

A few years after its start, the automobile began to slowly replace the horse and buggy, and a hand-cranked gas pump was installed to meet customer needs. Mr. Tormey ran the store for over 30 years before it was purchased by Stephen and Mildred Casadoro, who operated it for nearly 40 years. It would change hands several more times, and now is being operated by Steve and Corrine Rogers who continue its tradition of excellent service to our community.

I am proud to represent its current owners and all of their customers here in Congress. All of the Spokane County area in eastern Washington know of the outstanding nature of the Nine Mile Store, and now so do all of Congress and a grateful American people.

HONORING ST. STEPHEN BAPTIST CHURCH

(Mr. MCGARVEY of Kentucky was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Stephen Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky. This year St. Stephen will be celebrating its 100th anniversary as a congregation.

Mr. Speaker, 100 years is an incredible milestone for any person or organization, but St. Stephen's century of service in Kentucky is one that deserves special recognition.

The Book of Matthew tells us that a church can exist wherever two or three gather in His name. Well, 100 years ago, in 1926, it wasn't much more than that, as 14 faithful believers gathered in a borrowed basement and started what has now become the largest Black church in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

It is a wonderful church. The music is fantastic. The congregation is warm and welcoming. I have recently heard another pastor say that if there is a Mount Rushmore of preachers, Dr. Kevin W. Cosby is on it. Amen.

I want my colleagues here to know that St. Stephen has never just been a place to gather and worship. As Dr. Cosby wrote in his book "Getting to the Promised Land," the Black church cannot exist solely as a place where the community goes to experience a Sunday respite from the pressing burden of our people's history and present. As the preeminent institution for ADOS, Black churches in America must fill their sanctuaries with exhortations to carry out the sort of justice work that will relieve us of that burden.

Not only does it have a proud legacy of service and activism, St. Stephen is an undeniable bedrock of Black education in our Commonwealth and in our country.

Yes, the church offers educational programming, and at several points throughout its history, it has chosen to build an educational building or a family life center instead of merely expanding the size of its worship space. But nowhere is the church's commit-

ment to education more evident than its relationship with Simmons University.

Going back to its beginnings, St. Stephen's first pastor, Reverend B.J. Miller, who led the church for 44 years, was a young Simmons University student. Founded in 1879 by formerly enslaved Baptists, Simmons quickly became a national leader and was only one of two HBCUs in the country with both a medical school and a law school, educating Black lawyers, doctors, teachers, and ministers who went on to lead the civil rights movement just decades later. Reverend Miller himself helped integrate the Southern Seminary and played a vital role in the push for equal rights in Louisville.

Now, here is where things get really interesting. In 1930, the Great Depression, combined with discriminatory policies, forced Simmons to foreclose on its campus. A cornerstone of Black education and a premier institution of higher learning was seemingly gone forever.

I think there are lots of ways to have faith, but one of the ways to have faith is to understand that God has a redemptive plan for us and our world. We don't get to know the details. It might not always be easy. But as the Proverbs tell us, if you trust in the Lord with all your heart, he will make the path straight.

Reverend Miller, who was that Simmons University student, was eventually succeeded by his grandson, Dr. Kevin W. Cosby, who was just 20 years old when he took over the church in 1979. Yes, together, the two of them have shepherded this congregation for 91 of its 100 years.

When Dr. Cosby took over, it was already an amazing church. He took it to new heights. In 1997, he made a very brave decision, maybe even a divine decision, to resurrect the proud tradition of education and purchase the former campus of Simmons College, a decision solely responsible for the rebirth, restoration, and revitalization of the premier Black college that is once again Simmons College of Kentucky.

When Simmons regained accreditation, it was recognized as the Nation's 107th HBCU in 2015, the last HBCU in America. It was the most remarkable comeback in the history of higher education. Next year, the comeback continues as Simmons College once again becomes Simmons University.

None of this success has been accidental or inevitable. It is because of a faithful congregation, a family dedicated to service, and a good and gracious God. What an amazing story. May God continue to bless this church, this college, and this community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues here to join me in congratulating St. Stephen today and wishing them a second century that is even better than the first.

RECOGNIZING GIRL SCOUTS JORDYN OLSON AND SUMMER FUNKHOUSER

(Mrs. FISCHBACH of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jordyn Olson and Summer Funkhouser from Fergus Falls. They were recently awarded the prestigious Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can achieve. This award requires dedication, teamwork, and a true commitment to creating lasting change in the community.

These bright young ladies partnered with the Fergus Falls Community Food Shelf to create accessible, kid-friendly meal options for local families. Together, they designed a "by kids, for kids" recipe brochure featuring meals and snacks made entirely from items commonly found in a weekly food distribution box. These brochures are now being distributed directly to local families.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Summer and Jordyn on their achievement.

CELEBRATING THE TRACY FFA CHAPTER

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the success of the Tracy FFA Chapter at the 2026 Minnesota State Convention. They had a great showing, including their livestock team taking first place.

The winning team consisted of Carson Lanoue, Melaina Ankrum, Lawton Verlinde, Nolan Verlinde, and Callie Johns. These students dedicated hours to practices, reviewing data, and mastering the professional reasoning required for judging livestock. Their hard work paid off, and they will now advance to compete at the national level in Indianapolis.

I am proud of these students for their dedication, teamwork, and commitment to excellence. They are shining examples of what our students in western Minnesota can achieve. Please join me in congratulating Tracy FFA on their historic performance, and I wish them good luck in Indianapolis this fall.

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RECOGNIZING LOIS WIDMARK

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero from Ivanhoe, Minnesota: Lois Widmark.

At 104 years old, Lois recently received well-deserved recognition for her extraordinary service during World War II. Serving in the Navy WAVES, Lois was stationed in Washington, D.C., where she worked as a code breaker, utilizing complex machinery to decrypt enemy information.

Lois joined the service because she wanted to do more for our Nation. Her vital, top-secret work contributed to the Allied victory and helped to protect the freedoms that we hold so dear.

Last week, in a special ceremony at her home, Lois was presented with the

Minnesota World War II Memorial Dedication Medal. It is a privilege to recognize Lois for her patriotism and her legacy.

On behalf of Minnesota's Seventh District, I thank Lois for her service to our country. We are honored to have such a remarkable veteran in our community.

RECOGNIZING REDWOOD FALLS WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and celebrate the Redwood Falls Woman's Club on their 125th anniversary.

Founded in 1901, this organization has been a pillar of the Redwood Falls community. Through generations of leadership and the dedication of its members, these women have left a lasting impression on the area. Their longevity is a testament to the power of civic duty and community service.

I extend my gratitude and congratulations to the members of the Redwood Falls Woman's Club, past and present, thanking them for 125 years of service, leadership, and dedication to making Redwood Falls a wonderful place to live.

POLICY EXACERBATING SCOURGE OF CANCER

(Mr. NEGUSE of Colorado was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, like tens of millions of Americans, my family has been impacted by the scourge of the terrible disease of cancer.

My wonderful wife, Andrea, over 1 year ago, battled breast cancer for roughly 18 months. I saw up close the grit, the determination, and the strength that she showed daily to beat that terrible disease.

We were very lucky, but for the grace of God, the incredible care that she received from healthcare providers, and the support that we received from family and friends, that she was able to beat that disease. I count my blessings every day.

Mr. Speaker, you can imagine, given my family's journey, my dismay at an announcement that was made just a few days ago by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. It didn't receive a lot of fanfare, but the agency issued a new rule to implement President Trump's big, terrible bill, H.R. 1.

This rule, in the fine print, makes very clear that it will become more difficult for cancer patients to be able to stay on Medicaid.

Let me repeat that. This pernicious provision that the Trump administration has now proposed would make it more difficult for cancer patients to be able to access and stay on Medicaid.

The question that I am here today to ask of my colleagues is: Why? Why pursue this rule, knowing, as I know you do, Mr. Speaker, that 1 out of every 10 Americans who has a history of cancer are on Medicaid—1 out of 10?

Knowing that this is a matter of life and death for millions of Americans,

why pursue this type of terrible provision and policy that we know will result in countless Americans no longer being able to access the care that they need to survive?

It is cruel. It is unconscionable in my view.

Mr. Speaker, I am here today on the floor to make a humble request to my colleagues. There is still time to convince CMS, HHS, and the Trump administration to turn back and to not proceed with this rule. Countless Americans and a variety of organizations dedicated to helping cancer patients have publicly asked the Trump administration—have implored the Trump administration—to reverse course.

There is still time, and I would just encourage my colleagues—request of my colleagues—implore my colleagues to join us in demanding that the Trump administration do the right thing: Rescind this rule on behalf of countless families in our country who are looking to us in Washington for help.

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 10 o'clock and 36 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 (Ms. HAGEMAN) at noon.

PRAYER

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

God our provider, thank You for all that You have given us. There is nothing that we need that You do not offer. There is no time in our lives when You do not sustain us in plenty as well as in want.

Teach us, then, how to be content. Whatever it is that we pursue, if it is not within Your will for us, help us to recognize the futility of our efforts is like chasing the wind.

But in our desire to live as You would have us live, as Your children—believing in and faithful to the one who knows our every need—may we seek first to trust in Your provision in every situation and remain content in every circumstance, yielding ourselves to the purpose You have for our lives.

In this may we learn the secret for navigating through the challenges and difficulties of these days. Whatever we have, whatever hand we are dealt, wherever we find ourselves, wherever You direct us, You have and will continue to provide for us. Confident in

Your providence, may we do what we are called to do, through the one who has created and who sustains us still.

In the strength You provide, we commit ourselves to the work of this day. All of this we pray in Your holy 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 Maryland (Mr. HARRIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HARRIS of Maryland 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.

HONORING ROSCOE BARTLETT'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. HARRIS of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of my former colleague from Maryland, Congressman Roscoe Bartlett, on the occasion of his 100th birthday today.

An extraordinary American, scientist, inventor, farmer, and Representative of the Sixth District of Maryland, Roscoe held 20 patents supporting our Nation's defense.

In Congress, he used his scientific expertise to champion energy independence, national security, and small businesses. He raised concerns about our Nation's electric grid and its vulnerabilities years before the issue came to the forefront.

During his 20 years of constituent service, Roscoe never forgot the little guy. He passed legislation such as Robby's Law, allowing military dogs to be adopted by their handlers, as well as helping National Guard members receive overdue pay post 9/11.

His philanthropy has supported organizations such as Heartly House that assists families escaping domestic violence.

Today, he celebrates his birthday with his beloved wife, Ellen, and their family. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank Roscoe for his contributions and selfless service.