

## PRAYER

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

Gird us up, O God, for whatever lies ahead of us this day. Equip us for the work You would have us do in the situations we will face.

Do not let us take this preparation lightly, for the battles we fight are more than policies and politics. We do not wrestle just against contrary human opinions and opposing ambitions, but ours is a fight to preserve mutual understanding and respect in a world shrouded in the darkness of prejudice and gripped with hatred.

On each one here, You have placed a mantle of leadership for the living of these days, leadership which calls us to recover our moral bearings and uphold Your righteousness. May we each live up to the responsibilities with which You have entrusted us, responsibilities that compel us to choose what is faithful over what is expedient.

Then open our eyes to see the heavenly host that defends all that we aim to accomplish when we do so in accordance with Your will.

In the strength of Your name, we pray.

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 gentleman from Utah (Mr. CURTIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CURTIS 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.

## RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Police Week.

For me, Police Week started solemnly. On Monday, I attended the funeral of Santaquin Police Officer Bill Hooser. Sergeant Hooser is a hero, killed in the line of duty by a felon with a 20-year criminal history who had no right to be on Utah's roads.

At the funeral service, the Santaquin police chief said Hooser was the best field training officer he had ever seen. His work and dedication to other officers on the force undoubtedly have kept many safe.

This Police Week, I also remember Master Officer Joseph Shinnars of the Provo Police Department, who I worked alongside during my time as mayor. He was tragically killed in the line of duty in 2019.

I would like the family to know I still keep his picture on my desk in Provo in remembrance of his sacrifice and contribution. The Provo police chief described Shinnars as one of his all-star officers.

These men, and all of our officers killed in the line of duty, are heroes who gave their ultimate sacrifice to keep our communities and our families safe.

We owe our deepest gratitude to police officers and their families who wonder every morning if that will be the last time they see them.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF JIMMY JOHNSON

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to honor the life of Jimmy Johnson, one of the greatest cornerbacks in NFL history.

A product of Kingsburg High School in my California district, Jimmy was a gifted athlete and rose quickly through the ranks. He was also a good student and graduated from UCLA. He played 16 seasons with the San Francisco 49ers and was a member of the NFL's All-Decade Team in the 1970s.

He was known as the "Lonesome Cornerback" because his opponents rarely threw to his side of the field. Ask Bart Starr or Johnny Unitas. He was clearly a class act, a leader, and always respected by his teammates, yet he still intercepted those 47 passes and returned them for 615 yards.

In 1994, he was enshrined in the National Pro Football Hall of Fame with his brother as his presenter, the decathlon champion Rafer Johnson.

What a class act. What a team. For the 49er family and its fans, we mourn the loss of Jimmy Johnson, but his legacy will continue for the next generation of athletes and fans.

Jimmy Johnson was a class act.

## HEAD START GIVES CHILDREN A CHANCE TO SUCCEED

(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, since its inception 56 years ago, Head Start has improved the lives of more than 32 million children and their families.

Proudly, we continue to raise awareness about Head Start and the benefits it brings to America's children. Head Start gives every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, a chance to succeed in school and in life.

The Head Start model, developed over the decades, has been built on evidence-based practices and is constantly evolving, using the best available science and teaching techniques to meet the needs of local communities.

Head Start focuses on the whole child and the whole family. Head Start and Early Start programs are in small towns and big cities alike. It brings together parents, teachers, volunteers, and community leaders to create a quality program that truly gives lower income children a head start in life.

Madam Speaker, I applaud Head Start programs in the 15th Congressional District of Pennsylvania and throughout the Nation for helping so many Americans from all walks of life have a fair start in life.

## HONORING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor National Police Week and recognize our dedicated law enforcement officers in San Joaquin County. On behalf of all our families, I thank them.

I also want to take this opportunity to bring attention to and honor a vital part of our law enforcement departments: our canine officers and their dogs. Canine teams go into some of the most dangerous situations, and their work quite simply saves lives. My community has seen this bravery firsthand.

On February 19, 2023, after 6 years of service, we sadly lost Duke, a police canine for the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department. While apprehending an armed and dangerous suspect, Duke was killed in the line of duty. Duke's actions likely saved the life of one of our sheriff's deputies.

This past weekend, Duke was remembered alongside 25 other police canines that gave their lives in the line of duty last year, a worthy ceremony for a brave pup.

I thank all of our canine trainers and officers for the hard work they do. Families in San Joaquin County and across the country are safer because of their dedication. We are eternally grateful.

## CALIFORNIA'S AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, California's agricultural sector is a powerhouse, contributing over \$50 billion to our economy and all these amazing food products for U.S. consumers.

Since we produce so many of these fruits and vegetables at 90-plus percent, it is a key element. Our Nation's consumer base really depends on a

strong farm bill for the products that come from California and all over the country.

In a week, the House Agriculture Committee will hold a vote on this year's farm bill. I can say from personal experience that the committee has spent countless hours going around the country listening to people and taking into account all the things it takes to make our domestic food supply strong.

It aligns our farm safety net with the needs of producers as well as folks in need, and an incentive for conservation and market access are all elements of that.

I also have the privilege of chairing the Subcommittee on Forestry. We are focused on making our forests safer from devastating fire, which we have experienced in northern California with the loss of many lives, as has my dear friend, Representative TOKUDA, with Lahaina in Hawaii.

We have to do much better on making our communities and our lands fire safe to prevent unnecessary loss of life and unnecessary damage. The farm bill is going to be a big element in going forward and improving upon that situation. I look forward to a positive vote and success next week.

#### CELEBRATING EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and welcome the leadership of the East Bay Park District to this Chamber and to celebrate its 90th anniversary.

The park district has grown to encompass 73 regional parks, spanning 126,000 acres of parklands and over 1,300 miles of trails across the East Bay of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Even in its creation during the Great Depression, residents recognized the importance of what the park district would provide. A ballot measure to establish the park district and subsequent tax for land preservation received an overwhelming 71 percent of the vote in 1934. The park district's commitment to providing positive experiences in nature is truly inspiring.

I am very proud and grateful that the constituents that I represent can benefit from the largest regional park district in the United States.

Please join me in congratulating and celebrating the East Bay Park District for nine decades of commitment to preserving open space, providing safe and welcoming parks, and enhancing the quality of life across the San Francisco Bay Area and the East Bay, in particular.

#### CELEBRATING MEN AND WOMEN IN BLUE

(Ms. DE LA CRUZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Madam Speaker, this is Police Week, when we celebrate and honor the men and women in blue who put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities and families safe.

I am reminded of the bravery of Sergeant Adrian Alejandro. While serving in south Texas, Sergeant Alejandro, a 6-year veteran of the Mission Police Department, encountered an individual on foot. While conducting an interview, the individual pulled out a gun and shot him once in the torso. Sergeant Alejandro was able to return fire, striking the suspect twice.

By the grace of God and his training, Sergeant Alejandro survived this incident, and I pray for his continued recovery.

I am proud to stand with our police officers across the Rio Grande Valley and the entire district, who come out day after day to protect our communities.

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#### WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Madam Speaker, every May is Wildfire Awareness Month in Hawaii and across the United States, but this year in the wake of last August's wildfires, fire prevention and preparedness are very personal and urgent for my constituents.

The National Interagency Fire Center predicts above average, significant potential for wildfires across Hawaii, especially in leeward communities. We must prepare for a drier and hotter summer ahead, and in just a few weeks, the Pacific hurricane season will begin, increasing the potential for gusty winds and dangerous climate conditions.

While we cannot predict every situation, we know a vast majority of wildfires are human caused, which means we each play a critical role in preventing fires from starting in the first place.

Local, State, and Federal agencies must also work closely with our communities to implement prevention and mitigation measures, prepare and enhance emergency preparedness and evacuation plans, and establish better methods to monitor and respond to fires.

This is essential work and planning that must be done now. Sadly, as Representative LAMALFA and I know all too well, the Maui and Paradise fires have shown us just how deadly and destructive these fires can be. Now it is up to all of us to make sure it doesn't happen again.

#### POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. FLOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute America's peace officers during Police Week.

Every day, the men and women in blue keep our communities safe. Even as respect for police has waned in some quarters, I am proud to report that Nebraska has doubled down on our support for law enforcement.

In fact, Nebraska is the best place in the Nation to serve as a peace officer, and we are making it even better.

Before I came to Congress, I was the proud cosponsor of the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act in the Nebraska legislature 2 years ago. This bill provided a variety of cash incentives for officers to help agencies retain and recruit their workforce.

Last year, the legislature passed, and we became the first State in the Nation to provide free college tuition to police officers and firefighters and their immediate families.

Working in Nebraska just makes sense if you are a law enforcement officer. These are just two examples of how we are leading the Nation in recruiting and retaining the best peace officers in the Nation.

#### NATIONAL DAY OF LIGHT

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

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise to highlight my resolution recognizing today, May 16, as the National Day of Light.

Madam Speaker, 64 years ago Theodore Maiman, an American physicist, invented the first light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation, or LASER.

Since then, light-based technologies have grown to play a critical role in innovation. My community of Rochester, New York, is the proud home of one of the largest optics and photonics clusters in the Nation, companies employing thousands of individuals.

As co-chair of the Congressional Optics and Photonics Caucus, I am working to make certain that America capitalizes on the potential of light-based technologies, from photonic integrated circuits to quantum computing and communications which strengthens our economy and our national security.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting these important efforts.

Madam Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to shed some light on this under-illuminated celebration.

#### RECOGNIZING JOEL KRETZ

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize a newly retired public servant and good friend of