

Reverend Evans was the inspirational icon and tireless servant to his church, to his community, and to the people of Chicago and borders beyond. His untimely passing has left us all with yet another stunning and unimaginable loss.

Born in Brownsville, Tennessee, Reverend Evans founded the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in 1950. For the next 70 years, he would nourish and strengthen the souls of his flock with his unwavering wisdom, his incorruptible courage, and his unyielding devotion to the Word of the Lord, the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Bible, Madam Speaker, says at Psalms 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Reverend Evans lived his faith humbly. He was a prophet to both parishioners and pastors alike. When the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King brought his movement to Chicago, Reverend Evans had the courage to welcome Dr. King into his church against the objections and the retribution of then-Mayor Richard J. Daley and many others.

Reverend Evans was instrumental in founding the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition alongside the Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr. As chairman of the board of PUSH from 1970 to 1976, Reverend Evans worked diligently to establish Rainbow/PUSH as a national powerhouse in the fight for civil rights.

Madam Speaker, Reverend Evans leaves behind a long legacy of pastors who greatly benefited from his teachings, including Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr. and Mother Consuella York, the first Chicago woman to be ordained in the Baptist denomination. In total, Reverend Evans ordained 93 preachers and pastors, inspiring them to go forward and spread the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

No celebration of Reverend Evans' life would be complete without mentioning the innovative role music played in his ministry. His radio broadcast reached far and wide into our Nation, into the homes of millions of Americans. Reverend Evans recorded 11 gospel albums and creatively infused gospel music into his sermons, evoking even more truth and life into the Scriptures from which he was preaching.

In October 2007, Reverend Evans graced this very Chamber with his powerful presence, serving as a guest chaplain. It was my deep honor to sponsor Reverend Evans. Even today, I can still feel his presence in the same way that I felt it all those years ago when he took us to church here in this very Chamber.

Madam Speaker, although we all feel deep pain with the passing of Reverend Evans, I am comforted in knowing that he is now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and with our Father in Heaven.

Reverend Evans' wife, Lutha Mae; his daughters, Gail Claudette Pye and Faith Evans; his sons, Michael and Ralph; and all who loved him are in my

deepest prayers and have my greatest sympathies as they mourn the loss of this truly great religious giant, Reverend Clay Evans.

#### RECOGNIZING COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Computer Science Education Week.

Ten years ago, this awareness week was established to highlight the important skill set and the role it plays in all industries.

Every year, Computer Science Education Week serves as an opportunity for students in kindergarten through their senior year of high school to learn about the importance of computer science and the opportunities that abound with a skills-based education.

As the co-chair of the bipartisan House Career and Technical Education Caucus, or CTE Caucus, I am proud to support Computer Science Education Week.

Our Nation is facing a skilled worker shortage. With more than 7 million open jobs in the United States, CTE opportunities can offer rewarding professional futures for learners of all ages while simultaneously closing the Nation's skills gap.

One field in particular that needs workers trained in computer science is cybersecurity. I was pleased to cosponsor H.R. 1592, the Cybersecurity Skills Integration Act, alongside my fellow CTE Caucus co-chair, Congressman JIM LANGEVIN from Rhode Island. H.R. 1592 will aid in the development of a critical infrastructure workforce that is well trained to handle cyber threats from bad actors.

The bill authorizes \$10 million to create a competitive grant program within the Department of Education to incorporate cybersecurity education into new and existing CTE programs. Additionally, the bill requires the Department of Education to coordinate with the Department of Homeland Security to better support cybersecurity education programs.

A successful career in any field starts with effective counseling. Far too many students begin their educational careers without fully understanding their options, but empowering students with counseling resources can better prepare learners of all ages for the workforce.

That is why Congressman LANGEVIN and I introduced H.R. 5092, the Counseling for Career Choice Act. H.R. 5092 would authorize \$40 million for grants to be used by States and local education agencies to assess counseling services and create new counseling frameworks.

The bill also provides professional development opportunities to counselors

so that they can better improve their skills to assist their students. We need a workforce that can meet modern technical demands, and students who choose a career in technical education are best suited for that challenge.

Through career and technical education programs like computer science, we can begin to close our Nation's skills gap with helping learners of all ages take control of their professional futures.

#### RECOGNIZING KWAME ONWUACHI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. ESPAILLAT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, New York City is recognized for both its tenacity and its profile as an incubator of elite talents. Perhaps no one embodies these Big Apple virtues more than chef Kwame Onwuachi, a Bronx native.

Chef Kwame's early life was branded by adversity, his early career marked by missteps. However, as a true New Yorker and as a true son of the Bronx, he bounced back.

A fusion of Bronx grit and culinary acuity has catapulted this young man, chef Kwame, from a subway candy salesman to winning a James Beard Award, perhaps the most prestigious award in the culinary world.

Now, as executive chef of the renowned Kith and Kin restaurant right here in Washington, D.C., at The Wharf here in our Nation's Capital, chef Kwame is a shining example of perseverance, prestige, and promise bred in the Bronx.

Go try his curry goat. Go try his oxtails. You will go back again.

Chef Kwame is an exceptional individual, and he continues to make us all proud. He is an inspiration to many.

He is right here with us, Mr. Speaker, in the gallery, and I welcome him to the House of Representatives. He is a Bronx native and now resides here in Washington, D.C. We are proud to have him. He is a young talent. You will be hearing a lot about him in the future, not only in written media, but you will be tasting his fine cuisine in many places around the world.

I congratulate him for having won the James Beard Award and for being a true example of how a young man of color from the Bronx can get up and shine. As the former great champion of the world Muhammad Ali said, he shook up the world.

Congratulations, chef Kwame.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TONKO). The Chair would remind Members to refrain from making reference to occupants of the gallery.

#### HONORING OFFICER BILL CLARDY III

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BYRNE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with sadness in my heart to honor Officer Bill Clardy III of the Huntsville Police Department.

Officer Clardy, a decorated 14-year veteran of the department who also served with distinction in the Iraq war, was tragically shot and killed recently during a drug investigation. Officer Clardy was assigned to a strategic counterdrug team called the STAC Team, leading a task force of Federal and local law enforcement agencies to make drug busts across north Alabama.

Sadly, the Clardy family knows well the sacrifices of service. Officer Clardy's father, Billy Clardy, Jr., was killed in a car crash while on duty in 1978.

We owe it to Officer Clardy not to forget him or his sacrifice. Officer Clardy's reputation for service and for caring for his community is unmatched.

Officer Clardy was a Huntsville hero, and he is an American hero. He will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts, our prayers, and our support now are with the Clardy family. We embrace you with our love. We offer you our support. In the days to come, we pledge to you, we will not forget his sacrifice.

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#### 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 11 o'clock and 45 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 at noon.

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#### PRAYER

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

Lord, You are powerful and strong, yet You bend to Your people and show them mercy and sustaining grace.

Help the leaders of our Nation make wise decision in our day. May they look to You for guidance every step of the way until we stand in Your light forever. Set us all on a path that will lead to peace and security.

Bless us this day and every day, and inspire us to be grateful for the blessings we enjoy and the good work that does take place in our Nation's Capitol.

May all that is done within the people's House 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.

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#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania 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.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

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#### RECOGNIZING MARK COVALL

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

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Mark Covall, who, after 34 years with the National Association for Behavioral Healthcare, is retiring.

For the past 24 years, as the president and CEO of the association, Mark has been a steadfast partner to me and others in Congress in the fight to improve our Nation's behavioral health system.

Under Marks's leadership, NABH was the leader in the fight to secure mental health parity, paving the way for the Paul Wellstone and Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.

More recently, Mark's advocacy was critical in the passage of CARA, the 21st Century Cures Act, and the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.

Mark's leadership in coalition building as well as his work to develop strong relationships, both in the field and in Congress, explain why he has been so effective during his time at NABH.

Today, I join others in the mental health community in thanking Mark Covall for his decades of leadership, dedication, and passion for ensuring that millions of Americans have access to quality mental health and addiction treatment services.

We will certainly miss Mark's contributions and wish him well in his next phase of life.

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#### HONORING CHRIS BOYD AND BILL WANDLING

(Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor two Summit County deputies who went above and beyond their job description to rescue an elderly couple from a house fire in Green, Ohio.

On November 19, 2019, just before 10 p.m., Deputies Chris Boyd and Bill Wandling were first to arrive at the scene when they heard neighbors yelling to alert them that 85-year-old Caroline Knotts and her 86-year-old husband, James, were still inside the home engulfed in flames.

While neither Chris nor Bill are firefighters, they felt compelled to help. Without hesitation, the two deputies rushed through the thick smoke for nearly 10 minutes before eventually discovering the couple and taking them and their family dog to safety.

According to Chris and Bill, they were just fulfilling their duty to the citizens of Summit County; but, to me and to everyone present that night, these deputies demonstrated the kindness, generosity, and love of neighbor that reflects the very best of our north-east Ohio community.

Thank you to Chris and Bill for your dedicated service to our community.

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#### HONORING DR. JIM WURGLER

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

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to Jim Wurgler of Williams, Arizona. Sadly, Jim passed away last month of a stroke.

Known to many as "Doc," Jim devoted his life to the health and betterment of others. He served as an Army physician in Vietnam and later as a doctor in several locations throughout the Southwest, including Grand Canyon Clinic and Williams Health Care Center in my district.

A lifelong mentor to others, Jim revitalized Yosemite National Park's EMT training program in 1978, teaching advanced emergency medicine to park rangers. One of his proudest moments was receiving an honorary park ranger award and a new title: The Ranger's Doctor.

Well into retirement, Jim worked to improve his community, going to great lengths to recruit and retain doctors in rural areas.

Always an optimist, Jim's family will be honoring his wishes and holding a ceremony of his life in lieu of a funeral.

Jim left an indelible mark on his loved ones and on the State of Arizona. He will not soon be forgotten. Pat and I are keeping Jim's family in our prayers this holiday season, and I hope all of my colleagues will do the same.