

River at the Readiness Center next to the Spokane Falls Community College. Yet, its role has never changed: to stand ready in defense of our Nation and in service to our State.

The 161st Infantry carries a storied legacy. They fought with honor in the Philippine Insurrection, stood guard along the southern border during the Pancho Villa raids, and served in France during World War I. These citizen soldiers served with distinction across the Pacific in World War II, and deployed multiple times as part of the 81st Brigade Combat Team during the global war on terrorism. Their battle streamers reflect the best of American valor and commitment.

Yet, just as importantly, they have answered the call at home, mobilizing in the face of wildfires; floods; snowstorms, and most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic. When Washingtonians needed their help, the Guard was there.

These are our neighbors, our coworkers, and our sons and daughters. For generations, they have trained and deployed from Spokane, not just for war but for peace, safety, and recovery.

On this Memorial Day, we thank them. We remember those who laid down their lives in uniform, and we honor the Spokane Readiness Center as a pillar of strength in both our Nation's defense and our local community.

May their legacy never be forgotten, and may our gratitude be as enduring as their service.

HONORING THE HOLSTINE FAMILY AND HEROES HOMESTEAD

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Heroes Homestead, a grassroots nonprofit founded by marine veteran Andrew Holstine and his wife, Danielle.

My family and I recently participated in their annual 5K walk in Spokane. This wasn't only a walk; it was a community coming together to honor service, support healing, and walk alongside veteran families who have borne the burden of war long after coming home.

Andrew served in the Marines and survived a tragic Osprey crash in 2000 that claimed the lives of 19 fellow marines, including his best friends. The invisible wounds he carried didn't just affect him, but they impacted his whole family. After years of struggle, the Holstines left everything behind to create something new: a place for veterans and their families to heal together.

Heroes Homestead was born from that journey. The 5K and the community fair was part of a growing movement to restore purpose, connection, and joy to those who have served and those who stood by those who have served.

They have a national vision: healing centers near every U.S. military hub.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Holstines and all who participated in the 5K. This is what serving veterans looks like.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 22 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. STRONG) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Heavenly Father, You loved us first and You loved us perfectly. Help us to experience and appreciate the depth of Your love today.

May we know that You intend for us to live a life that is fruitful and fulfilling. And with that knowledge, may we yield to Your intention by trusting in Your direction.

May we understand that You desire for us to honor one another as brothers and sisters, together, Your own children. And with that understanding, may we obey Your commandments to love one another, trusting in Your perfect will for Your people.

Thus submitting ourselves to You, obeying Your law, and trusting in Your grace plan, may we live our lives that they would reflect the selfless love You have shown and with which You uphold us daily.

We pray that You would be pleased with our efforts and that Your name be glorified this day and always.

It is in Your loving 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 South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

TRUMP AID TO UKRAINE

(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, history indicates President Donald Trump would have prevented the invasion of Ukraine by war criminal Putin as part of the Putin scheme to resurrect the failed Soviet Union by annexing Belarus, occupying Moldova, invading Georgia and then Ukraine, supported by the Chinese Communist Party and the Iranian terrorists.

In his first term, Trump deterred mass murder by providing Javelin missiles to Ukraine, troops to Poland, and stopping Nord Stream 2 funding of the Putin war machine.

America has correctly provided \$185 billion to stop the mass murder by Putin. Funds have been monitored by 29 inspectors general with a Trump executive order resulting this week in a report of the most accountable aid ever for the people of Ukraine.

The vast majority of defense spending of Ukraine has been in the United States. With Trump encouragement, Europe has provided \$199 billion for Ukraine to successfully defend itself. As a percent of GDP, 19 European countries exceed the American GDP spent on Ukraine.

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 that Putin lies, insulting Trump with massive drone attacks Saturday and Sunday before the Monday phone call with Putin as Putin continues murdering civilians of Ukraine.

ANTOINETTE BROWN BLACKWELL

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the 200th anniversary of the birth of Antoinette Brown Blackwell, a trailblazer born in my district in Henrietta, New York, and the first woman ordained as a mainstream Protestant minister in the United States.

Antoinette dedicated her life to justice, equality and faith. She captivated audiences as a lecturer on women's rights and temperance and preached wherever she was welcome. In 1850, she proudly stood at the first National Women's Rights Convention.

Committed to voting rights, she lobbied President Theodore Roosevelt for suffrage and remained a steadfast advocate for women. At age 95, she cast her very first vote, proof her decades of advocacy helped transform our Nation.

She was a minister, a reformer, a writer, and, above all, a woman of

courage and conviction. We remember Antoinette Brown Blackwell not just for what she achieved but for the path she paved for generations to follow.

Let us honor her on her 200th birthday and follow in her footsteps as we fight to protect every American's right to vote.

ONE BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL

(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, I have news for insomniacs. Republicans have scheduled a Rules Committee meeting on their one big, beautiful bill at 1 o'clock in the morning.

This is the bill that will cause millions of Americans to lose their healthcare and nutrition assistance in order the pay for tax breaks for billionaires. Who does that?

Why are they meeting at 1 o'clock in the morning? It turns out their big, beautiful bill is really a big, ugly bill.

Republicans don't want you, the American people, to know what they are doing. Tune in tonight at 1 a.m. Call your Congressperson and tell them to vote "no" on this garbage. Watch as Democrats fight like hell to protect you, the American people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their comments to the Chair.

NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

(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 in recognition of National Military Appreciation Month.

This month, we pause to honor the brave men and women of our Armed Forces, past and present, who have worn the uniform of the United States of America.

Our military has stood for freedom throughout our history in times of peace and peril. They do not ask for recognition. They do not serve for applause. They serve because they believe in something bigger than themselves. They serve out of duty, honor, and love of country.

This month is to remember our POWs and MIAs, to support our Gold Star families, to stand with our veterans, and to thank those currently serving.

Mr. Speaker, we stand by our veterans, and we reaffirm our duty to provide our servicemembers with the support they have earned, both in uniform and after.

May God protect our servicemembers and their families this month and every month. We honor and thank them. We will never forget their service and their sacrifice.

RETIREMENT OF MAYOR TYRONE ECHOLS

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Tyrone Echols of Venice, Illinois, and to congratulate him on his retirement after more than 40 years in office.

As a graduate of Madison High School and Southern Illinois University, Mayor Echols is a true son of downstate Illinois. He has dedicated his career to serving our community.

Before he was elected mayor, Mayor Echols worked as a city alderman, a union steward for the International Union of Operating Engineers, and a legislative aide to the State Representative Jim McPike. He also proudly led as president of the Illinois chapter of the National Conference of Black Mayors.

As mayor, he prioritized bringing new business opportunities to Venice and making sure that his door was always open to constituents.

His dedication to public service is truly an inspiration, and I am honored to call him my friend.

I thank Mayor Echols for all he has done for our community and congratulate him on his retirement.

EDESIA NUTRITION

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the 12th time to call on the Trump administration to restore funding for lifesaving food aid for malnourished children across the globe.

Edesia Nutrition in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, manufactures this nutritional paste which has saved millions of lives. When the Trump administration began, funding for this program went away. There are kids literally starving around the world, while thousands of boxes of this lifesaving food aid sit in a warehouse in Rhode Island.

When we abandon our commitment to helping solve malnutrition around the world, we are not just hurting those children who are hungry. We are hurting our own credibility as a country. Our adversaries like China are happy to step into the void we have left to make those countries beholden to them.

Make no mistake. China's help doesn't come for free. It comes with a price. This is not just about doing the right thing for these starving children around the world. It is about maintaining America's position of leadership globally.

Restore the funding. Restore the food aid. I will speak every day until this is done.

COMMEMORATING MILTON F. FITCH, SR.

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, there was standing room only at Wilson Community College in Wilson, North Carolina. It was so touching. Residents and family came from far and near in support of the Fitch family in renaming the Wilson Post Office in commemoration of Mr. Milton F. Fitch, Sr.

Mr. Fitch was not just one of the first African-American mail carriers. He was an eastern North Carolina icon and a great American.

He served our country honorably in World War II, returning home to raise his family and make a difference in his community. Indeed, he did exactly that.

He and his wife, Cora, embedded a legacy of service into their children, Jerry, Toby, Patricia, Christine, and Ernestine.

We are grateful to the U.S. Postal Service for working with us, the North Carolina delegation, and all of the communities who came out in support.

Eastern North Carolina and America are better because of Milton F. Fitch, Sr. His name, now etched in the Wilson community, will inspire all who enter the post office to realize the endless possibilities that await us in eastern North Carolina.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 430

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE: Ms. Ansari.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY: Mr. Green of Texas.

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Ms. Lee of Nevada.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Foster.

Mr. AGUILAR (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.