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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Head Granthi Giani Jaswinder Singh, Gurdwara Pine Hill, Pine Hill, New Jersey, offered the following prayer:

"Ik Onkar Satguru Prasad." "One universal creator God, by the grace of the true guru."

Almighty God, Waheguru, we call You by many names but You are one. Keep Your divine hand over the Members of this House as they help steer the future of our great Nation. Keep truth on our tongues, love in our hearts, and sound judgment in our minds. Remind us of our purpose: to love and serve one another and create a more peaceful world.

We ask for blessings unto all leaders as they work for the common good. Give all who govern this land humanity, courage, integrity, and compassion. Release each one of us from ego so that we may serve selflessly. Help us remember that we belong to one family.

Recognize the entire human race as one.

We ask of the Almighty to also keep watch over our Nation's protectors, who work tirelessly day and night to ensure our safety and our freedom.

You are everywhere, all are Yours. Whatever is seen, O God, is Your form. My Lord, You are but one.

In the name of Nanak, find everlasting optimism; with Your will, Almighty God, may there be grace for the entire humanity.

"Smooch Shaheedan Nu Kot Kot Parnam." "My homage to all martyrs in the world."

"Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa," "Khalsa belong to the glorious God."

"Waheguru Ji Kee Fateh," "Victory to the glorious God."

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, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi 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 HEAD GRANTHI GIANI JASWINDER SINGH

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. NORCROSS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to welcome guest chaplain, Head Granthi Giani Jaswinder Singh, who made history

today as the first Sikh to serve as guest chaplain in the United States House of Representatives.

Giani Singh proudly serves the people of South Jersey at the Gurdwara in Pine Hill in my district. His spiritual leadership has helped foster a vibrant Sikh community.

The history made today by Giani Singh is a reminder that the United States welcomes and values all and will remain committed to free expression of religion.

Giani Singh has made South Jersey proud today, and it is an honor to be a part of this moment with him. I thank him for leading the prayer and for the work he does in our community each and every day.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HONORING COACH TOM IRWIN

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize former Bishop Guilfoyle High School football coach Tom Irwin.

Over his four decades on the sidelines and in the classroom, Coach Irwin taught thousands of young men to be team players, to work together for the common good, to sacrifice for one another, and to be men of character both on the field and off of the field.

As one of Coach Irwin's former players, I personally am grateful for his leadership.

Through his words and his deeds, Coach Irwin taught his students what it meant to be an individual of faith,

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what it meant to pray, and to seek God's guidance during both victory and defeat.

Leading teams of young men onto the football field, Coach Irwin prepared his students not only to confront the conflict of crossing the goal line, but to prepare for the trials that each man would face later throughout their lives.

As a coach, as a teacher, as a mentor, and a counselor, Tom Irwin has impacted the hearts and the souls of countless young students, both those who wore football pads and those who did not.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 5110. An act to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to clarify that the prohibition on the use of Federal education funds for certain weapons does not apply to the use of such weapons for training in archery, hunting, or other shooting sports.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MURRAY SAVAR

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

Ms. HOULAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise for the indefatigable, musical, mystical, magical Mr. Murray Savar.

Murray, you have been the pied piper for more than 40 years—two generations—for our community's young women and girls. Students have been entranced by you and have literally found their voice and their agency under your spell.

You are priceless. Your life is an exemplar of the impact that one person, one teacher, can have on hundreds and thousands of lives, an impact that you have had by joyfully meeting the mundane world where we are with a song every single day. Southeastern Pennsylvania is so lucky that you have called it home for so many years.

I am here—just one person—standing in on behalf of more than four decades of parents and students in our community.

To quote a song that you taught generations to love, I say, "Thank you for the music, for giving it to me."

Murray, your community loves you and wishes you Godspeed.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF CORPORAL FRANCIS JAMES JURY

(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 remember the life of Corporal Francis James Jury of Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Francis Jury was reported missing on December 2, 1950, at 23 years old. Corporal Jury was deemed missing during the battle with enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea.

On July 27, 2018, following the summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean Leader Kim Jong-un, North Korea returned the remains of 55 American servicemembers killed during the Korean war. Following DNA testing, Corporal Jury was identified as one of those 55 members.

Madam Speaker, we still feel the pain of those missing from conflicts fought generations ago, and we are forever indebted to their service.

My prayers are with Corporal Jury's family during this solemn time.

It is my hope with his return his family is able to find peace and solace in knowing their loved one died a hero in service to the Nation.

CONSEQUENCES OF A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. MCGARVEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today because I am frustrated. I came here to work—to work across the aisle and get things done. Rightwing extremists are preventing us from doing our most important job, passing a budget. It is catastrophic for our country, our community, and our economy if extremist Republicans shut down our government.

Let me be clear. Kentuckians cannot afford a shutdown. There are 119,884 Kentucky moms and babies who will lose access to vital nutrition assistance. Nearly 556,000 SNAP recipients will lose access to their benefits in a prolonged shutdown, and 10,672 Federal civilian workers in my district could be furloughed or have to work without pay. These are real consequences to Republicans' harmful actions.

Pass a spending bill. It is our job. When you are done playing political games, we are ready to work together to avoid a disastrous shutdown.

HONORING DR. BETH PELZ

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

Mr. NEHLS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Beth Pelz, a criminal justice professor at the University of Houston-Downtown.

For over 30 years she helped countless criminal justice students and her community, and now she is enjoying a well-deserved retirement.

Throughout her career she helped students access scholarship funds to pursue higher education, with some of those funds extending to the University of Houston-Downtown Police Academy.

She also established the Robert S. Brown Memorial Scholarship fund to

help criminal justice students. Dr. Pelz helped and assisted law enforcement in both Houston County and Harris County, related to street and prison gang issues. She is an expert.

In fact, Dr. Pelz played a very important role as one of my professors while I attended the school for my master's degree. Dr. Pelz helped shape and mold countless public servants and law enforcement officers throughout her dedicated career. I thank her for mentoring me and helping prepare me to serve my community during my time as the sheriff of Fort Bend County, Texas.

Madam Speaker, I wish her the most well-deserved retirement after her tireless dedication to every student at the University of Houston, and those she helped in the community.

Beth, you truly mean the world to me. I love you.

CONSEQUENCES OF A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. VASQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to deliver a message on behalf of Native American youth.

As the Representative of New Mexico's Second District with seven sovereign nations, I have heard from leaders from the Center for Native American Youth who are deeply troubled about their future. They are asking for Congress to be good relatives.

Failing to pass an agreement means that over 30,000 Native parents and caregivers who are Federal workers are at risk of being unable to provide for their families.

It means over 70,000 Native students in Head Start, BIE schools, and Tribal colleges and universities are at risk of a disruption in their education, harm to their mental health, and food security.

I proudly represent Zuni, Acoma, Isleta, and Laguna Pueblos, and the Mescalero, Fort Sill Apache, and Navajo Nations.

A government shutdown is a failure to uphold the Federal trust responsibility with real-life consequences that disproportionately impact Native youth and their families.

Native youth from across the country are asking Congress to do what is right. Find an agreement. Be good relatives, not just in New Mexico, but across the country.

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STAFF SERGEANT EARL JACOBS NAMED TENNESSEE SECOND DISTRICT'S VETERAN OF THE MONTH

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, before I get started, I would like to say