

Most merciful God, may Your grace fill the Chamber of this honorable assembly. Bring our lawmakers clarity of mind in the midst of the complexities of the issues they face. Strengthen them, their families, and their loved ones who support them.

O sovereign Lord, continue to hold our Nation in the very hollow of Your hands. May Your peace permeate and prevail in the hearts, minds, and souls of the American people.

For all of us, may we ever strive to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You in service to our Nation and each other with utmost compassion, gratitude, and love.

We ask these things in Your most holy and precious name.
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 Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania 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.

NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR 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 to recognize January as National Blood Donor Month.

Since its inception in 1970, National Blood Donor Month has aimed to increase blood and platelet donations during one of the most challenging times of the year for collecting blood products; the winter months.

In my district, the Centre County Commissioners have officially proclaimed January as National Blood Donor Month in Centre County, joining the nationwide effort to honor and celebrate those who selflessly roll up their sleeves to help patients in need.

Since July 2024, the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross has held 101 blood drives in Cen-

tre County, collecting over 3,000 units of blood. According to the Red Cross' Centre County operations, this is the highest count in the region.

Mr. Speaker, it is staggering to realize that someone in this country needs blood once every two seconds. By the time I finish this speech, nearly 30 people will require access to a blood transfusion.

Blood donations are critical because the supply relies entirely on the generosity of donors. It cannot be manufactured or stockpiled. To meet patients' needs, the Red Cross must collect 12,500 units of blood every single day.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone listening to visit redcrossblood.org and click on the "Donate Blood" tab to find a blood drive nearby.

HONORING JAMES SEARS

(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, I rise to honor the extraordinary life of James Sears, a truly remarkable eastern North Carolinian.

Mr. Sears was a dedicated advocate and a steadfast supporter of communities across our region. He served on the Gates County Board of Elections. He was an active member of the NAACP and his home church, New Hope Baptist Church in Gatesville. There are so many organizations, but the one that he loved and devoted over 30 years to was the Eastern North Carolina Civic Group.

He always prioritized the needs of others. His unwavering commitment to families across eastern North Carolina was evident in all that he did. We are incredibly grateful for his contributions and the positive impact he has made on so many lives.

His passing has left a void in our community that will be deeply felt. My heart goes out to his family, the Eastern North Carolina Civic Group, and to the Gates County community as we now remember and celebrate his legacy.

RECOGNIZING SHAVERS CREEK GRANGE NUMBER 353 SESQUICENTENNIAL

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, institution, which is celebrating a milestone anniversary.

This year, Shavers Creek Grange Number 353 will mark the 150th anniversary of its founding with a series of events, including a fellowship event that reflects the organization's mission to embrace community members from across generations.

Defined by its enduring commitment to family values and community standards, the Shavers Creek Grange represents the organization's motto, and that motto is: "In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate the Shavers Creek Grange on this sesquicentennial milestone and thank its members for their continued work to strengthen the community fabric of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania.

THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, very small instances—President Trump's excuse last night for freeing the violent January 6 criminals.

To the 140 dedicated police officers who were injured that day, to the officer who was crushed in a door and had to protect his eye from being gouged out, to the officer who was punched with a flagpole, this was hardly Trump's "day of love."

Now, he has released these criminals back to their communities. One boasted of buying guns. Another would: Turn up the heat in the spirit of vengeance—total disrespect for law enforcement, unleashing a heightened threat to the safety of families and communities across this country.

By freeing the leaders of the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers who were convicted of seditious conspiracy, Trump seems to be following the example of the authoritarian leaders he has admired in telling them to "stand back and standby"—his private militias, available to crush any opposition at the slightest dog whistle.

COUNTERING IRANIAN TERRORISTS IN IRAQ

(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, Iraq has been oppressed by kleptocrats who support Iranian terrorism. Sadly, Iran-backed militias, the Badr Organization, are part of the Iraqi Government, including the national security adviser. Badr was armed by terrorist Soleimani.

Iran-backed militias in Iraq should be designated as terrorists, as Congressman GREG STEUBE and the Republican Study Committee have proposed. There must be sanctions on kleptocrat politicians complicit with Iran, such as former Prime Minister al-Maliki.

Any aid to Iraq should be conditioned on not going to terrorists. Brett McGurk's policy of replacing ISIS with Iran has failed. President Donald Trump will reinstitute policies of maximum pressure on Iran, stopping Iraq's

purchase of Iranian electricity as he responds to the Tehran regime plot to assassinate him while they were shouting: "Death to Israel, death to America."

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators puts all Americans at risk of more attacks as warned by the FBI. Trump is protecting American families.

Americans opposed rigged elections in Georgia and support the legitimate President Salome Zourabichvili of Georgia as protests build for free and fair elections in the nation of Georgia.

ABORTION CARE IS MEDICAL CARE

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not just as a Member of Congress, but as a physician who has treated patients for 30 years. I express my strong opposition to the House Republican reproductive healthcare surveillance act.

Let me make one thing clear: Over my 30 years of practice, I have come to treat patients in the most difficult times of their lives, and I understand full well that no one but the doctor and the patient should be in that examination room.

Like any other issue, abortion care is medical care and needs to be treated by a physician trained to deal with that very difficult situation for women.

Unfortunately, the bill we are considering today undermines medical expertise and seeks to bully physicians into not providing the care that they have been trained to provide according to the best medical science.

This bill is just another attempt to strip women of their reproductive freedom by pushing misinformation that endangers not only the lives of women but the public health at large.

Like with any other medical issue, politicians are not equipped, generally not trained, to manage the healthcare of patients, but we hope they will address the important needs of public health.

Mr. Speaker, let the doctors and patients lead the way on healthcare, and let women make the decisions that are their right to make.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL DALE LYLES

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

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional leader, dedicated public servant, and my dear friend, Major General Dale Lyles, adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard.

General Lyles' journey of service began when he enlisted in the Indiana Army National Guard in 1986. Over the

years, he has demonstrated dedication and leadership in every role.

His services included key positions, such as commander of the 219th Engineer Brigade and chief of staff for the Indiana National Guard where he oversaw operations and strategic initiatives.

In 2019, General Lyles was appointed adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard by our Governor, Eric Holcomb. Since then, he has led efforts to modernize the force, ensuring Indiana's National Guard is prepared to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Under his leadership, the Guard has excelled in responding to national disasters, deploying overseas in defense of our freedoms, and serving our communities in times of crisis. His unwavering commitment to the well-being of his soldiers and their families has had a lasting impact in Indiana and beyond.

As he retires from nearly 40 years of service to the United States, it is my honor to recognize Major General Dale Lyles for his outstanding service and dedication to a grateful State and Nation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf Indiana's Ninth District and a grateful country, I thank General Lyles for his years of sacrifice and dedication to America.

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SUPPORTING MILAGROS HEREDIA

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

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of Milagros Heredia, a Dreamer, who calls my district home. Milagros was a baby when her mother carried her across the border for a better life. At 8 months old, Milagros was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Specialists gave her a 15 percent chance of survival, and she defied the odds.

Now 22, she is a student at Grand Canyon University, studying to become an oncologist. Like many Dreamers, she lives in constant fear of losing everything. Because of executive orders proposed by President Trump and the Laken Riley Act, Milagros and more than 20,000 Dreamers in Arizona live in fearful uncertainty.

Arizona is their home. This country is their home. They are American in every way that matters. It is past time for Congress to provide a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers and for Democrats to stand up to Trump's un-American policies.

HONORING JACK HOFFMAN

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of

one of our greatest Nebraskans, Jack Hoffman. For over a decade, Jack's story captured the hearts and minds of Americans and Nebraskans as he battled brain cancer. Through it all, the Cornhusker State cheered him on.

In 2013, Jack made national news when he ran for a 69-yard touchdown during the Huskers' spring game. In that moment, Jack became a symbol of perseverance and hope for kids and families grappling with pediatric brain cancer. To help others facing the same battle, his family founded the Team Jack Foundation to support research on pediatric brain cancer.

When Jack passed last week, our entire State mourned his loss. His legacy will be forever etched in the hearts of Nebraskans. He joins his father, who also died of brain cancer, a very good friend of mine and somebody that I know welcomed his son into heaven with open arms.

SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we marked 52 years since the Supreme Court issued its landmark ruling in *Roe v. Wade*. We should be celebrating 52 years of reproductive freedom. Instead, nearly 3 years after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, we live in a very different America.

In North Carolina and across the country, women cannot access vital healthcare services, and doctors are being criminalized for simply doing their jobs.

We now have a President back in the White House who is bent on restricting access to women's healthcare even further. On President Trump's first day in office, his administration even removed a Federal web page that offered important reproductive health information.

While the next 4 years will bring immense challenges, we cannot give up the fight for a country where women can make decisions about our own bodies and our own healthcare.

CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR

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

Mrs. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Lunar New Year, Seollal, which it is called in Korean, and Tet Festival, in Vietnamese, as we ring in the Year of the Snake.

Snakes are mysterious, smart, alert, determined, and calm. We enter this new year with the same calmness, wisdom, and alertness, standing steady and ready to take on any challenges or opportunities that come our way.

I wish success, good health, and blessings for you and your family in