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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. The Members of this people's House will be leaving for an extended weekend. Many will be traveling to Normandy on the 75th anniversary of D-Day, a day when thousands of American soldiers joined forces with our allies to begin the liberation of Europe.

As the world remembers that offensive in that great war, may we here at home be truly grateful for the sacrifices of so many whose efforts helped to guarantee the conflict-free North Atlantic world we have all lived with through these 70-odd years since that fateful day.

May we never forget the danger of hypernationalism that can lead to a reduced respect for those who are the "other," and a world where nations when acting only in their own self-interest, can fail to see Your presence in their neighborhoods.

May all that is done this day, and in the days to come, be for Your greater honor and glory.

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 gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING ALL SERVICEMEMBERS FOR THEIR SACRIFICES

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

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in gratitude for the bravery and sacrifices made by American and Allied Armed Forces on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

This week marks the 75th anniversary of that longest day, a moment in history when servicemembers from across the globe stormed the shores of Normandy, France, to defend liberty and fight against the tyranny of Nazi Germany.

And as we pause to honor and express our gratitude to the tens of thousands of American soldiers, sailors, and airmen who bore the battle that day and for many days after until victory was achieved, we are reminded again that the cost of freedom can be very high.

As chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, it is my duty to ensure the promises we made to veterans and their survivors are kept.

To those veterans that remain with us still to those D-Day veterans who perished on that longest day and to those who lived to tell the stories of that day, I say to you that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs is committed to honoring your legacies by improving VA healthcare, providing accountability for the fair and timely delivery of benefits, and to ensure that we honor your memories.

Today I ask that all Americans reflect on the sacrifices made by the greatest generation in Europe 75 years ago and to join me in thanking those of this generation who have stepped up and every intervening generation who have answered the call to serve.

RECOGNIZING FORT STEWART-HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield for winning the 2019 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence.

Conferred by the Department of Defense, installations compete based on a number of categories, including unit morale, installation management, safety, health, community relations, and environmental stewardship. Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield has won the award a staggering seven times, most recently in 2015.

I want to thank everyone at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, but especially Garrison Commander Colonel Jason Wolter, whose hard work enabled the installation to reach such a consistent height of quality.

This award is the culmination of his statement: "There's no place other than Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield our soldiers would rather call home."

I am proud to have them in the First Congressional District of Georgia and proud of the work they are doing serving our country.

BRINGING SANCTUARY AND SAFETY BACK TO AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

(Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

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