

Black Keys, Chrissie Hynde, and Howard Hewett. It has given us actors and storytellers who brought our experience to big and small screens. It has also given us Judith Resnik, the first Jewish woman astronaut who reached for the stars and inspired the Nation. It has also given us Rita Dove, a Pulitzer Prize award winner and the first African-American Poet Laureate of the United States.

The Birthplace of Champions isn't just a tagline or a motto, it is who we are. It is the people whose names you won't ever see in lights but built an industry, led innovation, and continued to fight for fairness and opportunity.

Perhaps Akron's greatest legacy is its people. Families come from every corner of the world to work hard, build homes, raise children, start businesses, and lift up one another. Akron is filled with people who don't quit when times are tough, and its residents understand that a community rises by lifting others.

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Madam Speaker, as someone who grew up in Akron and was shaped by its values, I stand here because of that community.

Akron taught me compassion and resilience. It taught me that public service means fighting for working people, fairness, and opportunity. These are values that Akron has carried for two centuries, and I carry these same values with me in the Halls of Congress.

H. Res. 918 honors our past, but it also looks ahead to our future. Akron continues to lead in sustainable polymers, research, entrepreneurship, healthcare, the arts, and innovation. It continues to stand up to injustice. It continues to carry forward the spirit of the people who built this city.

Madam Speaker, I am deeply humbled to introduce H. Res. 918, celebrating 200 years of the city of Akron. I encourage its swift passage. May the next 200 years of the city of Akron be even brighter.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 3 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:

Eternal God, can we, in these precarious times, trust You enough to cast

all of our anxieties on You? The earth around us gives way. Things that we have depended on, staked our lives on, are now uncertain. How can we not be afraid?

The mountains fall into the heart of the sea. Pillars of strength we have counted on are overcome by the waves of tumult and change. You have the power to bring down the powerful from their thrones. Can we even hope that You will show favor to the humble?

Yes, God, for You alone are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. You alone will be exalted. Your mercy extends to those who fear You from generation to generation, and You have promised to fill the hungry with good things.

We lay before You all our cares and believe that You care for us. Let us be still and know that You are God, today and always.

In Your sovereign 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 gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. HINSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. HINSON 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 DR. WENDY WINTERSTEEN

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

Mrs. HINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Wendy Wintersteen, president of Iowa State University, on her retirement next month after more than 40 years of distinguished service.

Dr. Wintersteen has been a remarkable leader whose commitment to her students and to the State of Iowa has left a lasting impact on the institution. She brought the "Innovate at Iowa State" vision to life, solidifying the school's role as a national leader in research and entrepreneurship.

Under her leadership, Iowa State University has advanced cutting-edge research to strengthen Iowa agriculture. She supported world-class faculty and helped prepare the next generation of leaders and innovators to solve challenges and better our State and our Nation.

My husband, Matt, an Iowa State alum, and I, of course, look forward to many more Cyclone games and know that Dr. Wintersteen will be cheering on the Clones for many more years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Wintersteen and congratulate her on her retirement.

HONORING MAUREEN ANN FITZSIMONS

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Maureen Ann FitzSimons, born and raised in Larchmont, who passed away the day before Thanksgiving.

Maureen, a bright and engaging young woman, leaves behind her mother, two brothers, and adoring nieces and nephews after a 15-year battle with cancer that began at age 30.

Maureen attended Saints John and Paul School and the Ursuline School, continued on to earn her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University, and went on to earn her J.D. from St. John's Law School. During her school years, she was an athlete, as well, on the tennis and track teams.

Maureen's optimism and warmth shone through the many years, despite her health concerns. Whether at work or sailing at the Larchmont Yacht Club, she lived her life to the fullest as best she could.

Last night, her friends and family gathered to pay her final homage before today's funeral mass at St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church in Larchmont.

Maureen deserved a better fate, a longer life, but she made her mark, nonetheless. Mr. Speaker, I salute that life and mourn her passing.

C-SPAN GOES STREAMING

(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 applaud YouTube TV and Hulu + Live TV for expanding public access to Congress by carrying C-SPAN, C-SPAN2, and C-SPAN3 beginning next week.

For 46 years, C-SPAN's respected nonprofit service has offered Americans unfiltered, gavel-to-gavel coverage of their government in action. However, millions of streaming households were left without this vital window into the debates and decisions which shape our Nation.

By adding the C-SPAN networks, YouTube TV and Hulu + Live TV are making a strong and, I hope, enduring commitment to public service, transparency, and civic engagement. They now join cable and satellite providers like Comcast, Charter, Cox, DirecTV, and Dish in supporting a treasured service that strengthens accountability and confidence in our democratic systems.

This is a big win for the American people. Full access will help inform the public, no matter how they choose to watch.

Mr. Speaker, I thank YouTube TV and Hulu + Live TV for their important decision.

ATTACK ON TWO NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, we all mourn the loss from the tragic attack on two National Guard members here in Washington last week. Yet, once again, the master of distraction seeks to avoid any accountability for his role in this tragedy. Only 7 months earlier, the Trump administration granted asylum to the assassin.

Big unanswered questions for the President: What specific vetting was done with regard to the 3 years that this assassin lived here in America? Was his post-traumatic stress from his prior violent work considered? Was the caseworker who reported his possible radicalization interviewed and reviewed? Was his inability to even get a job a factor? Did this review include biometric information, checking social media platforms, and other steps?

Instead of blaming all immigrants and blaming Biden, how about just looking in the mirror and figuring out what went wrong here in this regime and how to fix it in order to avoid another tragedy? Americans deserve accountability and answers.

RECOGNIZING PAUL SHEFFIELD

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

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize an extraordinary public servant from Jones County, Mr. Paul Sheffield, whose career reflects a lifetime of dedication to the safety and well-being of Mississippi families.

Paul began his public service in 1998 with the city of Laurel's traffic maintenance division. By 2001, he was serving as a police officer in the town of Sandersville and soon joined the Jones County Sheriff's Emergency Operation Center, working as a dispatcher, operations officer, reserve deputy, and canine deputy.

In 2005, Paul continued his calling at MEMA as an area coordinator, serving for 11 years in that role. During that time, he and his wife, Traci, whom he

married in 1999, welcomed their son, Caleb, through adoption in 2010 and celebrated the birth of their daughter in 2013. His commitment to service grew right alongside his family.

After leaving MEMA in 2016, Paul served with the Emergency Management District of Forrest County. In 2018, he became the executive director of the Jones County Emergency Operations Center. He holds the distinction of Mississippi Certified Emergency Manager and has served as both vice president and president of the Mississippi Civil Defense Emergency Management Agency. Nationally, he is recognized as a certified emergency and disaster professional.

Mr. Sheffield's service also extends into the 911 Coordinators Association and 6 years with the Jones County Coroner's Office, where he continues to serve as deputy medical examiner.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Sheffield's decades of leadership and dedication have strengthened emergency preparedness across our State. Today, I am proud to honor him and his lifetime of service.

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY FARMS LEGISLATION

(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 speak about rural America and the challenges it is facing.

People back home in eastern North Carolina are concerned about the lack of investment in rural communities, programs that are hard to access, high input costs, low return on their crops, and increasing debt just to keep the farm open.

That is why I am introducing two key bills to strengthen rural communities and family farms. The Rural Uplift and Revitalization Assistance Act will provide necessary technical assistance for rural communities to improve access to rural development programs.

The Farm Transitions Act of 2025 will reauthorize the Commission on Farm Transitions and require it to release a report with recommendations to help farms transition to the next generation.

These bills will make it easier to access rural development programs and for our next generation of farmers to keep our rich agricultural tradition alive.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

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

Mr. MOORE of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to speak as a witness to the power of prayer.

Last week, my constituent, Andrew Wolfe, was attacked by an Islamic ter-

rorist here in Washington, D.C. He is still fighting for his life.

I know Andrew's family. We have spoken many times. I will tell you, he is improving right now, but we need to continue to pray for him.

It is actually working. Prayer works. Behind the Speaker's rostrum here, it says very clearly: In God We Trust. Indeed we do and indeed we must trust in God and His saving power and continue to pray for Andy Wolfe.

He is currently able to move some of his fingers and hands and toes. He has not completely woken up yet, but I ask everyone across the aisle, across this entire building, and across this great country to please continue to pray for my constituent, Andy Wolfe.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO DOUBLE TEFAP FUNDING

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

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of GivingTuesday, I rise to urge my colleagues to join me in supporting a measure at a time when our country needs it most. Whether giving in your time or treasure, today is the day when we give to those organizations across the country who help others all year long.

Ahead of Thanksgiving, I introduced the Food Bank Emergency Support Act, which will protect our Nation's food banks from future lapses in government funding like the recent government shutdown.

During the 43-day period, 42 million Americans struggled to put food on the table. These individuals were recipients of SNAP, our largest antihunger initiative.

When SNAP assistance is halted, the burden shifts to local food pantries funded by the Emergency Food Assistance program, or TEFAP, which typically provides one meal for every nine offered through SNAP.

My legislation would automatically double TEFAP funding during future funding lapses so food pantries can respond swiftly. This will supplement the giving that is given today and many days by nonprofits across the country so no one goes hungry. By setting politics aside, we can prioritize the health and well-being of all Americans and give back.

CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK: NORTH CANTON FIRST RESPONDERS

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize several North Canton first responders as Ohio's 13th Congressional District's champions of the week.

In the early hours of October 9, Sergeant Cody Dollinger, Officer Adam