

the Department of Homeland Security. I urge my colleagues, Democrat and Republican alike, to join us.

A woman has been murdered. Silence is no longer neutrality. It is complicity. We must rein in ICE. We must demand accountability. We must protect our communities from this abuse of power.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### HOLDING ICE ACCOUNTABLE

(Mr. MENENDEZ of New Jersey was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, yesterday our Nation witnessed the killing of a fellow American in broad daylight, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her name was Renee Nicole Good. She was a concerned citizen and a mother. The loss of her life was entirely preventable.

This tragic loss of life comes the same week that we remember what occurred here 5 years ago on January 6. On that day, violent insurrectionists attacked police officers, many of whom sustained serious injuries and five of whom have passed away since the attack, including Brian Sicknick, a New Jersey native and a proud Capitol Police officer.

Instead of remembering and healing from the events of that day, President Trump pardoned close to 1,600 seditious and violent insurrectionists who were convicted of criminal charges. The President and House Republicans have tried to vanish the events of that day from our collective memory, but we will not let them.

Last year, alongside my colleagues Congresswomen WATSON COLEMAN and McIVER, I witnessed firsthand outside Delaney Hall how far this administration will go to silence dissent and opposition when more than 20 armed ICE and HSI officers physically prevented us from doing our job.

What I said then and what I would say today is that all of this should be completely unacceptable to all Americans and should shake every American to their core. I have said time and time again that no one is safe in Trump's America. Mothers, Capitol Police officers, our neighbors, Members of Congress, no one, not a single person should feel safe with him as our President.

This administration's extreme agenda does not reflect the best of who we are as a country but, instead, seeks to turn us against each other. We cannot allow that to happen.

#### RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 50 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 (Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia) at noon.

#### PRAYER

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

Immortal and invisible God, speak to us this day Your inimitable words of truth. While Your wisdom has often seemed a mystery hidden from us, You have freely offered it by Your spirit, that we may receive and understand Your gracious and generous gift.

Reveal to us then what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human mind conceived, that we may comprehend the things You have prepared for those who love You.

Show us what our limited perspective keeps us from seeing, that You, who created all things, have designed a future for us that will grant us reason to hope in what we cannot see.

Declare to us in words louder than the soundtrack of our culture that it will not have the final word.

Remind us that as much as we think we know the way, the wisdom of the world will amount to nothing, for it is You who ultimately orders our steps.

You have made clear, O God, that these promises are for those who love You. Search our hearts, O Lord, we pray, and find within us a thirst for Your Word and a desire of our love for You.

To You, the only wise God, in whose name we pray, we give thanks.

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.

#### 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.

#### TRUMP LEADERSHIP CAPTURES DICTATOR MADURO

(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. Madam Speaker, Americans are grateful that last week, under the courageous leadership of President Donald Trump, Marco Rubio, Pete Hegseth, General Dan Caine, Pam Bondi, and John Ratcliffe, that our professional military completed an inspiring, legal operation to arrest Venezuela dictator Maduro and his wife.

Dictator Maduro rigged elections and also operated a murderous, drug-dealing regime. Drug cartels, which killed hundreds of thousands of young Americans, have now been damaged.

The murderous axis of evil of war criminal Putin, Iranian and Cuban regimes, and the Chinese Communist Party are unraveling, exposing dictators with rule of gun which invade democracies with rule of law.

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, mocking Trump, with ghost Russian tankers financing the Maduro murderous dictatorship.

Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Dr. JIM BAIRD and his wife, Danise.

#### RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNUAL CRUCIAN-RICAN TRAMP AND BIG BREAKFAST

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to share the unbreakable ties between the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, demonstrated this week through the Annual Crucian-Rican Tramp and Big Breakfast, a powerful reminder that Virgin Islands culture is inseparable from our Latin Caribbean heritage.

Puerto Rican immigrants began coming to the Virgin Islands by the thousands in the late 1800s, cutting cane alongside Crucians, whose ancestors endured the same cane fields. Families planted roots, building communities throughout the island and on St. Thomas. They established social clubs and created businesses.

Spanish became our second language. Our children grew bilingual. Our families intertwined. Our kitchens became sacred ground, where callaloo met asopao, fungi sat beside mofongo, and johnnycakes shared the table with bacalaitos.

Yet, before the migration to St. Croix were the boats of enslaved Crucians, who were fleeing slavery by making the dangerous trip to Vieques and Culebra. This isn't fusion. It is family, Caribbean people who refused to let colonial borders divide us, who

recognized in each other the same bloodlines and the same determination to thrive.

The Crucian-Rican Tramp celebrates this truth: We are stronger together.

#### HONORING FATHER MIKE CRISOSTOMO

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and the service of Father Mike Crisostomo, a Catholic priest from Guam who devoted his life to caring for others and strengthening our island community.

For nearly three decades, Father Mike, affectionately known as Pale Mike, served the people of Guam, offering guidance, comfort, and support in moments of both joy and hardship. He was known for showing up when people needed him the most, whether in times of celebration, grief, or uncertainty.

Father Mike's service extended beyond the walls of the church. He worked with families, the vulnerable, and those facing difficult circumstances, always with compassion and humility.

Father Mike Crisostomo lived a life rooted in faith, service, and love for his community. Guam is in a better place because of his work, and his legacy will live on in the countless lives he touched.

#### MARKING 15 YEARS SINCE TUCSON SHOOTING

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

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, Madam Speaker Emerita, Senator MARK KELLY, the Arizona delegation, and to all of my colleagues who are present here today, I rise on the 15th anniversary of the tragic mass shooting in Tucson, Arizona, that took 6 lives and injured 13 others, including our former colleague, our good friend, Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, an extraordinary American leader who I am pleased to say is here with us in the Chamber today.

At 10:10 a.m. mountain standard time, in Tucson, Arizona, during a Congress on Your Corner event being held by Representative Gabby Giffords to serve her constituents, a gunman opened fire on this peaceful gathering.

We mourn for those whose lives were lost on that fateful day: John Roll, a Federal judge and public servant; Gabe Zimmerman, a dedicated congressional staffer; a precious 9-year-old girl named Christina-Taylor Green; and beloved community members Dorothy "Dot" Morris, Phyllis Schneck, and Dorwan Stoddard.

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At the same time, we are thankful to God for the survival, the resilience, the

courage, the strength, the persistence of Congresswoman Giffords and all those who survived on that fateful day.

Prior to this assassination attempt, Congresswoman Giffords served this body and the people of Arizona's Eighth District with great distinction, dedication, and determination. Her policy interests were diverse, spanning from immigration reform, economic opportunity, and promoting solar and clean energy.

After experiencing firsthand, in the most horrific fashion possible, the horror of a mass shooting, she refocused her efforts on ending the gun violence epidemic in America once and for all. We honor her and celebrate her for the transformational work that she has done in the years that have followed.

House Democrats stand with Gabby and with all Americans who say enough is enough.

Enough with the gun violence epidemic being the leading cause of death for the children in this country.

Enough with mass shootings being as frequent as the common cold.

Enough with the text messages to parents saying "I love you" because there is another active school shooter.

Enough with the mass-casualty incidents at concerts, grocery stores, movie theatres, nightclubs, churches, mosques, synagogues, and other gathering places.

Enough with weapons of war flooding our communities, while merchants of death rake in record profits.

Enough unnecessary loss of life due to preventable, senseless gun violence.

This is the cause to which Congresswoman Giffords has now dedicated her life, and we all join her in proclaiming enough is enough.

It is time to end the gun violence epidemic in America once and for all.

While the challenges to address this crisis may feel insurmountable at times, we cannot and will not give up hope, inspired by the perseverance of our dear leader, Congresswoman Giffords.

I am heartened by the work that has been done despite the considerable forces that have been arrayed against us.

That progress includes, under the leadership of then-Speaker NANCY PELOSI, passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act in 2022, which represented the strongest new Federal gun safety legislation in 30 years.

Our job, of course, as Gabby makes clear, is far from finished. Every day an average of 327 people are shot in this country, including 23 children shot on average every day. Over 65 million Americans say at least one person in their family has been fatally shot, their lives extinguished by gun violence in this country. There are 393 million guns in the United States of America, more guns than people, and law enforcement can't tell you where a majority of those guns are because of barriers that have been erected keeping criminals protected.

It does not have to be this way. We know there are commonsense solutions to stop the gun violence and keep the American people safe.

We can start by closing the gun background loophole that allows dangerous people to buy firearms without background checks.

We need to ban assault weapons in the United States of America to prevent these weapons of war from continuing to destroy the lives of everyday Americans.

Led by our distinguished appropriators like ROSA DELAURO, we are continuing to fight for robust funding for community violence intervention programs and appropriate funding for the ATF and gun violence research. Breaking the devastating cycle of gun violence that has a choke hold on this country is one of our Caucus' highest priorities and will be a high-priority issue when we take back control of the majority after the November election.

Democrats are continuing to maintain our commitment to keep everyday Americans safe from the scourge of gun violence, and we will not stop fighting for proven policies that we know will reduce gun violence in every community throughout our Nation.

I encourage my colleagues to support the resolution introduced by Congresswoman DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ to commemorate the tragic event that occurred on January 8, 2011.

I once again thank our colleague, our fearless leader, our distinguished champion, Congresswoman Giffords, for her presence here today on this solemn anniversary and for her tireless, matchless, incredible advocacy to end the scourge of gun violence in the United States of America once and for all.

I now ask everyone in the Chamber to stand, and for everyone throughout the campus to join us in a moment of silence to commemorate the lives lost and the lives forever changed by the tragic shooting that occurred on January 8, 2011.

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#### ACA TAX CREDITS EXPIRED

(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. Madam Speaker, Christmas has come and gone. As the ball dropped bringing in a new year, families in eastern North Carolina and across the Nation literally on New Year's Day are feeling the squeeze of rising healthcare insurance costs.

It is not a happy new year for everyone. These are hardworking families, our neighbors and friends, trying to raise kids and buy groceries, and they are small business owners.

Congress must act to extend these subsidies so hardworking families aren't left stretching out tight budgets