

HONORING MAJOR JUSTIN FITCH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. DUFFY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to remember Major Justin Fitch.

A son of Hayward, Wisconsin, and a decorated Army officer, colon cancer took Justin's life far too soon, but not before he made an incredible mark on his community and his fellow veterans.

While serving in Iraq in 2007, Justin suffered thoughts of suicide. He actually went so far as to put an M-4 rifle in his mouth. But, thank God, he never pulled the trigger.

When he returned home, he claimed victory over his suicidal thoughts, but another battle was just beginning for Justin. He was diagnosed with colon cancer. He waged a 3-year battle fighting that disease. Despite a grim prognosis, he used his attention to shed light on a mounting issue that he knew all too well. At the time, on average, 22 veterans were committing suicide a day. That is about 8,000 a year.

Justin knew that something had to be done. And so in between his chemotherapy treatments and surgeries, he took part in long ruck marches. He teamed up with veteran prevention organizations and freely gave out his number to any soldier who approached him who also had thoughts of suicide. Major Fitch, fighting the battle of his life with cancer, was also giving his time to help save other veterans who were suffering with suicidal thoughts.

Major Fitch passed away in his hometown of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, on October 3. He was 33 years old. His personal battle may be over, but his fight marches on. As Justin would say: "It's okay to seek help. You can get help. Look at me."

And so, to Major Fitch, on behalf of a grateful Nation, we are thankful for your service and your sacrifice and your commitment to our veterans. May God bless you.

GREATER MIAMI JEWISH FEDERATION KRISTALLNACHT EVENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, this Monday, November 9, marks the 77th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass.

The Greater Miami Jewish Federation will be commemorating this tragic and horrible event with a community rally on Sunday, November 15, at 4 p.m., at the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach.

Kristallnacht marked the beginning of one of humanity's darkest periods: the Holocaust. It serves as a solemn reminder of what can happen when people allow anti-Semitism, incitement to violence, and hatred to carry on unabated.

□ 1045

What happened on Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass? 267 synagogues

were destroyed. 7,500 Jewish-owned businesses were looted and were vandalized. Up to 30,000 Jews were arrested. Almost 100 Jews were killed, not to mention the untold number of violent attacks that took place that night.

And the brutality and inhumanity only got worse from there, as Nazis would go on to murder 6 million Jews over the next few years because they were members of the Jewish faith.

I plan on joining the Greater Miami Jewish Federation on Sunday, November 15, to stand united with our community to vow never again.

HONORING THE DEPRESSION AND BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE OF KENDALL AND CORAL GABLES

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Kendall and Coral Gables for supporting individuals who are suffering from these diseases in South Florida.

The stigma that surrounds depression and bipolar disorder is not only unfair, but it discourages people from seeking the help that they so desperately need.

In the United States alone, depression impacts 21 million adults. It costs \$23 billion in lost work productivity. Depression impacts our families, our coworkers, our neighbors, our friends.

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Kendall and Coral Gables is a unique, peer-directed organization that pairs those afflicted with depression with role models who have been down that road before to help them regain stability and focus.

I want to thank everyone involved with the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Kendall and Coral Gables for being valuable members of our community and for the important and inspiring work that each staff member and professional does.

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 47 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We thank You for Your ongoing presence and sustaining grace in us all, and Your concern for our Nation. Continue to bless and inspire the men and

women who serve in the people's House.

May they be encouraged by any movement that has occurred, and may the hopes and prayers of the American people, and indeed the world, for healthy and productive legislation be met with results inspired by Your spirit.

Forgive our failures, our lack of faith. May the good intentions of all acting in this Chamber be rewarded by solutions to our struggles that benefit our Nation.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SAM JOHNSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas 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

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERANS COMMENDATION CEREMONY

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as Veterans Day approaches, it is my privilege to announce that, on Saturday, November 14, I will be hosting my annual Congressional Veterans Commendation Ceremony.

At this special event, 12 Collin County veterans will be recognized for their wartime sacrifices and peacetime community involvement. These veterans were nominated by their peers and chosen by a selection board. Their stories will be passed on to future generations.

The event starts around 1 p.m., and our keynote speaker is Major Heather Penney. She is one of two Air Force pilots who took to the skies on September 11, 2001, on orders to take down Flight 93 with her own aircraft before the terrorism reached Washington, D.C.

I encourage folks to come out and show all our veterans how much we care in a tangible and personal way. I