

mind, her amazing memory, and her loyalty and strict attention to detail.

During her memorial service held on May 1, 2019, the description stated by Reverend Jeff Bryan was that she was simply the mother of Cathy Rose, and the legacy left behind by her life was epitomized by these words: While she was alive, she lived, and the 94 years she lived on this Earth were spent serving her God, her family, and her fellow man, in that order.

The indelible mark she left on her family and community will remain for years to come. The world is truly a better place by having the person of Rosalie McFadden Beaty as a shining example of dedication to a higher calling and, truly, a life well lived.

RECOGNIZING 2019 ILLINOIS TEACHER OF THE YEAR SUSAN CONVERSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Susan Converse, who was recently named the 2019 Illinois Teacher of the Year by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Mrs. Converse teaches functional life skills at Edwardsville High School in my district. She takes a personal interest in her students, ensuring they have all the tools they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond.

If you ask her, she will tell you that the work she does every day is a dream come true.

As a functional life skills teacher, Mrs. Converse manages the Tiger Den at Edwardsville High School. It is a coffee shop staffed and run by students with disabilities.

Her students take the orders and work the register, teaching them consumer service skills and equipping them with vocational training to prepare them for life after they exit the school system.

As a father, I know the difference a teacher can make in the lives of our kids, and Mrs. Converse certainly has made a profound impact on each and every one of her students.

I am proud to recognize her today as one of the best educators in not just the State of Illinois but the entire country.

I congratulate Susan. It was great to see her out here in Washington last week, and I look forward to seeing her back home very soon.

RECOGNIZING AUDREY EPHRAIM WOMEN'S CENTER

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Audrey Ephraim Women's Center in Carlinville, Illinois, and Pastor Don and his wife, Deneane, who run this great facility.

As the southern Illinois site for Adult & Teen Challenge Illinois, this center is a critical resource in pro-

viding effective care to women who struggle with life-controlling problems.

Audrey Ephraim Women's Center is a residential program with a one-of-a-kind approach to caring for women in need of treatment.

For some, this program is a last chance before serving time in jail. For others, they come at their own will for help in seeking a road to recovery.

When I visited the center, I spoke with three women who told me that, upon their arrival, they had found a path to bettering their lives and finding purpose. For so many women, this center is a safe haven. It is a place for hope and a promise of a brighter tomorrow.

I am proud to represent facilities like the Audrey Ephraim Women's Center that provide this life-changing care to women who are in their most desperate times.

To all those at the center, I thank them for all they do. I am going to continue to pray for each and every one of them.

I really want to thank my new friends—Katrina, Alicia, and Rhonda—who were not just an inspiration to me and my team but are an inspiration to this entire institution and our great country. I look forward to seeing them again.

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 19 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

Imam Omar Sulieman, Yaqeen Institute for Islamic Research, Irving, Texas, offered the following prayer:

In the name of God, the most compassionate, the most merciful; our sustainer, our guide; ever present, never unaware, infinitely able, Your servants in Your loving care; guide us to pure convictions that inspire in us the courage to match those convictions.

We pray for peace, not war; love, not hate; benevolence, not greed; unity, not division. And we commit ourselves to not betraying our prayers with actions that contradict them.

Let us be for truth, no matter who or for is against it; and justice, no matter who or for it is against; and hope, no matter what obstacles lie ahead.

Let us not be deterred by the hatred that has claimed the lives of innocent worshipers across the world, but emboldened by the love that gathered

them together to remember You and gathered us together to remember them.

Let us not be overcome by the darkness of evil nor the slumber of indifference that turns human beings into hashtags and neighbors into enemies. Let us be the light that we seek from You.

Guide the deliberations of our Members of Congress to just decisions, and guide our Nation to the abode of reconciliation. May we honor one another, glorify You together, and inspire the world to be better.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. GIANFORTE 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 IMAM OMAR SULIEMAN

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JOHNSON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Imam Sulieman for offering the opening prayer before the House of Representatives and to recognize the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal. He offers counsel and religious guidance to many Muslims in my district and throughout the north Texas region.

We are fortunate to live in a nation that embraces religious diversity and interfaith understanding. I am proud to have introduced a resolution to recognize the commencement of Ramadan and to commend the Muslim community in the United States and throughout the world for their faith.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

REUNITE CHILDREN WITH THEIR MOTHERS

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

Mr. TAKANO. On Mother's Day, I have a message for all the mothers who were separated from their children at our border after enduring a long and dangerous journey to provide their children with a better life:

The American people and I are with you.

Thousands of children were separated from their parents. And hundreds are still separated from their families.

That's unacceptable.

The President's anti-immigrant actions are cruel, inhumane, and a violation of the human rights of families escaping violence.

We are not a country that closes its doors on immigrants and families seeking asylum.

We must reunite all the mothers with their children and fight for comprehensive immigration reform.

Este día de las madres, tengo un mensaje para todas las mamás que fueron separadas de sus hijos en nuestra frontera después de hacer un viaje largo y peligroso con la esperanza de darles una mejor vida a sus hijos:

El pueblo americano y yo estamos con ustedes.

Miles de niños fueron separados de sus padres. Y cientos de niños siguen separados de sus familias.

Eso es inaceptable.

Las acciones antiinmigrantes de este presidente son crueles, son inhumanas, y son una violación de los derechos humanos de las familias que están escapando violencia.

No somos un país que cierra sus puertas a los inmigrantes ya a las familias pidiendo asilo.

Tenemos que reunir a todas las madres con sus hijos y luchar por una reforma migratoria.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California will provide the Clerk a translation of his remarks.

RAISING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to raise mental health awareness during Mental Health Month.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, about 164,000 Montanans have a mental health condition. Unfortunately, mental healthcare is not available to many Montanans. In fact, over 50 percent of Montanans live in an area where there is a shortage of mental health professionals.

I recently brought together providers, leaders, and advocates in Montana to discuss how we can improve mental healthcare, substance abuse treatment, and suicide prevention. They told me about the challenges

they face to provide care and of their promising progress. They told me about resources, like telemedicine, that could improve treatment and help fill coverage gaps.

Individuals impacted by mental illness can lead healthy, fulfilling lives. Access to treatment, though, is critical.

Let's work together in a bipartisan way to address mental healthcare. Our communities depend on it.

DEMOCRATS PROVIDE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, 2 years ago, our Republican friends voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act. They brought in cases of beer to celebrate. They piled into luxury buses that ferried them to the White House, where they had a second party with the President to celebrate their attempt to kick millions of Americans off their health insurance.

Fortunately, we stopped them. That bill never became law.

But 2 years later, they are up to the same old tricks. The President is asking a Federal court to strike down not just protections for more than 130 million Americans with preexisting conditions, but the entire Affordable Care Act.

Talk about not getting the memo. The American people sent a message to President Trump in November and to my Republican colleagues on the other side of the aisle. They want government to stop working for special interests and start working for the people again. That is why House Democrats are about to pass legislation to strengthen protections for folks with preexisting conditions, H.R. 986.

While President Trump continues his assault on the Affordable Care Act, Democrats are going to continue our work for the people by passing legislation to make sure every American has access to the quality, affordable healthcare they deserve.

HONORING MITCH TITUS

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

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of volunteer firefighter Mitch Titus.

Over 15 years ago, Chief Titus took the helm as chief of the Winona Lake Fire Department. While he worked a full-time job in excavation, he was also a very dedicated public servant.

In the wake of his tragic passing on Sunday, Chief Titus has been described by fellow colleagues and friends as "very dedicated and loyal," "a fireman's firefighter," and "a great guy, a great leader, a great fire leader." It is people like Mitch Titus who embody the very best that our Nation has to offer.

While all of Kosciusko County and the rest of Indiana mourn his loss, his endless dedication to his county and to his fellow people will be remembered for many years to come.

I offer my deepest condolences to his three children and his family and friends as we mourn the loss of Chief Titus.

TACKLING OPIOID ADDICTION

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

Mr. DELGADO. Madam Speaker, I rise today because I have heard from too many parents and siblings in upstate New York who have lost a loved one to overdose from opioids.

I rise because overdose fatalities are the leading cause of death for Americans under 50.

I rise because addressing the opioid crisis means understanding and treating addiction. We must see addiction for what it is: not a weakness, but a disease that requires treatment.

I am proud to have introduced legislation to address this crisis, H.R. 2482, the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act. This bipartisan bill would end a redundancy in Federal law that restricts health providers from prescribing buprenorphine, a proven treatment for addiction.

To tackle this crisis, we must go beyond taking the needed steps of holding Big Pharma accountable and creating more drug courts. We must treat the addiction.

Madam Speaker, we cannot let the wrongheaded stigmatization of addiction undermine our capacity or our commitment to treating it.

Let's pass H.R. 2482.

BILLY JOEL'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish a very happy 70th birthday to Billy Joel, a resident of the greatest congressional district in America, the First Congressional District of New York.

He has sung about Allentown; he has sung about Vienna; but he never forgot where he came from. It is important, whether you are in politics, music, or business, to never forget where you come from.

He would sing songs about our bays, our beaches, our boaters, our fishermen, our restaurants, our media. He is someone who, to this very day, looks at Long Island as his home.

He has a concert tonight celebrating his 70th birthday with so many fans.

From everyone who lives in the First Congressional District, for all of Long Island, a very happy 70th birthday to a very special person.

Happy birthday to Billy Joel.