

While his athletic pursuits were quite enough to make him a Rogers Mountie Hall of Famer, his greatest contributions, Madam Speaker, came over the next nearly 70 years as a friend of the program.

First, it was as a volunteer, working with and for the program to make sure every athlete had what they needed to succeed. The passion was intense. The ingredient? Chicken. Yes, chicken.

For 55 years, Whitey's Chicken Cookin' Crew gathered at a pit near the tracks on Locust Street, and over that span raised an estimated \$1.5 million. The aroma emanating from the pit had a unique and mysterious way of slowing traffic to a halt. Passersby knew two things: Five bucks would get you a delicious meal, and those dollars would flow right back into the community. Like Whitey always said: It is for the kids.

Whitey Smith was also a businessman, having owned and operated Ozark Fence Company for over 50 years. The headquarters was a favorite gathering place for those in his circle. The potluck events were a regular happening. It became a who's who of the community who joined in the fun.

I also knew when I drove down Cherry Street and saw his pickup between the tracks and the shop, Whitey was there, likely planning his next benefit.

Madam Speaker, I know that in every community big and small there are individuals who have a special fondness for serving. In Rogers, that guy was Whitey Smith.

Inducted into the Rogers High School Hall of Fame in 1990, he was a staple in the community, and today the football stadium and a scholarship bear his name.

Whitey was well into his public service when I played against Rogers in the 1970s, but after moving to Rogers in 1979 and for 12 years as its mayor, I can attest to the tireless and selfless work of this pillar of the community.

It is my high honor to recognize him here on the floor of the House of Representatives for his contributions to the kids and his personal example.

To Janice, Becky, Tim, and his extended family, our heartfelt sorrow for their loss. May Nonnie Alvis "Whitey" Smith rest in eternal peace. May his legacy of service and compassion always inspire and be remembered.

□ 1230

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Eternal God, Your wisdom has taught us that there is a time for everything, and there is a season for all things.

We celebrate the birth of loved ones and grieve the death of those who matter most to us. We look for opportunity to plant and plan carefully the time to reap. The same is true for our inclination to tear down and our desire to build.

On this day, may we recognize the moments that we are meant to be silent and hold our tongues and then use carefully the time we are given to speak Your truth. May our love be for Your perfect will and our hate employed only by Your righteous right hand.

You, O Lord, have made everything beautiful in its time, and You have set eternity in our hearts, yet no one can fathom Your gracious intent.

Grant us patience as we wrestle with the things we cannot accept. Grant us strength as we dare to change the things that arrive in our time to change and Your eternal wisdom to appreciate the season to which You have called us.

In Your holy name, we 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 gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. CRAIG) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. CRAIG 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.

VICTORY DAY FOR WWII

(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, I am grateful President Donald Trump announced the United States will now mark May 8 as Victory Day for World War II to commemorate the anniversary of the American and Allied triumph over national socialism and fascism.

Aligning with the annual commemorations held by our Allies in Europe, the victory largely was due to American Armed Forces, with nearly a quarter of a million killed, 250,000. Without

the sacrifice of our soldiers, this war would not have been won, according to the White House proclamation.

Victory Day reaffirms American courage today and defeats the insane propaganda of war criminal Putin, where his stooge, Dmitry Medvedev, denounced the truth of President Donald Trump as "pretentious nonsense."

Stooge Medvedev should remember September 17, 1939, when Moscow, allied with Hitler, invaded Poland, killing 60,000 Poles in just 5 weeks, dividing the country in half.

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 reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies with fellow dictators at his Red Square military parade instead of agreeing to Trump's request for a cease-fire, saving Ukrainian lives.

HONORING BURNSVILLE FALLEN OFFICERS

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

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Police Week and recognize the law enforcement officers and first responders who put themselves in harm's way each and every day to keep our community safe, we must remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

I rise today to honor three fallen heroes from Minnesota's Second Congressional District who lost their lives in the line of duty last year: Officers Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge and Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth were shot and killed while responding to a domestic violence call in Burnsville.

Their deaths have left a gaping hole in the Burnsville community and especially in our local law enforcement agencies. They will never be forgotten.

However, telling their stories is not enough. As Members of Congress, we must also recommit to making sure our officers have the resources they need to stay safe on the job so that a tragedy like this never happens again.

HONORING LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER "KIT" BOND

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness today that I rise to honor the life and legacy of former U.S. Senator Christopher "Kit" Bond of Missouri.

Leslie and I join the Bond family, the Show Me State, and a grateful Nation in mourning the loss of one of Missouri's favorite sons.

Kit was a true statesman and a mentor to many, including myself. He represented the highest ideal of public service.

Having served for more than 40 years, including as Missouri's youngest-ever Governor and later as United States Senator, Kit's impact can be felt all over Missouri and across America.

Through various roles, Senator Bond prioritized improving care for our Nation's veterans, providing support for a strong and well-equipped U.S. military, and delivering for the residents of his beloved Missouri. We are proud to continue his legacy of service on the Appropriations Committee today.

It brings me hope to know that Kit now rests with his Heavenly Father, and we are eternally grateful for his lifetime of service.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL CARL MILLER

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, a distinguished resident of Indialantic, Florida, Lance Corporal Carl Miller.

While serving in Vietnam, he was critically wounded by a mortar but survived through remarkable courage. For his valor, he received the Purple Heart and was later inducted into the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame.

However, his service did not end on the battlefield. Corporal Miller continues to lead and inspire. He has served as commander of the Space Coast Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and he actively mentors Brevard County JROTC programs and students, shaping the next generation of proud Americans.

Mr. Speaker, Lance Corporal Carl Miller exemplifies the very best of our Nation's values. I am proud to honor his service and his lifelong commitment to his fellow veterans and our home community. I salute my friend, Lance Corporal Carl Miller.

THANKING LYNN MINGES

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

Mr. MOORE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Lynn Minges as she steps down from her role as president and CEO of the North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association.

We worked together during my time as speaker of the North Carolina House, and I have seen her fight for the folks who run our restaurants, hotels, and other institutions during some of the industry's biggest challenges like the COVID shutdowns when so many were just trying to stay afloat.

One of her biggest wins with her team was helping pass the brunch bill,

which gave businesses more flexibility and modernized some of our State's regulations. She was also a major advocate for recovery funds to help restaurants and hotels hit hardest by the pandemic. That kind of support made a real difference for people across North Carolina.

She has had a steady hand in the industry for job creators that mean a lot to our State's economy. I wish her well in this next chapter, and I thank her for her years of service.

PROTECTING OUR CONSTITUTION

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

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, when I was sworn into office, I took an oath to protect the Constitution of this great Nation.

I am an immigrant who came to this country with just \$20 in my pocket. The United States has given me so much. I love America, and I will do anything to protect our Constitution and our democratic values.

Donald J. Trump has been committing crimes since day one: bribery, corruption, taking power from Congress, creating an unlawful office in DOGE, violating First Amendment rights, ignoring due process, and finally refusing to abide by a unanimous Supreme Court ruling.

Just as I stand here in the House of Representatives, Mr. Trump is traveling to the Middle East to accept a gift worth \$400 million from a foreign government.

I have spoken with Americans all over the country.

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

□ 1415

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intention to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

H. Res. 353: Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Resolution: Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Resolved, That Donald John Trump, President of the United States, is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and that the following articles of impeachment be exhibited to the Senate:

Article of impeachment exhibited by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in the name

of itself and of the people of the United States of America, against Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America, in maintenance and support of its impeachment against him for high crimes and misdemeanors.

ARTICLE I: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS, AND A BREACH OF THE DUTY TO FAITHFULLY EXECUTE LAWS

The Constitution provides that the House of Representatives "shall have the sole Power of Impeachment" and that the President "shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors". Further, Article II of the Constitution states that the President "shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed", the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution states that "The right of the people . . . against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated", and the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution states "No person shall be . . . deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law". In his conduct of the office of President of the United States—and in violation of his constitutional oath to faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed—Donald John Trump has abused the powers of the Presidency in a manner offensive to, and subversive of, the Constitution, in that:

Using the power of his high office, Donald John Trump has engaged in this scheme or course of conduct through the following means:

(1) By his orders and directions to subordinates, obstructed the administration of justice and embarked on a scheme to destroy and corrupt the legal system and the powers of the courts under Article III of the Constitution. Specifically, he has done the following:

(A) Directed and permitted his subordinates and attorneys at the Department of Justice to violate their oaths to uphold the Constitution, laws of the United States, and the rules of professional ethics by adducing misleading and willfully false representations to the courts of the United States, and to otherwise abuse their official powers. Specifically, he has—

(i) sought to dismiss, without prejudice and under false pretenses, the bribery and fraud charges against New York City Mayor Eric Adams, in an unethical quid pro quo exchange for the Defendant's cooperation with the Administration's political priorities, thus abusing the criminal laws to unconstitutionally commandeer a State officer and unit of government in violation of the sovereignty thereof; and

(ii) terminated and purged career Department of Justice attorneys without reasonable cause and in violation of the law in retaliation for their legitimate investigatory and prosecutorial