

while ensuring our Nation remains a strong and ready force.

I call upon the memory of one of my favorite Presidents, President JFK, and think about his statement: “Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.”

Madam Speaker, I call on all the parents of eastern Washington and all the teachers and principals to have a conversation with our fine recruiters and talk about what career paths their young people in their homes and their schools may have in protecting our country with our military.

RECOGNIZING SPOKANE CHINESE ASSOCIATION AND SPOKANE CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Spokane Chinese Association and the Spokane Chinese Christian Church for hosting an outstanding Lunar New Year celebration in Spokane.

The event was a vibrant tribute to our community's diversity and the rich cultural traditions that strengthen all of us. The music and dance performances showcase not only extraordinary talent but also the spirit of unity and joy that defines this wonderful celebration.

In eastern Washington, we are proud to have such a vibrant Asian-American community. For more than 170 years, Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander families have helped to shape the cultural fabric of the inland Northwest.

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As we celebrate this season of new beginnings, may it bring good health, prosperity, and joy to them and their families. I am proud to join in honoring the start of a new year filled with hope and good fortune.

Madam Speaker, I thank the Spokane Chinese Association and the Spokane Chinese Christian Church for inviting me to such a wonderful celebration, and I wish them a Happy Lunar New Year.

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 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. MACKENZIE) at noon.

PRAYER

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

God of power and might, mercy and peace, we raise our voices on behalf of all those who have cried for so long

that their voices are weary and their words are faint. Especially on this fourth anniversary of the enduring conflict in Ukraine, let not their hearts fear. Though war has risen up against them without cease or cause, even still may they remain confident that You are their light and salvation.

Lord, be the stronghold that pushes back the enemy's relentless campaign against them. Hide them in the shelter of Your sanctuary in these endless days of trouble.

Then lift up their voices as they testify to the world their faith in You. Even as they refuse to give up their will to their adversaries, may their confidence in You serve as a testimony to all of us. As they wait for You, may their faith be strong and their hearts take courage that all may know that our salvation is found only in You.

Sovereign God, may all who believe in You when enemies encamp against us see Your goodness, O Lord, in our lifetime.

Hear the fervent prayers of all who call on Your name these days.

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 North Carolina (Mr. DAVIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DAVIS of North 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.

PRESIDENT TRUMP IS DELIVERING REAL RELIEF FOR FAMILIES

(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 Trump is delivering real relief for families in the form of lower costs for everyday items, creating jobs.

Wages are growing faster than prices, putting more money into the pockets of Americans. Year over year, inflation fell over 2.4 percent in January, mark-

ing a new low. Core inflation has dropped to the lowest level in 5 years, underscoring progress made by Donald Trump.

In the first Trump year, real earnings for workers have outpaced inflation by \$1,400, earning back some of the \$3,000 lost under Biden.

Key prices are falling in January. Beef, eggs, and coffee prices all declined. The interest rates are down for home building. Gasoline prices are falling. Promises made, promises kept.

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 and mocking Trump as we now see war criminal Putin entering into the fourth anniversary of the Putin invasion today, which he lied to his troops would be a 30-day special mission. Courageous Ukrainians with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy will be victorious over mass murderer Vladimir Putin.

HONORING AHMED REHAB

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ahmed Rehab, a fearless advocate and leader.

Ahmed's career reflects his courage, clarity, and conviction. For more than two decades, Ahmed has defended our civil rights and protected our Muslim and immigrant neighbors and communities.

While he is currently the executive director of the Chicago Office of CAIR, the Nation's largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy group, he has served on the board of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, the Chicago Council on Global Affairs' Muslim task force, and in many other leadership roles. He is committed to building multifaith, multi-sector coalitions.

Just last week, at Illinois' Third first Power of the People Summit, Ahmed reminded us that coalition is commitment. It means standing together before the storm, not just during it. It means being light in the midst of darkness.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, I am proud to commend Ahmed Rehab for his tireless defense of our civil liberties and for the wisdom he brings to the work of solidarity and unity.

I thank and congratulate Ahmed.

RECOGNIZING THE ROCHESTER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON 160 YEARS

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

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rochester Area