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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

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

PRAYER

Reverend Christopher Legg, South Spring Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, King of Kings, Abba Father, and friend, help me to remember that every prayer is before You, the creator of all things and the lover of our souls.

Whether we acknowledge You or not, guard us and guide us. Be our vision and our wisdom, and protect us from our own.

Search us, know us, try us, and reveal us. See if there be any grievous way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Forgive us our pride, our lies, lack of appreciation for Your truth and Your love. We know You are doing a new thing. We see it springing up. Make known to us the path of life, help us experience the full joy of Your presence and the eternal pleasures at Your right hand.

We ask all of this according to the sanctifying work of Your spirit, for obedience to Your Son and the sprinkling of His blood, and according to Your perfect knowledge.

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 Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. COLLINS 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 REVEREND CHRISTOPHER LEGG

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a devoted servant of the Lord and Savior, my pastor and friend, Chris Legg, of South Spring Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas.

I have known Pastor Legg now for almost a decade. He is a dedicated, authentic, and humble shepherd of the flock entrusted to him, and he is one of the most insightful teachers of Scripture I have ever encountered.

Every Sunday through his teaching, I am challenged to more closely align my heart and my actions with the righteousness of the living God. Committed to discipleship, Pastor Legg understands that we are all ministers of the Gospel, but he also understands that we are all broken people in need of a Savior. If we doubt that, he simply reminds us to look in the mirror.

Whether it is from the pulpit at South Spring, at Alethia Family Coun-

seling Center, behind the microphone during his Reconstructed Faith podcast, or simply engaging with everyone he meets, Pastor Legg does his best to point this lost world to a Savior who loves us each unconditionally and who came to bring us eternal life and life more abundantly.

It is my great honor to sponsor Pastor Legg, husband to Ginger, father to five, and friend to all, as Guest Chaplain to deliver the opening prayer before the United States House of Representatives.

On behalf of east Texas, I thank Chris and Ginger for their lifetime of dedication to the Gospel.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EZELL). The Chair will entertain up to 5 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

BIDDING FAREWELL TO REPRESENTATIVE DEBBIE LESKO

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I am immensely grateful to call DEBBIE LESKO not only a colleague but also a genuine friend. She is someone I admire. DEBBIE is one of the kindest and most forgiving people I have ever met in my life. I can attest to that personally because she forgave me in a very big way.

She has built a reputation as a rock-ribbed Conservative champion. From

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her time in the Arizona State Legislature to her service here within the people's House, she never faltered in her work to protect the values and God-given freedoms of her constituents and the American people.

Her friendship and collegiality will be sorely missed as we enter into a new Congress, but I know that wherever she goes, she will continue to leave a positive, indelible mark with her work and passion. God bless DEBBIE, and may He continue to bless her family as she turns the page and enters a new chapter in her life.

HONORING DON POSTLES

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a titan of western New York's media landscape, Don Postles, who is retiring at the end of this month.

Don's career is marked by a strong commitment to journalistic integrity, pursuit of the truth, and service to the public.

After 10 years with Channel 2 and Channel 7, in 1993, he joined Channel 4 as a reporter and rose to become the station's lead co-anchor alongside his colleague, Jacquie Walker. Buffalonians have come to trust Don Postles' voice as one of honesty and integrity, guiding us through our highest of highs and lowest of lows.

Whether it was our Buffalo Bills and Sabres bringing home a victory, or a dangerous blizzard bearing down on the region, Don Postles' dedication to keeping folks informed has never wavered.

His dedication and hard work leave behind an inspiring example for the next generation of journalists to follow. On behalf of the residents of Buffalo and all of our western New York community, I thank Don. May he enjoy his hard-earned retirement.

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

(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 before you today to recognize "a date which will live in infamy," the words President Franklin Roosevelt used in this very Chamber following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On December 7, 1941, our great Nation was suddenly attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy, leading to the deaths of 2,043 American servicemembers and civilians. Mr. Speaker, 83 years later, we remember these brave souls who lost their lives that day defending our very freedoms.

On August 23, 1994, Congress created the National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day to honor the lives lost each

year. We once again recognize and remember every man and woman who laid down their life for the United States that day.

We are forever indebted to their sacrifices. In a time of war, our great Nation was able to preserve. Let this day be a reminder to us that our freedoms should never be taken for granted. God bless those who lost their lives that day, and God bless America.

THE COURAGE OF JOE EITL

(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, government is at its best when it helps those in need.

That is the story of Collegeville resident, Joe Eitl. Joe was born with a rare heart condition that meant only half of his heart worked properly. For years, he endured surgery and after surgery, and still at 37, Joe suffered heart and liver failure.

A transplant was his only hope. The family's nationwide search began, and in 2020 at Vanderbilt University Hospital, Joe became the first person with Down syndrome to receive a combined heart and liver transplant.

What made this possible? Medicare. Medicare saves lives. It saved Joe. Without it, thousands of Americans would not have the chance at the life they deserve. Through it all, Joe's courageous and contagious spirit never wavered. His story is not the story of sorrow, but of joy and enduring strength and of the power of community.

From his parents, Craig and Peg, to doctors, nurses, family, friends, and co-workers, Joe had love and support. May the Eitl story be the story for many others in acute need. Now, Joe is competing again with joy in the Special Olympics, a remarkable feat for a remarkable young man.

RECOGNIZING JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF JANIS MANGUM

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

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of one of Georgia's finest law enforcement officers. Jackson County Sheriff Janis Mangum will be leaving the force at the end of this year, marking an end to an incredible and historic 39-year career.

Since 1985, Sheriff Mangum has devoted her life to protecting the innocent, keeping dangerous criminals off our streets, and serving as a leader to the law enforcement officers in Jackson County and throughout Georgia.

From her time as a radio operator to being elected as the second female sheriff in Georgia history, Sheriff Mangum leaves a legacy that saved

countless lives and struck fear in the hearts of Georgia's criminals.

She was named 2023 Georgia Sheriff of the Year, and has received so many accolades and awards for her hard work and dedication, that I truthfully do not have time to list them all.

Know this, when there was a call to serve, she answered. On behalf of Georgia's 10th Congressional District, I thank her for her commitment to Jackson County and the sacrifices she has made to keep us safe. She will truly be missed.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1984 SUMMER OLYMPICS

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles, a momentous event that redefined what the Olympics could achieve and left a lasting legacy for our Nation and the world.

The 1984 Games were groundbreaking, the first privately financed, and most financially successful in history. With 5.7 million tickets sold and events across 4,000 square miles of southern California, they captivated the world and showcased Los Angeles as a global leader.

More than a display of athletic excellence, the 1984 Games ushered in a new era of innovation, technology, and inclusivity, while fostering international good will and reminding us that sport has the power to unite where politics may divide.

From this success, the LA84 Foundation was born, ensuring that the legacy of the 1984 Olympics continues to benefit future generations. Over the past four decades, the foundation has supported millions of young people, built vital infrastructure, and led the national conversation on play, equity, and youth development.

As we look ahead to the 2028 Olympics, Los Angeles will once again welcome the world, offering a unique opportunity to harness the soft power of sport to promote peace, strengthen global relationships, and inspire future generations. Let us build on this legacy as we prepare to unite the world once again in 2028.

DELAYS IN THE FAFSA SYSTEM

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, across our country, students continue to face uncertainty caused by the delays in the Federal Student Aid system.

Unfortunately, the Biden administration's botched rollout of the FAFSA program this past school year left students not knowing whether they would receive aid.