

The walkability of cities and towns in Carver allow its residents to skip the car ride and use their own two feet to get to the grocery store or shop; and with countless parks, playgrounds, and trails, there are plenty of places for Minnesotans to enjoy the outdoors.

Congratulations to the residents of Carver County for grabbing the top spot once again and setting a great example for the rest of our State to get out and get active.

RECOGNIZING BUCKS AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES' EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize those in Bucks and Montgomery Counties who serve in emergency medical services. Just recently, we celebrated National EMS Week, a time to honor the contributions and service of emergency medical technicians.

All too often, the service of EMTs goes unnoticed, despite the risks of their profession and the lifesaving actions they perform. Late last month, the Penn-del-Middletown Emergency Squad hosted an event with local officials to celebrate National EMS Week and to discuss the current issues faced in our community.

As an EMT myself, I can say, without a doubt, that this profession truly embodies public service, and I thank all EMTs in Bucks and Montgomery Counties for their dedicated service to saving lives. I would especially like to extend my gratitude to Dr. Gerald Wydro, the medical director of Penn-del-Middletown Emergency Squad, and to the Penn-del-Middletown Emergency Squad Chief, Andrew Foley, for their leadership.

NINTH ANNUAL RIDE FOR THE HEROES

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Central Bucks Rotary Club, who will host its Ninth Annual Ride for the Heroes, where motorcyclists from across Bucks County ride from Lower Makefield to Bedminster Township to raise money for local veterans' organizations.

Organized by Rotary member Mark Glidden, this event has grown from 200 bikers in its initial year to anywhere from 500 to 700 participants, yearly. Originally intended to provide financial assistance to nonprofits in the community, Ride for the Heroes became focused on helping military families at the inspiration of the Travis Manion Foundation in Doylestown.

Founded by retired Lieutenant Colonel Tom Manion and his late wife, Janet, in honor of their son, the Travis Manion Foundation's mission is to "empower veterans and families of fallen heroes to develop character in future generations."

In doing this, the Travis Manion Foundation seeks engagement between

veterans and families of fallen soldiers with the local community. The foundation brings young people together with veterans so that they can learn our Nation's values from heroes who have put those values into action in the United States military.

I applaud the vision of the Travis Manion Foundation and appreciate the work of the Central Bucks Rotary Club and those who will ride for those who served.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS OF THE SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a group of students in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, who recently collected 2,150 pounds of food, paper products, and personal care items for those in need.

The Souderton Area School District, comprised of nearly 6,500 students, recently held its annual food drive and quarter collection. This event collects items for the Keystone Opportunity Center, also in Souderton, which operates a homeless shelter and offers literacy education classes in Montgomery and Bucks Counties.

To diversify the goods donated, each school was assigned a certain item to donate, from peanut butter and jelly at Indian Crest Middle School to detergent and soap at Oak Ridge Elementary School. Additionally, Salford Hills and Vernfield Elementary Schools thoughtfully donated crops from their community gardens to the Keystone food pantry.

I would like to commend these students, along with their teachers and parents, for teaching them the virtues of charity and generosity. I would also like to thank the staff and volunteers at Keystone Opportunity Center for their service, especially President Arlene Daily for her outstanding leadership.

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 27 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

Rabbi Aaron Krupnick, Congregation Beth El, Voorhees, New Jersey, offered the following prayer:

Our God and God of our ancestors:

On the long road to freedom from Egypt, You led 12 diverse tribes, instructing each to march under their own banner. They did not always see eye to eye, but they could, nonetheless,

walk shoulder to shoulder. In spite of their disagreements, they had sworn an oath to You to be one nation under God.

Dear Lord, help the Members of this Congress to be ever mindful of the fact that the right to disagree is fundamental to our democracy. Foster in them the art of disagreement that the Jewish people have been practicing for millennia. Enable them to grant their adversaries moral respect; to give those of opposing opinions the intellectual benefit of doubt; to have sympathy for their motives and listen with empathy to their lines of reasoning.

Grant all the Members of our House of Representatives insight into this art of disagreement. Endow them with discernment and wisdom, patience and understanding, kindness and compassion. Let them walk humbly before those who they serve and thereby bring us all that much closer to You and to one another. God, bless this great Nation and those who lead it.

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.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. 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.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. STEFANIK 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING THOSE KILLED OR WOUNDED IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks that the House now observe a moment of silence in honor of those who have been killed or wounded in service to our country and all those who serve and their families.