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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Minister La'Shawn Worrell, New Psalmist Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

All wise and Eternal God to whom our desires are known before we may ask, may we ask only what accords with Your will.

Incline Your ear, Almighty God, and grant us the wisdom to make forward-moving decisions without compromising Your integrity. Grant us the discerning insight to maintain our finger on the pulse of justice and the power of restraint, that we may uphold our liberty in accordance with Your gracious will.

God, we ask that You send Your grace and peace across the aisle and unite the voices of these great leaders of our Nation that we may stand on the promises that rest in our Constitution.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the name of Your Son. Accept and fulfill our petitions, hear the prayers of Your people; and we proclaim it done in the incomparable name, Jesus Christ.

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 gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. CRAWFORD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CRAWFORD 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 of those who serve and their families.

WELCOMING MINISTER LA'SHAWN WORRELL

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome Minister La'Shawn Worrell as our guest chaplain here at the United States House of Representatives.

Minister Worrell has demonstrated leadership in Baltimore and throughout the Seventh Congressional District of Maryland. She has served as an associate minister of my church, the New Psalmist Baptist Church in Baltimore, since 2007.

During her time at New Psalmist Baptist Church, Minister Worrell received her bachelor of science degree in religious studies from Notre Dame of Maryland University in May 2017 and completed the Baltimore City Police Department chaplaincy program in May of this year.

It is clear to me that, considering Minister Worrell's drive and extensive contributions to our district, she is just getting started.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Minister Worrell for her leadership and for her wonderful prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JUANA AURORA MEDINA

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Juana Aurora Medina, a lifelong resident of the city of Hialeah in south Florida.

Like me, Juana was born in Cuba but was forced to flee the island under the brutal Castro dictatorship. Juana arrived to this land of freedom and opportunity along with her husband, a political prisoner, and their small children.

In the U.S., she worked in the garment district to provide for her family and to make education available for her children.

As a religious woman, Juana found her passion for helping others. After experiencing the plight of families and individuals affected by alcohol and drug addiction, she founded, with several others, various nonprofits, including Ministerio Catolico Nuevo Caminar, to address these issues head-on.

Recently, the city of Hialeah recognized her legacy by designating a city street to be named in her honor. We thank Juana for her service and for her love and dedication to our community. She is an inspiration to her family and to so many individuals she positively impacted throughout her life.

Congratulations to the Medina family.

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RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT TOM MORGAN

(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, at the remarkable age of 98, Lieutenant Tom Morgan is retiring as the oldest active lawman in the State of Texas and probably the United States. Tom patrols the rivers, bayous, and lakes of Harris County, Texas for the Sheriff's Office.

Tom first volunteered to serve America in 1942 as a marine in World War II. He was in combat and landed on the brutal, bloody beaches of Guadalcanal, Okinawa, and Saipan in the South Pacific.

After getting malaria and after 4 years of war, Tom was reactivated for combat in the Korean war. After those wars, Tom became a pipeline engineer in Houston for 30 years.

Then, at the age of 72, he was hired by the sheriff's department and became the oldest cadet ever to graduate from the academy. For 26 years, he has put on the badge and the gun to protect and serve the people of Texas.

Houston salutes this marine, engineer, and 98-year-old lawman as a person who is a cut above the rest of us.

Happy trails, Lieutenant Tom Morgan.

And that is just the way it is.

COUNTERING IRAN'S DANGEROUS CONDUCT

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as an opponent of the failed Iran deal, I am grateful that President Donald Trump and his administration remain focused on combating the dangerous conduct of Iran.

Iran's aggression has only increased with the windfall of newly accessible funds from the Iran deal. They have used the funding to upgrade missile technology, force terrorism worldwide, and fuel conflict around the Middle East.

Last week, Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin announced that Iran had developed an Iran-Russia network to send oil to Syria. This oil is then used to fund murderous terrorist organizations like Hezbollah and Hamas. Sigal Mandelker, the Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, explained: "The Iranian regime continues to prioritize spending money on fomenting terror over supporting its own people."

President Trump has made the correct decision to impose sanctions on individuals related to this scheme, as he continues to fulfill "promises made, promises kept."

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

HONORING WOODY AND LYNDA FREEMAN ON 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th wedding anniversary of my good friends Woody and Lynda Freeman of Jonesboro, Arkansas, two people who are true examples of commitment to the covenant of marriage.

Woody and Lynda met and started dating in the small town of Newport, Arkansas, when they were in the eighth grade. In high school, Woody was captain of the football team and Lynda was homecoming queen. Woody taught Lynda how to drive and could always make her laugh—and still does.

They eventually married in 1968 during their senior year at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Not long after they were married, Woody, an Army second lieutenant, was deployed to Vietnam, where he was a courier for the CIA. He sent Lynda gifts and films he took of Vietnam and called whenever he could, and whenever he was on R&R in Hawaii, Lynda flew to see him.

Following Woody's return from Vietnam, the family faced hard times. It was because of their vow to each other before God that they were able to make it through their lean years, when Lynda pawned her wedding ring as Woody worked tirelessly, both doing what was needed to raise their children.

As with their marriage, they have diligently worked to make their business and family prosper. With never-yielding prayer, they have succeeded.

During their 50 years of marriage, they have experienced the joy and perseverance of unconditional love and faith in one another. For their commitment to each other, to their family, and to God, I invite my colleagues in Congress to join me in honoring their life together.

CELEBRATING BOB GRIP ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Bob Grip on his retirement after 33 years at FOX10 News in Mobile, Alabama, and an even more impressive 48 years in journalism.

Bob has been a mainstay in television in southwest Alabama and the Florida Panhandle for over three decades. Through his work at the anchor desk, Bob helped create a more informed community.

Just as impressive is Bob's contribution away from the TV station. He has dedicated countless hours to numerous service organizations and programs, including teaching journalism classes

and hosting high school academic competitions.

One of my fondest memories with Bob was when he tagged along for a day of my townhall meetings in rural Alabama. At each stop, Bob was the highlight. In fact, there is no doubt that more people were excited to see Bob than their Congressman. It was a testament to just how loved and respected Bob Grip is by so many people in southwest Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Bob a friend, and I wish him and his wife, Marie, all of the best in their retirement.

WE NEED AN INDUSTRIAL POLICY THAT WORKS

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, during the campaign, then-candidate Trump came to Warren, Michigan, and promised workers: "You won't lose one plant, I promise you that."

Well, the President's promises ring hollow. Just this week, General Motors announced plans to close five plants, including factories in Michigan just miles from where President Trump made his broken campaign promise.

These plant closures are symbolic of the Trump economy, one that does not work for the American worker. It works for boardroom executives. It works for wealthy shareholders. It works for corporations and the people at the top.

I am a Flint, Michigan, kid. General Motors was founded in my hometown. We know what happens when companies move their jobs overseas. We used to have 80,000 auto jobs in my town—now, less than 10,000. These plant closures have a devastating impact on the lives of thousands of people.

We need an economy that works for everyone, and we need a President who is willing to work with Democrats and Republicans to craft an industrial policy that puts America to work, that stands up for the American worker.

No more hollow promises.

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(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, November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and I am pleased to recognize an organization in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, that works to raise awareness and seeks to cure this disease.

My constituent Christine Edmonds formed A Love for Life based in Newtown, Bucks County, nearly 6 years ago in memory of her husband, Kevin Edmonds. Kevin died in April 2012 at the young age of 51 after a brave battle with pancreatic cancer, shortly after