

of the family road trip. It was a year of optimism, growth, and community spirit.

It was also the year the Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach, Florida, was founded.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this remarkable organization for a century of service and fellowship.

Mr. Speaker, for me, it is personal. I have had the honor of being a member of this club, joining in 1990, and even serving as its club president. One of my most memorable moments of my Rotary journey was swearing in my own son, Bradley Bean, as president not too long ago.

For 100 years, the Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach has strengthened our community by supporting local students, advancing literacy, leading humanitarian projects, both locally, nationally, and even internationally, and living out the values that has defined Rotary since its founding in 1905 by Paul Harris.

Mr. Speaker, you may ask, is there going to be a party? The answer is: Yes, there will be. There will be a gathering of both current and former members to celebrate the milestone, as well as all the accomplishments in 100 years. They will honor every member who has given their talent, their time, and their heart to make Fernandina Beach and the world a better place.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach on 100 amazing years of "Service Above Self." I wish them another century of impact, leadership, and community.

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#### MOURNING THE LOSS OF NANCY ODA

(Ms. RIVAS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, the San Fernando Valley mourns the loss of Nancy Oda.

Nancy was born in the Tule Lake Segregation Center during World War II, where her family was persecuted for their Japanese heritage. Her family's hope was that she would bring harmony into the world and overcome the challenges and discrimination they were facing at the time.

Nancy did what she could to bring that harmony by choosing a life of service to her community. She spent 32 years with the L.A. Unified School District, first as a teacher, then retiring as an elementary school principal.

Nancy's work didn't stop in the classroom. She served as president of the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center and the Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition, where she worked tirelessly to preserve the history of Japanese-American incarceration and ensure that future generations would understand its impact.

Nancy believed that preserving history was not simply about remembering the past; it was about protecting the future. She used her voice to advocate for immigrant communities and ensure that they can live their lives with dignity.

Nancy will be remembered for her commitment to education, her devotion to community, and her unwavering belief in justice throughout the San Fernando Valley. Her memory will live on through the students whom she taught, the history she preserved, and the communities she strengthened.

We were all fortunate to have met Nancy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence in her honor.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SALVADOR TORRES

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, today, we celebrate the life and service of Salvador Torres from Pacoima.

Salvador was born and raised in Pacoima with his 12 siblings. After serving our country in Vietnam, Salvador came back to the valley where he worked at General Motors as a line worker to support his wife and three children, Marco, Fabiola, and Flor.

According to Marco, Salvador's love and kindness can be seen and felt in everyone that he knew. Salvador was able to form a bond with anyone, whether it be over stories from military service or their shared love of the L.A. Dodgers. This was evident at his memorial service, where over 400 people attended to pay their respects and celebrate a beloved neighbor, veteran, and leader.

Salvador's legacy lives on in his family, friends, and the community that he loved so dearly. He will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence in honor of Salvador.

#### JUHIE PARIKH COMMEMORATES AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. BERA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Juhie Parikh, a student at Inderkum High School in Sacramento, for winning my office's essay contest commemorating America's 250th anniversary.

As our Nation prepares to celebrate 250 years of independence, students across my district were invited to reflect on what America means to them. Juhie's essay stood out for its thoughtful reflection on community, belonging, and unity.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share her essay in her own words:

As I look out onto my street in a Sacramento suburb, I see a lovely Chinese family with two daughters achieving their dreams in college, a Black family with two daughters in high school with me, a Mexican family with three children that love playing soccer, college students renting a house, three generations of a White family and their cute dog named Liesel who pass out

homemade cinnamon rolls every Christmas to each house, and my own Indian immigrant family. This isn't just a show of diversity, but unity.

To me, America is this street.

It is easy to look at a country and only see its fractures and divisions. America might have many imperfections, but that is not all it is. What I see from my window tells a different story, one that feels personal to me.

What strikes me most about my neighborhood isn't our differences. It is that we don't care about how different we are. The kids kick their soccer ball into the street, and everyone navigates around it without complaint. The college students wave. Liesel trots over to anyone who will scratch her ears, noticing their kindness first before their backgrounds. At Christmas, cinnamon rolls arrive at every door, not just ones that look familiar. These little details, repeated daily, are what a culture is actually made of.

My dad came to America first, alone, for his job, building the foundation to raise a family here. My mom followed him, leaving behind everything familiar to join him in a country still new to both of them. This risk is not unique to us. Nearly every family on my street has their own version: a sacrifice made, a life turned upside down, a bet placed on this country. And somewhere along the way, all of those separate stories merged into one shared street.

This shared life revealed itself most clearly on the day Liesel passed away. I had once been small enough that the Great Dane and I were nearly the same size, the two of us growing up together. She had belonged to one family, but in truth, she belonged to all of us. When she was gone, every family came to the door. Some brought food, some simply came to honor her memory. An entire street grieved together, and I understood that what we had built was not just proximity. It was genuine care.

This care is the truest thing I know about America. We are so defined by our differences, our backgrounds, our languages, or our histories. But on my street, those things are only the beginning of the story, not the end of it. Similarly, America's story is not finished either. To me, America means possibility, the possibility that people from every corner of the world can land on the same street and become part of each other's lives. It is not a perfect country. But it keeps producing diverse streets like mine. And that is enough to believe in.

#### RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Citrus Heights Police Department.

For two decades, the men and women of the department have served the Citrus Heights community with dedication, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to public safety. Every day, they work to keep families safe, respond in moments of crisis, and strengthen trust across the community.

I was proud to help secure \$540,000 in Federal funding for the department's emergency communication enhancements project to upgrade emergency communications to ensure first responders can communicate reliably during emergencies, coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions, and keep Citrus Heights residents safe when every second counts.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Chief Alexander Turcotte and every officer, dispatcher,

and staff member for their service and sacrifice. Their work reflects the very best of public service and dedication to our community.

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#### RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 7 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. WITTMAN) at noon.

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#### PRAYER

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

Lord God, bless the work we do today. Bless all of it, not just the issues we individually have invested in, but bless the work we do together to address the concerns each of us brings to the table.

Use our everyday tasks, even those that seem mundane and routine, to Your glory. Whether it is a meeting with constituents who come with a myriad of concerns, a review of every line of a bill in markup, another phone call, or another media interview, may our approach to each task reflect our faithful service, not just to our communities and to our country, but ultimately to You.

In this, may we commit ourselves to doing not just the minimum but our best. May we acknowledge that the responsibilities You have entrusted to us far exceed our intentions for this day and deserve our full attention.

May we do all that we do with a heart for You, giving of our whole selves to You and to the duties You have set before us. Let us offer our work and our words as a psalm of praise to Your name, that each day we may live what we profess: our faith in You.

In the promise of Your name, we pray.

Amen.

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#### 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.

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#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. GRIJALVA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. GRIJALVA 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.

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#### 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.

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#### TRUMP CREATING TRADE 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, President Donald Trump has overhauled workforce training, creating high-paying jobs without crushing debt. Trump means jobs.

The Working Families Tax Cuts Act expanded savings for training in plumbing, electrical work, welding, and cosmetology, covering expenses for tuition and books. This initiative creates jobs.

Today is primary day in South Carolina, and in every election, I have stood in front of a polling location to thank voters for participating. With the close votes we are having here today, I am remaining in Washington, appreciating my Republican colleagues and being loyal to Trump policies.

In the Governor's race, Donald Trump will be a winner with all talented candidates, Trump supporters NANCY MACE, RALPH NORMAN, Rom Reddy, and Alan Wilson. Trump loyalists urge President Trump to endorse both runoff candidates in the upcoming runoff, 2 weeks from today, as Trump will be a winner.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and Trump is reinstating peace through strength, creating and revealing war criminal Putin lies, as war criminal Putin talks lovely in the morning and war criminal Putin mass murders in the evening.

Our prayers for American patriot Butch Wallace at the Lexington Medical Center.

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#### RECOGNIZING MASON LEE

(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 recognize Mason Lee, a young violinist from Tarrytown, New York, who was recently selected for one of Carnegie Hall's national youth ensembles.

Since the start of this program in 2013, the national youth ensemble has encouraged artistic development and cultural exchange for musicians ages 14 to 19.

Alongside his fellow members of the National Youth Orchestra of the

United States, Mason will spend 2 weeks in New York before traveling to Europe to perform at some of the world's greatest musical venues.

As there were only six violinists chosen for the National Youth Orchestra, this opportunity is reserved for the most accomplished young musicians.

From the floor of the House of Representatives, I congratulate Mason for this exemplary achievement.

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#### RECOGNIZING 56TH ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA SPECIAL OLYMPICS GAMES

(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 highlight the 56th Annual Pennsylvania Special Olympics Games and the incredible athletes and volunteers who help make this event so special.

Established in 1970, the Pennsylvania Special Olympics provides children and adults with intellectual disabilities with the opportunity to compete in sports.

Since its founding, the competition has grown every year. This year, more than 1,000 volunteers made the event possible.

Last week, 1,400 athletes from across the Commonwealth competed in various events, such as tennis, swimming, and basketball. Top athletes from last weekend's events will be invited to Minnesota later in the month, representing Pennsylvania in the National Special Olympics.

The competition kicked off Thursday evening at Medlar Park when the Special Olympics torch was lit. These games are not just about sports but help participants build existing skills, develop confidence, and foster friendships that last a lifetime.

This annual event brings thousands of spectators to Centre County each year, demonstrating Pennsylvania's strong communities.

Mr. Speaker, I commend every athlete, coach, family member, and volunteer whose dedication made this fantastic event possible.

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#### HONORING JULIE GALLEGO

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

Mrs. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Julie Gallego, a devoted wife and mother, a gifted educator, and a beloved member of the Tucson and southern Arizona community.

Julie passed away yesterday, on June 8, following a courageous, yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer. While her loss is deeply felt by her family and loved ones, it is also felt across Tucson and beyond by the generations of young people whose lives she touched.