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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Eamon Kelly, Magdala Center, Migdal, Israel, offered the following prayer:

Lord, loving creator and redeemer, bless the Members of this House with Your peace.

Give these elected Representatives of Your people true fidelity to their duties in their service of the common welfare.

Protect them from the temptations of self-seeking, corrupting influence and destructive divisiveness.

Grant them resilience in the face of brutal scrutiny and unfair and even vicious criticism.

Accompany their proceedings today as they advance the good of this vast country while contributing to the oneness of the entire human family, over 8 billion people, each one made in Your image and likeness.

For this great enterprise, we ask Your guidance to follow the wisdom imprinted on our currency. To You, God, we entrust this day's proceedings.

As blessings have flowed from the Sea of Galilee to every corner of the globe, so may blessings also flow from America to every people on Earth.

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 Illinois (Mr. QUIGLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. QUIGLEY 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 REVEREND EAMON KELLY

The SPEAKER. Without objection, Mr. EMMER of Minnesota was recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional leader and someone who I can now call a good friend, Father Eamon Kelly.

This past August, my colleague from California, PETE AGUILAR, and I had the privilege of leading a bipartisan

delegation of freshmen Members to Israel, where Father Kelly baptized several of our Members in the Sea of Galilee.

It was a transformational experience that we will keep with us for the rest of our lives, and it was, in large part, thanks to Father Kelly's leadership, faith, and commitment to helping others experience the power and the history of the Holy Land.

When I first met Father Kelly, I asked him where he is from because he has an interesting accent, or brogue. He told me: "I am from the Holy Land, and I live in the Promised Land."

Having served at the Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center for more than a decade and now serving as the vice director of the Magdala Center, Father Kelly's work in the Holy Land has impacted people from all walks of life from all over the globe. The fruits of his labor will undoubtedly have a lasting impact for generations to come.

As we honor him on the House floor today, we also pray that many more people will encounter God and grow in their relationship with Christ as a result of his ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HONORING THE LIFE OF MATTHEW BURNS

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

Mr. VAN ORDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to unfortunately, once again, highlight the scourge of veteran suicide.

Matthew Burns was in my platoon when I was his Navy SEAL chief. Unfortunately and for a reason only known between him and God, he decided to end his life a few months ago.

With Matthew's passing, that makes 22 of my Navy SEAL friends who have committed suicide.

I will be exiting the House floor. I will miss votes today, and I will miss them tomorrow because I will be interring Matthew's earthly remains in San Diego, California, with his family.

Mr. Speaker, I will just ask one thing: If you are a veteran and you think that there is no hope, there is. You have to know that you are loved and cherished and that you have value.

So if you are thinking of doing what Matthew did, don't. Please call 988, option 1. That is the Veterans Suicide Prevention Line.

May God grant Matthew's family peace and have his soul rest in gentle repose.

SNAP CUTS

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, last weekend, I visited Saint Sabina Church in Chicago for emergency food distribution.

There, I talked to a single mother with a young child with disabilities. She showed up in the cold 4 hours early for a food distribution of a single box of food. Without her November SNAP payment, she said that she would have to skip meals to make ends meet.

I also talked to seniors who were deciding whether to purchase their groceries or their medicine for the month.

For these Chicagoans, the administration's delay in SNAP benefits made for a brutal month. For the 360,000 Illinoisans who will be cut off of SNAP because of the big, ugly bill, they will be weighing these tradeoffs for years to come. Veterans, older Americans, and kids aging out of foster care will lose benefits.

They deserve better. We must keep fighting for them.

CELEBRATING BERNIE ADAMS ON HIS 102ND BIRTHDAY

(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 Mr. Bernie Adams, a World War II veteran from Coudersport, Pennsylvania, who will turn 102 years old on Saturday.

Bernie served in the U.S. Navy and was a seaman third class gunner on a supply tanker ship at Normandy. He also saw service in the Philippines.

Bernie was born in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. He married the former Barbara Fetzer in 1946, and they had a beautiful union of 75 years before her passing in 2020.

Bernie and Barbara settled in Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania, where they raised five children: Pamela, Larry, Bernie Jr., Amy, and Jeffrey.

Family was important to them, and the family has grown over the years. Bernie has 9 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Bernie worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad and was later employed as a pipe fitter in Olean, New York. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and he loves watching baseball, especially the Chicago Cubs.

Bernie now resides at Sweden Valley Manor in Coudersport, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District, where he will have a birthday celebration on Saturday.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Bernie Adams the very best as he turns 102, and I thank him for his service to this great Nation.

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HONORING CECILIA MENDOZA

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent Cecilia Mendoza, a defender and advocate for our constitutional rights.

Cecilia's passion for justice is reflected across her entire career, from her beginnings as a community organizing intern with the Illinois Hunger Coalition, to her work as an immigration service coordinator with Family Focus, and eventually to her role as the associate director of Government Relations with the National Immigrant Justice Center.

As our city has come together to defend each other, Cecilia has been an indispensable asset to my office and to the immigrant rights movement, advancing equity and inclusion through research, policy, and community resources. Through her leadership, we are better equipped to continue welcoming and protecting those seeking refuge in the United States.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my honor to commend Cecilia Mendoza for using her power and voice to protect our immigrant neighbors and build a welcoming Nation that we hope for and deserve.

Congratulations to Cecilia.

SUPERVISION SYSTEM THAT IMPROVES PUBLIC SAFETY AND SUPPORTS SUCCESSFUL REENTRY

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

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Safer Supervision Act, a bipartisan bill backed by Federal law enforcement, probation officers, and public defenders. This broad coalition shares a common goal: a supervision system that improves public safety and supports successful reentry.

Today, more than 110,000 Americans are on supervision. Probation officers are carrying caseloads so large that it is difficult to focus on the individuals who truly need the greatest oversight.

The Safer Supervision Act restores individualized judicial decisionmaking, creates a responsible path to early termination, allows treatment-based responses, and focuses resources where they make the greatest impact.

This is smart-on-crime reform that strengthens safety and supports second chances.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Safer Supervision Act.

CONDEMNING DEPLOYMENT OF CBP TO NORTH CAROLINA

(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, I rise today to condemn the Trump administration's deployment of CBP to North Carolina.

Since last weekend, North Carolinians watched in horror as masked agents descended on our State, terrorizing communities, and abducting people off the streets based on the color of their skin.

These immigration raids only serve one purpose: sowing fear and intimidation.

If the Republicans cared about fixing our broken immigration system, this wouldn't be the way to do it. If they did, they would work with Democrats to ensure our border is secure, families stay together, and our farms and businesses can get the workers they need. Instead, they refuse to do anything to fix our immigration system for legal immigration.

Mr. Speaker, Wake County and our State are welcoming, vibrant places, made stronger by the hardworking immigrants who choose to call our communities home. It is time for Federal immigration officers to go home and stop attacking our people. They need to arrest real criminals.

PRESIDENT TRUMP CREATES JOBS

(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, on behalf of American families, Republicans have delivered on the promises made by President Donald Trump to create jobs for affordability.

Signed into law by President Trump, appropriately on July Fourth, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act puts American families first. The law will raise wages up to \$3,300 for every American worker. It eliminates taxes on Social Security for 88 percent of recipients. It permanently extends tax cuts that will create jobs. It eliminates taxes on tips, adding an average of \$1,300 annually for workers. It also will eliminate taxes on overtime, adding an average of \$1,400 for millions of hourly workers.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump as The Washington Times exposes today that 25 civilians were murdered yesterday by Putin near NATO ally Poland with children burned alive.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GIOVANNI CIPRIANO

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

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome to our Nation's Capitol my constituent from Lynbrook and

the founder of the Love for Giovanni Foundation, Georgina Cornago.

Mr. Speaker, Georgina is the beloved mother of Long Island native Giovanni "Gio" Cipriano, pictured here, who we tragically lost in 2013 due to a severe allergic reaction.

In the face of unimaginable loss, Georgina has transformed her grief into purpose. She has been a tireless force behind Gio's law, a bipartisan legislation that I introduced to equip local law enforcement with EpiPens to quickly and effectively respond to allergic reactions and save lives. Thanks to her advocacy, first responders on Long Island are already saving lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Gio and working together to prevent future tragedies and pass Gio's law.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF KEN SIEMEK

(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, today, I rise to celebrate Ken Siemek on his retirement as 10/11's severe weather center chief meteorologist. For over 40 years, Ken has informed Nebraskans with vital, sometimes even lifesaving weather updates.

Since joining 10/11 in 1981, he quickly became synonymous with the trust and reliability across the Lincoln market. He was an ever-steady presence on the newscasts and on the air.

From warning families of severe storms to sharing forecasts with the news of a sunnier tomorrow, Ken's calm, steady voice resonated deeply across the Lincoln media market. His legacy of excellence and dedication will continue to inspire future generations of broadcasters across Nebraska. Through the years, Ken Siemek was the calm before the storm.

Mr. Speaker, I join everyone from Lincoln to Imperial in thanking him for his decades of dedication and wishing him the very best in retirement.

ACA TAX CREDITS SET TO EXPIRE

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, in just a few weeks, tax credits for the Affordable Care Act are set to expire.

The President has had weeks and months to negotiate a deal that addresses the healthcare crisis in this Nation. Instead, here in the House of Representatives, the Speaker chose for us to be out of session for 8 weeks, while people across this country and in my State of Florida are getting letters in the mail saying that their healthcare premiums will go up anywhere from 50 to 300 percent. Mr. Speaker, 189,000 of my own constituents have been getting these notices.