

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God, Father of us all, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Please send Your spirit upon this assembly, that the men and women who serve the United States in contentious times such as these might better work together for the benefit of our Nation. This is not easy, so bless them with Your wisdom and give them the patience and understanding to rise to the demands of their calling.

So also we ask Your blessing upon our world, where so many live and, unfortunately, die in nations and regions cursed by violence and division. We are mindful, O God, of the descendants of Abraham in the Middle East. Imbue them with the grace to see their brothers and sisters in one another. Lord, have Mercy.

Lord, be with us this day and all days, and may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

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 Texas (Mr. CONAWAY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CONAWAY 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.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE BILL PASCRELL

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

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our colleague, Representative BILL PASCRELL, for whom the fire headquarters in his hometown of Paterson, New Jersey, is being named.

Representative PASCRELL has been a tireless champion of our country's firefighters. In 2000, he led the passage of the FIRE Act, the only Federal program to deliver grant funds directly to local fire departments. In 2015, he helped secure a \$7.5 million grant for the Paterson Fire Department, which prevented a dangerous reduction of forces. He is co-chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus.

Just this month, I proudly cast my vote for Representative PASCRELL's amendment to increase funding for the Firefighter Cancer Registry to ensure

our firefighters can get the care they need.

As a representative of New Jersey and as an American, I am grateful for all the work the Congressman has done to ensure protection and care for the brave men and women who put their lives on the line to keep our communities safe.

Though I regret I cannot be there with him this morning in Paterson, I congratulate Representative PASCRELL on this well-deserved honor.

OBSERVING ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

As a member of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease, I am grateful to continue supporting families facing Alzheimer's. Additionally, I appreciate the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act that President Donald Trump signed into law in December last year.

Currently, there are more than 5 million Americans who live with Alzheimer's, with 16 million family members and friends who serve as caregivers. It is inspiring to know that 313,000 caregivers in South Carolina provide over 352 million hours of unpaid care.

South Carolina has extraordinary facilities to provide exemplary care for Alzheimer's patients in a friendly environment, including Carroll Campbell Place of Lexington Medical Center, honoring our late Governor.

Support and research are provided by the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's, with walks held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, with Taylor Wilson organizing the Midlands events.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

WISHING MARK WILLIAMS GOOD LUCK IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, it is with a bittersweet heart today that I rise to recognize my current chief of staff, Mark Williams.

Mark will finish 16 years of service with the House of Representatives and be moving on to the private sector. He has been my chief for 4½ years. He served, faithfully, Todd Rokita, Sam Johnson, and myself. He is one of those quiet professionals who makes this place work.

He is a consummate professional, and I am a better Member of Congress because of his wise counsel, his advice,

his hard work, and his dedication to my team and our team.

I wish he and his wife, Noel; son, Nolan; and daughter, Katherine all the best and Godspeed in this next endeavor. They will be missed. Although we won't see them on a day-to-day basis, they are still a part of Team Conaway and also my family.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Mark good luck. We love him.

WELCOMING CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNER CINDY LAM

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today, I welcome Cindy Lam to the Capitol. Cindy is the winner of Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District Congressional Art Competition.

The annual art competition organized by the Congressional Institute showcases the artwork of high school students from across every congressional district in the country.

Cindy just finished up her sophomore year at DuBois Area Senior High School earlier this month. Her artwork entitled "Self" is a prism-colored pencil drawing.

Cindy's artwork was selected, by an independent panel of judges, from 68 entries, which is one of the largest groups of students to participate in the 15th District's Congressional Art Competition. All the winning pieces will be displayed for the year in the Cannon tunnel, where they will be viewed by Members of Congress, staff, and many visitors of the Capitol every day.

Today, Cindy is participating in a reception where she and fellow winners from across the country will be honored for their talented work.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Cindy and all the students who participated in the competition.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 3 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 7 minutes p.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. PRICE of North Carolina) at 3 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Miss Kaitlyn Roberts, one of his secretaries.