 2023 Triple A Award State scholarship recipient.

This prestigious award, established in 1988, highlights high school seniors across the State of Minnesota for their hard work and dedication to their academics, art programs, and athletic endeavors.

Ava has earned an impressive GPA of 4.36 while participating in the band and choir, being the speech team captain, and a member of the tennis and track and field teams.

Additionally, Ava is considered a leader in her school's Link Crew program, where she and other students assist ninth graders with the transition into high school.

Ava plans on going to college while continuing to participate in tennis, speech, and music.

It is with great honor that I recognize Ava's achievements thus far, and it makes me proud to have such a distinguished young lady represent the great Eighth District of Minnesota.

I congratulate her and wish her good luck in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CAROL ALSTROM

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Carol Alstrom, who dedicated 34 years of her life to teaching our youth.

Carol received her teaching degree in physical education and health from Bemidji State University where she competed in track, volleyball, softball, and hockey and was inducted into BSU's Athletic Hall of Fame.

She was known for her larger-than-life personality and her generous and

caring demeanor. Her style of teaching was ahead of her time. Carol understood the importance of teaching her students valuable skills that could be transferred into the real world. She wanted to help her students become model citizens and would monitor their progress throughout their life.

Carol was an athletics enthusiast and true pioneer in women's sports, starting Tower-Soudan's girls' volleyball, basketball, swimming, and track programs. She introduced countless students to cross-country skiing, Rollerblading, and pickleball.

Carol went above and beyond to make sure her student athletes always had the equipment they needed. From buying new Adidas sneakers for the volleyball team to collecting golf clubs for the golf team, no one was under-equipped.

It takes a special kind of person to draw over 200 attendees to honor their life. Carol was that kind of special person. Former students, the children of former students, coworkers, and friends gathered to celebrate the life of Carol Alstrom and to exchange lasting memories that she imprinted on each one of them.

The Tower-Soudan School gym was decorated in purple and gold to commemorate Carol's love for the Minnesota Vikings and her Tower-Soudan Golden Eagles.

A permanent memorial will be installed outside of the Tower-Soudan School in her honor.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Carol for her lifetime of service, and may she rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the secret is out. People have discovered the beauty of Amelia Island and Nassau County.

I rise today to recognize National Travel and Tourism Week in my neck of the woods, in Nassau County, Florida. I want to congratulate and celebrate everyone who is in the tourism industry.

Seventy percent of Nassau County's economy comes from visitors. Some say they come for the great beaches, parks, or golf, but the real secret sauce is the warm southern hospitality.

Tourism is the largest creator of jobs and tax dollars in Nassau County. This week is a chance to celebrate our tourism community and highlight the people who work in this important sector.

Through their customer service and positive interactions with visitors, they are helping promote Amelia Island and Nassau County not only as a top 10 island destination but as a beloved destination for travelers to make memories.

Today, it is fitting that on its 40th anniversary, we recognize May 7

through May 13, 2023, as National Travel and Tourism Week in Nassau County, Florida.

RECOGNIZING THE 170TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DUVAL COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 170th anniversary of the Duval County Medical Society, a remarkable organization that has greatly improved the medical community and health of northeast Florida.

In the 1800s, Jacksonville was suffering from a series of outbreaks of smallpox, dengue fever, and malaria. Struggling to come up with a solution and with no public health system in the State, a group of eight local physicians decided to come together and do something about it.

On May 25, 1853, they chartered the Duval County Medical Society, the first medical society in the State of Florida, to bring physicians together to solve the public health crisis.

Today, the Duval County Medical Society's more than 1,800 members guided by Dr. Steven Kailles, continues to lead and research data to promote quality health outcomes throughout Duval County, the State of Florida, and the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and privilege to celebrate the voice of organized medicine, the Duval County Medical Society, on their 170 years of exceptional service.

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 28 minutes p.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 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Holy God, the reports of war, sadly, are not just rumors. For the people of Sudan, war is once again their reality. We pray Your peace over Khartoum and throughout Sudan.

Sovereign Lord, call each leader and citizen to turn from evil and do good. Establish among them a lasting truce between the opposing sides so that no just cause is dishonored but each person is held accountable for wrongdoing.

In You only can peace be found from the rampant abuses and widespread deception. In You only will the Sudanese people emerge from the horrific shortage of food, fuel, and water.

Ensure that other nations in their proximity are not inclined to become

entangled in the dispute between Sudan's warring factions. Remain the judge between the nations. Settle the disputes of the peoples within their country's borders, that the region would know peace.

By Your power, would that all beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, that none would know war anymore.

O God of peace, we cry to You once again, sure of the power of Your name to answer our prayers.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania 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.

RECOGNIZING BUSINESS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

(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. Mr. Speaker, as the United States has only 5 percent of the world population, the remaining 95 percent are job opportunities for South Carolina.

Last year, the Palmetto State achieved \$32 billion in net export sales. The top industries included: vehicles, nuclear reactors, plastics, aircraft, and rubber tires. South Carolina exports reached 196 countries, topped by Canada, Germany, Mexico, and South Korea.

The State leads in export sales of motor vehicles with \$10 billion from BMW, Volvo, and Mercedes-Benz. Additionally, South Carolina is a leading manufacturer and exporter of tires by Michelin, Bridgestone, Giti, Continental, and Trelleborg.

In 2020, over 4,400 companies in South Carolina exported goods, creating 116,000 jobs, promoted by Governor Henry McMaster and Commerce Secretary Harry Lightsey.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

Welcome to President Yoon Suk Yeol of South Korea who will address Congress on Thursday as a champion for democracy.