

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 REVEREND R. PEREZ GATLING

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. LURIA) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Reverend Perez Gatling, the 13th pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Virginia Beach. I thank him for his powerful and poignant prayer on the House floor and know that his words will give Congress strength.

Known as “the church that reaches out,” Ebenezer Baptist Church is the oldest African American church in the city of Virginia Beach and has been the cornerstone of our community since 1859.

Pastor Gatling leads it by humble example, sharing with whomever he meets his personal motto: “I’m just a nobody trying to tell everybody about somebody who can save anybody.”

Pastor Gatling is not only a faith leader, but also a mentor to so many through his church’s prolific community outreach, specifically, for students of all ages.

Pastor Gatling is accompanied today by his loving family: Veleka Gatling, Lewis Gatling, Russell Gatling, Cleo Gatling, Leo V. Williams, Carolyn Williams, and Mary Bowen.

Thank you for joining us today. Thank you, Pastor Gatling, for bringing your wise words and your wonderful family to visit us in Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

RECOGNIZING GOLD STAR FAMILIES

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, as we approach Memorial Day, we are reminded of the brave servicemen and -women who have given their lives to defend our country.

The families of those who died in conflict, known as the Gold Star families, can never forget these sacrifices. Our country is indebted to these selfless Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice.

No amount of financial support can ease the pain of losing a loved one, but veterans’ benefits to surviving spouses and children provide an important lifeline during these times of need.

The 2017 tax law brought many unintended consequences that Congress is

now trying to fix, including a significant increase in tax rates on benefits for children of these fallen service-members. This is completely unacceptable. Congress must pass legislation to fix this now so families that have already given so much are not asked to give even more.

COMMEMORATING THE 19TH AMENDMENT

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

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, today we celebrate an important moment in our Nation’s history: 100 years ago, today, Clifford Randall, the Representative from the First District of Wisconsin, left his office like all of his colleagues in the House, walked to this very Chamber, and cast his vote in favor of women’s suffrage.

The 19th Amendment gave women the right to vote. Today we commemorate that vote.

Wisconsin was a leader in the women’s suffrage movement. In fact, Wisconsin was the first State to ratify the 19th Amendment.

I am wearing a yellow rose today just as the supporters of women’s rights did a century ago.

As we commemorate the 19th Amendment, let’s focus on how we can work together to support women and ensure that future generations will never forget that historic vote.

EMPOWERING WOMEN

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, what an amazing day: 100 years ago, the Congress voted out a resolution to empower women with the right to vote.

What is interesting, the last day, the last State, Tennessee, when the vote was taken, or when it was about to be taken, the then-Speaker, who was against it, wearing a red rose, said: We have got the votes.

But there is nothing like the power of a woman and the power of a mother. And a young legislator got a letter from his mother that very morning that said: Son, be a good boy, and vote to let women vote.

And, lo and behold, Tennessee ratified that right because that 24-year-old voted to let women vote.

It is an important time now for women to be empowered, because the States of Alabama and Texas and Mississippi and Missouri and others are now trying to reign back the rights of women and the right to choose.

We respect other values. We respect the Constitution and the Ninth Amendment, but Alabama and Mississippi and Texas and Missouri, we are not going back, because women got the right to vote. And just like that young man, be

a good boy and leave women alone, for them to choose their own right, the right to vote.

HONORING MADISON DOZIER

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

Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent Madison Dozier of Alexandria, Kentucky.

Madison is an honor roll student at Reiley Elementary and the daughter of proud parents Ronnie and Melanie Dozier.

Madison is also the 2019 national winner of the annual National Missing Children’s Day poster competition, sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention at the Department of Justice.

Each year, all fifth graders in the United States are invited to participate in the missing children’s day poster competition. The purpose of this competition is to foster awareness and discussion among schools and law enforcement regarding the tragedy of missing and exploited children.

This year, Madison’s poster received the national award, following a unanimous decision from the judging panel.

Congratulations to Madison and her teacher and her proud family as they visit Washington, D.C., for the awards ceremony this week. Her poster will be on display in the Great Hall at the Department of Justice. Check it out.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASSAGE OF THE NINETEENTH AMENDMENT

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

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, today marks the 100th anniversary of the House passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

It is hard to think that, 100 years later, for most of our Nation’s history, including my grandmother’s and great-grandmother’s generations, women contributed to the building of our Nation but lacked this basic civil right.

In America, your vote is your voice; it is what makes all of us equal. We each have one vote. Voting is one of the most important things that you can do as a citizen.

When the 19th Amendment passed over 100 years ago, only one woman served in the United States House of Representatives. When I began my congressional career here in 2003, 60 women were serving in the House.

Today, I am proud to serve in the House with 127 women, including 14 other Latinas. That, my friends, is progress.

While we have made significant improvements to expand the representation of women in our political system, we still have a long way to go. So let