

May all of us ever strive to realize the good whose possibility You call on us to trust, in what we see before us today and what awaits us tomorrow.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. BROOKS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana 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.

RECOGNIZING MADIGAN McGRATH

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent of mine from Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Her name is Madigan McGrath, an honor student who works two jobs, volunteers with the Big Brothers Big Sisters, takes three dance classes per week, has an active social life, and happens to have type 1 diabetes.

When Madigan was 13 years old, she was diagnosed with type I diabetes. Madigan took it in stride, much quicker than expected. Before she even left the hospital, she asked if there was a brochure that she could give her friends to explain type 1 diabetes. Learning that one did not exist, Madigan made one herself.

Madigan takes every opportunity to educate others about this disease and has spread awareness of it. Through her fundraising, Madigan made a video about her illness and lifestyle. One of the quotes she used was: "Diabetes doesn't define me; I define diabetes."

She now wants to pursue a career in the medical field, specifically in pediatric endocrinology, so that she can help other kids with type 1 diabetes.

Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in thanking Madigan for her commitment to helping others with this disease and educating the community and the country about type 1 diabetes.

HONORING DEPUTY JACOB PICKETT

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

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Deputy Jacob

Pickett of the Boone County Sheriff's Office, who paid the ultimate sacrifice and sacrificed his life on the job last Friday.

As Boone County Sheriff Mike Nielsen said about Jake, as those who are close to him called him: There will forever be a loss felt in our community for him. He was a warrior, and he died laying down his life for you. He will never be forgotten.

Last Friday morning, 34-year-old Boone County Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Pickett was attempting to arrest a person who had an outstanding warrant. As is so common, one department helped out another, and Deputy Pickett joined police officers from the Lebanon Police Department in pursuit. During that pursuit, he was fatally shot. Tragically, he will never return home to his loved ones and is leaving behind a wife, Jen, two very young children, and his beloved K-9 partner, a German Shepherd named Brick.

The last time a Boone County officer was killed in the line of duty was over 80 years ago, in 1935.

Deputy Pickett also served as a Tip-ton County Sheriff's Department deputy and served at the Marion County Jail, all counties I represent in the Fifth District of Indiana. He has led the Boone County Sheriff's Department K-9 Team for the last 2 years and worked with Brick around the clock. He was known by his childhood friend as a good guy all around who was kind, compassionate, and generous. He dedicated his life to serving others and continues to do so even now, as an organ donor.

As Sheriff Nielsen said, that thin blue line was crossed. I offer my deepest condolences to Deputy Pickett's family, to the Boone County Sheriff's Department and their friends, the men and women in law enforcement who mourn his loss and will cherish his memory forever.

FRUIT OF THE POISONOUS TREE

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there is a legal term called "fruit of the poisonous tree."

If the evidence, or tree, is tainted, then anything gained from the evidence, the fruit, is tainted as well.

A former FBI Director intentionally leaked questionable memos about President Trump, hoping it would lead to the appointment of a special prosecutor. It did. Since the evidence for a special prosecutor was tainted, the appointment of the special prosecutor was tainted, too. If the premise is faulty, the conclusion is faulty.

To continue the investigation is to violate a legal principle and dishonor our system of justice. The process is poisoned. The special prosecutor should cease and desist.

USS "CARL VINSON" MAKES A PORT CALL IN VIETNAM

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, this week, the USS *Carl Vinson* arrives in Da Nang, Vietnam. This is the first visit of a U.S. aircraft carrier to Vietnam in four decades, and obviously for a very different purpose. Together, Vietnam and America are demonstrating the importance of open sea lanes for commerce, security, and regional development.

Arriving aboard the USS *Carl Vinson* is a young officer named Tower Cook. Tower is from Dallas, Texas, and the grandson of former U.S. Senator John G. Tower of Texas. Senator Tower was elected to the Senate in a 1961 special election and served the people of Texas for 24 years. He led the implementation of President Reagan's strategy of a larger, competitive, modern Navy, and it was an honor for me to work for him the final 2 years of his term in office.

President Reagan and Senator Tower's vision of the importance of the Navy is illustrated by this week's visit of the *Carl Vinson* to Vietnam. Senator Tower, also a master chief petty officer, is looking down from his heavenly perch with great pride in seeing his grandson, Tower Cook, and the success of the United States Navy.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE VICKY HARTZLER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable VICKY HARTZLER, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 28, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with civil subpoenas for documents and deposition testimony, issued by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoenas is not consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

VICKY HARTZLER,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives: