

beginning and to this day, Torah Academy maintains a focus on strengthening the mind and spirit of our future leaders.

Because of educators like Dean and Rabbi Pinchus Idstein and Principal Matthew Cleary, Torah Academy offers a quality education on firm spiritual grounding. Pillars of our strong local community like Dr. Joey Greenberg and his wife, Mrs. Marina Greenberg, spread kindness and generosity to make certain Torah can execute its mission and goals.

A special thank-you to Citizens Independent Bank, that also dedicates their support.

Torah students succeed because their community supports them, and they are guaranteed to make their corner of the world a better place.

Congratulations to Torah Academy for a successful 73 years. We wish you many more.

HONORING DR. ROSEMARY JACKSON

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

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor the memory of Dr. Rosemary Jackson.

Dr. Jackson was an educator in Chicago. Dr. Jackson was an entrepreneur. Dr. Jackson was an exceptional community leader who passed away last week and leaves behind a stellar legacy that will endure throughout the years.

Dr. Jackson was a lifelong Chicago resident who had a passion for education, a passion that began when she was a young girl. She received her Ph.D. from Loyola University and her master's degree from both National College of Education and DePaul University.

Beginning her career as an English teacher at her alma mater, John Marshall High School—my alma mater—she went on to teach at local institutions such as Hyde Park High School on the South Side in my district, Kennedy-King College in my district, and her beloved DePaul University.

In all of these places, Mr. Speaker, Dr. Jackson deeply touched countless lives and inspired so many young people. Dr. Jackson, Mr. Speaker, was a pillar of the community and a person deeply committed to public service. She was also a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, for which she chaired several committees during her 50-year tenure as an active member.

Beyond her love for education and her love for community service, Dr. Jackson was a beloved wife and mother.

She was the vice chairman and the chief administrative officer at Chicago-based Central City Productions, the business that she helped develop with her lifelong partner, her devoted husband, my longtime friend, Mr. Donald Jackson. Central City Productions, Mr. Speaker, is best known for producing

the Stellar Awards, the first and the oldest televised awards show in our Nation that honored gospel music artists for over 33 years.

Dr. Jackson achieved so much in her life through hard work and determination. She never gave up, always fought for what was right, and made it her life's mission to help students in Chicago explore their potential and their educational possibility.

Dr. Jackson was a truly remarkable, smart, and phenomenal woman who enjoyed the arts, sports, and loved line dancing. She had a smile that would light up a room.

Dr. Jackson will be missed by her family, her friends, our city, our State and, indeed, our Nation and all those who fondly remember her beautiful and loving spirit.

I was blessed to know her, and Chicago was better because of her. My heart goes out to her entire family.

The last time I saw Dr. Jackson was last year. My late wife, Carolyn, and I were going into one of our favorite restaurants in the Hyde Park community and Rose and Don Jackson, her husband, were leaving, and we stopped for a moment and had a conversation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the First Congressional District of Illinois, thank you, Rose. Thank you. God bless you. Enjoy your rest. You have earned it.

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 41 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 at noon.

PRAYER

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

February weather would deceive us and have us think spring is yet a long way off. Yet, even as cold winds blow and penetrate the depths of the Earth, Your laws nurture new life. Winter's weight breaks off what seems unfruitful branches and rushing streams wash away all that is rootless.

Invigorate the House of Representatives, that restorative justice may inspire new confidence in this Nation and the work of Congress may produce a fruitful land.

Grant that the daily work of Your people might silence a cynical world with blossoms of truth, and early growth release the scent of eternal life

in the seasons of our lifeline and forever.

May all that is done this day in the people's House 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 gentlewoman from Alabama (Mrs. ROBY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. ROBY 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.

CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS ARE A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

(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, on Monday, I had the privilege of visiting Central Mountain High School's Career and Technology Education Center. It is a state-of-the-art 235,000-square-foot academic career technical education complex.

The Keystone Central School District has introduced and implemented a CTE curriculum that offers a totally integrated academic, career, and technical education for all 9th through 12th graders.

The integration model allows all students to explore and attain high academic and technical skills in their chosen profession. This system is designed to provide all students with an educational exploration opportunity that is both rigorous and relevant for career and post-secondary success.

Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Career and Technical Education Caucus and author of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, I am thrilled to see this kind of educational complex in my community.

Offering CTE programs to students in high school truly gives them an opportunity to explore career options. There is an enormous skills gap that exists today in America. There are good-paying, family-sustaining jobs out there,