

Bucks County, Pennsylvania, whose dedication to service has been a centerpiece of his life and his career.

Bob Duaime of Middletown Township will receive the Give Life Hero Award from the American Red Cross later this month.

Since 1972, Bob has donated blood 360 times and, over the past decade, has frequently donated the maximum amount of times permitted by law annually.

A retired Council Rock High School teacher, Bob truly understands the value of community and the importance of leading by example. He is the cofounder and treasurer of Camp Discovery, a camp for child victims of abuse, and he volunteers for the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter, the Churchville Nature Center, and Langhorne Open Space, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, it is impossible to summarize all of Bob's contributions to our community in this speech here today. I applaud Bob for his good works and encourage my constituents to follow his lead.

RECOGNIZING THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN BUCKS AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Muslim community in Bucks and Montgomery Counties, who are currently observing Ramadan, the holiest month in the Islamic faith. I wish them peace and renewal as they take on the virtues of charity and sacrifice.

In this spirit, I would like to honor an organization in our community that seeks to provide cultural understanding between women in the Islamic and Jewish faiths.

The Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, a national organization, recently established a chapter in Bucks County. Founded by Aliya Murad of Yardley, this chapter seeks to bridge the gap between young women of separate creeds who are both devoted to their community and to their faith.

Despite still being in high school, Aliya has already made a lasting difference in our community, and I call on all of my constituents to follow her lead. I thank her for her advocacy of compassion and understanding.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 11 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 32 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 11 a.m.

PRAYER

Reverend Mark Goeglein, Harrisonville Community Church,

Harrisonville, Missouri, offered the following prayer:

Lord God of Heaven, You are the great and mighty God whose unwavering love and faithfulness for the world never ends.

We bow in humble recognition of Your holiness and majesty, asking that You will be open and attentive to the prayer of Your servants. May we love one another just as You have loved us.

We thank You for another day to do what is good, to do justice and to love kindness and to do what is best for this great Nation.

Bless those who serve in Congress and assist them faithfully. Grant each of them wisdom to make the best decisions. Provide strength for those who are tired, and allow courage to do what is right for this great Nation.

Help us to realize we are better together. Tear down the dividing wall of hostility, reconcile us, and restore us to pursue life and liberty together.

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.

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SCHNEIDER 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 REVEREND MARK GOEGLEIN

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. HARTZLER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome my pastor, Mark Goeglein, to the U.S. House of Rep-

resentatives and to commend him for his many years of faithful service to the Lord and to others. It is a blessing to have him here offering the opening prayer for today's legislative session.

Pastor Mark grew up familiar with the legislative process, as his mother was a longtime State representative from Indiana. I am thrilled to have him here today and appreciate his support of me and his love for our country.

Mark has served in ministry for 25 years in churches in his home State of Indiana, Texas, California, and now as pastor of the Harrisonville Community Church in Missouri. I appreciate his passion for sharing God's Word with his congregation and how his love of Scripture shows in his preaching and in the faded thumbprint on his Bible, testifying to the many years he has held that Bible preaching, studying, and praying.

Besides a love of the Word, Pastor Mark loves the Pittsburgh Steelers, basketball, and his family. He is blessed to have his wife, Michelle, here today along with daughter, Makenzie, and sons, Micah and Mason. This family is an inspiration to our congregation and a testimony of God's faithfulness and goodness.

I wish Pastor Mark God's continued blessings and know his faithfulness will be richly rewarded.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

GUN SAFETY

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, joining the families and friends in Santa Fe, Texas, grieving for another 10 lives tragically cut short by senseless gun violence.

Yesterday, this body held the now routine moment of silence in respect for the victims, just as we did after the Waffle House shooting in Nashville; Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Route 91 Harvest music festival in Las Vegas; and the list goes on and on and on.

Forty-six times this Chamber has stood to remember the victims, and every single time congressional obstructionists stood in the way of doing anything concrete to change this deadly pattern. We haven't considered background checks or bans on the sale of assault weapons or gun violence restraining orders to keep firearms out of the hands of the mentally ill or even, for goodness' sake, bump stocks.

I sit on the Judiciary Committee. We haven't held a single hearing about reducing gun violence or working to keep