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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Bishop Michael E. Dantley, Christ Emmanuel Christian Fellowship, Cincinnati, Ohio, offered the following prayer:

Our Father, as we are gathered in this sacred space, we are compelled to praise You for Your goodness and mercy that follow us all the days of our lives. We are obligated to be reminded that it is You who have made us and not we ourselves. I pray that Your purpose and design for our United States will have predominance in this space.

As decisions are made through transparent debate, I pray that Your wisdom and insight will prevail over human reasoning and personal preference. I pray that as deliberations take place in this Chamber that the well-being of every individual's life residing in the United States will be on the minds and hearts of every legislator. I pray that party lines will not diminish the desire to see policies established that are grounded in life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all United States citizens.

I ask this in Your name.

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 Pennsylvania (Mr. BOYLE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania 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 GUEST CHAPLAIN BISHOP MICHAEL E. DANTLEY

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our guest chaplain, Bishop Michael E. Dantley of Christ Emmanuel Christian Fellowship in the neighborhood of Walnut Hills in the city of Cincinnati.

Bishop Dantley has been the senior pastor of Christ Emmanuel for over 40 years, almost 50 years. He has worked to establish a grade school and built a program for the homeless, formerly incarcerated, and men battling addiction.

He has been honored by numerous community groups, including the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, and uplifts his congregation with messages of hope and healing every week.

As you heard today, he invokes action—to act for the good of our neighbors, especially the least of these.

Bishop Dantley has been a guide and source of strength for me, inspiring me to act even when I wasn't sure I could and to act in service of those I represent, especially those most marginalized.

I thank Bishop Dantley not just for joining me today but for his decades of service to our community and our country.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TEACH AG 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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Teach Ag Day.

National Teach Ag Day is for anyone who wants to celebrate school-based agricultural education, share the story of agriculture education's importance and effectiveness in the United States, and encourage students to consider careers as agricultural educators.

This year, we are celebrating 75 years of the National Association of Agricultural Educators.

Madam Speaker, our agricultural educators are responsible for cultivating and inspiring the next generation of agricultural leaders. This happens in the classroom with extension programs or groups like FFA and 4-H. By recognizing our agricultural educators, we can ensure our students have knowledge and exposure to all the opportunities the agricultural industry and sector have to offer.

Madam Speaker, I thank all the ag teachers and volunteers across the country who help support our Nation's farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers.

HONORING EVERETT BEAUREGARD

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

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Everett Beauregard, who 1 year ago tomorrow was senselessly taken from us in an act of gun violence in Philadelphia.

I thank Everett's family and friends for joining us in the House gallery this morning and also thank them for the opportunity to stand with them last

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year to commemorate Everett's beautiful life.

I am here today because, like so many others, Everett impacted my life and the lives of my staff for the better.

In 2018, Everett worked for me, helping my team in enthusiastically engaging with Philadelphia residents about the issues that were most important to them.

His commitment to serving the public was evident from the outset. It was and is something for which I will always be grateful.

As we mark this tragic anniversary, I reiterate the Beauregard family's ask that anyone with information regarding this senseless act of violence please come forward.

Your help can bring the person responsible for this heinous act to justice. Every piece of information, no matter how small, can help bring a sense of closure to Everett's family and many friends. You have the power to come forward and help. I implore you to do so.

Thank you, God, for this wonderful human being you gave us.

SHEDDING LIGHT ON SUICIDE PREVENTION

(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. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to shed light on a critical issue that affects countless lives: suicide.

National Suicide Prevention Month is not just a time of remembrance. It is a call to action. Mental health struggles are not a sign of weakness and seeking help should not be stigmatized.

We must come together to support individuals in crisis, especially our servicemembers, who have sacrificed so much for our Nation.

Let us remember that each life is precious and that there is always hope, even in the darkest of times.

Reach out to your loved ones, check on your friends, and be the beacon of support that someone might desperately need. Together, we can speak out about mental health and degrade the barriers to treatment.

This National Suicide Prevention Month, let us work hand in hand to ensure that everyone knows they are not alone and that help is always within reach. Together, we can make a difference and save lives.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE 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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Month is about recognizing the countless contributions of Latinos across the Nation.

We celebrate the Latino entrepreneurs who have built thriving businesses, the doctors and nurses who provide essential healthcare, the teachers who inspire future generations, and the activists who tirelessly advocate for justice and equality.

As we honor Hispanic Heritage Month, let us all commit to fostering an inclusive society where everyone, regardless of their background, can thrive and contribute to the American Dream.

Let's embrace the diversity that makes our Nation stronger and more vibrant and continue celebrating our heritage that enriches us all. Let's put diversity over hate, people over politics.

"Yes, we can. Long live the people"; "Si se puede y que viva la gente."

CELEBRATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF POLLACK INVESTMENTS

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

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize the legacy of service and leadership of Michael Pollack, a resident of Arizona's Fifth Congressional District. I join him in celebrating his 50th year as president and founder of Pollack Investments, which specializes in commercial restoration and renovation projects, specifically long-term investments in shopping centers and other multi-tenant locations.

In his industry, many developers will look at a property that has fallen into disrepair and see only a building ripe for destruction. In his own words, Michael sees "each real estate project as an opportunity to enhance the fabric of Arizona's cities one development at a time."

Whether refusing to take advantage of those affected by the housing crash or working with tenants to make it through the COVID era without closing their doors, Michael has always remained focused on protecting the overall economic and social health of our cities and their residents.

Michael's enduring legacy is one of inspiration, renewal, and compassion. He set new standards in his industry and community. He has made an immeasurable impact on the lives of countless Arizonans.

On behalf of Arizona's Fifth Congressional District, I thank Michael for inspiring others with his unwavering commitment to making our communities better than he found them, one development at a time. I pay homage to Michael Pollack and congratulate him.

EXPANDING MEDICAID IN NORTH CAROLINA

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, my former colleagues in the North Carolina General Assembly reached an agreement to pass a new State budget with the expansion of Medicaid.

More than a decade after the Affordable Care Act became law, 95,000 eastern North Carolinians trapped in the Medicaid coverage gap have been waiting or, in some cases, dying without access to lifesaving healthcare.

Since entering Congress, healthcare has been my top legislative priority, having led, co-led, or cosponsored more than 50 bipartisan pieces of legislation. My very first acts in Congress included introducing a resolution to affirm support for Medicaid expansion and restarting the State Medicaid Expansion Caucus.

To the people of eastern North Carolina, know that I stand ready to fulfill my commitment to Medicaid expansion by working closely with officials to see this through and tackle the unacceptable healthcare disparities in our community.

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH UAW

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

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to stand in solidarity with our United Auto Workers brothers and sisters.

Only 2 weeks before his assassination, Reverend Martin Luther King was in Memphis and supported the city sanitation workers' strike. To the crowd, he proclaimed that "now is the time."

I echo Reverend Martin Luther King's words from the people's Chamber and say unto UAW auto workers: Now is the time.

Number one, now is the time for a cost-of-living adjustment. In real terms, worker wages are more than 10 percent less than they were in 2019, despite rising costs.

Now is the time for an end to tiered employment in the automotive industry. Workers are making different wages doing equal work. This is simply unacceptable. The only difference between them is which labor contract was in force on the day that they started.

Now is the time for job security. As we transition away from combustion engines, these jobs need to stay in America and remain good-paying union jobs.

Now is the time for a cost-of-living adjustment. Now is the time to end tiered employment pay. Now is the time for job security.

I stand in solidarity with the UAW.

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EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF CESAR MILLAN

(Mr. CÁRDENAS asked and was given permission to address the House