

not discredited theories that have failed for decades to yield progress. For this reason, my administration recognized the true capital of Israel and proudly opened the American Embassy in Jerusalem.

Our brave troops have now been fighting in the Middle East for almost 19 years. In Afghanistan and Iraq, nearly 7,000 American heroes have given their lives. More than 52,000 Americans have been badly wounded. We have spent more than \$7 trillion in fighting wars in the Middle East.

As a candidate for President, I loudly pledged a new approach. Great nations do not fight endless wars.

When I took office, ISIS controlled more than 20,000 square miles in Iraq and Syria—just 2 years ago. Today, we have liberated virtually all of the territory from the grip of these blood-thirsty monsters.

Now, as we work with our allies to destroy the remnants of ISIS, it is time to give our brave warriors in Syria a warm welcome home.

I have also accelerated our negotiations to reach, if possible, a political settlement in Afghanistan. The opposing side is also very happy to be negotiating. Our troops have fought with unmatched valor, and thanks to their bravery, we are now able to pursue a possible political solution to this long and bloody conflict.

In Afghanistan, my administration is holding constructive talks with a number of Afghan groups, including the Taliban. As we make progress in these negotiations, we will be able to reduce our troop presence and focus on counterterrorism. We will indeed focus on counterterrorism. We do not know whether we will achieve an agreement, but we do know that after two decades of war, the hour has come to at least try for peace, and the other side would like to do the same thing. It is time.

Above all, friend and foe alike must never doubt this Nation's power and will to defend our people. Eighteen years ago, violent terrorists attacked the USS *Cole*, and last month, American forces killed one of the leaders of that attack.

We are honored to be joined tonight by Tom Wibberley, whose son, Navy Seaman Craig Wibberley, was one of the 17 sailors we tragically lost.

Tom, we vow to always remember the heroes of the USS *Cole*.

My administration has acted decisively to confront the world's leading state sponsor of terror: the radical regime in Iran. It is a radical regime. They do bad, bad things.

To ensure this corrupt dictatorship never acquires nuclear weapons, I withdrew the United States from the disastrous Iran nuclear deal. And last fall, we put in place the toughest sanctions ever imposed by us on a country.

We will not avert our eyes from a regime that chants "death to America" and threatens genocide against the Jewish people. We must never ignore the vile poison of anti-Semitism or those who spread its venomous creed. With one voice, we must confront this hatred anywhere and everywhere it occurs.

Just months ago, 11 Jewish Americans were viciously murdered in an anti-Semitic attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. SWAT officer Timothy Matson raced into the gunfire and was shot seven times chasing down the killer. He was very successful. Timothy has just had his 12th surgery. He is going in for many more, but he made the trip to be here with us tonight.

Officer Matson, thank you. We are forever grateful. Thank you very much.

Tonight, we are also joined by Pittsburgh survivor Judah Samet. He arrived at the synagogue as the massacre began. But not only did Judah narrowly escape death last fall, more than seven decades ago he narrowly survived the Nazi concentration camps. Today is Judah's 81st birthday.

They wouldn't do that for me, Judah. Judah says he can still remember the exact moment, nearly 75 years ago, after 10 months in a concentration camp, when he and his family were put on a train and told they were going to another camp. Suddenly, the train screeched to a very strong halt. A soldier appeared. Judah's family braced for the absolute worst. Then his father cried out with joy: "It's the Americans. It's the Americans."

Thank you. A second Holocaust survivor who is here tonight, Joshua Kaufman, was a prisoner at Dachau. He remembers watching through a hole in the wall of a cattle car as American soldiers rolled in with tanks.

"To me," Joshua recalls, "the American soldiers were proof that God exists, and they came down from the sky." They came down from heaven.

I began this evening by honoring three soldiers who fought on D-day in the Second World War. One of them was Herman Zeitchik, but there is more to Herman's story. A year after he stormed the beaches of Normandy, Herman was one of the American soldiers who helped liberate Dachau. He was one of the Americans who helped rescue Joshua from that hell on Earth. Almost 75 years later, Herman and Joshua are both together in the gallery tonight, seated side by side, here in the home of American freedom.

Herman and Joshua, your presence this evening is very much appreciated. Thank you very much. Thank you.

When American soldiers set out beneath the dark skies over the English Channel in the early hours of D-day 1944, they were just young men of 18 and 19, hurtling on fragile landing craft toward the most momentous battle in the history of war. They did not know if they would survive the hour. They did not know if they would grow old. But they knew that America had to prevail. Their cause was this Nation and generations yet unborn.

Why did they do it? They did it for America. They did it for us. Everything that has come since—our triumph over communism, our giant leaps of science and discovery, our unrivaled progress toward equality and justice—all of it is possible thanks to the blood and tears and courage and vision of the Americans who came before.

Think of this Capitol. Think of this very Chamber, where lawmakers before you voted to end slavery, to build the railroads and the highways and defeat fascism, to secure civil rights and to face down evil empires.

Here tonight, we have legislators from across this magnificent Republic. You have come from the rocky shores of Maine and the volcanic peaks of Hawaii, from the snowy woods of Wisconsin and the red deserts of Arizona, from the green farms of Kentucky and the golden beaches of California. Together, we represent the most extraordinary Nation in all of history.

What will we do with this moment? How will we be remembered?

I ask the men and women of this Congress: Look at the opportunities before us. Our most thrilling achievements are still ahead. Our most exciting journeys still await. Our biggest victories are still to come. We have not yet begun to dream.

We must choose whether we are defined by our differences or whether we dare to transcend them. We must choose whether we squander our great inheritance or whether we proudly declare that we are Americans. We do the incredible. We defy the impossible. We conquer the unknown.

This is the time to reignite the American imagination. This is the time to search for the tallest summit and set our sights on the brightest star. This is the time to rekindle the bonds of love and loyalty and memory that link us together as citizens, as neighbors, as patriots.

This is our future—our fate—and our choice to make. I am asking you to choose greatness.

No matter the trials we face, no matter the challenges to come, we must go forward together.

We must keep America first in our hearts. We must keep freedom alive in our souls. And we must always keep faith in America's destiny, that one nation, under God, must be the hope and the promise and the light and the glory among all the nations of the world.

Thank you. God bless you, and God bless America. Thank you very much.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

At 10 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m., the President of the United States, accompanied by the committee of escort, retired from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms escorted the invited guests from the Chamber in the following order:

The members of the President's Cabinet; the Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court; the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

#### JOINT SESSION DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The Chair declares the joint session of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly, at 10 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m., the joint session of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON THE STATE OF THE UNION

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I move that the message of the President be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered printed.

The motion was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 10 a.m., for morning-hour debate.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. WAGNER (for herself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BACON, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BOST, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. EMMER, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. STEWART, Mr. WALKER, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. LATTA, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. GIANFORTE, Mr. ROY, Mr. BARR, Mr. WALBERG, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CHABOT, Ms. FOX of North Carolina, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. MCCARTHY, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. RATCLIFFE, and Mr. TIMMONS):

H.R. 962. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. GREEN of Texas):

H.R. 963. A bill to amend the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975 to modify the exemptions from certain disclosure requirements; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CLAY, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. ROUDA, Ms. HILL of California, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. WELCH, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Mr. RASKIN):

H.R. 964. A bill to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to require the development of ethics plans for certain transition teams, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. NADLER, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. MCKINLEY):

H.R. 965. A bill to promote competition in the market for drugs and biological products by facilitating the timely entry of lower-cost generic and biosimilar versions of those drugs and biological products; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself and Mr. JONES):

H.R. 966. A bill to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GIANFORTE:

H.R. 967. A bill to authorize the construction of the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System and study of the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System in the States of Montana and North Dakota, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. MOORE (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. SPEIER, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 968. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to build a wall along the southern border, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BARR (for himself, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. POSEY, Mr. DUNN, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. EMMER, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio, Mr. RIGGLEMAN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. BABIN, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. GALLAGHER, and Mr. HICE of Georgia):

H.R. 969. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to bring the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection into the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Mr. TRONE, and Mr. RASKIN):

H.R. 970. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to develop a plan for the removal of the monument to Robert E. Lee at the Antietam National Battlefield, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 971. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession of a firearm by, or the disposition of a firearm to, a person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of animal cruelty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CLYBURN (for himself and Mr. CUNNINGHAM):

H.R. 972. A bill to redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Mr. KATKO, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, and Mr. MARSHALL):

H.R. 973. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for additional programs funded by grants to strengthen the healthcare system's response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. LUCAS):

H.R. 974. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to require the Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to provide a written report, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KILMER (for himself and Mr. HECK):

H.R. 975. A bill to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. BASS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SUOZZI, and Miss RICE of New York):

H.R. 976. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to enter into appropriate arrangements with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to provide for a report on the health impacts of air traffic noise and pollution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 977. A bill to require the Corps of Engineers to notify affected communities before releasing water contaminated with cyanobacteria from flood risk management projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. RUSH, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. WELCH, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. TONKO, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. PETERS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. SOTO, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Mr. KENNEDY):

H.R. 978. A bill to preserve appropriate and achievable Federal standards for greenhouse gas emissions and corporate average fuel economy for cars and light trucks through model year 2025, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. POSEY (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, and Mr. YOHO):

H.R. 979. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require inclusion of the taxpayers social security number to claim the refundable portion of the child tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RYAN (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mrs. DINGELL, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 980. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to all United States nationals