

transformational. It is Your love that seeks the greater good. It is Your love that heals.

Let us face this day knowing that You are with us, and may all that is done in this place on this day bring You, and You alone, glory and honor. 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 North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina 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 DR. MARILYN MONROE HARRIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GOTTHEIMER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome my dear friend and a true leader, Reverend Dr. Marilyn Monroe Harris, and thank her for delivering today's invocation.

Dr. Harris is the fifth pastor and the first female pastor of the First Baptist Church of Teaneck, Teaneck, New Jersey, and she is a beacon of leadership for north Jersey and our Nation.

She is joined today by her niece, Amma, and fellow pastors, colleagues, and friends from the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention.

Pastor Harris is a lifelong civil servant; the founder of the Christian Women's Alliance, allowing clergywomen to grow together; a founder of the Foundation Building Christian Institute; and a recipient of New Jersey's NAACP Award for Pastoral Leadership and Excellence.

She has preached across the globe, from Spain to South Africa. Reverend Harris also supports our first responders back home, serving as the first female African American chaplain of the Teaneck Fire Department, and she currently serves as the first female president of the United Missionary Baptist Convention of New Jersey.

Dr. Harris brings integrity and excellence to everything she does. With so much in our country dividing us, Reverend Harris' words can bring us together so that we can better serve our great country, the greatest country in the world.

I thank Reverend Harris for praying with us today.

May God continue to bless the United States of America.

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.

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.

HONORING AND LAYING TO REST 81 SOUTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS

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

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, in late 1965, a C-123 transport was shot down over Vietnam. The flight's four American crewmen were identified and their remains returned home.

The 81 South Vietnamese soldiers also on board were never identified, their remains never properly interred. The current Vietnamese Government has twice refused to allow the soldiers' remains to return home.

This Saturday, October 26, the remains of these 81 soldiers will be finally laid to rest in the Little Saigon community of Orange County, California, in my district.

I thank Senator Jim Webb, the Lost Soldiers Foundation, the Republic of Vietnam Airborne Division's national and local chapters, and everyone involved in making it possible to finally honor and properly inter these 81 soldiers.

HOLD VOTE ON IMPEACHMENT OR MOVE ON

(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. Madam Speaker, efforts to impeach the President began in January 2017 with The Washington Post reporting: "The effort to impeach President Donald John Trump is already underway." This was just minutes after the President was sworn into office.

Now, 4 weeks into the Speaker's unprecedented impeachment inquiry, we learn of hidden transcripts, closed-door meetings, complete disregard for transparency and process, and the House has not even been afforded the opportunity to go on record with a vote to open an inquiry.

If this were serious, House Democrats would bring a vote to the floor to open a formal impeachment inquiry, but they won't do that. This is a political stunt beneath the dignity of this institution.

Perhaps more egregious, this stunt has consumed valuable time that we could have used to pass meaningful legislation for all Americans: lowering prescription drugs prices, securing the border, repairing our infrastructure, and moving the USMCA trade agreement forward.

Hold a vote or move on. The American people deserve better.

HONORING DR. ALVIN POUSSAINT

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

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of renown psychiatrist, a former associate dean of student affairs at Harvard Medical School, a lifelong public servant, and my mentor and friend, Dr. Alvin Poussaint.

Dr. Poussaint's career has been one of passion and service. During the civil rights movement, Dr. Poussaint marched from Selma to Montgomery with Martin Luther King, Jr., organizing Freedom Clinics with the Freedom Riders.

Over his accomplished career, Dr. Poussaint and his experience, insight, and intellect have been requested by the FBI, the White House, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

One of the biggest blessings of my life is that our paths crossed when I was a student at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Poussaint believed in me and supported me in my studies and my student advocacies.

Dr. Poussaint embraced me and my approach to learning. He encouraged me and guided my passion and energy, and he defended me from those who wanted me to think that I didn't belong there.

Dr. Alvin Poussaint is one of the reasons I am standing up here today as a physician and Congressman standing up for health and social justice.

I wish him well in his retirement and celebrate his decades of professional accomplishments and contributions to our society.

IN MEMORY OF FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK MONROE "SKIP" MURPHY

(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. Madam Speaker, this month, a bronze statue was dedicated at Johnson Hagood Stadium at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, in memory of Lieutenant Joe Missar and Lieutenant Skip Murphy, who died for freedom in Vietnam.

First Lieutenant Frank M. "Skip" Murphy was from Florham Park, New Jersey, graduating from The Citadel in 1965, achieving the dean's list, and