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

PRAYER

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

Holy God, our Father, what great love You have lavished on us. We need only open our eyes to the affection You show us in the generosity of a friend, in the laughter of children, in the endearing embrace of a loved one to know that all good gifts come from the depth of Your love for us.

But even these precious gifts pale in comparison to the unmerited grace You have bestowed on us that we should be called Your children. That we would enjoy such close fellowship with You, to call upon You as Your beloved ones, is both humbling and heartening.

In Your love do we find life. So may our lives then reflect Your love.

Inspire us that we would love one another as You have loved us. From the love that comes from You, may we show love to those whom You have called us to serve.

With the compassion You have shown us, may we show compassion to those in need.

Out of the generosity You have shared with us, may we show the same generosity of spirit with our children.

And with the same selflessness You have demonstrated to us, may we give selflessly of ourselves to our family and friends.

In love, may we give love, in Your strong name, may we pray with strength.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING 113TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

(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 bring to the floor today my most recent copy of the "Boy Scout Handbook." I would say this: After the Bible, it is one of the most influential books in my life.

I rise today to recognize the 113th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, the Nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training.

On February 8, 1910, Chicago businessman William Boyce, who grew up in western Pennsylvania, incorporated the Boy Scouts of America.

Since that time, millions of young men and women have joined the Scouts and learned the values of patriotism, courage, and self-reliance. There are more than 1 million youth currently enrolled in Scouting who contributed more than 17.7 million community

service hours in 2022, helping to advance important projects, from conserving local waterways to constructing accessible parks, in nearly every congressional district across the country.

I spent more than 50 years in Scouting, including serving as a Scoutmaster and achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in 1977. It was these experiences that first sparked my interest in public service. The Boy Scouts oath, in part, urges us to perform our duty to our country.

As co-chair of Congressional Scouting Caucus, I am proud to introduce a resolution alongside my good friend from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP) designating today as Boy Scouts of America Day to honor the tireless service of Scout volunteers and participants in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, the Boy Scouts of America has played a pivotal role in shaping the leaders of tomorrow, and I look forward to seeing their continued contributions to our country.

END HUNGER NOW

(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 have had it up to here with lies coming from the other side about food assistance programs like SNAP.

This weekend, five of my Republican colleagues said that they could save \$400 billion by cutting SNAP and instituting tougher work requirements for folks on the program. Clearly, they didn't do their homework. Let me correct the record.

First, 9 out of 10 SNAP recipients are in households with children, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Second, there are already strict work requirements for SNAP. Let me repeat that. Most of the people receiving

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SNAP who can work actually do work. They come home when their shift ends and count pennies because the average benefit is only a couple of bucks.

I am sick and tired of Republicans coming down to the floor and going on social media to beat up on poor people. Members of Congress are not on SNAP. Do you know who is? Children, seniors, veterans, people with disabilities.

For the record, there is a special place in hell for those who want to take food out of the mouths of vulnerable Americans.

HONORING SIX NORTH CAROLINIANS WHO DIED IN PLANE CRASH OFF THE COAST OF CARTERET COUNTY

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

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart.

Today, we honor six North Carolinians who died in a plane crash off the coast of Carteret County on the 13th of February 2022. Four days from now will be the 1-year anniversary of this horrific tragedy.

Last March, we held a moment of silence in their remembrance. No words can describe the pain and devastation that our community has felt. Yet, I continue to be moved by the outpouring of love and support from individuals not only across North Carolina but this great Nation.

Today, I am introducing legislation with the entire backing of the North Carolina delegation to designate six creeks in Carteret County after six of the individuals who lost their lives.

My bill, the Down East Remembrance Act, gives exact latitudes and longitudes as to the creeks' locations. They will be named after Noah Styron, Hunter Parks, Kole McInnis, Stephanie Fulcher, Jacob Taylor, and Daily Shepard.

Upon adoption, these names will become part of the fabric of eastern North Carolina.

May God bless them and their families and give them peace.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MICHAEL N. MOSTEIT

(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 and legacy of Michael N. Mosteit.

Mike was a trailblazer in the labor movement, a dedicated public servant, and a loving family man.

As a member of IBEW Local 66 for over 50 years, he strived to ensure our workers had fair representation and proper wages.

I had the honor of standing shoulder to shoulder with Mike many times—de-

fending workers, organizing, walking the picket line, winning, and sometimes trying and trying again.

The work was never about the money. It was about fighting for the quality of life and transformational difference a good job can do for a family.

That is what leadership is: wanting something better for others than you have for yourself. That was Mike Mosteit.

Our hearts go out to his loving wife, Carol, a wonderful educator in her own right, and their son, Joshua.

Rest in peace, Mike. We will keep up the fight until we meet again on another picket line. God bless.

CELEBRATING BLACK BUSINESS OWNERS

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

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today ahead of National Entrepreneurship Week and during Black History Month to acknowledge and celebrate the remarkable contributions of Black business owners.

Entrepreneurship drives economic growth and creates jobs, yet too few Black businesses have the capital and connections to start and scale successful companies, contributing to the racial wealth gap through entrepreneurial inequity.

Here are the facts. Of the 6 million employer businesses in the U.S., just 130,000 are Black owned, barely more than 2 percent.

My district's entrepreneurs are helping drive our region and Nation's economy forward, and I will share their stories as we celebrate Black Americans' past and present achievements.

That includes people like Kanisha Harwell, owner of Balance Cheer and Gymnastics in my hometown of Warrensville Heights. Kanisha started her gym after experiencing the lack of support for diversity in gymnastics, taking on multiple jobs to fund the creation of an inclusive environment for Black athletes.

Minority entrepreneurs are a vital asset to our economy, and I urge my colleagues to work with me to build a more equitable economy for all.

COMMEMORATING LIVES TAKEN DURING THE HENRY PRATT SHOOTING

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the lives taken during the Henry Pratt shooting in Aurora, Illinois, nearly 4 years ago.

On February 15, 2019, gun violence stole the lives of five innocent people and injured six police officers when a person who should not legally have had a gun opened fire in a workplace.

Unfortunately, this is a reality that we are all too familiar with as Americans. Throughout our Nation, in every State, gun violence continues to claim innocent lives. These victims are our family members, our friends, and our neighbors. We must do better.

I am proud that Congress came together in the last year to pass the most significant piece of gun violence legislation in nearly three decades, but more must be done.

We cannot wait for the next tragedy. We must continue to pursue commonsense gun safety measures that will keep guns out of the wrong hands and help save lives.

Mr. Speaker, I stand with the Aurora community during this time of remembrance and reflection.

SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH TODAY

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

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of our kids. It is so important that we come together alongside the next generation of Americans and give them the resources they need to succeed in a 21st century economy.

There are so many issues facing our youth today. Between the mental health crisis, rising costs of education, and childhood hunger, our children are dealing with issues that can and must be addressed by Federal lawmakers.

Mental illness is on the rise among the next generation of Americans. We are witnessing an unprecedented increase in depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and suicide.

We are in the middle of a crisis. Mental health concerns are American parents' top concerns for their children, and the pandemic just exacerbated already troubling trends.

Working families matter. Our kids matter. There is so much opportunity to come together across partisan divides and address these critical issues.

This week, I have been meeting with school board members and college officials from my district. They are ready to partner with us to improve the lives of our students.

I am here for the next generation of west Michiganders. We owe it to our kids to address these critical issues through commonsense solutions that work for them.

DISAPPROVING THE ACTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COUNCIL IN APPROVING THE REVISED CRIMINAL CODE ACT OF 2022

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 97, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 26) disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.