

Will You give us our marching orders?

In this hour of our great need, begin again to help us, as You have in years gone by.

Father, You are the God who does immeasurably more than all we could ask or imagine.

Today, give us the humility to ask for Your help, and the grand moral courage to be agents of change for the good of others and the honor of Your name.

In Your powerful name we ask these things.

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 Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CONNOLLY 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.

WELCOMING PASTOR BECKY TIRABASSI

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRBACHER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor today to introduce to the House our guest chaplain, Becky Tirabassi, co-pastor of the Viewpoint Church in Newport Beach, California.

Becky became a licensed pastor in 2014, when she and her husband, Dr. Roger Tirabassi, founded the Viewpoint Church. Today, she and her husband give spiritual guidance and personal counseling to members of the Viewpoint Church, but also to people throughout Orange County needing personal and spiritual encouragement.

Becky was helping others even before she became a pastor. She is best known as an author of over 15 books, including the best-selling books, "Change Your Life" and "Little Changes Big Results for Crazy, Busy Couples." She has appeared many times on national television and radio, and for over three decades has spoken before groups in nearly all 50 States, as well as internationally. In addition to her co-pastorate, she is president of the Becky Tirabassi Change Your Life, Incorporated.

Becky and Roger have one married son, who is a grown man, and he has just completed a tour as a missionary

in Uganda. For that safe return, we are all grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming Pastor Becky Tirabassi, and thank her for offering today's opening prayer in the U.S. House of Representatives.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING DR. DAVID RAINES

(Mr. ABRAHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my good friend, Congressman MIKE JOHNSON, to recognize Dr. David Raines, a Louisiana legend in the field of gastroenterology.

Dr. Raines has worked with patients across the United States, including a gastroenterology fellowship serving our Nation's veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here in Washington.

Dr. Raines is a pioneer in the field of gastroenterology, and is almost single-handedly responsible for bringing free-standing endoscopy centers to Louisiana. Because of him, patients can get these important lifesaving procedures in cost-efficient and convenient outpatient facilities.

Dr. Raines is admired among his peers, me being one of those and Congressman JOHNSON being another, not only for his professional accomplishments, but also for the way he has cared for others, including mentoring new doctors attending and entering his field.

Congressman JOHNSON and I wanted to take a moment today to thank Dr. Raines for his career of service to patients throughout Louisiana. He has saved many lives, and our State is a better place because of him.

TRUMP BUDGET AND RURAL AMERICA

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, President Trump released his budget. And what he has shown is that rural America is just about at the bottom of his list.

His budget is a killer for the Department of Agriculture. The cuts to the rural development program would mean fewer jobs in small towns that are already struggling.

While he promised to "end the war on the family farmer," President Trump slashes funding for the crop insurance program. And in Peoria, his budget would even close the Nation's largest agricultural research lab, a place for ag

innovation that is part of the solution for renewed ag economy.

Time and time again, President Trump made a great big promise spelled out on his red ball cap. Now I am left wondering how a budget that would devastate Main Street and our family farmers would make anything great again.

Mr. President, middle America is not just flyover country. We value those who look us in the eye, tell us the truth, and then do what they say they are going to do.

So, President Trump, I ask you: Does your budget live up to what you spelled out on your ball cap?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

CONGRATULATING ANNIE RICHARDSON

(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, I am grateful to express appreciation for Annie Richardson, press assistant of South Carolina's Second Congressional District.

A native of Alexandria, Virginia, Annie has called South Carolina's Second Congressional District home since 2004. A distinguished graduate of Hammond School and Presbyterian College, Annie has faithfully served on the staff of the Second Congressional District. Her expertise in photography, graphic design, and videography has made a positive difference, and her sunny disposition is always recognized by constituents visiting the office.

It is with mixed blessings, but great happiness, that I bid Annie farewell. She is moving on next week to serve as the digital assistant for the House Republican Conference; fortunately, to be working with conference chair CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS. I know she will do a remarkable job supporting the conference.

I know her father, Phil, and brother, Emmett, join me in recognizing her achievements. She has served with distinction in the tradition of her late beloved mother, Holly Richardson, who will always be cherished as a devoted staff member of Senate President pro tempore Strom Thurmond.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

We are grateful for the visit today in Washington of Medal of Honor recipient James Livingston, a Marine general from Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

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

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to demand that Congress get serious about the Russia investigation.