

the God who is in Heaven? Do You not still rule over all the kingdoms? Are You not sovereign over all the nations?

Power and might are in Your hands, and we call upon Your strength in our day. As nations war against nations and peoples have risen up against peoples, use Your sway to intervene in the conflicts between Israel and Hamas, Ukraine and Russia. Intervene in the disputes where we have resorted to violence in our hatred for each other.

We dare ask that You judge both the righteous and the unrighteous, weigh every deed on Your scale, that justice would prevail. Exact fitting punishment on the evildoers. And may Your mercy be a source of joy to the blameless.

In You alone do we find hope. Only when You intervene and bring an end to our warring madness, as You have done in the past, will we find peace.

O God in Heaven, establish Your rule over all the kingdoms. Reveal again Your sovereignty over all nations. Once more let Your justice roll like a river and Your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

In the power and might, the justice and mercy, the peace and love found only in Your name do 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 Chamber 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 Ohio (Mr. WENSTRUP) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WENSTRUP 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 FLAG DAY

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

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, there are things that we do in our lives each and every day that become so routine. There are things that become so rote as we go about them, and often that includes our Pledge of Allegiance.

Tomorrow is Flag Day. As we pledge our loyalty to this flag, think about what she has stood for. Think about where she has been: from the home of Betsy Ross to the streets of Concord, to the fields of Gettysburg, to the rocks of Iwo Jima, to the tundra of Korea, to the jungles of Vietnam, and to the deserts of the Middle East.

She has stood in our front yards. She has stood on the Moon. She has been

sadly placed over coffins and proudly raised at the Olympics. She is posted on the sides of humanitarian aid packages. She flies through the air. She sails across the seas. She marches over the land. She has stood for freedom in places around the world until freedom could stand on its own two feet.

Evildoers have feared her. Those in need have prayed for her arrival. She has always stood for exceptionalism, and for that, we do not apologize.

REINSTATE BANS ON MILITARY-STYLE WEAPONS AND HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES

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

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Gun Violence Awareness Month.

I am proud to represent Virginia's Seventh District. In the Commonwealth, we know far too well the horrors of gun violence that impact our communities.

From our universities to our Wal-marts, to our playgrounds, to our walking paths, to our elementary schools, people across our Commonwealth and the rest of the country have been impacted by acts of gun violence that forever change lives.

I am a former Federal agent. I used to carry a gun every single day. I know what it is to be a responsible gun owner, and I also know that background checks are proven to help law enforcement keep guns out of the hands of those who pose a danger to themselves and others.

We must ensure that we have background checks on all firearm purchases. I know that Congress must reinstate a ban on the manufacturing, sale, and transfer of military-style weapons and high-capacity magazines, and I urge Speaker Johnson to bring these measures forward.

RECOGNIZING PINE CREEK SEED FARM

(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 rise today to recognize Chris and Jenni McCracken from Clinton County, as their business, Pine Creek Seed Farm, was honored as the Eastern Pennsylvania Family-Owned Small Business of the Year for 2024 by the U.S. Small Business Administration's Eastern Pennsylvania District Office.

Pine Creek Seed Farm stands out with its comprehensive range of seed processing, mixing and blending, and distribution services. These services are uniquely tailored to customer specifications to ensure the delivery of high-quality seed at every stage in the distribution chain.

Family-owned small businesses like Pine Creek Seed Farm are the cornerstone of communities throughout Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District and play a central role in building a strong community, Commonwealth, and country.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Pine Creek Seed Farm on receiving this well-deserved award and thank them for their contribution to our community and to rural America.

It is my honor to represent family-owned small businesses such as Pine Creek Seed Farm in the Halls of Congress as the chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture.

CELEBRATING LAKE COMO

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Fort Worth's own Lake Como community for winning the celebrated Neighborhood of the Year award.

This is a neighborhood that I know well because this is the neighborhood that my family was raised in.

This recognition is given out by the nonprofit Neighborhoods USA, an organization that awards neighborhoods and communities that love where they live.

The Lake Como community is an amazing community that has been a part of Fort Worth for decades and decades now, a community with attorneys, with retired teachers, with servicepeople, a variety of different professions that really make this west Fort Worth community amazing.

We do an annual Fourth of July parade that is attended by thousands. Sometimes, you would be sitting on your porch, like I would sit on my grandmother's porch, and somebody may come by on horseback in the middle of one of the Nation's largest cities. That is the type of community it is.

It is a community with dozens of churches and other civic organizations that make them worthy of this award.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Lake Como on getting this award because it is well deserved.

CONGRATULATING TROY WHITESIDE, JR.

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Troy Whiteside, Jr., who just graduated from Cornell Law School.

Troy graduated from Webb School of Knoxville in 2015 and went on to Cornell University where he played basketball all 4 years and was a 4-year letterman.

Troy graduated with degree in hospitality and took his skills to Las Vegas to work in the hospitality and gaming industry, and he was a champion there.

He then decided to go back to Cornell Law School. He got a J.D./MBA, which is a dual degree in law and an MBA, so he has a total of three degrees from Cornell University, Mr. Speaker.

While he was an undergrad, Troy Jr. founded IvyUntold.com, a social media platform where Ivy League students can tell their stories since many of them have overcome a lot of challenges to get where they are. Troy Jr. was no different.

The Whitesides have been dear friends of my family for years. Troy Jr.'s parents, Troy and Jackie, took care of me and my dad when my mama died. They have been wonderful friends. They are a great family.

Troy and Jackie have been successful entrepreneurs. Troy Jr.'s brother, Donovan, on the far end, D-Man, he used to work with us up here in my first year in Congress.

I can't tell you how proud I am of this family. Donovan is now a daddy. Troy Jr., in his latest achievements on top of many others, is going on to greater things, Mr. Speaker. I look forward to seeing the bright future he has ahead of him, and I appreciate Troy, Jackie, Troy Jr., and Donovan.

RECOGNIZING CHILDREN'S WEEK

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Children's Week celebrated by First Focus on Children, a bipartisan group dedicated to serving children here in the United States and abroad.

Every decision that we make on the floor of the House has an impact on our children, from education to healthcare to the economy.

When we pass legislation to expand the child tax credit, we drastically reduce child poverty.

When we pass our bill to cap the cost of insulin for children, we keep hundreds of thousands of children healthy without their families going broke.

When we continue our work on bills to make childcare, housing, and food more affordable, we are making life just a little bit easier for our children and families.

Giving our children a voice in legislation means taking responsibility for their success. What could be more important?

We must do more. Every week should be Children's Week.

REMEMBERING NATALIE AND DAVY LLOYD

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

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, today, my heart and the hearts of my colleagues here are broken, especially the hearts of the citizens in southwest Mis-

souri and Oklahoma, as we ache and mourn the devastating loss of Natalie and Davy Lloyd.

Last month, their lives were tragically cut short by gang violence in Haiti while they were serving as missionaries at an orphanage. Natalie and Davy were too good for this Earth. They were steadfast disciples of Christ, walking in his footsteps and spreading his love to all that they encountered.

Their faith was a guiding force that shaped every aspect of their lives. As we struggle with the pain of their loss, let's draw strength from the knowledge that they are now reunited with their Heavenly Father for all eternity.

Rest in peace, Natalie and Davy. Your faith-filled lives will continue to inspire us forever. You will be dearly missed.

CELEBRATING HOMEOWNERSHIP

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and celebrate June as National Homeownership Month.

We know the vital role that homeownership plays in building strong, sustainable, inclusive communities. It is critical that our shared goal is making quality, affordable homes available in every corner of the American experience.

In 2017, my home of the Virgin Islands was devastated by two Category 5 hurricanes, Irma and Maria. Seven years later, the housing stock of the Virgin Islands is only just recovering to pre-storm levels. Homeownership remains difficult to achieve as demand dramatically outstrips supply, distorting the market.

I am heartened by the Department of Housing and Urban Development's efforts to expand access to homeownership nationwide, reversing the effects of decades of redlining and other forms of discrimination or keeping individuals out.

We know that homeownership is the greatest means for families to build wealth. I stand in celebration of former Secretary of HUD MARCIA FUDGE and the continued work of Acting HUD Secretary Adrienne Todman, a fellow Virgin Islander. I urge continued congressional support for home-building programs in any corner of the American experience.

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MEDINA STUDENTS TAKE THE OATH OF ENLISTMENT

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, recently 21 students from schools across Medina County, in the heart of

my district in Ohio, raised their right hands at Brunswick High School and solemnly swore to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic.

They took the oath of enlistment in the military. It is the same oath I proudly took over 11 years ago in the United States Marine Corps.

Few people ever serve in the military. These days even fewer do. The American culture used to revere those who joined to put their lives on the line for this country. While that sentiment may have dwindled in recent years, students from my district promised to serve.

These young men and women will gain leadership experience at 18 years old that most people will never have. They will gain the confidence to move through this world and the discipline to know the difference between right and wrong, and that will last a lifetime.

They are brave. They are noble. They are the future leaders of our country. It is honorable what they did, and I am honored that they are my constituents. I thank them for their future service.

RECOGNIZING INVEST NEBRASKA

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Invest Nebraska and their work fostering a new generation of entrepreneurs.

Since the early 2000s, Invest Nebraska has supported startups by backing high-potential businesses across the Cornhusker State.

In the decades since their founding, they provided millions of dollars in capital to startups in industries ranging from software to agriculture to healthcare.

Over the years, Invest Nebraska has assisted 155 companies and supported the creation of more than 1,200 jobs across the State. Under the leadership of Invest Nebraska CEO Dan Hoffman, our State went from dead last in the Nation in venture capital investment to 29th.

Thanks in part to their vision and success, Invest Nebraska has earned the moniker "Silicon Prairie" with tech startups popping up across the Cornhusker State.

Invest Nebraska does outstanding work growing businesses that provide great jobs in Nebraska.

Mr. Speaker, I thank them for their good work.

BIDENOMICS HARMS FAMILIES

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, according to a recent Labor Department report, since Biden, prices