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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, January 13, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

House of Representatives

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023

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:

We pray Your blessing on us this day, O Lord. Trusting in Your daily provision, may we find ourselves like trees planted by water, that we may receive the strength and refreshment You provide. In this may we face the heat of the day and the drought of spirit that attend the demands on our time.

Reveal to us the sustenance available to us as our roots, our very beings, reach deep to find anchor in Your truth. Grant us the security of Your protection as we yearn for the refuge of Your steadfast love.

Then may we, as a Congress, as a country, and as communities seek to rid ourselves of fear and anxiety by placing our trust and confidence in You. Extend to us Your wisdom that we need not depend on our own understanding.

Test our minds this day and search our hearts. If we are found wanting, be gracious unto us.

In You does our hope find its foundation and, in Your name, will our prayers be answered.

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 Arkansas (Mr. CRAWFORD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CRAWFORD 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.

CONGRATULATING THE KAPUSINSKI FAMILY

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

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Kapusinski family for their hard work and dedication that has enabled 70 incredible years of business for Huletts-on-Lake-George.

On the east shore of Lake George, this family-owned and operated small business has provided welcoming vacations for those wishing to explore the incredible beauty that Lake George and the Adirondacks has to offer.

In 1953, George and Margaret Eichler purchased property in Huletts Landing,

New York, after falling in love with the quiet oasis on Lake George. They wanted to share this quaint vacation spot with those who want to appreciate time with their families. There is nothing more important than family time together.

I am proud to recognize the hard work and dedication of three generations of the Kapusinski family. Their contributions to Huletts Landing and the Lake George area have been instrumental in the lives of many.

Their demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit is a trademark of upstate New York and the North Country.

I look forward to witnessing 70 more years of their strong business in the Lake George region.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate the Kapusinski family for 70 years of successfully operating Huletts-on-Lake-George.

CELEBRATING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate Korean American Day marking the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States in 1903.

Those brave pioneers paved the way for generations of Korean Americans to make countless contributions to our great country.

Like so many before me, I came to this country with my family from

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Korea. Now, I am living my American dream.

Today, we celebrate the strength of Korean-American communities like those in southern California. We recognize the power and impact of our achievements, and we honor the shared heritage of Korean Americans across our Nation.

As one of the first Korean-American woman to serve in Congress, I am proud to recognize this important day and to honor the millions of Korean Americans who have contributed so much to the success of the United States of America.

COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM IN BRAZIL

(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, it should not be a partisan issue to support democracies globally and, in particular, affirm the results of the free, fair, and credible Presidential election in Brazil last fall.

The radio silence of my Republican colleagues regarding the January 8 attack on Brazilian democracy is inconsistent with their professed concern over freedom.

On a bipartisan basis, we should denounce a would-be autocrat who refuses to accept the results of elections and is taking refuge within the United States.

Our contempt should also extend to American extremists who are undermining democratic institutions at home and abroad.

Our commitment to democratic freedom cannot be selective. Fascism and communism are two sides of the same authoritarian coin.

Standing up for democratic values is not just about standing up to the Chinese Communist Party. It is about condemning autocratic movements globally.

We must defend democratic institutions here and everywhere, including any conspiracy undermining Brazilian democracy.

CONGRATULATING SHINGLEHOUSE AMERICAN LEGION POST 503

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Shinglehouse American Legion Post 530 in Potter County on its 100th anniversary.

This Friday, January 13, will be 100 years since its charter was enacted.

In celebration of this monumental anniversary, Shinglehouse is hosting a weeklong open house for the public. Events include special meals, activities for all ages, and lots of prizes.

In the early years of the Shinglehouse American Legion, mem-

bers gathered at the drycleaning shop of "Shorty" Klinger. As time went on and membership grew, the post reached its top membership in 1999 when it had 284 members and 271 social members.

Today, it remains a traditional-style legion, with community engagement and a focus on projects that support the legions four pillars: Veterans affairs and rehabilitation, national security, Americanism, and children and youth.

The post continues to support community projects like Adopt-a-Highway, local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and the Wounded Warriors.

Mr. Speaker, the Shinglehouse American Legion Post 530 continues to serve as a community pillar. From supporting local charities, to providing a meeting house for veterans of all ages, they remain an important part of the community.

Congratulations to all Shinglehouse American Legion members on their centennial anniversary.

NOT WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SIGNED UP FOR

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, after all the excitement over the Speaker's race last week, it was good to get down to work this week, or not.

Let's recap. The new Republican majority protected rich donors from paying their fair share in taxes, naturally, and in the process delayed working families from getting their tax refunds. Way to go.

Next up, a select committee on the so-called weaponization of the Federal Government. Nothing like a Joe McCarthy-style committee to stoke more fear and distrust of the Federal Government only 2 years after the attack on our Capitol. And then criminalizing women's healthcare, because, of course, that is why the American people gave the Republicans the majority.

The red wave the Republicans dreamed about never materialized because the American people rejected their far-right agenda up and down the ballot. Clearly, they didn't get the message.

Yet, they did nothing to tackle inflation, the biggest issue for the American people in the last election.

Mr. Speaker, this isn't what the American people signed up for. It is going to be a long 2 years if this is all they are going to do.

HONORING DR. JONATHAN FLORES

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

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to stand here and celebrate the induction of Chief of Police Dr. Jonathan Flores from Alton, Texas, to

the National Law Enforcement Officer Hall of Fame.

Chief Flores has been both progressive and innovative by growing his partnerships within the community and surrounding agencies. His hard work and perseverance clearly demonstrate his dedication to the community. This momentous occasion truly reflects his great impact both as a law enforcement officer and chief.

On behalf of Texas' 15th Congressional District, I have the honor to thank Chief Jonathan Flores for his life of service to our community and to our country.

RECOGNIZING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER APPRECIATION MONTH

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the school board members from the seven school districts in my district in recognition of School Board Member Appreciation Month.

I am incredibly grateful for the extremely devoted school board members across my district from Aldine, Houston, Galena Park, Channelview, Sheldon, Pasadena, and Humble ISDs.

These folks are doing incredible work on behalf of the people and are the most important public servants I can think of. They are shaping the next generation of leaders by ensuring our schools are places where students can learn, explore, and dream.

I know that keeping our schools running smoothly and safely comes with plenty of late nights and a lot of behind-the-scenes work. I am truly grateful for the work of all these school board members and their service to the next generation of leaders. I thank them for always putting children over politics, classrooms over bathrooms, books over bullets, and teaching over talking points.

STEEL INDUSTRY IS THE BACKBONE OF OUR NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my district's leading industries that continues to grow and provide good-paying jobs to hardworking Americans.

According to the World Steel Association, more than 6 million people work in the steel industry across the Nation. In Mississippi County, Arkansas, thousands of men and women are employed at steel mills and are some of the highest paid workers in my district.

The steel industry is the backbone of our Nation's infrastructure whether it is used to build roads, freight rail,