

We must ask ourselves: Why wasn't any grace extended to those fleeing the Democratic Republic of the Congo, home to the deadliest conflict in the world? There is no temporary protected status for them.

Why wasn't any grace extended to Afghans, who helped our soldiers at war and risked their lives for the American people? This administration ended their deportation protections on the same day they welcomed Afrikaners.

For those Haitians who fled instability and gang violence, why were TPS and humanitarian parole ripped away from them?

Around the world, we have victims of war, famine, and bloodshed, but they have been left out to dry, where these Afrikaners were welcomed with open arms and, once again, without any persecution or risk of harm.

We can't simply open our doors to the vulnerable when they serve political purposes. Refugee policies should never align with an agenda. It should serve those who are in need, those families overseas who will be murdered if America abandons them, not to people who serve a political purpose and for political gain.

They should be awarded the same pathway that Afrikaners were given.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 16 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 at noon.

PRAYER

Dr. John Cross, First Sarasota Baptist Church, Sarasota, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your love, mercy, and grace in our lives. You have blessed us far beyond our ability to understand. Thank You for the gift of our great Nation. We are appreciative of the freedoms we enjoy. We pray for the men and women who are serving to protect and preserve our freedom.

We pray for all of our elected officials and all those in authority. Please give them Your wisdom as they make decisions that impact so very many lives.

We desperately need You. We know that our help is from the Lord, the maker of Heaven and Earth. We cling to You and every promise in Your Word.

Help us to walk in Your ways, to obey Your Word. May we act justly,

love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our living hope.

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 New York (Mr. LATIMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LATIMER 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 DR. JOHN CROSS

The SPEAKER. Without objection, Mr. BUCHANAN of Florida was recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. John Cross, who just delivered this morning's opening prayer.

John is the senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Sarasota and has been the pastor for many, many years. John committed his life to Christ in his childhood and ultimately decided to pursue a career in the ministry.

He is a proud graduate of Mercy University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned his master of divinity degree and his doctor of ministry.

His leadership has extended beyond the local church, having served as the president of the Florida Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference and president of the Florida Baptist State Convention.

John is married to Dawn, and together they have been blessed with 5 children, 3 sons-in-law, a daughter-in-law, and 10 grandkids.

I deeply value his faith leadership in my life, my family's life, and our community. I am grateful for his presence here today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

SALUTING POLICE OFFICER HEROES

(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, this past weekend, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from across the country traveled to Washington, D.C., for National Police Week.

Established in 1962 through a joint resolution of Congress, National Police Week is a time for our Nation to honor the courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

These officers gave their lives to protect our families, our neighborhoods, and our way of life. Their legacy lives on in the communities they served and in the continued service of those who wear the badge today.

At a time when violent crime is rising and law enforcement officers face growing hostility, we must stand firmly behind those who risk their lives to uphold the law.

This is why I am proud to cosponsor legislation that honors fallen officers and strengthens protections for those who continue to serve. I thank every officer who puts on the uniform each day with courage and conviction. On behalf of a grateful nation, we salute them.

DALLAS WELCOMES EXCEPTIONAL LEADERS

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

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize a new chapter in public safety leadership for the city of Dallas.

On May 5, Dallas officially welcomed two exceptional leaders, Daniel Comeaux as chief of police and Justin Ball as chief of fire-rescue.

Chief Comeaux has over 30 years of law enforcement experience, including his recent role as Special Agent in Charge of the DEA's Houston Field Division. His leadership has been marked by intelligence-driven crime reduction and a collaborative approach to community policing.

Chief Ball, a nearly 30-year veteran of Dallas Fire-Rescue, has risen through every rank since joining the department in 1997. His dedication and innovative leadership have been instrumental in advancing the department's mission to protect and serve our community.

These appointments reflect Dallas' commitment to public safety and community trust. I commend City Manager Kimberly Tolbert for her thoughtful selection of these leaders.

I thank Chiefs Comeaux and Ball for their service. I look forward to supporting their efforts here in Congress to help ensure the safety and well-being of all Dallas residents.

HONORING BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

(Mr. EDWARDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to honor the brave men and women in law enforcement who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. These officers stood on the front lines to protect our communities, uphold the rule of law, and defend the safety of our citizens, often at a great personal risk.

We remember their courage, their selflessness, and their unwavering commitment to service. Behind each badge was a story, a family, and a legacy that will not be forgotten.

We offer our deepest gratitude and our heartfelt condolences to the families who carry the burden of their loss. Their loved ones are heroes, and their memory will live on in our prayers and in the freedoms they helped safeguard.

Let's continue to support all those who wear the badge and to honor those who gave everything to protect us.

REMEMBERING MARIA S. MACIAS SANCHEZ

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Maria Macias Sanchez.

Maria was born in Agua Prieta, Mexico. She then came to the United States in pursuit of the American Dream. She married Ignacio and settled down in my hometown of Anaheim to raise a family of seven children, including our own colleagues, Congresswomen LINDA SÁNCHEZ and Loretta Sanchez. Today, she remains the only mother in the country to have two daughters serve in Congress.

Maria was a teacher who believed that education was the key to the middle class, and she was a role model for our community. In 2008, my alma mater, Cal State Fullerton, designated her as an outstanding alumna.

Maria was a trailblazer for us. Her contributions to our community were tremendous. She will always be in our heart. I thank Maria. We will never forget her.

THANKING POLICE OFFICERS FOR ALL THEY DO

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

Mrs. BICE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Police Week, which serves as a reminder to remember and memorialize law enforcement officers who have fallen in the line of duty.

During this week, I am reminded of a quote from Matthew chapter 5, verse 9: "Blessed are the peacekeepers, for they shall be called the children of God."

Our law enforcement officers put themselves in harm's way every day in

the pursuit of justice and protection of the innocent. They are the thin blue line that represents courage when faced with unbelievable chaos and uncertainty.

One of the greatest strengths of law enforcement is their ability to bridge gaps, forge connections, and build trust within our communities. For our officers, stopping criminals, saving innocent lives, and helping our communities is more than a job. It is a way of life.

I thank them for everything they do to protect and safeguard our communities.

TRUMP APPRECIATES QATAR

(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, yesterday President Donald Trump and His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar signed a historic \$1.2 trillion trade agreement, including the purchase of \$96 billion of South Carolina-made Boeing 787 Dreamliners.

As the manufacturing home of 787 Dreamliners, this creates thousands of Boeing jobs in South Carolina and also creates jobs for 200 suppliers throughout the Palmetto State, including AGY of Aiken, Zeus of Orangeburg, and Prysmian of Lexington.

I congratulate Boeing President Kelly Ortberg and the Boeing team.

President Trump is delivering on his promise to bring back Made in America, promoting stability in the Middle East, and liberating Syria.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, and yesterday Putin threatening Estonia with Russian overflights in the Baltic Sea, verified today by European Parliamentarian Rihards Kols of Latvia.

HONORING FALLEN HEROES OF HARRIS COUNTY

(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, this Police Week, I rise to honor four fallen heroes from the Harris County Sheriff's Office whose names will soon be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial:

Investigator John Coddou was a U.S. Army veteran and a 20-year member of the Harris County Sheriff's Office. His wife said he made people feel seen.

Deputy Rondald Bates served 31 years with the Harris County Sheriff's Office. His son Derrick now proudly carries his badge as a deputy.

Deputy Brad Sweetman spent 39 years in service, but his main job was simply being a daddy and a paw-paw.

Deputy Fernando Esqueda was just 28. He was as good of a musician as he was a crime fighter.

These men were patriots. They loved this country, and Texans are safer because of them. Mr. Speaker, I ask that they never be forgotten by this House and that we enter their stories into the RECORD.

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ELECTED OFFICIALS STORM ICE FACILITY

(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, many of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have repeated the phrase "budgets are about priorities" a lot lately.

Mr. Speaker, do you know what really signals someone's priorities? It is their actions.

Just last week, we witnessed a group of elected officials storm an ICE facility, demanding sympathy for illegal aliens who are violent gang members, rapists, and murderers.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is elected to represent our constituents and put American citizens first. The idea that someone could take the oath and then storm through law enforcement simply boggles the mind.

If my colleagues want to talk about priorities, Mr. Speaker, here is one they should remember: The safety of law-abiding Americans is more important than the demands of foreign criminals.

RECOGNIZING AT HOME ON THE SOUND

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding contributions made by At Home on the Sound to benefit senior citizen residents of Larchmont and Mamaroneck. Tonight, they are celebrating their 15th anniversary with their Crystal Celebration. I can't be there in person, but we are there in spirit.

At Home provides a support system to help seniors continue to enjoy a vibrant lifestyle as they age—able to remain in their homes and highly active. At Home volunteers and professionals deliver a monthly schedule of educational programs, active discussion groups, social gatherings, and the necessary transportation.

When I retire, not that long from now, I know exactly where I can go to learn how to paint and play bridge, canasta, mahjong, and a host of other recreations.

At Home on the Sound complements the already active senior recreation programs offered by the Village of