

was an exceptional leader and dedicated public servant who served the Charleston community and beyond.

His legacy will leave a testament of courage, service, and love, and I offer my deepest condolences to Chief Reynolds' family, his wife, his children, his friends, and the Charleston Police Department. We mourn his untimely passing and honor his unyielding spirit.

I have very fond memories of Chief Reynolds. In fact, he was the guy that called me when my house got spray-painted at 7:30 in the morning, making sure that I was aware and that it was safe and sound and would be protected.

There are so many instances of threats that I have had on my life and my family's life where Chief Reynolds was there for us each and every day. He was a neighbor, he was a friend, and he was a protector of the city of Charleston.

We remember his dedicated service and his commitment to our community.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF EMANUEL AME CHURCH MASSACRE

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize some of the comments made by my colleagues today.

Four days from now will be the anniversary of Mother Emanuel, a day that was a very dark day in South Carolina's history where nine Black church members of Mother Emanuel were murdered in cold blood by a white supremacist, by a young man who wanted to commit evil atrocities on our State and our Nation.

I recognize those individuals: Clementa Pinckney, who was a pastor and State senator; Cynthia Graham Hurd; Susie Jackson; Ethel Lee Lance; DePayne Middleton-Doctor; Tywanza Sanders; Daniel Simmons; Sharonda Coleman-Singleton; and Myra Thompson.

As a State lawmaker, I believe that we need to strengthen our background checks, because in the State of South Carolina, the reason that the killer was able to purchase that gun, though he was ineligible, was because of our weakened background systems. We have dozens of databases across the State that don't talk to one other about the criminal information of bad guys who are trying to purchase a gun. It is an issue that I worked on as a State lawmaker, and it is something I am advocating for today in Congress.

I hope that we can find a way to strengthen our background checks so that bad guys who are breaking the law and shouldn't be able to buy a gun, don't have the ability to commit such atrocities as those committed at Mother Emanuel.

We stand South Carolina strong and Charleston strong, and I recognize our heroes from that day.

RECOGNIZING BERKELEY COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION GRADUATES

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Berkeley County Adult Education graduates.

As a high school dropout, as someone who understands how challenging it

can be to finish education, I congratulate the adult education graduates.

From my home county and Berkeley County, I offer a heartfelt congratulations to this graduating class. They have demonstrated exceptional persistence and have overcome so many hurdles that life has thrown their way.

They are an aspiring example of learning at any age and under any circumstances. Their perseverance prevails, their determination reaps rewards, and their learning is lifelong—something that everyone can commend today.

Madam Speaker, I extend my best wishes for their future endeavors in everything that they do.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S AQUARIUM TURTLE RELEASES

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize South Carolina's aquarium releases of their turtles. We are celebrating the release of two loggerhead turtles, named Bea and Pluto, by South Carolina Aquarium's Sea Turtle Care Center in Charleston.

The turtles were found in distress, each missing a flipper, and underwent extensive rehabilitation to recover.

Despite their physical challenges, the turtles displayed remarkable resilience and this is something that the Coast of South Carolina certainly is proud of.

Madam Speaker, I offer gratitude to the Sea Turtle Care Center team led by Melissa Ranly.

NEW SUMMERVILLE FIRE CHIEF

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the new Deputy Chief Brent Melcher taking over the fire chief for Summerville from Richard Waring on June 23.

We thank Chief Waring for his 30 years of service to Summerville and Dorchester County. We also recognize that Chief Melcher wants to continue the strong family atmosphere in the department and expansion into Nexton.

Melcher has served Summerville since the year 2000. I recently was able to connect and meet with him and was very proud of his achievements of Summerville's new fire chief.

SPECIAL BOND FORMED AT MUSC SHAWN JENKINS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the special bond formed at MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital.

A story of resilience and friendship among three young boys: Bennett, Jackson, and Marcelino formed a strong bond at Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital as they awaited their heart transplants.

Despite their medical challenges, they have supported and comforted one another. Their friendship demonstrates the power of human connection during difficult times.

RECOGNIZING ISABELLA HEINBAUGH-MCCROSKEY, MEDINA COUNTY VETERAN ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Brunswick, Ohio, resident Isabella Heinbaugh-McCroskey.

In 2016, Isabella began placing wreaths at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery.

In 2019, having noticed that local veterans were not being recognized properly, Isabella walked the West View Cemetery grounds, at which point she located 185 unmarked veteran graves. Isabella then solicited donations and gathered volunteers to place the wreaths on the graves of each veteran.

To educate the public, Isabella coordinated a Wreaths Across America mobile trailer visit where the public learned more about the program. She welcomed home and honored more than 25 Vietnam veterans at this event.

Now, as just a freshman in high school, Isabella continues to work with Brunswick VFW to coordinate flag retirements and Veterans Day ceremonies, and she is a clear example of how women lead us.

We thank Isabella for her incredible devotion to our veterans and congratulate her on being recognized as the 2023 Medina County Veteran Advocate of the Year.

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 10 o'clock and 29 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:

The heavens tell of Your glory, O God. The firmament proclaims Your handiwork. Each day announces Your benevolence and every night provides wisdom gleaned from the day.

Holy God, Your creation speaks of Your goodness, Your kindness, and Your mercy. Would that our voices be so pure. Would that our speech reflect Your concern for the world. Would that our words—the very thing creation does not have—prove as illustrative of Your steadfast love and patience.

Every word that comes from Your mouth, O God, is pure and powerful.

Your voice provides a shield for us, protecting us against both enemies and our own self-destruction.

Lord, may we choose to take refuge in Your word. Then may the words of our mouths and all that we consider within our thoughts and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to You this day here where we are called to serve You.

In Your most merciful name we pray.
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 New Hampshire (Mr. PAPPAS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PAPPAS 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.

NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

(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, as someone who comes from a long line of dairy farmers, it is my honor to rise and recognize National Dairy Month.

I am proud to come from the State with the second most dairy farms and to represent more than 1,000 dairy farms in my district.

In Pennsylvania, the dairy industry is a major driver of economic growth, supporting more than 47,000 jobs and bringing in more than \$11 billion in revenue, but Pennsylvania dairy producers are struggling.

The total number of dairy farms and the dairy cows in Pennsylvania are decreasing. One way to revitalize the dairy industry across the country is by passing my bill, the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act.

This bill will allow whole milk to once again be served in school cafeterias, giving children access to vital nutrients they often do not consume enough of. Not only is this bill a win for children and parents across the country who have been begging for more options in school cafeterias, it is a win for dairy farms.

I believe there is no better way to celebrate National Dairy Month than by passing the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act.

END HUNGER NOW

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I have always thought it was odd that doctors could prescribe medications for heart disease and diabetes but couldn't prescribe fresh fruits and vegetables.

For a long time now, community-based organizations have been incredibly successful in using produce prescriptions to reduce hunger and diet-related disease. Recently, the Indian Health Service announced a new \$2.5 million grant to make produce prescriptions available to more American Indian and Alaska Native peoples.

In Indian Country, hunger is prominent. About one in four Native people experience food insecurity, compared to one in nine Americans overall.

Last September, the Biden-Harris administration hosted the second-ever White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health.

Within the ambitious national strategy that came out of the conference is a special focus on the challenges and opportunities in Indian Country.

That is why I am so excited about programs like the one just announced by the Indian Health Service agency to end hunger among historically underserved communities.

We can and we should end hunger now.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SISTER M. LOURDES SHEEHAN

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sister Lourdes Sheehan.

Sister Sheehan, a Savannah, Georgia, native and Sister of Mercy for nearly 70 years, helped expand Catholic education throughout the Southeast.

She earned both her master's and doctorate in education, quickly applying her knowledge and skills not just to the classroom but also to curriculum development.

Sister Sheehan oversaw religious education in Richmond, Virginia, served as the executive director of the National Association of Boards of Catholic Education, and was the first woman to ever serve as secretary of education for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops throughout her career.

For her dedicated work, she received a medal from Pope Benedict XVI, and numerous other awards from universities and professional organizations alike.

We mourn the loss of Sister Sheehan and thank her and God for the thousands of lives she helped to educate.

PRIDE MONTH

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark Pride Month and to tell members of the LGBTQ community that they are seen, that they are supported, and that they deserve the same rights, responsibilities, and protections as every other American.

That shouldn't be a controversial statement but we know that many LGBTQ Americans face discrimination and are targets of an intensifying effort to deny their right to simply live as their authentic selves.

Pride is a time to celebrate our differences and the diversity that helps make our country great. It is a time to mark the progress that we have made, and it is a time to rededicate ourselves to the unfinished work to achieve freedom and equality for all.

As co-chair of the LGBTQ Equality Caucus, I am continuing to work to pass legislation that will protect benefits for veterans, that will ban the use of so-called panic defenses in Federal court, and will protect Americans from discrimination by passing the Equality Act.

No one chooses to be LGBTQ, but America can choose to continue to have an open mind and an open heart and a commitment to a future that includes everyone, regardless of who we are or whom we love.

I wish everyone a happy Pride Month.

ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT

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

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Speaker, Joe Biden has failed the American people. He has failed to uphold his oath of office to preserve and defend the Constitution from illicit family business dealings and millions of dollars in bribes and payments to himself and to his extended family.

Joe and his border czar, Kamala Harris, have allowed an invasion at our southern border, jeopardizing the lives of hundreds of thousands and killing hundreds of thousands with fentanyl.

They have directed their Border Patrol to release illegals into our country unfettered. In fact, a judge had to even intervene and stop Biden's release program.

Joe Biden has violated Article II of the Constitution to take care and respect the laws of this country.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I am introducing Articles of Impeachment against Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President or the Vice President.