

It is time that we step up. It is time that we have our voices heard, that we stand up for people whose voices are being silenced by violence. We have a chance to speak in a clear voice and send a message that the United States and its government will support the people of Sudan.

Sudan must do better because we and the world are watching. Sudan cannot be allowed to go down this dangerous path.

We have to stand with the people of Sudan, stand for their democratic rights, allow their voices to be heard, and allow them to live in freedom.

REMEMBERING THOSE LOST IN PULSE NIGHTCLUB MASS SHOOTING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MURPHY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, today marks 3 years since the terrible tragedy that took the lives of 49 people at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando.

That is 36 months, 156 weeks, 1,095 days that the victims' families and loved ones have had to live without their presence and without their light.

This single incident shook our community to its core and forever changed us. But our city showed that we are a vibrant community that prides itself on its love and inclusion.

Following the tragedy, hundreds came out to donate blood and help their fellow brothers and sisters in their time of need. The site was transformed into a makeshift memorial, one that was full of love, thoughtful notes, and flowers.

This was the largest attack against LGBTQ people in U.S. history. As we celebrate Pride Month, we must honor their memories, be inspired by their legacies, and recognize the positive contributions the LGBTQ community offers to the world.

While those memories may be raw and remembering those we lost may still hurt, we cannot forget that the love that the 49 victims brought into this world will always be stronger than the hate that stole their lives on that day.

Hate will never win. Love always will.

The memories of those who lost their lives will never ever be forgotten.

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 57 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 pro

tempore (Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York) at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend J. David Carter, Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Chattanooga, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, amen.

Almighty God and Father of all the nations, as we stand in this great Chamber of worldly power, we humbly acknowledge that the dome of this Capitol stands beneath the dome of the heavens, which You created and which You continue to rule in truth and justice.

We are grateful for the many gifts of Your providence that You shower down upon our people from on high. We also humbly acknowledge that all our actions take place in view of Your sovereign omniscience. "For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light." Therefore, we invoke this day Your blessing upon those who labor beneath this dome and who have been entrusted with the sacred duty of governing our Nation.

Banish from our hearts all temptations to greed and envy. Move our hearts to the virtues that will bring lasting happiness. Keep us steadfast in the pursuit of the common good. Make us ever mindful of the shortness of our days and make us always desirous of standing before You with integrity. Invoking Your mercy upon our failings and Your grace upon the work of our hands, we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PHILLIPS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PHILLIPS 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 REVEREND J. DAVID CARTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FLEISCHMANN) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome a very special guest to our Nation's Capitol, Father David Carter of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Chattanooga, and the Rist family.

Father David Carter is a man of strong faith and principled leadership. In our east Tennessee community, he serves as the vice chancellor for the Diocese of Knoxville and was the chaplain at Knoxville Catholic High School until his tenure as the rector of the basilica began in 2013.

Father Carter also enjoys the beauty that God has bestowed on the Volunteer State, leading treks in the Great Smoky Mountains. But even outside the House of God, he continues to show his faith, serving as chaplain to the parish's Trail Life troop.

In my service to east Tennessee in this Chamber, I often seek guidance from the Lord's word, and I am thankful to have Father Carter as my priest. I pray that our Nation knows more Father Carters, those who seek to serve and find Christ as the source of truth. I hope that Father Carter and his guests enjoy their time in this beautiful city.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

ACTION SAVES LIVES

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

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago today, a mother woke up at 2 a.m. She woke up to a flurry of text messages from her son. He was trapped in a nightclub bathroom at the mercy of a man with an MCX rifle and a death wish. His first text: "Mommy, I love you"; then at 2:39 a.m.: "He's coming. I'm gonna to die." Eddie Justice was murdered in the Pulse nightclub that morning, and he was 30 years old.

Today we stand with Eddie's family and loved ones. We stand with Orlando. We stand with the LGBTQ community. And we stand up here to say doing nothing to prevent mass shootings in our country is a dereliction of our duty.

The Senate must pass the gun violence prevention measures that the House put forward in February. Thoughts and tweets do not save lives. Action saves lives.

In honor of all the Pulse nightclub victims, we need action, and we need it now.

IN HONOR OF FLAG DAY

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