

remembered and talked about for years to come because he lived with such a passion and dedication and was truly loved and respected by many, many people.

One day, as kids in that club do, his girls will research their dad. They will look him up. They will see the articles about his games and his stats and the clips of his highlights and read about his accomplishments. They will see the articles about his career being cut short. They will see the articles and the news stories covering his untimely death.

However, buried in that research, it is my hope that they will find mention of his name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, perhaps even see this speech, and know that their father lived a life that was worthy of tribute and honor on the House floor of the United States Capitol in the same room where Presidents speak, where heads of State speak, where we recently just hosted the King of England, because he deserved that.

To Mikhail's parents, you raised a hell of a young man. To Jessica and the girls, our hearts go out to you and know that thousands of people are here to support you all. To Mikhail, on behalf of a grateful city and from a fan, I thank him for the example that he set for the city of Mobile, for representing us well, and being amongst the best that Mobile has ever had to offer this world. You made us proud, boy. You really made us proud.

CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT

(Ms. MEJIA of New Jersey was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. MEJIA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with a complaint.

A few days ago, while my colleagues in the New Jersey delegation and I attempted to carry out our oversight responsibilities at Delaney Hall, we found ourselves blocked by ICE and its contractor, GEO Group.

While we can debate the abhorrent actions of this administration toward immigrants and Americans alike, what we should not debate is our right to carry out our duties on behalf of the American people.

The bottom line is, Members of this governing body have a duty to oversee all aspects of our government and its entities. We have a duty to ask hard questions and challenge injustice, even when it is carried out by our own government.

I have walked the halls of Delaney and Elizabeth Detention Centers. My account of medical abuse and neglect have been direct and truthful. Every American should be concerned about what Members of our delegation have relayed. They should be concerned of the persecution of one of our own Members, and they should demand that oversight continues.

Today, the rights at risk are those on the margins, but ultimately injustice can and will come for us all.

COMMITMENT TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOMS

Ms. MEJIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in a moment in which our Nation both celebrates its first founding while simultaneously forces within it attack the essence of its second.

As we reflect on our Nation's 250th anniversary, I pause to recognize the democratic values hardwired into the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, amendments that defined the American freedoms we fight to preserve and restore today.

Ratified on July 9, 1868, and debated in this very Chamber, the 14th Amendment is one of the most transformative amendments in American history. It fundamentally expanded who counts in American democracy and established the principle that everyone born in these United States belongs here and deserves equal protection under the law.

The word "transformative," in fact, falls short. Because of the 14th Amendment, individuals who walked these hallowed Halls were able to fight for marriage equality, bodily autonomy, equal access to public education, public housing, the right to form a union, collectively bargain, and much, much more.

To put it simply, for more than 150 years, the 14th Amendment has undergirded much of what we fight to enact and strive to defend in this Hall.

Those protections have been under attack since their inception, but in recent years, these attacks have escalated, stripping some protections from the hands of our fellow Americans.

This is why I rise at this moment, to remind my colleagues and fellow Americans about what is truly at stake. Those privileged and blessed to represent our fellow Americans have a special charge in this moment. I take that charge seriously, with a commitment to protect our freedoms today and for those who will come after us, generations to come.

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CHOOSING PEACE, HUMAN DIGNITY, AND CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

(Ms. STANSBURY of New Mexico was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, as we sit here in the people's House, millions of children in the Middle East are living in fear, trauma, and danger. That fear has only intensified as the President has waged an illegal war in Iran, with hundreds of schoolchildren killed, thousands of civilians lost, and bombs still dropping in Lebanon as entire communities have been reduced to rubble.

The President is seemingly no closer to ending the war he unleashed and, instead, is obsessing about golden ballrooms, grand arches, and algae-infested pools while asking this body for an unprecedented \$1.5 billion for more weap-

ons and military spending to wage this war and a State Department and foreign affairs budget that continues devastating cuts to the lifesaving programs of USAID that have directly contributed to the loss of food, medicine, and critical lifesaving aid across the world, with completely preventable deaths for thousands of children.

This is a moral moment for America. Will we stand up and say stop this war and reinvest in our humanitarian missions? Will we speak up against injustice and suffering? Will we remain silent?

Last night, the Senate finally passed our War Powers Resolution to end the war in Iran, sending a clear message that it is time to end this illegal war.

Today, I stand here on the floor to offer amendments to the foreign affairs budget to restore funding for critical aid, food, and resources for the children of the Middle East, and particularly for Gaza. They have faced unimaginable suffering over the last several years.

Just yesterday, a U.N. commission reported on the deliberate targeting and killing of Palestinian children in Gaza and the West Bank as part of a deliberate strategy to destroy future Palestinian communities. We cannot turn a blind eye to these crimes.

We must stand up as the branch of government by the people and for the people. We must be a voice for right and wrong, a moral conscience for this country and for our people.

Back home, my constituents are calling my office daily to ask for an end to this conflict and the suffering, and to choose a different path for this country, a path that invests in our people in communities and the children of this planet; a path that ends the violence and the killing in the Middle East, Gaza, and the West Bank; and a path that ends the destruction of communities, schools, hospitals, roads, and water systems that have devastated millions.

Mr. Speaker, it has been catastrophic. Whether it is funding in this bill, another military spending bill from the White House, or the NDAA, Congress cannot remain silent. Congress cannot remain complicit. Congress cannot fund this violence, especially when the greatest burden has fallen on children.

Children have watched their parents, siblings, and classmates die and are waking up every day, wondering where their next meal will come from and whether they will survive the night. No child should inherit a future defined by violence and despair, and certainly not funded by the taxpayers of the American people.

If Americans are serious about building a safer and more stable world, we must invest in the people who have been impacted most by these conflicts abroad.

That is why I am offering these amendments to restore humanitarian aid to the children of Gaza, invest in schools and healthcare for moms and

children, combat malnutrition, reunite families, and provide shelter for those who have lost their homes. Children should not pay the price for violence and a war they did not start.

I urge my colleagues today to stand up in this moral moment to support these amendments and reverse course as a nation; recognize that America's strength comes not from its military might but from our moral leadership; and vote for a future where children have the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

Mr. Speaker, I can say that I have made my choice. I choose peace, human dignity, and the children of the world, and I hope my colleagues will join me.

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 20 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. BOST) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Holy Lord, You have called us to You and chosen us as Your own. You have spoken to us through Your word and having heard Your voice, may we respond to You with our whole selves.

May every aspect of our being reflect a deep desire to live into the grace You have shown us, a grace that has led us to this place to serve this Nation at this time in its history.

May the work we do to govern and lead this country be established in Your divine guidance and sustained by our faith in You.

May even the little things that seem inconsequential and yet are essential to the success of our efforts be prompted by our love for You.

May our endurance through the monumental and the mundane be inspired and upheld by the hope that is found only in You.

God, the author, redeemer, and sustainer of our lives, we entrust the living of this day to Your keeping. In Your enduring 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 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.

REPUBLICANS EXPOSING FRAUD

(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, fraud diverts programs meant for families, seniors, children, veterans, and small businesses. It rewards criminals who know the government will often pay first and ask questions later.

House Republicans have passed legislation, including the Fraud Prevention Accountability Act, led by our Speaker MIKE JOHNSON to help agencies verify eligibility, share information, and stop suspicious payments before the money is distributed.

House Republicans are exposing fraud by investigating programs, recovering stolen dollars, and giving whistleblowers a voice.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, intentionally murdering Ukrainian civilians while destroying churches.

Congratulations Attorney General Alan Wilson with a 69 percent Republican primary victory yesterday for Governor of South Carolina. I appreciate the endorsement of Donald Trump, NANCY MACE, and RALPH NORMAN.

I extend my sympathy on the passing of Commissioner Jo Anne Whitehead, the beloved wife of Chairman Lyman Whitehead of Irmo, South Carolina.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Ferrari, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent Resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 86. Concurrent Resolution directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran.

ANNIVERSARY OF OVERTURNING ROE V. WADE

(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, 4 years after the overturning of Roe v. Wade, to bring to light the devastating impact that the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision has had on our country.

Since Dobbs, government interference in what should be a decision between doctor and patient has led physicians to hesitate, delaying patients from receiving the care they require.

Centers that provide preventative and lifesaving reproductive services have been shuttered. In the wake of Dobbs, laws have caused women to experience unnecessary complications sometimes leading to their death.

I cannot fathom being forced to make a life-or-death decision because of what politicians and courts have decided rather than the advice of medical experts.

On this anniversary, I urge my colleagues to join me in demanding better for my constituents by acting to protect access to reproductive care.

Every moment we wait is a moment too long.

OMAHA MAN ARRESTED FOR UFC TERROR PLOT

(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, the arrest of a man in Omaha accused of leading the plot to attack the White House's UFC event this month is a stark reminder about the threats that face our Nation.

According to DHS, the suspect entered the U.S. illegally and allegedly sought to make the attack "... as deadly as we can get."

This case underscores the importance of securing our borders, enforcing our immigration laws, and remaining vigilant against those who seek political violence rather than political debate.

I am grateful to the Omaha FBI, working together with the Nebraska State Patrol, who arrested this alleged ringleader before lives were put at risk. Their professionalism and commitment to help keep our communities safe happens every day.

Regardless of ideology or political affiliation, political violence is never acceptable. We must reject extremism, promote civil discourse, and work together to lower the temperature of political rhetoric.

I thank our law enforcement officers once again for making this arrest.

LOVICK'S CAFE

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address