

lost principles. Every other correction is either useless or a new evil."

We have the power to remedy this. With decisions like Citizens United and the actions of this administration, it is not going to be easy, but my constituents and the American people have the power to stand up and make their voices heard. They should keep speaking out and sharing stories.

Do not let this be normal. Together, we must remove corruption and restore its lost principles.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STUTZMAN). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLOODY SUNDAY

(Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, we are in a dark time, but this is no time to retreat or to despair because we have been in dark times in this country before.

This past weekend, along with dozens of my colleagues and hundreds of others, I had the opportunity, the chance, to travel to Selma, Alabama, to recall and reflect on the 60th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, where courageous Americans, many of them just children, protested for the right to vote.

In his "Letter from Birmingham Jail," Martin Luther King teaches us of the danger of indifference and shallow understanding, and yet he teaches us of the power of collective action. King warned us not just of the "hateful words and actions of the bad people," but also "the appalling silence of the good people."

This must not be a time of shallow understanding, not a time for lukewarm acceptance. I call out the appalling silence of so many of my colleagues in the face of what we will vote on today, in the face of what we have seen from this administration: cuts to veterans, cuts to families, and a threat to eliminate Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

I first crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge back in 2019 with our late colleague, Congressman John Lewis. He told us then and is telling us now that when we see something that is not right, not fair, not just, we have to speak up. We have to say something. Why else would we be here? We have to do something. We have to act.

Let us recommit ourselves to the cause of justice. Let us remember the lessons of King, of Lewis, and of so many others who sacrificed so much, including their very lives, and let us do something.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 21 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. AMODEI of Nevada) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Holy God, You have chosen us, each of us, and called us holy and beloved. When we let that sink in, that You, the Lord of all creation would love us, we either cannot fathom why You do, or we boast in our presumed worthiness.

In the hearts of those who doubt they are loveable, let alone that You would deign to love them, through our acts of compassion, our words of kindness, our willingness to forgive whatever wrong they may have done to us, may we plant seeds that bear the fruit of Your acceptance, of Your mercy, and of Your desire to convey to them that nothing can separate them from Your love.

And in the hearts of those who believe they have a leg up on others, who assume superiority or entitlement, through our acts of compassion, words of kindness, and our willingness to forgive whatever wrong they may have done to us, may we plant seeds that bear the fruit of Your humility, Your forbearance, and Your desire that they separate themselves from anything that does not reflect Your love.

May we all be renewed in the knowledge that we are each made in the image of our creator. And may we accept Your mercy, reflect Your grace, and reveal Your love this day.

In Your eternal 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 Virginia (Mr. MCGUIRE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCGUIRE 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests

for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ANNE MOORE-SPARKS

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

Mr. MCGUIRE. Mr. Speaker, we have some amazing people in Virginia's Fifth Congressional District that spend their life helping others.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish happy birthday to the president of the Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce, Anne Moore-Sparks, who celebrated her birthday on March 1.

Anne is a native of Danville and graduate of Averett University and the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia. She has lived her entire life in service to the citizens of Danville and Pittsylvania County.

As President of the Chamber, she has led the charge to build a secure economy in southside Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Anne on her success and wish her a happy birthday.

HONORING LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. HAZEL N. DUKES

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Hazel Dukes, a former civil rights champion and the former president of the NAACP New York State Conference.

After her family migrated to New York from the South, Dr. Dukes became involved in the fight for racial justice and spent more than seven decades tirelessly fighting for voting rights, economic development, fair housing, and education.

She was ultimately selected by Lyndon B. Johnson to head the Head Start program.

Dr. Dukes was an active and dynamic leader. She was someone that you will never forget. If I could describe her, I would say that Dr. Dukes was Harlem, and in many ways, Harlem was her.

Mr. Speaker, we will always remember her as an icon and the heartbeat of Harlem and the NAACP. She will always be with us in thought. May she rest in power. Harlem loves her.

VOTING ON A CONTINUING RESOLUTION

(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, today, House Republicans will vote on a continuing resolution which

will avoid a government shutdown and fund core government services.

President Trump backs the legislation so that “we can continue to put the country’s financial house in order.”

Among the benefits today, it maintains government operations without increasing borrowing more of taxpayers’ money. It increases border security. It supports veterans and ensures full funding for their healthcare services and benefits. It enhances defense investments and includes the largest pay raise for junior enlisted troops in over 40 years.

The continuing resolution is necessary to support the agenda of President Trump on behalf of American families and allows Congress to address Federal waste, fraud, and abuse.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators put all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks imminent as warned by the FBI. Trump is reinstating existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength.

HER NAME WAS BREONNA TAYLOR

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

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, 5 years ago, a young Louisville woman was killed in the middle of the night by police officers who forced entry into her home without warning.

Her name was Breonna Taylor.

While we will never forget how Breonna Taylor died, we get to choose to remember how she lived. Breonna was a sister, a daughter, and a girlfriend.

Breonna was a caregiver, working at Louisville’s emergency room to save lives. Breonna was a 26-year-old with her whole life in front of her. She had dreams, including of becoming a mom someday.

Breonna loved her family, her community, and more than anything, she loved life.

In the face of injustice, we cannot be silent. We must speak up. We must say her name: Breonna Taylor.

TAXPAYERS SHOULD KNOW HOW THE GOVERNMENT IS SPENDING THEIR HARD-EARNED MONEY

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, over the past few weeks, DOGE has been hard at work locating wasteful spending and improving the efficiency of the Federal Government, something that has been a priority for me during my time in Congress.

For many years, I have worked in a bipartisan manner to highlight and target government waste, fraud, and abuse.

Over 4 years ago, my legislation, the Taxpayers Right-to-Know Act, passed the House and became law.

This bipartisan legislation required the Office of Management and Budget to publish an online inventory of each agency’s Federal programs to streamline duplicative programs and prevent wasteful spending on ineffective programs.

Last year, the OMB officially launched the Federal Program Inventory, representing a vital first step in increasing transparency and providing us with the tools necessary to eliminate government waste.

Along with OMB Director and DOGE, I remain committed to ensuring that taxpayers know how the government is spending their hard-earned money.

HONORING RICHARD “RICHY” PERLMAN WITH THE KEY TO THE CITY OF WORCESTER

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on January 25, I had the honor of joining Worcester Mayor Joe Petty, former State Senate President Harriette Chandler, and other community leaders to present Richard “Richy” Perlman with the Key to the city of Worcester.

It was a moving ceremony for a man who has spent his life quietly serving others.

For over 110 years, three generations of Perlmans, have provided care and comfort to families during their most difficult moments.

As a funeral director, Richy has ensured that every person is treated with dignity and respect, honoring sacred traditions that have stood the test of time, including the sacred Jewish ritual of Tahara.

Richy’s service has strengthened our community and upheld the values of compassion, faith, and humanity. Worcester is better because of him. I was proud to stand with so many local leaders to celebrate Richy’s contributions, and I congratulate him, once again, on receiving this great honor.

RECOGNIZING MARCH 13 AS K9 VETERAN’S 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 today to recognize March 13 as K9 Veteran’s Day, honoring the courageous dogs who serve alongside our men and women in uniform.

The legacy of military working dogs dates back to Sergeant Stubby, the most decorated war dog of World War I.

Stubby served in 17 battles, warning his unit of poison gas attacks, detecting incoming artillery, and finding wounded soldiers.

On March 13, 1942, the U.S. military officially established the K9 Corps, recognizing the importance of war dogs.

Since then, these highly-trained canines have served in conflicts from Korea and Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today, over 3,000 military working dogs are deployed worldwide protecting our troops and supporting critical missions. For decades, however, these heroic dogs were classified as “equipment” and often left behind after service.

Thankfully, since the year 2000, retired military dogs can be adopted, usually by their handlers, ensuring they receive the care and the love that they deserve and have earned.

Our canine veterans have served our country with loyalty and bravery. Today, we recognize them as the heroes that they are.

REMEMBERING THE LEGENDARY DR. HAZEL DUKES

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

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life, the legacy, and the leadership of the legendary Hazel Dukes.

Dr. Dukes was a New York icon, a remarkable role model, and an American hero who helped to breathe life into the principles of liberty and justice for all and equal protection under the law.

As an iconic president of the NAACP and the leader of our New York chapter for decades, Dr. Dukes was a fierce civil rights champion, a defender of democracy, and a powerful voice for the voiceless.

She never hesitated to speak truth to power and always fought for a nation designed to be the best version of herself.

The lasting impact of Dr. Dukes will be felt for decades to come, including through her work to launch the Head Start program nationally and her continued support for children and families all across the United States of America, fighting to make sure that every single child had access to a high-quality education so they could experience the American Dream.

I pray for Hazel’s son, Ronald, the entire Dukes family, and all who loved her. May she forever rest in peace.

Mr. Speaker, God bless Hazel Dukes, God bless New York, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

WARNING TO COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

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

Mr. MCDOWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a warning to college basketball teams across our country: The Panthers are coming.

For the first time in history, the High Point University men’s and women’s basketball teams have both