

proven to have betrayed us, wipe the slate clean of our sins and inspire us to live lives of integrity.

Then, having been purified by Your mercy, absolved by Your pardon, may we claim the full assurance that faith in You provides. In the face of all that happens around us, let us grasp firmly Your promises and keep moving toward the good work You would have us do.

When everything inside and around us draws battle lines, preventing us from seeking reconciliation and understanding, inspire us to bridge the divide and reach out to one another, even, and especially, to those with whom we disagree, and find a way to meet together and encourage one another as we share in the journey ahead of us this day and the days to come.

We offer ourselves and our prayers, claiming the certainty found in Your sovereign 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. DELUZIO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DELUZIO 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.

RECOGNIZING DERRICK VAN ORDEN

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

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor a good friend and colleague, Representative DERRICK VAN ORDEN, a former Navy SEAL, combat medic, and fellow Wisconsinite.

While traveling in Iowa, Mr. VAN ORDEN's combat training kicked in to help save an 11-year-old boy. He and his wife, Sara, were on Interstate 35 outside of Osceola when they heard a large boom. A minivan had collided with a semitruck attempting to reenter the interstate. They immediately turned around and rushed to the scene.

Upon arrival, Mr. VAN ORDEN found a young boy with severe injuries. The

young boy's calf was completely ripped apart, and he had an arterial bleed on his right wrist.

Without hesitation, Mr. VAN ORDEN pulled from his suitcase two pairs of socks, which he fashioned into makeshift tourniquets to stop the bleeding in the boy's arm and leg.

With the assistance of two other people who were at the scene, Mr. VAN ORDEN was able to cut seatbelts, a windshield wiper, and a piece of metal to make makeshift tourniquets to stop the bleeding of the young boy until the ambulance arrived.

Without the swift actions of Mr. VAN ORDEN, along with those also on the scene, the young boy probably would have died.

May the actions of Mr. VAN ORDEN and the folks who assisted in saving the young boy inspire all Americans to lend a helping hand to those in need. You truly never know how far an act of kindness, big or small, can go.

Mr. Speaker, DERRICK, Representative VAN ORDEN, is with us here. He should have a cape. He is Superman. I applaud DERRICK. Well done.

RECOGNIZING STEVEN COLUCCI

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career and honorable public service of Indiana Township Police Chief Steven Colucci, who retired after 29 years on the force this summer.

Chief Colucci first put on a badge in 1996 as a part-time patrolman. He rose through the ranks of detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and eventually earned the top job as chief, where he served for over 3 years.

Chief Colucci was a mentor to many. His legacy includes training a good chunk of the current force, including the new chief, Marc Myers.

I had a chance to work directly with Chief Colucci last year in an effort to upgrade a 130-year-old railroad tunnel in the community that was falling apart and was a real public safety risk. We worked together to push the railroad to make the repairs, and I got a chance to see firsthand his dedication to his community's safety.

Chief Colucci is a true public servant. Indiana Township and western Pennsylvania were lucky to have his decades of service.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Chief Steven Colucci on his well-deserved retirement. I wish him the best in his next chapter and thank him for his service.

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SUPPORTING WORKING FAMILIES TAX CUTS

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MESSMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the massive benefits that my constituents in Indiana and all Americans will reap thanks to the passage of the working families tax cuts.

I am so pleased we are able to put hardworking taxpayer dollars back into the pockets of deserving Americans. Mr. Speaker, because of this important legislation, the critical savings they will now receive can be poured back into the economy to fuel it and get our country's fiscal health back on track.

At home in Indiana's Eighth Congressional District, more than 80,000 Hoosier families have been protected from losing half of the child tax credits. Thanks to the death tax exemption, Hoosier farmers can pass their family-owned farms down to their children without losing most of it to the IRS.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to more opportunities to deliver tax relief and eliminate waste and fraud for my constituents so they can survive and continue raising their families in the greatest country in the world. May God bless Indiana, and may God bless America.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE HELENE

(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, next week we will recognize the 1-year anniversary since Hurricane Helene plowed a path of destruction across western North Carolina.

In August, I had the chance to visit and hear directly from several affected communities. Time and time again, I heard the same thing. They need more Federal support, and they need it faster.

We are lucky to have the steady leadership of Governor Stein guiding the recovery effort, but the Federal Government needs to do its part, too.

Unfortunately, the Trump administration continues to slow down the Federal relief process. That is why I am calling on the President to slash the red tape that is holding back critical assistance that was appropriated last year for our State.

Mr. Speaker, Congress also has a critical role to play. We need to replenish the disaster relief fund and immediately pass Governor Stein's request for additional Helene recovery funding. We can't abandon western North Carolina.

NATIONAL PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION RECOGNITION DAY

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, some of our Nation's heroes never made it home. Others returned bearing the scars of captivity, both visible and unseen. Behind every prisoner of war and missing soldier is a story of sacrifice, of family left waiting, and a nation with a solemn duty to remember.

Today, I rise in honor of National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day to remember the more than 500,000 POWs who endured the horrors of enemy captivity. We also honor the tens of thousands still missing in action.

These patriots and their loved ones deserve more than a single day of remembrance. They deserve a permanent place of honor. That is why I have introduced legislation to designate the POW/MIA Memorial Museum at Cecil Field in northeast Florida, just outside of Jacksonville, as a national landmark.

Mr. Speaker, on this day, with grateful hearts, we, the people, reaffirm our promise to account for every missing hero. May we never forget.

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 for the 42nd time to call on the Trump administration to restore lifesaving food aid for starving children. Edesia Nutrition, an organization in my district, manufactures Plumpy'Nut, a nutritional supplement that helps starving children get back to health.

Their production has been largely shut down since the Trump administration froze the program in January. I have been speaking out on this floor for months, calling on that program to be restored.

We have had an interesting challenge that we have been trying to figure out which is: When do we declare victory? I think that every day I come up here might be my last. Time after time, the Trump administration has said they will restore the program. They put in purchase orders. They put out RFPs. They have tweeted. They have posted. They have testified this program will be restarted. Yet, thousands of boxes remain stuck in a warehouse in Rhode Island, instead of getting to the children who need it.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue to speak on this floor every day until those boxes move because promises and intentions are not enough to save the lives of starving children.

GEORGIAN DREAM PARTY SABOTAGED TRUMP

(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, it is revealing that the cor-

rupt Georgian Dream party of the Republic of Georgia canceled a proposed Trump Tower project in Batumi, which Donald Trump had personally announced in 2012.

Elections were rigged in Georgia last October. The illegitimate Georgian Dream party Putinist conspirator, Ivanishvili, has ridiculed Trump as a trickster. It is clear the illegitimate Georgian Dream party sabotaged President Donald Trump, while it has given its port on the Black Sea to the Chinese Communist Party.

America supports the freedom-loving Georgian people and rejects the current Georgian Dream regime. The United States House of Representatives voted 349–42 for fair elections in Georgia. The tyrannical regime is ruthlessly arresting political opposition. President Salome Zourabichvili, who is the legitimate President, is courageous as a champion for the people of Georgia.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting and mocking Trump, as Putin invaded Poland last week with 19 drones and 100 miles, reminiscent of Stalin joining Hitler invading Poland on September 17, 1939, 86 years ago this week to kill 69,000 Poles in 5 weeks.

SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. FIGURES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge that September is Sickle Cell Awareness Month. It is a time to recognize the challenges faced by those living with this debilitating genetic disease.

This disease is one that disproportionately affects Black people who make up 90 percent of those diagnosed with this terrible condition. One person is a young man that I had the opportunity to meet down in Mobile, Alabama, my hometown. He is a 5-year-old gentleman named Dakota Williams. He is a student at Council Traditional School of which I am a proud alum myself.

The only known cure for sickle cell is a bone marrow or stem cell transplant. It is risky, and it is often inaccessible, especially in certain communities. That is why urgent investment in research, treatment, and equitable care is critical.

That is why we need to pass the Sickle Cell Disease Comprehensive Care Act, introduced by my Republican colleague out of Florida, Representative NEAL DUNN. I am a proud cosponsor, and I thank him for his leadership on this issue.

We need this so we can better understand and improve how we track and understand care for patients like Dakota and so we can better identify where resources and support are most needed.

Mr. Speaker, this month and every month, we must stand with those living with sickle cell disease and fight for a future where they have hope and health.

MAKING HOMELESSNESS A NATIONAL PRIORITY

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, America is the richest country in the world. Yet, we have 700,000 homeless people including tens of thousands of veterans. Getting Americans housing and mental health services needs to be a national priority.

It is alarming to hear that instead of solving the problem there are some rightwing media commentators who want to execute mentally ill homeless people. I think the words they said were to just kill them. This was followed by a lackluster apology. It makes me think that maybe they meant it.

I don't think this is the position of the rightwing or the Republican Party. What this administration is doing is banning encampments with no long-term strategy and cutting funding for community services to those individuals.

Out of sight and out of mind is not a solution to homelessness. We cannot sweep homelessness and the homelessness crisis under the rug. We have been talking about violent rhetoric recently. Let's apply that to homeless people, as well.

Since these comments, there were two mass shootings at Minnesota homeless encampments. Our words do matter. We need to come together to solve the homelessness crisis in our country and not incite violence against them.

Mr. Speaker, let's work together in a bipartisan way instead of continuing that kind of rhetoric.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CRAWFORD). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 18 minutes p.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. ROGERS of Alabama) at 12 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

PROMOTING CROSS-BORDER ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 707, I call up