

WELCOMING RABBI AARON  
KRUPNICK

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. NORCROSS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to welcome our guest chaplain, Rabbi Aaron Krupnick of Congregation Beth El in Voorhees, New Jersey.

The congregation has been part of our South Jersey community since 1920, when it was originally founded in Camden City.

Now it offers a spiritual home for hundreds of Jewish families in South Jersey.

Rabbi Krupnick came to our community in 1994 from Montgomery, Alabama. There, he helped lead interfaith services with leaders like Martin Luther King, III, and Rosa Parks.

As you heard in his prayer, he often discusses patience, understanding, kindness, compassion.

In a world where religion too often creates so much conflict, Rabbi Krupnick focuses on togetherness. He knows there is more that connects us than divides us.

I have been fortunate enough to attend services and seder at Beth El. I have witnessed firsthand how the community is welcoming, loving, and supportive of all.

Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to welcome Rabbi Krupnick to the House of Representatives and I thank him for his offering of this morning's prayer.

His compassion, his teachings, his strong leadership have helped foster a vibrant Jewish community in our region, and I know it will stay that way for years to come.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

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

RELEASE PASTOR ANDREW  
BRUNSON

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

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the ongoing plight of Pastor Andrew Brunson, a Christian missionary from my district in western North Carolina who has been held as a prisoner of the Turkish Government for the last 20 months.

Prior to being arrested by the Turkish Government in October of 2016, Pastor Brunson had lived peacefully in Turkey for decades. He had opened a church, raised his family, and made a life in the country.

That all changed in 2016, when the Turkish Government arrested Pastor Brunson on a series of bogus charges. He has been detained ever since.

Last month, I sent a letter to the Turkish President, signed by a bipartisan group of 154 lawmakers, calling on their government to release Pastor Brunson. It is a long time in coming, but I hope and I pray that Pastor Brunson will be released so that he can be reunited with his family here in the United States.

IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

(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 in strong opposition to the Trump administration's shameful new policy separating parents and children at our southern border. This policy is even being applied to those legally seeking asylum here while fleeing violence in their home countries.

The current system of prioritizing criminal prosecution of those seeking protection rather than assessing legitimate asylum claims has to stop.

These are not our Nation's values. Our country is better than this, our people are better than this.

But we have a chance to get something right. We are currently within just a handful of signatures of forcing a vote on a series of immigration proposals, including the bipartisan USA Act, which pairs a resolution for our Dreamers with smart investments in our border security.

June, this month, is Immigrant Heritage Month, a time to reflect on the history of immigration that so many Americans share. We must live up to our heritage by ending this cruel policy of family separation, securing Dreamers a permanent future here in the United States, and finally formally reforming our broken immigration system.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL  
JEFFREY BANNISTER

(Ms. STEFANIK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional patriot and military leader, Major General Jeffrey Bannister, who recently passed away.

General Bannister served as the 10th Mountain Division commander and senior commander at Fort Drum in my district.

I am proud to have gotten to know General Bannister and his family during my first term in office, when we worked closely together to successfully prevent devastating personnel cuts from taking place at Fort Drum.

Whenever I visited Fort Drum, Major General Bannister was always a wonderful host. It was clear he commanded the greatest respect from the men and women stationed on post, and I know his greatest interest was their well-being.

I remember running into Jeff with his family at the Cream Cheese Festival in Lowville after he returned from a recent deployment. He was casually wearing his baseball cap and eating at a picnic table with his wife, and they both gave me a warm hug.

He was truly dedicated to our country and our community.

The hearts of our entire Fort Drum community go out to the family of Major General Bannister, his wife Trese and his daughter Lindsey during this difficult time.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, there is nothing that demonstrates the deeply held American value of living a retirement with dignity than the promise of Social Security and Medicare. These are benefits that America's seniors have earned after a lifetime of hard work so they can enjoy their retirement years with dignity and economic security.

But yesterday we learned the Medicare trust fund will be depleted in just 8 years, 3 years earlier than expected. The Social Security trust fund will run dry just 8 years after that.

A few months ago, our Republican friends passed a huge tax cut for the wealthiest Americans and most powerful corporations. And how do Republicans want to pay for it: by cutting Social Security and Medicare.

That is a bad deal for the American people. They deserve better.

When Democrats take back the majority, we are going to deliver A Better Deal for the American people. We are going to put working people first and we are going to ensure a secure retirement for everyone who works hard in this country. Most importantly, we are going to return the promise of America.

NORMANDY: JUNE 6, 1944

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in the cold, damp, dark rain of morning, thousands of young American soldiers sailed across the treacherous English Channel. The day was June 6, 1944; their destination, Normandy, France; the mission, not conquest, but liberation of Europe.

Operation Overlord, or D-Day, called for a massive ally invasion of the continent during World War II. Securing the brutal Omaha and Utah beachheads inch by bloody inch, our boys finally declared victory, forcing Hitler to begin his long retreat into oblivion.

That victory did not come without cost, however. Today, 9,387 white crosses and Stars of David overlook the silent beaches of Normandy, marking