

thank every single recruit with all of my heart. Thank you for your bravery. Thank you for your courage. Thank you for your willingness to serve our country. Thank you for your love for America.

To every recruit, I share the same words that I shared with my son: Be strong. Be of good courage. Be all that you can be.

HONORING LOU HOLTZ

(Mr. FALLON of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, a legend was called home. Lou Holtz passed away surrounded by his loving family, and I know coach, if he had to choose, wouldn't have it any other way.

Coach Lou Holtz will forever be a national treasure. He is a Hall of Fame coach, and he earned it.

He was born in modest means on January 6, 1937. His parents, Andrew and Anne Marie, raised him near a small mill town in West Virginia, right on the border in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Coach went on to play linebacker—I think he probably was 135 pounds soaking wet, but he was a linebacker—at Kent State. He used to joke when he would give some of his great speeches that he graduated third in his class. He was third from the bottom, not the top.

When he was 34 years old, he was having a tough time in life, so he wrote down 107, and then it became 108 life goals. There were some very lofty ones. One goal I believe was to appear on “The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson.” He wanted to be a head coach. He wanted to win a national championship and many other goals.

If he didn't achieve all of them, he achieved nearly all of them.

He became a head coach at William & Mary, then at North Carolina State University, and then 1 year with the New York Jets when Joe Namath was there. That didn't go too well.

His calling was back in college, and he went to the University of Arkansas. He had wild success there. Then, he went to the University of Minnesota. In his contract, he could leave for one school, and that school was the University of Notre Dame. We won a national championship there in 1988, and it was a very special time.

Coach Holtz coached many great Americans, such as Byron Spruell, Pat Eielers, Rod West, Tony Rice, Derrick Brown, Reggie Brooks, Ricky Watters, Jerome Bettis, Steve Buerlein, Andy Heck, Ron Meyer, James Dillard, and Antwon Lark. As one of 1,500 players, I got the privilege to—I used to joke. I didn't necessarily play for Coach Holtz; I practiced for him.

Coach used to say you should have four things in life: something to do, someone to love, someone to believe in, and something to hope for.

I want to share this with you all. Coach was in hospice. He passed away yesterday. You know when you are in

hospice, you know the end is coming. This is what I shared with Coach Holtz. I sent him a text last month. I am going to read it to you. “Coach, I am sitting in my office in the U.S. Capitol, and I know one thing for certain. I wouldn't be here right now had I not crossed your path. In short, you are a legend, and I love you.”

I had the honor of introducing him about a half dozen times over the last decade or so, and if you read Coach Holtz's bio, it is going to tell you that he has two sons, but that is wildly inaccurate. He has 1,502 sons. That is how players see him: as a coach, a mentor, a friend, and very much a second father.

Coach, you demanded the best from all of us and taught us to dig deep and reach our full potential. You taught us not to exist but to live, not to wallow but to thrive, and not to just dream but to act. You taught us to take hold of our own futures and fates.

So many of us did just that.

I oftentimes share with people that the coach came out and did a fundraiser for me in 2018 when I was running for the Texas Senate. I share that not to name drop or to impress people, but to share the person that he was. He refused payment. He flew from Florida to Texas to help a reserve player that he had coached 30 years prior. That is who he was. He was generous beyond measure and a great American patriot of our Republic. He is to be admired and emulated.

Coach, you inspired us to be the men the good Lord made us to be.

I was reading the other day that, at some point, for most of us, there will come a day when our name will be spoken for the last time for most of us. But not for you. Your name will live on for eternity because you are a legend. Do you know what, Coach? Damn it, you earned it.

Coach Lou Holtz, God bless you. Coach, thank you.

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 10 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. LOUDERMILK) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Teach us Your way, O Lord, that on this day we may walk in Your truth. You alone bear witness to what is real

and right. Help us to listen to Your voice amid the noise of all that is spoken around us. Focus the intentions of our hearts and the inclinations of our will on Your truth, that in all that we do and say in this place, we would revere You.

Enable us to align our thoughts, our words, and our actions that they would reflect both Your truth and Your love.

May we speak with integrity.

May we act with moral courage.

May we live faithfully.

Holy God, redeem and sustain us, that we may present ourselves to You as those whom You approve, without reason to be ashamed.

When the day is done, by Your grace and guidance, may we have spoken Your truth, proven faithful to Your word, and served as ambassadors of Your matchless love in these troubled times.

In Your merciful name, we pray.

Amen.

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 California (Mr. CORREA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CORREA 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 SOUTH CAROLINA EXPORT ACHIEVEMENTS

(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, I am grateful for the leadership of Governor Henry McMaster, South Carolina Commerce Secretary Harry Lightsey, South Carolina Ports Authority President Micah Mallace, and Board Chairman Bill Stern.

The Ports Authority announced that, in 2025, our exports for the Palmetto State totaled \$38.5 billion, the highest value in 7 years. Charleston is led by Mayor William Cogswell.

Motor vehicles and parts, aircraft and parts, and machinery and parts

were the most exported commodities. South Carolina has exported to 198 countries and territories, creating jobs.

In 2025, we were the leading exporter of BMW, Volvo, and Mercedes vehicles, as well as the national leader in the export of Michelin, Bridgestone, Continental, Giti, and Trelleborg tires.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating peace through strength through revealing war Putin criminal lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, as Putin supports Iran today after the attacks on civilians in Azerbaijan and Syria.

I am confident that President Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan and President Ahmed al-Sharaa of Syria will respond, protecting Syrians.

South Carolina also recognizes the passage of our favorite son, Jesse Jackson.

HONORING HOLLY HAGLER

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Holly Hagler and her dedication to service through nonprofit work.

Ms. Hagler has spent much of her career serving our community's fastest-growing demographic, adults 65 and older. Since becoming the Orange County chapter president and CEO of Meals on Wheels in 2010, Ms. Hagler has led the delivery of meals to more than 15,000 older adults per year.

Ms. Hagler has also served on the leadership council of the Orange County strategic plan for the aging and as board chair of the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services. She has been recognized many times by the L.A. Times in both chambers of the California State Legislature.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Holly on a career filled with many accomplishments. We will miss her.

REMEMBERING BILLY KEYES

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

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Billy Keyes, a friend and a beloved Annapolitan, who we lost last week at the age of 104.

Mr. Keyes was a World War II veteran, police officer, public school teacher, artist, proud Alpha man, husband, father, and devoted community member. Everyone fortunate enough to know Mr. Keyes knew him for his wisdom, his compassion, and his unbridled wit.

He served in the 761st Tank Battalion, the first all-African-American unit to enter combat during WWII. He then shared his experience with the next generation as a teacher for over three decades in the Anne Arundel County Public Schools. He retired only 5 years ago at the young age of 99.

Mr. Keyes was an example of how to live well and how to live generously. When I visited him to mark his 100th birthday, he requested that I bring vanilla ice cream and Maryland-distilled whiskey.

He made sure that I let people know that, while he was a lifelong registered Republican, he appreciated sharing his wisdom with service-minded Democrats.

He accomplished more during his lifetime than many of us can dare to imagine, not taking a single moment for granted. He touched so many lives through his dedicated service to our community.

Mr. Speaker, he leaves behind a historic legacy here. I will forever be inspired and grateful for having known him.

HONORING RYANN ELIZABETH KINNEY

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the most effective staffers and one of the most trusted partners with whom I have ever had the pleasure of working.

Many of my colleagues know her well by her presence at my side on this floor, from the townhalls and the briefings she has given regarding Community Project Funding, or her skill in helping hundreds of House Democratic offices submit their priorities to the Appropriation Committee each year.

In each aspect of her role as director of Member services, Ryann Elizabeth Kinney has brought unmatched tenacity, patience, attention to detail, and good humor with her. These are all essential qualities during long debates and longer markups.

She is more than staff to me. She is family. I worked with her father, and I watched her grow up and begin her career as an intern in my office. She jumped at the opportunity to become my temporary scheduler.

We all know that scheduling can be a no-win job in the office. Ryann handled it with aplomb, taking on a legislative portfolio even as she became my permanent scheduler.

When I took on the role of Appropriations chair, I knew there was no one I would rather have in my corner on the committee. As always, Ryann was up for the challenge. Since then, we have known victories. We have known defeats. We have had highs and lows. Like me, Ryann never tires of the fight.

I am certain that Ryann will enjoy great success in her future endeavors, wherever that may lead. While I will miss her counsel and her company in this body, I am so proud and excited to see her pursue new opportunities and adventures.

Mr. Speaker, Ryann will always be part of my family. I thank her for everything, and the staff is all gathered in the gallery to thank her, as well.

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HIGHLIGHTING EPSTEIN FILES

(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, one of the files is about President Trump and Mar-a-Lago.

What it reads, starting here, is:

Jeffrey Epstein forwarded Ghislaine Maxwell email from Jack Goldberger.

What it says, starting here, is:

JE ever expelled from Mar-a-Lago? No. He was not a member. May have been a guest. Never asked to leave.

Mark Epstein said Trump on JE plane is true. I've been on a lot of planes, may have been on his plane. No young girls on plane.

What do you know about allegations against JE? Only what I read in the paper.

Trump ever been at JE house? I may have been there with my wife. Any young girls there? No. May have been children of guests, but that's it.

Trump specifically asked Garten to advise us of the interview. Brad had also previously talked to a manager at Mar-a-Lago. Bernd Lembecke confirmed JE never asked to leave Mar-a-Lago.

That is this document, the final one that we will report on today.

The Department of Justice is still sitting on about 3 million files. They continue to pull things back and hide them every day. The government is lying to us, and we will continue to fight until we have full transparency.

DTE ENERGY IS OUT OF CONTROL

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, DTE Energy is out of control.

They are requesting another outrageous rate hike, just days after State regulators approved another \$242 million increase, an increase of 4.6 percent per customer. These are our residents getting their utility costs increased.

Our families can't afford higher rates with more power outages that wipe out groceries, spoil our medicines in our refrigerator, and leave our neighbors without critical medical services, all because DTE in Michigan would rather spend money on campaign contributions than invest in reliability.

DTE doesn't even care about reliability because they care about record profits and pay for shareholders and executives.

Mr. Speaker, the company made \$1.5 billion in profits last year. This is unchecked corporate greed. DTE already charges some of the highest rates in the Nation but provides unreliable service and performs hundreds of thousands of utility shutoffs per year.

Mr. Speaker, guess who subsidizes those shutoffs. It is the LIHEAP program, the taxpayers.

Enough is enough. DTE Energy needs to be checked and held accountable.