

## PRAYER

Chaplain Major Troy S. Bates, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, commander of the hosts of Heaven, humbly hear and grant our prayer today.

We pause today, before conducting the people's business, asking for wisdom and courage. Wisdom to know the right way to lead and the courage to lead the right way.

The 9/11 anniversary reminds us our freedoms come with a cost. So I am thankful for those who pay that cost, for men like Staff Sergeant Patrick Quinn, who sacrificed his life in Afghanistan, as well as Captain Doug Frazier, class of 1975, who selflessly served humanity his entire long life. People like these represent our why.

God, You have shown us what you require: to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You.

May we seek justice for all by living justly before all. May we proclaim mercy by being merciful, and may we walk humbly before You by living in humility before others. We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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 Illinois (Mr. SORENSEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SORENSEN 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.

## WELCOMING CHAPLAIN MAJOR TROY BATES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SELF) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Chaplain Major Troy Bates to the U.S. House of Representatives.

He currently serves as the garrison family life chaplain at West Point. He was direct commissioned into the Army Chaplain Corps in August of 2009 as a reserve chaplain for the 478th Civil Affairs Battalion.

Chaplain Bates has provided spiritual support for our troops in harm's way in six combat deployments. He first deployed as the battalion chaplain from the 25th Infantry Division to Afghanistan. He then became a member of the

10th Special Forces Group, my old group. Chaplain Bates deployed twice to Afghanistan with the Special Forces Group and once to Africa. He then joined the XVIII Airborne Corps and deployed again to Iraq, and then became a JSOC chaplain and deployed to a classified location.

He has had an extensive education, including attending many military schools, and winning numerous awards, leading off with the Bronze Star.

Especially interesting and meaningful to me, he has the U.S., British, Canadian, Italian, and German Jump Wings, as well as the Combat Action Badge.

His education includes an associate of arts from the Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College, a bachelor of science from Baptist Bible College, a master of arts from Liberty University, a master of divinity in religion from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, and a master of arts in counseling from Webster University.

He is joined by his wife today, Duchess. They have five children, three of whom serve in the military today. I thank Chaplain Major Troy Bates for not only his service but his legacy and his family.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

## CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month as the first Latina from my community and the first Republican Latina to represent the great State of Texas in the people's House for a full term.

The foundations of this great Nation are ingrained with Hispanic influence, from our beginnings with the Spanish settlers to General Bernardo de Galvez, hero of the American Revolution.

The Nation's pulse beats with our rich and vibrant culture. For generations, our families have woven their stories into the fabric of this great Nation. Our contributions in the arts, agriculture, business, military, and public service have left an indelible mark on America's history.

Our community's success lies in our faith in God, hard work, family values, and love of country. I am so proud of what we have achieved and will continue to achieve.

Let us renew our commitment to supporting policies that uplift Hispanic families and all Americans. Together, we will build a future that honors our past and preserves "the American

Dream," "El Sueno Americano" for future generations.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF BILL RICHARDSON

(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 today to honor the life of Bill Richardson.

Former Governor Bill Richardson was a devoted public servant and a skilled diplomat whose career improved countless lives in New Mexico and across America, and indeed, the world.

As Governor of New Mexico, he tirelessly worked to improve the lives of his constituents while making history leading as a Latino, but Bill Richardson's influence extended well beyond the borders of New Mexico. He served as Energy Secretary and also as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, where his diplomatic skills and commitment to peace played a pivotal role in addressing many global challenges.

Today, we remember Governor Bill Richardson, and we also honor his legacy of public service and diplomacy, which continues with his work at his center. He was an inspiration to all of us, and he was a true American patriot.

His leadership and kindness will forever be remembered. Rest in peace, my friend.

## BIDEN IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

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

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the historic impeachment inquiry into Joe Biden.

Congress must hold Joe Biden accountable for serving as the kingpin over a series of shady foreign business deals involving his family members. Bank records and extensive evidence show that the Biden family received \$20 million in cash, diamonds, and sports cars from China, Russia, Ukraine, Romania, and other foreign entities.

Joe Biden was directly involved in this foreign influence-peddling scheme, and when Biden's son demanded \$5 million in cash from a Chinese official, he wrote, "I am sitting here with my father. . . ."

Congress has a duty to the American people to protect taxpayers from this type of foreign corruption.

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

## JOINING IN SOLIDARITY WITH UAW

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of nearly 150,000 United Auto Workers, including 3,000 members in western New York at the Ford Stamping Plant and General Motors plants in Tonawanda and Lockport.

Autoworkers have historically weathered the storm to support the automotive industry, through the Great Recession and economic hardship. Now, during a time when companies are experiencing record profits, the people delivering the goods deserve a contract that recognizes the critical role they play in that success.

UAW members will be an important part of the next generation of manufacturing, making electric vehicles more accessible and readily available.

As the September 14 deadline approaches, negotiators must come to the table with a contract that includes competitive wages and rewards quality work.

I ask my colleagues to join me in solidarity with the UAW as they negotiate a secure future for the workers driving success in the automotive industry today.

#### OUR JOB ISN'T DONE

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

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, the ox is in the ditch and it is time to go to work and get him out.

We were sent to Washington to work, but it sure doesn't feel like we are doing that right now. We promised the American people we would rein in these out-of-control Federal agencies and get spending under control. The way we do that is by uniting and passing conservative appropriation bills that will give us leverage against the Senate and the White House.

Colleagues, this has gotten out of hand, and we need to start voting. Let's put these bills on the House floor to debate and amend so that Members can put themselves on record. I am fine defending my votes back home. What I am not fine with is going home and telling people that we clocked in this week and we didn't do any work.

Mr. Speaker, we should stay here until we pass all 12 appropriations bills and send them to the Senate. Until we do that, the job is not done.

#### SUPPORTING THE UAW WORKERS

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

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the more than 10,000 United Auto Workers in my district as they negotiate a fair contract with the Nation's auto industry employers.

Let's remember, it was workers who built this country, and their high-quality

union jobs gave people a pathway to the middle class, not just in Illinois but across this great Nation.

The current negotiations have implications not just for workers, but for the future of the auto industry and our economic competitiveness.

While companies report record profits and the CEOs take home tens of millions of dollars in compensation, the salary of the average autoworker has declined by 40 percent over the past 20 years. Our UAW neighbors are simply asking for their fair share.

To the UAW workers in central and northwestern Illinois and across the country, I have got your back.

#### CONGRATULATING THE GNYFF CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend the Guam National Youth Football Federation held its championship on Saturday. After an exciting season, three teams won their respective division championship games and are officially known as the 2023 GNYFF champions.

Under this historic dome of democracy, I congratulate the following youth football championship teams: the Guam Eagles for winning the Manha Division championship, the Hal's Angels for winning the Metgot Division championship, and the Guam Eagles for winning the Matua Division championship.

I also congratulate the coaches, trainers, sponsors, and families of all the teams for their many efforts and sacrifices and for instilling in the kids the values of sportsmanship, character, and teamwork.

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#### HOMETOWN HERO: GRAPEVINE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

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

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 hometown hero, the Grapevine High School wrestling team.

This week, on the 22nd anniversary of the horrific September 11 terrorist attacks, Grapevine High School wrestling team paid their respects by hosting a tribute climb.

On the steps of Mustang-Panther Stadium, participants climbed a symbolic 110 flights in remembrance of this tragic day. Student athletes, first responders, and members of the community all climbed side by side to mourn those lost and remember the sacrifices our first responders made for the American people.

I am so encouraged by the leadership displayed by the members of the Grape-

vine High School wrestling team and their work to unite the community in commemoration of the heroes of September 11. Their patriotism and love for country is apparent.

I thank the Grapevine wrestling team for hosting this event and representing north Texas so well.

#### GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today deeply frustrated that so many Members on the other side of the aisle seem determined to shut down the government and create a national crisis of massive proportions.

Let's be clear. We are not asking Republicans to break new ground. We are only asking them to live up to the bipartisan budget agreement that a majority on both sides of the aisle already voted for and passed the House. We are only asking them to support the essential programs critical to veterans, seniors, childcare programs, working families, farmers, and retirees; the people I care about and came to serve because, again, let's be clear, if they force a government shutdown, these are the people who will suffer most.

Veterans won't receive their full benefits, retirees will lose their economic security and medical care, and our businesses will face massive economic turmoil. For what? A political stunt created by extremists who care more about riling up their base than helping their constituents.

Every one of us here swore an oath to serve our constituents. It is time to live up to that oath.

#### SUPPORT FOR UAW WORKERS

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand in solidarity with the hardworking men and women of the United Auto Workers as they bargain for a fair contract.

Unions helped build the middle class. The labor movement was actually founded in large part in my district, the Eighth Congressional District of Michigan, in my hometown of Flint where the autoworkers sat down in the auto plants to stand up for good wages, for safer working conditions, and for better benefits.

Every day in my district, UAW members build award-winning vehicles. They are standing up to demand a fair share of the value that they produce. Everyone, every worker, not just those at the top, should benefit from that.

The fight is not just about fair contracts for union workers, though. It is about fairness and the future of all workers in this country.

In Congress, I have championed bills to expand workers' rights, including the right to join a union, and I have