

the 81st anniversary of the Allied D-Day invasion of France. Tomorrow, we solemnly commemorate this momentous day and honor the extraordinary bravery of our Armed Forces who took part in that historic operation.

On June 6, 1944, 81 years ago, thousands of America's finest stormed the beaches of Normandy to defend the freedoms and liberties that we hold dear. They faced insurmountable odds yet pushed forward with courage, conviction, and an unwavering sense of duty.

On that day, the United States lost more than 6,000 soldiers. In the weeks and months that followed, countless more gave their lives liberating Western Europe from tyranny. Their sacrifice turned the tide of World War II and reshaped the course of history.

The D-Day invasion marked a critical turning point. Allied forces banded together in one of the most ambitious military operations ever attempted. Our troops faced the terrifying unknown and prevailed. They left lasting impressions, not only on the war-torn landscapes that they crossed but on the hearts of a grateful Nation.

In 2018, I had the honor of attending the wreath-laying ceremony at the Normandy American Cemetery in France. Standing on those hallowed grounds gazing upon the white crosses, many marking brothers buried beside brothers, fathers beside sons, I was reminded that freedom really is never free.

That cemetery is more than a memorial. It is a symbol of American resolve, our willingness to stand for liberty not just at home but for people across the globe.

Today, I recognize heroes from Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District who stormed the beaches on D-Day.

One such hero was Elmer DeLucia of Bradford, McKean County. He served with the 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion and landed at Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. He went on to fight in four major campaigns: Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland, and Central Europe.

Mr. DeLucia passed away in 2022 at the age of 99. After the war, he spent years sharing his experiences with students and community members, ensuring that the lessons of history were never forgotten.

We also honor the 347 Pennsylvanians who gave their lives on D-Day, including 31 from Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District. Their sacrifices are woven into the fabric of our communities and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, let us pause to remember and honor those who gave so much for the cause of freedom. Let us celebrate the heroism of all our service members, past and present. For the good of the many, a courageous few gave everything.

Today, we speak their names with pride, remember their sacrifices with reverence, and celebrate their legacy with gratitude. May we always honor their heroism.

God bless our troops, and God bless our great Nation.

CUTS TO PUBLIC BROADCASTING

(Mr. MAGAZINER of Rhode Island was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the proposed Republican cuts to public broadcasting.

Next week, our Republican colleagues are planning to bring a bill to the floor that would mean a devastating cut of funding to shows like "Sesame Street" and "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," all in their endless quest to find more money for tax cuts for their billionaire donors.

It is important for people to understand that television is changing. More and more content is being put behind paywalls, and PBS is one of the only sources of children's educational television that is still accessible to every child for free.

Studies show that kids who grow up watching PBS get better grades, read more, are better at expressing their feelings, and have better educational outcomes. Educational television, when it is high quality, works.

I have two young kids myself, Max and Lucy. I cannot tell you enough about how important it is to have access to affordable, high-quality educational content for children.

Public television has always been about the simple idea that every child deserves access to learning or inspiration, even if their families don't have a lot of money. That is why it is so important that we continue to support PBS and public broadcasting in general.

I am asking my colleagues to evoke one of my son's favorite programs, "Mister Rogers," and be a good neighbor. Vote "no" on the cuts to public broadcasting.

RESTORE FUNDING FOR LIFESAVING FOOD AID

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the 16th time to beg the Trump administration to honor its word and restore funding for lifesaving food aid for starving children.

This is Plumpy'Nut, an emergency paste that is used to treat malnourished children. Until recently, the United States shipped this product all across the world, saving lives, saving the lives of children suffering from malnutrition.

This is important because it is the right thing to do, but it is also the smart thing to do for the United States. I want to read a quote from someone who I think understands that. "It is going to be a lot harder to recruit someone to anti-Americanism, anti-American terrorism, if the United States of America was the reason why they are even alive today." This quote, Mr. Speaker, is from our own Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, before he started working for President Trump.

A couple of weeks ago, Secretary Rubio was in front of Congress. Under

questioning from our colleagues Representative DELAURO, my colleague from Rhode Island, GABE AMO, Senator BOOKER, and others, Secretary Rubio said again that he understood the importance of continuing to fund emergency food aid.

Why isn't it being done? Why are there boxes and boxes of this product sitting in warehouses in the United States, waiting for funding to be restored when the Trump administration has said that they intend to do so?

When we do not deliver on our promises as a country, it erodes trust, makes it harder for the United States to build relationships around the world, and gives an open opportunity for our adversaries, particularly China, to swoop in and save the day.

We cannot allow this to happen, not only because of the moral imperative of saving the lives of starving children around the world but out of our own self-interest. It is in our interest to build good will. We can do it if the Trump administration will just do what it says it is going to do and restore funding for emergency food aid.

Secretary Rubio said that it is going to happen. Elon Musk said that it is going to happen. It has been 4 months now, and we are still waiting.

What is the delay? Let's get this food aid moving again now. I will continue to speak on the House floor every day until we do.

REMEMBERING LARRY HENDERSON, JR.

(Mr. TAYLOR of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary man, a devoted public servant, and a pillar of southwest Ohio, Special Deputy Sheriff Larry Henderson.

Larry Henderson, Jr., lived a life of truly outstanding service that was brought to an end all too suddenly on May 2, 2025. Having retired from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in December of 2024, Larry stepped up to volunteer to direct traffic for the University of Cincinnati's graduation ceremony when he was tragically struck by a vehicle.

This heinous act was committed intentionally by an individual whose son had been fatally shot by a Cincinnati police officer the day before.

This unbelievable tragedy sent shock waves throughout the Hamilton County community and beyond, as Larry had spent his entire life in service to his family, his friends, and the area in various official capacities.

Larry was someone who consistently stepped up to the plate to meet the needs of his community. His life ended the same way that he lived it, in selfless service to his community, a community that would not be the same great place it is today without Larry's courage and dedication.

Having previously served in the United States Marine Corps, Deputy

Henderson was a member of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for 33 years. Larry had a talent for teaching others and helping them develop skills to improve their craft. He was an academy instructor, dive team member, SWAT team member, FBI task force officer, and bomb technician. As a member of the dive team, he performed water rescues and searches to be prepared to assist in case of emergencies.

Even after retiring, Larry served as a special deputy, picking up traffic details like the one at the University of Cincinnati. If something needed to get done, no matter what it was, Larry was the one who stepped up to the plate.

Larry came from a strong family that created a lasting legacy of public service in southern Ohio, with multiple uncles and cousins serving as police officers in the Cincinnati area.

In his free time, Larry enjoyed fishing in the area and being at home with his family. He was a man who always had his priorities straight, and his wife and children were at the very top of the list.

Larry was a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandparent, and friend to everyone around him. Larry leaves behind his loving wife, Lori; five grown children; and extended family whose lives were enriched by the strong leader and protector that he was.

My heart and prayers go out to his loved ones who are now learning how to live without their hero.

Every man and woman who becomes a law enforcement officer puts their life on the line every day to protect their community from harm. When they put on their uniform in the morning to leave for work, they expect to walk back through their door at the end of the day to come back home to their loving families. Tragically, some never do. These men and women are true American heroes.

Deputy Larry Henderson's lifetime of service, selflessness, unwavering commitment to others, and true heroism will never be forgotten. His legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of his loved ones, and the ultimate sacrifice he made will never be forgotten.

DEMANDING RESIGNATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR.

(Mr. QUIGLEY of Illinois was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to demand the resignation of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., as Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Since taking office, RFK Jr. has failed to recommend the measles vaccine for children, even after the deaths of two children. He said pregnant women should not receive COVID vaccines. He has pulled funding for vaccines for diseases like bird flu and HIV. He has spread lies and stigma about autism. Last week, he released a report citing research that does not exist—written by AI.

How many children have to die from measles and other preventable diseases for RFK Jr. to resign? How many pregnant women have to get sick with COVID and risk miscarriage? How many people have to get hurt before Congress holds RFK Jr. and this administration to account?

This is why Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., needs to resign as Secretary of Health and Human Services.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 13 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. HERN of Oklahoma) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Ruler of the universe, we humble ourselves before You. You spoke and the heavens were made. The stars were brought forth by the breath of Your mouth, and amidst all that grandeur, You set our feet upon this Earth. Every moment of our lives, that same creative power touches each one of us tenderly and lovingly, guiding us in the way You would have us go.

How easy it is for us to lose awareness of Your abiding presence. So caught up are we in the business and busyness of life, we fail to realize that You are as close to us as our breath. Every moment of every day, You are the source of our strength.

This day, open our eyes to Your nearness that we would be assured when we are uncertain, encouraged when our efforts seem to yield no reward, and humbled to follow where You would lead.

With that same humility, remind us that You are just as present in the lives of those around us. These, too, are Your children, the delight of Your creation. Draw us near to them, that in serving them, we would be Your hands and feet. In being present in their lives, we would be Your living and loving presence at their side.

God of all creation, let Your eternal life remain with and shine through us as we seek to serve You this day.

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.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Matthew Hanley, one of his secretaries.

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.

D-DAY AND PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH

(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, historically, 81 years ago tomorrow, June 6, 1944, 160,000 Allied troops surprised war criminal Hitler with Operation Overlord along the beaches of Normandy, France. This began the drive to liberate Europe with victory of good over evil to end World War II.

More than 10,000 Americans and Allies were killed or wounded on D-day, all in the name of freedom, courageously led by General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

President Ronald Reagan clarified peace through strength at his Normandy address on the 40th anniversary of D-day, and it is now more true than ever: "It is better to be here ready to protect the peace than to take blind shelter across the sea, rushing to respond only after freedom is lost."

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 law criminal Putin with a phone call threatening to murder civilians in Ukraine and defending Iran's nuclear capability to develop a weapon for death to Israel, death to America.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF CATHERINE WILLIS

(Mrs. McIVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1