

Fluvanna County at Lake Monticello in the Fifth Congressional District of Virginia.

On July 6, a woman lost control of her vehicle following a medical episode, leading her to drive through a gated pool area, hit a picnic table, and then on to the beach and into Lake Monticello, where her car began to sink.

Witnessing these events, lifeguards Paige Tomaras, Zachary Butler, and Savannah Peterson sprang into action to save the driver from her sinking vehicle. Thankfully, the driver was pulled from her car and brought to the shore, where eventually EMS would arrive to transfer her to receive medical attention.

Paige, Zachary, and Savannah ultimately saved the driver's life and displayed a type of heroism that each of us would hope to resemble.

The Lake Monticello community is blessed to have such an outstanding group of brave, young lifeguards who are willing to step into action without hesitation, and it is an honor for me to recognize and represent these selfless individuals.

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 11 o'clock and 48 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:

Guide us, O great Jehovah, as we make our pilgrimage through these days. Order our steps when at any point the path is obscure of certainty or our vision is impeded by doubt.

Strong deliverer, lead us through this day as we continue doggedly our pursuit of right answers and reasoned legislation. Direct us in this our daily quest for noble ends and sound decisions.

Grant Your servants an understanding mind to govern Your people, a mind of both compassion and reasonableness, a mind of both fairness and moral authority.

Enable us amid well-researched debate and passionate argument to have the insight to determine what is of You and how we are to align ourselves to Your gracious plan. And if any of us is lacking in such wisdom, may we be wise enough to ask it of You.

Bestow knowledge and discernment upon us generously and mercifully.

May any test of our faith and our faithfulness this day produce endurance, and may our endurance serve to accomplish Your work in our lives that we may, at the end of the day, be found mature in our faith and closer in our walk with You.

In the strength we find in You and in the power of Your name, we offer 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 gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. TOKUDA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. TOKUDA 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 SPORTS ICON DAVE BROWN

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

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a valley sports icon we recently lost, Dave Brown.

For over 40 years, Dave worked at KRGV, where he brought the excitement of sports to our homes, covering everything from local high school football and soccer games to the World Series.

Despite health challenges, Dave never stopped working and continued to share his passion through segments like "Dave's Dozen" and "Football Fridays."

His impact went far beyond sports. Dave's tireless advocacy for diabetes and organ donation awareness made a lasting impact on our community.

His legacy will live on through the lives he touched, the colleagues he mentored, and the families he loved.

My heart goes out to his wife, Drue; his son, Jeff; his grandson, Nicholas; and his sister, Marlene.

May Dave's legacy as the "Valley's King of Sports" endure for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING NORTH CANTON MEALS ON WHEELS AS CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

(Mrs. SYKES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the hardworking volunteers of the North Canton Meals on Wheels as the Ohio 13th Congressional District's Champion of the Week.

For the past 50 years, North Canton Meals on Wheels volunteers have served seniors and families in northeast Ohio, consistently providing hundreds of cold and hot cooked meals to those in need.

Currently led by the program director, Lucy Keenan, and the board director, Trudy Jones, this crucial organization goes beyond just providing seniors and families with healthy and nutritious meals. The approximately 60 volunteers serve our community by becoming friendly faces to older Ohioans who may feel isolated and lonely.

Combating the harmful effects of food insecurity is a priority near and dear to my heart, so I am grateful for the North Canton Meals on Wheels and what they do to ensure vulnerable seniors and families in Ohio's 13th District never have to worry about going hungry.

As inflation and rising costs continue to make food more expensive for those on fixed incomes, the service of the North Canton Meals on Wheels is more important than ever.

Once again, congratulations to North Canton Meals on Wheels on their 50th anniversary, and I thank them for all that they do to ensure our seniors and families in Ohio's 13th District can live with dignity.

OVERSIGHT OF HUNTER BIDEN

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, "What did the President know and when did he know it?"

That famous question was from former Tennessee Senator Howard Baker, and it is as important today as it was during the Watergate investigation. This time, the question is: What did the former Vice President and now-President know and when did he know it?

As House Republicans continue to dig into Hunter Biden's foreign business dealings, it is becoming more apparent that President Biden not only likely knew about these corrupt exchanges but he may have even been in the room for some of them.

Republicans have proven tens of millions of dollars were funneled to the Biden family from foreign nationals. Republicans have also uncovered an effort by his administration to cover up Hunter Biden's Federal crimes and his father's involvement while they continued targeting his top political opponent.

The American people deserve answers, and we are committed to finding them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

SAVE OUR CHILDREN FROM GUN VIOLENCE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, in this week to stop gun violence, it is important to remind all of you that 4.6 million minors live with guns in the home, many of those unstored. Every year, almost 20,000 children are shot and killed or wounded by firearms. In fact, homicide is now the number one killer of children.

Kimberly Vaughan, a young innocent of 14 years old with a wonderful mother who served in the military, was killed in 2018 when a 17-year-old student went on a shooting spree. Those guns were left in the home.

Mr. Speaker, I introduced the Kimberly Vaughan Firearm Safe Storage Act, and I ask my colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, to join me.

The act provides for the Attorney General to give voluntary practices related to safe firearm storage and to label and publish them on a website advising persons to safely store their firearms. It would urge retailers to provide storage locks to secure devices when possible. It would provide a \$10 million grant program to States, local governments, and nonprofits to distribute safe storage devices, at no burden to you whatsoever. Of course, they will receive a tax credit for doing so.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my Republican and Democratic colleagues to join us. Save lives. Save our children's lives. Stop gun violence with the Kimberly Vaughan Firearm Safe Storage Act.

SAFEGUARD OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, the Chinese Communist Party's actions and ambitions directly challenge the values, interests, and security of the United States.

As we consider this year's National Defense Authorization Act, it is crucial that we address the threat posed by the CCP head-on.

First, this year's NDAA counters the Biden administration's efforts to reduce the size of our Navy and instead allocates adequate funding to build protection forces. It also prohibits the Department of Defense from contracting with companies that do business with China, and it accelerates the deployment of advanced radars to track threats to our homeland, like the Chinese spy balloon.

The threat posed by the CCP is real and demands our immediate attention. The provisions outlined in the NDAA

will strengthen our military, protect our economic interests, and safeguard our national security.

We cannot afford to be complacent or underestimate the gravity of the situation. The future of our great Nation depends on it.

CELEBRATING HAWAIIAN TELCOM'S 140TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, for 140 years, Hawaiian Telcom has been keeping the people of Hawaii connected.

Since the days of the Hawaiian Kingdom, when Archibald Scott Cleghorn, father of Princess Ka'iulani, chartered the Mutual Phone Company, loved ones and lifelines have been just a phone call away.

As an island State, the ocean often seems far too wide for me. Like the iconic commercial we all remember—which still bring tears to my eyes—of a college student getting a call from her mom, Hawaiian Telcom continues to keep us connected with our ohana, now with high-speed internet and modern communication services for the digital age.

Hawaiian Telcom and its generations of employees, past and present, have made it their mission to provide the people of Hawaii with the connectivity and digital equity they deserve. Whether it is accessing educational or workforce opportunities, stimulating our economy, promoting telehealth services, or simply connecting with family and friends, innovative communication technologies play a critical role in the rural and remote communities we live in.

To all who have contributed to Hawaiian Telcom's 140-year legacy of service to our islands, I extend my sincerest congratulations and thanks. Mahalo for all they do to keep us connected, and I look forward to our next 140 years of service together.

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REPUBLICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE HOUSE

(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, 6 months ago, the American people elected a Republican House majority to deliver the Commitment to America. On behalf of American families, we will fight to tackle inflation, lowering the cost of living. We are promoting peace through strength, making America energy independent again, securing the southern border, preserving our constitutional freedoms, and creating jobs, with the leadership of Speaker KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Accomplishments thus far include: defunding Biden's Army of 87,000 IRS

agents, eliminating the military vaccine mandate, establishing the bipartisan committee to strengthen America against threats from the Chinese Communist Party, establishing a subcommittee on the weaponization of the Federal Government, and protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

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 with open Biden borders.

Congratulations for the wreath laying today in honor of the 79th anniversary of the liberation of Guam, hosted by Congressman James Moylan and the Guam Society.

RECOGNIZING DEAN'S BEANS ORGANIC COFFEE COMPANY

(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 rise today to recognize an incredible local business in Orange, Massachusetts, Dean's Beans Organic Coffee Company, as it embarks on an exciting change.

Its founder, Dean Cycon, is retiring after 30 years of leading this people-focused business and turning the reins over to his employees. That is right. To end a successful career in the coffee business, Dean is giving control of the company to his employees who will share in its management, operations, and, of course, its profits.

Dean's Beans already has a storied legacy, partnering closely with their farmers, sourcing organic coffee, and paying a living wage. Workers receive health insurance that covers premiums, copays, and deductibles.

To many of us who know Dean, we are not surprised. He has led a career proving that you can make money, do good, and treat people with kindness, all while making a mean dark roast.

That is why I toast my good friend, Dean Cycon, and the entire team at Dean's Beans.

Here is to new stories and adventures and great cups of coffee along the way.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

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

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, 2023 has been a banner year for sports in Indiana's Second District, and I rise today to highlight another very special group of Hoosiers for their excellence in athletics.

Last month, the New Prairie High School softball team won the 3A State championship for the very first time in school history.

The Cougars' 4-2 win over Tri-West Hendricks in the championship game