

his wonderful words and his courage in telling his personal story.

We have talked about mass shootings today, and I think it is also important that we put some focus on everyday gun violence. We have talked about guns. Let's also talk about crime. Let's talk about the root causes of crime as well, and make sure that we are doing everything we can—from public safety to guns, to things like jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, hunger, education.

We also do need to talk about mental health and make sure that people in this country have the mental health support they need and they deserve. There is no argument that the number one cause of gun deaths in this country is death by suicide, but when you talk about suicide and death by a firearm, there are ways to help prevent it.

I met this week with the UoFL trauma team, who did an amazing job on April 10, 2023, keeping people alive and navigating an incredibly difficult situation. And because suicide is the number one cause of gun deaths in this country, I talked with them about it.

I spoke with Dr. JASON SMITH, who is a trauma surgeon at the University of Louisville, and he shared a person is most at risk of taking their own life when they reach their lowest point, and that lowest point typically only lasts for about 10 minutes. If you can get someone through that lowest point, they have an amazingly increased chance of living a full life.

We know that there are laws that work to protect us. In my State of Kentucky, we watch it across the river in Indiana where they have a State red flag law.

We can make this a national priority, through law and through funding, to help people get what they need, to help people who are in crisis and temporarily remove them from a firearm while retaining their rights.

Representative DESAULNIER referenced that suicide is growing among young people, and, unfortunately, it is. But that is not the only group affected. In fact, a statistic that worries me, because Louisville is located just north of Fort Knox, we have about 50,000 veterans who live in our community. The single-most at-risk group for death by suicide with a firearm are White men over the age of 50 who own a firearm and are a veteran.

Mr. Speaker, I sit on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, where even today in a committee hearing with the Secretary, death by suicide was brought up for veterans. The people who were brave enough to put on a uniform and sacrifice everything for us, we should be brave enough to pass policies in this body that will help them.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE), my distinguished colleague.

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, first let me thank the distinguished gentleman, my good friend, from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, whose leadership with respect to addressing the scourge

of gun violence that has, unfortunately, taken hold in so many parts of our country, has been unparalleled since he first stepped into this august Chamber last year.

We are grateful for his service, we are grateful for his leadership, and we are grateful for him initiating this important conversation tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I must say that there are many constituents of mine who are frustrated, who are outraged, who are anguished at the inaction of this body to address an issue as fundamental as this one.

What could be more important, Mr. Speaker, than the safety of our families, of our friends, of our neighbors, of our colleagues, of our children, of our fellow citizens.

This Congress has a job to do, and that job must include addressing gun violence and enacting commonsense reforms that we know will save lives.

I have the distinct privilege, Mr. Speaker, of representing the great State of Colorado, and we have been no stranger to the anguish of gun violence.

Next week will mark the 25th anniversary of the tragic and devastating massacre at Columbine High School. Mr. Speaker, 13 Coloradans murdered in cold blood, 12 students, and 1 teacher, 25 years ago next week.

Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago, my community was devastated by yet another mass shooting at our local grocery store. Mr. Speaker, 10 community members gunned down, including 1 police officer, who bravely died in the line of duty, saving lives, making the ultimate sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost far too many. There are far too many mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, children, Americans, dying from gun violence. We have the power to stop it if we follow the articulate admonition of my friend and colleague, Mr. MCGARVEY, by passing commonsense solutions here in this Chamber.

For those who doubt our ability to do so, Mr. Speaker, I will point you to fairly recent history.

There were many, many who doubted the ability of the United States Congress and the President to enact laws, commonsense laws that ultimately would and could save lives. They were wrong.

Because of President Biden's leadership, we passed a bill in the last Congress, the 117th Congress, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. That law is saving lives today.

Earlier today, the White House, next to the leadership of President Biden, Vice President HARRIS, the leadership of our attorney general, Attorney General Garland, announced yet another reform, a new rule pursuant to the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act that will finally close the gun show loophole, an important step forward, Mr. Speaker, and one that I applaud. I hope, I sincerely hope that it can be a building block for us to take on.

Now, I have to confess, I looked at the notice in the Committee on Rules, the committee on which I serve, with great dismay, just a few hours ago. What did that notice portend for next week? What have House Republicans decided we will spend our time on next week—not gun violence prevention, the Refrigerator Freedom Act.

I kid you not, that is literally on the agenda next week: The Refrigerator Freedom Act.

How about a bill to address gun violence? Is that too much to ask? My constituents don't think so, and I don't think the people of Kentucky think so either.

I thank the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. MCGARVEY) again for his leadership, for initiating this important conversation. It is the beginning and not the end.

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative NEGUSE for his wonderful words. I can't believe it has been 25 years since Columbine, another tragedy which I can remember exactly where I was when I found out that news. We went to our TV screens to watch in horror as students fled from the building, as parents wondered if their kids were alive. We grieve with Colorado, not just for Columbine, but for Boulder and for Aurora, for the tragedy you all have endured.

Hearing Representative NEGUSE talk about the tragedies in his community reminded me that when the mass shooting happened in Louisville on April 10 last year, I had several Members of Congress reach out to me immediately. They were not only offering their condolences and their sympathies and asking what they could do to help—many of them had experienced the same tragedy in their communities—they offered advice on how to deal with it and how to help your community get through it while you yourself grieve. In essence, there is a playbook on what to do after a mass shooting.

Mr. Speaker, I would like this body to act and have a playbook on how to stop the shootings from happening in the first place, because we know how to do it.

We know the damage that assault weapons cause. We know the need for safe storage and universal background checks, and I am tired of hearing there is nothing we can do when we are doing nothing.

We can solve this uniquely American problem, and we can solve it together, keeping our kids and our communities safer. It just takes the political will from this body to do it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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RECOGNIZING FAITH MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the

gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER) for 30 minutes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include in the RECORD extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, tonight, I am incredibly privileged to join the patriots at Concerned Women for America for the third year in a row by recognizing April as Faith Month. It is a time when we can set aside our differences and talk about the most important aspect of our lives: our faith.

Since our founding, in America, we have believed that God governs in the affairs of men. Actually, every day here in Congress, we acknowledge God by opening Congress with daily prayer.

It was my faith in God that first inspired me to run for public office. As a Christian, my faith is at the heart of everything I do. Before any major decision and during moments of conflict, I ask for God's guidance and wisdom to guide me in accordance with his will.

For my husband, Chris, and I, our Christian faith was central to raising our seven children. Now, they are making faith a central pillar for the upbringing of our 20 grandchildren. We also put our Christian faith first in running our family farm, seeking to honor God as stewards of the land and everything he has blessed us with.

Faith was key to our Nation's founding. In fact, the Pilgrims came to the new world in search of religious freedom, making the voyage across the Atlantic to the shores of Massachusetts. The right to publicly express their faith was so important that they risked their very lives.

Contrary to public opinion, our Founders did not believe America should be an atheistic society that shuns God. Benjamin Franklin called for prayer at the Constitutional Convention when it seemed destined for failure. The convention then proceeded smoothly, and a few weeks later, the delegates adopted the Constitution that endures to this day.

John Adams believed that our Republic could not function without faith. In fact, he said: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Thomas Jefferson attended and promoted a church service in this very building every Sunday.

Our Founders never meant for faith to be separate from public life. Quite the opposite, they intended for faith to play a central role in our Nation.

In Matthew 17:20, Jesus said: "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move

from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

I believe faith is what is needed in this body today. We need faith to overcome our mountains of division so we can do what is right for our country and the American people.

I am humbled to share my faith on the House floor and recognize that this sacred right has been preserved by those who have selflessly laid down their lives for our freedom.

I am honored to share this Special Order with several other friends and colleagues in this body.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT).

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman MILLER for organizing this and working with Concerned Women for America to make April Faith Month. It is an honor to be a part of this, to recognize a country where we can recognize our faith.

I know and understand and recognize the distinct opportunity that we have as Americans to worship freely, to come alongside each other with great respect and also to respect various viewpoints. We are blessed to live in a country where we can worship freely. It is a very important part of the fabric of the United States of America.

When I have visitors come to the United States Capitol, I like to take them into the rotunda. In the rotunda, there is a painting called the "Embarkation of the Pilgrims." That painting depicts a pastor as they are getting on board the deck of the Speedwell in 1620, gathered in prayer as they go toward and look for a new nation where they can worship freely, which would ultimately become the United States of America. I like that painting because it reminds us of the freedom that we have here in this country even today.

Tonight, there are about 11 pastors in Nicaragua who don't have that freedom. They are in prison for 12 to 15 years, because of their faith, in the country of Nicaragua.

Here in the United States, we don't have to worry about that. As a young boy back in Alabama who recognized that I needed Christ in my own life and accepted Christ as my Savior, I am reminded that I have that freedom and don't have to worry about going to prison or facing jail time merely because of my faith to follow Christ, which is something I try to do, as you say, Congresswoman, on a day-to-day basis, even though, as you know, we all fall short of that standard.

In closing, I thank my colleague from Illinois for organizing this time, bringing us together, and reminding us that this country was built not on mountains of money and not on great prosperity but on the faith of so many people who came before us wanting to worship freely and to honor our God and maker.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, before I yield to Mrs. HARSHBARGER, I thank her for being a co-chair of the Congressional Family Caucus. We

know two things made our country not only good but great, and that is faith and family.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. HARSHBARGER).

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, our Founding Fathers believed that democracy and our system of government could only prosper in a Western society guided by Judeo-Christian values. I raised my son with these values, and he is raising his sons with this same set of values. For nearly 30 years, I have instilled these same values to our youth as a Sunday school teacher.

As we have all observed, America is at a social and political crossroads, which stems from a profound loss of traditional Judeo-Christian values that make up the foundation of our families and, therefore, our Nation. Religious devotion among Americans is collapsing. More than a third of the country declines to attend religious services. Less than 75 percent of the country holds strong, solid religious beliefs.

Is there any wonder we see the crime rates continue to surge and America's mental health crisis continue to worsen? The conclusion is simple. It is the direct effect of the erosion of our Christian values, and it started with taking prayer out of the schools.

America needs spiritual guidance now more than ever. Christian values promote personal responsibility, compassion, and a sense of community. These are the essential pillars missing in today's society. When these values are absent in a family or in a society, you will see a decline in morality that can be generational.

We, as leaders, need to not only remind ourselves but our colleagues and constituents that restoring the Judeo-Christian values that our country was founded upon offers a pathway for our country to heal. If our country or our families fail to embrace the principles that made our Nation great, our Nation risks further division and decline.

That is why I am proud to co-chair the Congressional Family Caucus, which seeks to restore the guiding Judeo-Christian values and principles that exemplify our Nation's greatness by promoting God-driven and family-focused policies.

It is time to reinstate the teachings of Jesus Christ and chart a course toward renewal, reconciliation, and revival for our great Nation.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as I yield to my friend, Congressman ANDREW CLYDE, I thank him for making it obvious that his faith is so important to him by being such a principled and courageous man in how he handles his opportunity here as a Congressman.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE).

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, Congresswoman MARY MILLER, for hosting this Special Order and for being a leader in defending religious freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and celebration of Faith Month. During Faith Month, we rejoice in God's gift of salvation, thank our Lord and Savior for his many blessings, and celebrate the everlasting power of prayer and His Word.

As is said in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven."

The Bible calls on us to proudly demonstrate our faith and boldly champion our Christian beliefs. As a believer, I am thankful for this opportunity to celebrate our faith and our precious freedoms, especially at such a time as this when it is critical for Americans to be grounded in faith.

Our country is hurting, and Americans are crying out for strong, effective leadership. It is becoming harder to achieve the American Dream. Communities are being overwhelmed by violent crime, dangerous drugs, and illegal aliens. Our unalienable rights are being chipped away by the very people responsible for safeguarding our Constitution.

We need more leaders here in Washington who are rooted in faith, who put their trust in the Lord, and who use His Word as a guiding light through these challenges.

Our Founders not only knew the importance of Christianity in society but proudly acknowledged and gave deference to our creator in the foundation and core principles of our Nation. They correctly declared that our liberties are not granted by the government but by our Almighty God. This includes our most fundamental freedoms outlined in the First Amendment, which preserves our unalienable right to religious liberty.

By safeguarding religious freedom and drawing the Lord into our government, our Founding Fathers were ensuring unity and prosperity for generations to come. As George Washington asserted in his farewell address: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."

I pray that we don't lose sight of those supports, especially as we work to save our country and protect our freedoms.

Let us proudly join together to rejoice in and lead with our faith. May others come to know the salvation that only comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

Let us continue finding strength and wisdom in God's Word, and let us preserve and maintain our Founders' religious principles. A government whose foundation is built on God and His Word is a government that will have peace, prosperity, and liberty.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the freedom to share our faith is not something we should take lightly. To preserve that right, we need to exercise it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN), my friend,

and I thank him for always taking opportunities to share his faith.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman MILLER for giving me this opportunity and for hosting tonight's Special Order recognizing this week as Faith Week. I am deeply honored to stand here tonight to express my personal faith and all that God's Word has meant to me in my life.

As I reflect on the timeless teachings of the Bible, I am reminded of the divine wisdom of Exodus. In those sacred passages, God established laws and governance to uphold justice and righteousness.

I am looking right now at the full face of Moses, who led with unwavering faith and divine guidance, looking down on this body. So too must we ensure that our actions align with the purpose of restraining evil and promoting good in our society.

Above the flag is "In God We Trust." That means we are without excuse in this body.

During times of such division and uncertainty, the words of Mark 3:24 resonate deeply within me, reminding us that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand.

It is through our collective faith and drawing near to the Word of God that we find the path to unity, truth, and freedom.

Joshua 1:8 speaks to the power of Scripture in guiding our actions and decisions. In fact, God's instructions to Joshua in Joshua 1:8 is one of the greatest promises in the Bible. He says do not let this book of law depart from your lips. Be careful to do what it says. Meditate on it night and day, and you will be prosperous and successful.

As we meditate upon God's Word, we are promised prosperity and success. Like Abraham, whose faith was credited to him as righteousness, we must trust in God's promises and live obediently by His Word.

Our lead House ministry is reading through the "Change Your Life" study Bible. Easter was especially meaningful this year, as I was reading on that particular day about the transfiguration of Jesus in Luke 9:28-36.

Now, you have to understand there were three witnesses here in this passage, which I would like to share with you. Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him and went up onto the mountain to pray.

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He was praying, and while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which was about to be brought to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him, and they were afraid.

As the men were leaving, Peter said to Jesus: "Master, it is good for us to

be here. Let us put up three shelters, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

As he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud saying: "This is my Son, whom I have chosen. Listen to Him."

"Listen to Him."

Jesus also said in Luke: "If you love me, you will obey my commands."

During this special week, let us seek God's blessing and protection as we navigate through the complexities of government and acknowledge his sovereignty over all things. During this special week, we are aware of so many things that profoundly impact our faith. One is hope guiding us through life's trials and triumphs, and it unites us in a bond stronger than earthly ties.

I hope those watching will join me in reaffirming our commitment to worship the Lord and to draw strength and inspiration from His Word.

What was so meaningful at Easter was that here we had three eyewitnesses of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ.

In 2018, Billy Graham was laid in honor in our Capitol. I have read many of his inaugural prayers as a reminder, and every week for the past 16 years, it has resonated with me. This prayer was given in 1969. It is as if Billy Graham was predicting the future.

He said:

Our Father and our God, Thou hast said: "Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord."

We recognize on this historic occasion that we are "a nation under God." We thank Thee for this torch of faith handed to us by our forefathers. May we never let it be extinguished. Thou alone hast given us our prosperity, our freedom, and our power. This faith in God is our heritage and our foundation.

Thou hast warned us in the Scriptures: "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

As George Washington reminded us in his farewell address, morality and faith are the pillars of our society. We confess these pillars are being eroded in an increasingly materialistic and permissive society.

The whole world is watching to see if the faith of our fathers will stand the trials and tests of this hour. Too long we have neglected Thy Word and ignored Thy laws.

Mr. Speaker, does that sound familiar today?

Too long we have tried to solve our problems without reference to Thee. Too often we have tried to live by bread alone. We have sown to the wind and are now reaping a whirlwind of crime, division, and rebellion.

And now with the wages of our sins staring us in the face, we remember Thy Words: "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Mr. Speaker, I also served as the chairman of the Congressional Prayer Caucus. One thing that is important to highlight is that prayer has played a vital role in strengthening the fabric of our society and the bond in this Chamber. The Congressional Prayer Caucus

is a bipartisan congressional Member caucus consisting of Members from across the country who meet at first votes every week and who believe in the power of prayer.

Mr. Speaker, you can go to my website, Allen.House.gov, and submit your prayer requests, and members of the prayer caucus will lift you up in prayer.

May God bless each of us abundantly during this Faith Week as we seek to help others understand the faith that we share and that we hold so dearly.

Mr. Speaker, as we walk in his faith and righteousness, we are grateful. May God's grace be upon you and the peace of Jesus be with you.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. ALLEN for his words. I can give testimony that he is very faithful to share the prayer requests of other Members, and we pray over them.

Mr. Speaker, may I ask how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman has 8 minutes remaining.

Mr. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to constrain ourselves when we are talking about our faith and the impact that the faith of many Americans who have gone before us have had on our country and the world.

We know that faith without works is dead, and when you consider, Mr. Speaker, just the amount of missionaries that have been sent from our country into the world, it is very profound. It is something to really celebrate tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WEBSTER). It is a real privilege to meet regularly with Mr. WEBSTER and another group to pray for our country on a weekly basis.

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to talk about an important subject.

This is a simple word, faith. Faith is defined in the Scriptures as the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, for by it the elders obtained a good report.

So faith has substance. It is evidence. It is touchable. It is tangible. It is not just something in the air, although it is a simple word.

Where does faith come from? Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the Word of God. It comes from the Bible. That is where we get faith from. We hear it, read it, study it, understand it, and then practice it. By doing so, our faith grows.

It is important to note, though, we can't please God without faith. A lot of people want to please God in all kinds of ways, but the Scripture says that it is impossible to please Him—impossible—without faith.

So without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he who cometh to God must believe that he is and that He is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him.

Then, also, though, with all that, it adds up to really a simple life, a life that takes a simple word, turns it into

a real faith, believes it, and lives it out.

The Scripture says: "Thou hast held me by my right hand." That is when we find that first initial faith, faith in Christ, faith that He is our Lord, faith that He is our Savior, and faith that He is the God He said He is.

Not only does He take me by the right hand, but Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel. Where is his counsel? It is in the Bible, so we study the Bible. We know it, and we live a life. Eventually, that life comes to an end.

The Scripture says: Then Thou shalt take me to glory. That is Heaven. It is a simple life. God holds us by our hand. He leads us by his counsel, and afterward, He takes us to glory, to Heaven. What a great thing.

It is a simple word. It is a simple life. It is a simple faith.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOOD).

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman MILLER for hosting this important initiative tonight.

After ratifying the Constitution in 1789, the Founders had the wisdom to compose and pass the Bill of Rights in 1791 to further protect Americans from a potentially oppressive Federal Government. They believed that we needed to codify into law, in fact, into the highest law of the land, the enumeration of certain rights, God-given rights, for which it was the specific responsibility of the Federal Government to ensure and to protect.

The Bill of Rights did not begin with the right to free speech, to a free press, to assemble, to petition our government, to keep and bear arms, or even the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures. No. The first enshrined protected right was the freedom of religion, the free exercise thereof, and the freedom from a government-established religion.

Founders understood that the most important, most precious, and most fundamental right is the right to freely believe or not to believe, to worship or not to worship, and to exercise or practice our faith or not to do so.

Throughout human history and across every corner of the globe, mankind has exercised the God-created yearning to reconcile with his creator. Mankind has wrestled with the purpose of life and the question of the afterlife.

Sadly and unfortunately, those questions cannot be asked freely and those rights cannot be practiced freely in many parts of the world today.

Be that as it may, we are so blessed to live in a country where we still have that freedom today, and it is critical that we endeavor to ensure that unobstructed freedom endures for those who come behind us.

The good news is that those questions about the purpose of life and the reality of an eternal afterlife have been answered in the Bible: God's inspired, inerrant, and infallible written Word.

The Bible is the good news of Jesus Christ, the death and resurrection of the Savior, the Son of God, the Savior of the world.

2,000 years after his sacrificial death on the cross, which is an undisputed historical fact, this son of a carpenter remains the most prominent figure in human history.

How did someone who had no formal education, never traveled more than a few miles from his home, never held any kind of public office, had no material wealth, and was executed at the young age of 33, how did he literally change the world, with billions of followers ever since, including around the world today? This, despite many efforts to prohibit the distribution of the Bible and the free exercise of the Christian faith around the globe and throughout history.

The answer is that He was and is the Son of God and the Savior of the world. That is why his disciples, his inner circle of chosen followers who witnessed his crucifixion, died in testimony of having also witnessed his resurrection. They gave everything to spread the gospel, the good news of their Savior, Jesus Christ, so that others might know the salvation they had experienced.

I am eternally grateful that others shared that faith with me, as when I was a young child of 9 years old, I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. It is my Christian faith that shapes every area of my life. It is my purpose, my joy, my peace, and my confidence in my eternal destination.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman MILLER, again, for hosting this Special Order recognizing the importance of our faith.

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Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN).

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, as has been said earlier tonight, John Adams said: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

We are right now in danger in this country. We know that the government cannot establish a religion, but we live in a time in which our government is outright hostile to religion in general and to Christianity in particular.

We live under a welfare state in which we are openly hostile or certainly financially hostile to a traditional family.

During the 1960s, Kate Millett, a famous feminist, said that one of her goals is to destroy the American family, and the feminists had a lot of influence in the 1960s.

We have Black Lives Matter desiring to destroy the so-called western nuclear family, and countless Members of Congress stand with people like that.

The Marxists, of course—and many people are apparently following Marx—were hostile to the family.

We live in a time in which our sex education class is partly paid for by the Federal Government. When the Governor of Florida tries to delay these classes with graphic sex education until a person is 10 years old and that should have been 17 or 18 anyway, he is under attack.

We have the FBI monitoring Christian or religious parents who object to this anti-Christianity.

We are using our material wealth to lean on other countries around the world—Hungary, in particular, African countries, hostile to the practice of religion in those countries.

It is important that Congress, in particular, and Americans, in general, stand up and protect the Christian values and religious values that our country was founded under and stand up and prevent our current government from the hostility—not just neutrality; hostility—to the moral and religious people that our country was founded to protect.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. I thank my friends and colleagues for participating in this year's Special Order on Faith Month.

None of us knows what tomorrow holds, but we can rest assured that our sovereign God is watching over our Nation.

America has endured nearly 250 years, and I believe the secret to our greatness has been our faith in God.

Through vicious wars, economic hardships, and conflicts that threaten to rip us apart, God has graciously preserved the United States of America as a shining city on a hill.

As 2 Chronicles 7:14 says: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and heal their land."

If we truly humble ourselves, pray, repent, and turn from our sins, I believe that God will hear our prayers, forgive us, and heal our deeply divided land. We are never beyond the reach of His grace.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

HOUSE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills of the following titles:

January 19, 2024:

H.R. 2872. An Act making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

February 9, 2024:

H.R. 1568. An Act to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to protect personally identifiable information, and for other purposes.

March 1, 2024:

H.R. 7463. An Act making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024,

and for other purposes. (thru March 8, 2024 and March 22, 2024)

March 8, 2024:

H.R. 7454. An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

March 9, 2024:

H.R. 4366. An Act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills of the Senate of the following titles.

January 26, 2024:

S. 3222. An Act to ensure the security of office space rented by Senators, and for other purposes.

S. 3250. An Act to provide remote access to court proceedings for victims of the 1988 Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

February 6, 2024:

S. 3427. An Act to extend the authority to provide employees of the United States Secret Service with overtime pay beyond other statutory limitations, and for other purposes.

March 18, 2024:

S. 206. An Act to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry.

S. 1858. An Act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a deadline for applying for disaster unemployment assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, April 12, 2024, at 8 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3771. A letter from the Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Staff, OBPA, FCIC/RMA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Area Risk Protection Insurance Regulations; Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Coarse Grains Crop Insurance Provisions [Docket ID: FCIC-20-0005] (RIN: 0563-AC69) received April 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-3772. A letter from the Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Staff, OBPA, FCIC/RMA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Area Risk

Protection Insurance Regulations; Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions; Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Sunflower Seed Crop Insurance Provisions; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Dry Pea Crop Insurance Provisions [Docket ID: FCIC-20-0008] (RIN: 0563-AC70) received April 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-3773. A letter from the Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Staff, OBPA, FCIC/RMA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Northern Potato Crop Insurance--Quality Endorsement; Northern Potato Crop Insurance--Processing Quality Endorsement; Potato Crop Insurance--Certified Seed Endorsement; and Northern Potato Crop Insurance--Storage Coverage Endorsement [Docket ID: FCIC-21-0001] (RIN: 0563-AC71) received April 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-3774. A letter from the Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Staff, OBPA, FCIC/RMA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Dry Pea Crop Insurance Provisions and Dry Beans Crop Insurance Provisions [Docket ID: FCIC-21-0004] (RIN: 0563-AC72) received April 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-3775. A letter from the Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Staff, OBPA, FCIC/RMA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Small Grains Crop Insurance Provisions [Docket ID: FCIC-21-0002] (RIN: 0563-AC73) received April 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-3776. A letter from the Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Staff, OBPA, FCIC/RMA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Area Risk Protection Insurance Regulations and Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions [Docket ID: FCIC-21-0005] (RIN: 0563-AC74) received April 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-3777. A letter from the Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Staff, OBPA, FCIC/RMA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — General Administrative Regulations, Administrative Remedies for Non-Compliance; Area Risk Protection Insurance Regulations; Common Crop Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions; Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Sunflower Seed Crop Insurance Provisions; Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Coarse Grains Crop Insurance Provisions; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Dry Bean Crop Insurance Provisions [Docket ID: FCIC-21-0008] (RIN: 0563-AC76) received April 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-3778. A letter from the Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Staff, OBPA, FCIC/RMA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Pandemic Cover Crop Program [Docket ID: FCIC-22-0001] (RIN: 0563-AC77) received April 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-3779. A letter from the Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Staff, OBPA, FCIC/RMA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Crop Insurance Reporting and Other Changes (CIROC) [Docket ID: FCIC-22-0004] (RIN: 0563-