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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 30, 2023, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McCARTHY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 27, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable Tom McCARTHY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Gracious God, open our eyes this day to the things that are true. Inspire our actions that they be noble. Reveal to us at every turn what is right. May our motives be ever pure.

Then may as we live our lives here in this place, may they reflect what is lovely. May our example to each other and to this country be admirable.

And should the outcome of our work today succeed in being excellent or praiseworthy, may we think not on these accomplishments for our own attribution. But may we each take our thoughts captive, that we would instead choose to think with Your mind and reflect on our efforts as participation in Your creative work. May we focus our eyes on what You see and

order our days as You would have us do.

To You be all glory and in Your truth and righteousness do we offer our prayers this day.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. MANNING) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. MANNING 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 PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my community in celebrating Lunar New Year as we ring in the Year of the Rabbit and Year of the Cat.

We cannot ignore that this year's celebrations in southern California were rocked by the worst of evil. I have attended the Monterey Park Lunar New Year celebrations in years past, and my heart is with the loved ones of the victims of the shooting and our AAPI community.

However, I know that in the face of this tragedy, as we heal our wounds, we will persevere, come together, and come back even stronger. Our best days are yet to come.

Good prevails over evil. Love triumphs hate. Light surpasses darkness always. That is what Lunar New Year is all about.

I am rallying with my AAPI community, and I wish all who are celebrating joy, renewal, and many blessings.

I want to greet all the public in my special New Year's greetings.

(English translation of the statement made in Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Vietnamese is as follows:)

"Happy new year."

Korean: "Saehae bok mani badeuseyo"

Mandarin: "Xinnián kuàilè"

Cantonese: "Gong hei fat choy"

Vietnamese: "Chúc Mừng Năm Mới"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from California will provide the Clerk a translation of her remarks.

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MASS SHOOTINGS IN CALIFORNIA

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, not even a month into this New Year and I am already on the floor, once again, begging the same question: What will it take to stop the relentless pace of mass shootings?

Three mass shootings in California in just 3 days. Three different men of three different ages used guns to murder their own neighbors or coworkers.

Beyond the tragedies in California, there are victims of gun violence every day in every State.

Regardless of our politics, we cannot continue to live and die this way. We must do more. We must do more for the victims. We must do more for the communities shattered. We must do more for the families left to grieve.

Each mass shooting is a glaring violation of our inalienable rights—life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

According to the 97 percent, a bipartisan group of gun owners and non-gun owners, 70 percent of gun owners want to help reduce gun injuries and deaths. There are a lot of ways we can combat the cruel epidemic of gun violence, but what we cannot do is nothing.

We must all find the courage to act.

CONGRATULATING IOWA BIODIESEL BOARD

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Iowa Biodiesel Board on their recognition by the Clean Fuels Alliance America for their contributions to clean energy.

Since the Iowa Biodiesel Board was created in 2007, they have been instrumental in making Iowa the number one biodiesel producing State in the country.

Biofuels are critical in the United States' goal of energy independence. They have created jobs throughout Iowa and the country and reduced overall greenhouse gas emissions.

I am proud to represent a State that recognizes the advantages of biofuels and organizations like the Iowa Biodiesel Board for promoting biodiesel throughout the country.

As we continue pursuing clean energy production, I hope my colleagues will look to Iowa and organizations such as the Iowa Biodiesel Board as an example of an “any-of-the-above” approach.

In order to leave a cleaner, healthier planet for our children and grandchildren, we must enact policies that promote a variety of energy sources where they work best.

I want to congratulate Iowa Biodiesel Board for their commitment toward clean energy and being a recipient of the Clean Fuels Initiative Award.

HONORING ANNIE BROWN KENNEDY

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

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Annie Brown Kennedy, a devoted mother, grandmother, pillar in the Forsyth County legal community, and fierce pioneer for civil rights.

Annie's story is one of many firsts. Annie was one of the first Black women to become a licensed lawyer in the State of North Carolina, the first-ever Black woman lawyer in Forsyth County, and the first Black woman to serve in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Annie's dedication to the fight for equality under the law made history. Her vision for a more equitable North Carolina drove her success in landmark legal cases, including *Simpkins v. The City of Greensboro*, which desegregated public recreational facilities across the South.

Annie's work moved our Nation forward, while creating a path for the next generation to continue her work. She will be deeply missed by her loving family and the entire community.

May her memory be a blessing to all.

SCHOOL CHOICE

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, every student deserves the opportunity to receive an education that empowers them to excel. They are our Nation's future and should have the opportunity to attend a school that best suits them, whether it is public or private, charter or other.

This week is not about placing private education over public school education. Many Americans have access to great public schools, but many do not. School choice increases options available for families and incentivizes improvement of all schools.

Nobody knows what is best for their children more than a parent does, and a student's ZIP Code should not determine their destiny. School choice policies are a great equalizer and increase opportunity for students no matter where they live.

Education savings accounts, like those recently implemented in Iowa, and my colleague ADRIAN SMITH's legislation, the Educational Choice for Children's Act, which provides a tax credit for those who fund scholarship awards for K-12 students, are two examples of policies that will increase opportunity for millions of children across America.

As a Member of Congress, I look forward to supporting such proposals.

SUPPORTING STRIKING WORKERS AT THE PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the striking workers of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette who are more than 100 days into their unfair labor practice strike.

CWA and Teamsters members went on strike this fall. They were joined in solidarity by members of the Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh. Striking workers continue to keep the community informed through their strike publication, the Pittsburgh Union Progress.

A healthy democracy requires a free press, and Western PA is no exception. We need strong, independent journalism. The destruction of small news outlets and consolidation in the industry are big problems for the freedom of the press in our country, including in Western Pennsylvania.

Owners at Block Communications recently acquired the Pittsburgh City Paper, a weekly focused on local issues. The News Guild-CWA has raised concerns about this acquisition and its impact on competition, workers, and journalistic independence. I share those concerns.

While I am glad that a judge found Block Communications broke the law in the Guild's NLRB case, the fight isn't over. I stand in solidarity with the striking workers in Western Pennsylvania and with workers across the country fighting for the dignity that we all deserve.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

(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 on International Holocaust Remembrance Day to honor the memory of those who were murdered during the Holocaust.

The Holocaust was the systematic, government-sponsored persecution and murder of 6 million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.

We honor the resilience of survivors, and we rededicate ourselves to uphold the sacred promise of “Never Again.”

The events and results of the Holocaust were so devastating and so extreme that we can barely imagine how such a horrendous event could even take place. But we remember because it is an unthinkable scar on humanity. We not only remember but, more importantly, we say “Never Again.”

Today, we mourn the lives of those we lost, and we celebrate those who saved them, and we honor those who survived.

We must eradicate hatred and never become indifferent to the suffering of