



United States
of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 118th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 170

WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

No. 173

House of Representatives

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

PRAYER

Pastor Clark Boshier, Willow Park Baptist Church, Willow Park, Texas, offered the following prayer:

Our Father, how grateful we are for the privilege that is ours to gather here today, and how thankful we are for Your Son, the living Lord Jesus Christ, God, who is the hope of the world.

We are thankful that, God, we can confess our sins and know that, God, we cannot save ourselves and that, God, we can turn to Your Son, the Lord Jesus. He said whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved, and we thank You for that.

God, how we thank You for the privilege that is ours to know Him as Savior and Lord of our lives and, God, to live in a country where we are free. God, we are free because of men and women who go around the world and who, for freedom, God, fight and live and die so that, God, we can have moments like this in our lives.

God, how I pray today that You would protect our military. I pray You bless those men and women all around the world, that they would know Your favor and they would know Your blessings.

God, for the men and women who make up our Congress, would You put Your hand upon them. You said if any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, so, God, would You give them wisdom, would You give them Your favor, would You give them Your anointing. God, would You let them know about life and where it begins and where it ends and, God, who is the giver of life, and that would be You.

God, I pray today that, God, You would help us to know that Your Word says suffer the little children to come

unto me, for such is the kingdom of God.

God, would You remind us of what Your Word says in 2 Chronicles, where it says if my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

God, remind us that righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people, so, God, put Your hand on us today as a nation. God, give us Your mercy. God, give us Your grace. God, give us Your favor.

God, especially today, as Congress meets, would You put Your hand on them and let them know that, God, one day, all of us will give an accounting of our lives and our decisions to You. God, in advance, I want You to know that we love You, and, God, we praise You, and, God, we thank You for your Son, Jesus Christ, because it is in His name that we do pray.

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 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. TLAIB 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 PASTOR CLARK BOSHER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WILLIAMS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome my dear friend, Pastor Clark Boshier, to our Nation's Capitol for the distinct honor of opening the House floor in prayer.

For nearly two decades, Pastor Boshier has led Willow Park Baptist Church in the great State of Texas, where my family and I have been blessed to know him. Under his leadership, our church has flourished, and countless lives have been transformed. His ability to deliver the Word of God across all walks of life leaves a lasting impact on so many.

It is an honor to have Pastor Boshier here with us today. My prayer is that he inspires us all in his prayer, through his words, as we work for the American people. In God we trust.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

CONGRATULATING CADET COLONEL CORY MATEJOVICH

(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 to congratulate Cadet Colonel Cory Matejovich on earning the General Carl A. Spaatz Award.

The Spaatz award is Civil Air Patrol's highest cadet honor. Since 1964, the Spaatz award has been presented to

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper.

H6157

cadets who have demonstrated excellence in leadership, character, fitness, and aerospace education.

Cadets qualify for this prestigious award after progressing through 16 achievements in the CAP Cadet Program. Along the way, they develop self-discipline, leadership abilities, and the foundations necessary for pursuing a career in aviation, space, or technology.

Recently, Howard native Cadet Colonel Cory Matejovich earned his Spaatz award. He is among only 2,559 individuals to have achieved this honor.

Along with the Spaatz award, Colonel Matejovich is an exceptional student and athlete, ranking in the top percent of his class and competing in three varsity sports.

Mr. Speaker, through the years of hard work, discipline, and leadership, Colonel Matejovich has exemplified the core values of the Civil Air Patrol and inspired those around him.

Receiving the Spaatz award is no small feat. I commend Colonel Matejovich for his dedication.

CELEBRATING BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PORT OF HOUSTON

(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, last week, we learned that the Port of Houston will receive more than \$25 million in a grant to support critical infrastructure improvements.

This funding will enhance export capacity, reduce emissions, and create good-paying jobs across the Houston region.

This is more than just a grant. It is a commitment to the safety, sustainability, and economic strength of Houston and its surrounding communities.

Mr. Speaker, this milestone was made possible by the bipartisan infrastructure law, which marked its third anniversary last week, for which I thank the President.

When we passed that law, we responded to the call of Americans who were ready to get back to work. They were ready to invest in communities and neighborhoods all across the Nation. They were ready to build a better tomorrow.

We are doing that in the greater Houston region. We are putting people over politics.

BURNT BEAN COMPANY EARNS BIB GOURMAND AWARD

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

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with immense pride to honor the incredible achievement of Ernest Servantes and David Kirkland, the talented owners of Burnt Bean Company, a barbecue restaurant in Seguin, Texas.

They were recently presented with the prestigious Bib Gourmand award during the inaugural Michelin Guide Texas ceremony in Houston. This recognition places Burnt Bean Company among an elite group of 45 distinguished establishments across Texas.

Ernest and David's dedication and passion have not only earned them this award but also three James Beard Award nominations in the past, affirming Burnt Bean Company's place as culinary leaders in our Nation.

Today, we celebrate Burnt Bean Company as a beacon of hard work, creativity, and excellence that continues to put Seguin and Texas on the map.

CONGRATULATING ART HAYWOOD

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I celebrate Senator Art Haywood's 10th anniversary in the Pennsylvania State Senate.

Senator Haywood is not only my former colleague but also a longtime friend and neighbor. In fact, we both have the privilege of representing Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, he in Harrisburg and I in Washington.

Ignited by President Obama's 2008 campaign and aided by a savvy friend, Senator Haywood got in the arena. He became one of the first of two African-American township commissioners on the Cheltenham Board of Commissioners in 2009, eventually serving as board president.

As State senator, Art dutifully serves Abington, Cheltenham, Jenkintown, Rockledge, and Springfield in our shared Montgomery County, as well as Mt. Airy, Germantown, West Oak Lane, Logan, and Chestnut Hill in Philadelphia.

In Harrisburg, Art tackles issues at the heart of his communities: voting rights, gun rights, homelessness, and poverty, including his yearslong advocacy to raise the minimum wage.

When he is not fighting for us, you might find Art riding his bike and connecting with neighbors. Together with his wife, Julie, co-chair of the Cheltenham School District, the Haywoods are community leaders. I congratulate Art.

CELEBRATING 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

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

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week, a time to recognize the value of hands-on training and the incredible opportunities of apprenticeships that are offered to American workers and businesses.

As a strong believer in the dignity of hard work and the power of education, I know that apprenticeships serve as a vital bridge between learning and earning. They empower individuals to gain valuable skills in industries that form the backbone of our American economy, all while earning a paycheck and building a lifelong career.

Whether in AI technology, cybersecurity, construction, or countless other fields, these programs open pathways of success for countless Americans. In south Florida and across the Nation, apprenticeships transform lives and strengthen our communities.

Apprenticeships are not just investments in the people of our community, they are investments in America's competitiveness on the global stage.

On this 10th anniversary of National Apprenticeship Week, let us continue to champion programs that open doors for young people and working families so that we can build a stronger, more skilled workforce for generations to come.

FUNDING LIVONIA'S SENIOR WELLNESS CENTER

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to present the city of Livonia in the beautiful 12th Congressional District with \$1.25 million in community project funding for their new senior wellness center.

There are 30,000 seniors who are 60 or older living in the city of Livonia, and this facility will provide them with a better quality of life as an accessible resource with services and programs.

Earlier this year, I was honored to attend the groundbreaking for the new project with Mayor Brosnan and a number of other elected officials.

Our seniors have played a vital role in shaping our communities, especially communities like Livonia, and it is our responsibility to ensure that they retire with dignity, respect, and access to the resources they need.

I am honored to be able to fight in Congress for all of my seasoned residents in Livonia and throughout the 12th Congressional District. I will continue to always have their back.

RECOGNIZING NEW YORK STATE PURPLE HEART TRAIL

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, New York has a long and distinguished history of supporting our servicemembers and veterans, from the battlefields of the Revolutionary War to those serving today at Fort Drum and Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. It is our duty to honor these courageous individuals in New York-24.

We especially remember the members of our armed services who have been