

## PRAYER

Rabbi Avraham Hakohen "Romi" Cohn, Congregation Ohr Yechezkel, Brooklyn, New York, offered the following prayer:

Almighty, open my lips. May the words of my mouth declare Your praise. With profound humility and deep appreciation, I stand before You.

As a young boy of 13 years, I was condemned to be dead, to be murdered along with my entire family, including my 3-year-old little sister, by one evil man, may his name be erased forever. But my life was spared. I was saved by my Father, by You, O Lord, the Father of the Universe, who brought me to the shores of this beautiful country, the United States of America, the land of the free, where I found a safe and new home.

As I stand before you on the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp, I offer humble words of praise and gratitude to the Almighty. Blessed are You, King of the Universe, who has granted me life and sustenance to this day. Amen.

May You, Lord, accept with mercy our prayers for our country; for our President, Donald Trump; our Vice President, MICHAEL PENCE; my Congressman, MAX ROSE; and all his noble colleagues.

O Mighty King of the Universe, as Your humble servant, I bestow this blessing upon Your children. May the Lord bless you and protect you. Amen.

May the Lord deal kindly and graciously with you. Amen.

May the Lord bestow His favor upon you and grant you peace.

## 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 Georgia (Mr. LOUDERMILK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LOUDERMILK 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 RABBI AVRAHAM HAKOHN "ROMI" COHN

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ROSE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rabbi Romi Cohn, a leader on Staten Island and a dear, dear friend.

Rabbi Cohn has dedicated his life to Jewish culture and heritage and built a renowned career as a mohel in New York City for over 25 years. I am especially honored to welcome Rabbi Cohn this week as we remember the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Rabbi Cohn's career is merely a continuation of a lifetime of fighting for the Jewish faith. His early life was uprooted by the rise of the Nazi Party, their invasion of Czechoslovakia, and the outbreak of World War II. Under Nazi rule, he saw the Hitler Youth attack his father in the street.

When war broke out, he joined the partisans fighting Nazi tyranny. At 15 years old, Romi was the youngest member of the Czechoslovakian partisan forces. Among other feats, he helped save 56 Jewish families escape the horrors of the Holocaust.

He fought with the partisans until the end of the war and then went in search of his own family. Of his parents and six siblings, only his father and two sisters had survived.

Rabbi Cohn saw how a democracy can be corrupted into a fascist dictatorship and what happens when anti-Semitism is allowed to fester.

Sadly, across this country, we see an alarming rise in anti-Semitism and hatred. Rabbi Cohn's legacy reminds us never to accept bigotry, not when we see it in the street, not when we saw it in the Halls of Congress, not when we see it anywhere. Our freedoms are not free. We must fight for them or risk losing them.

Rabbi Cohn is a model and example for all of us to follow, and I thank him for his extraordinary life of service.

## 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.

## SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE CREDIT ACT

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Comprehensive CREDIT Act, which we will be considering very soon. It will help bring much-needed accountability to credit reporting agencies and protect consumers from fraud and abusive lending.

Far too often, I hear of Rhode Islanders who have suffered as a result of credit reports with inaccurate or adverse information. The impacts are serious. They can prevent an individual from getting a job, taking out a mortgage, or acquiring student loans that they need to go to college. Yet, when they need to dispute an error, credit reporting agencies make it near impossible.

Mr. Speaker, the system is broken, and the Comprehensive CREDIT Act will provide long-overdue reforms to address these systemic issues. This bill will ensure Americans have the information they need to protect themselves from fraud; opportunities and a mechanism to dispute any errors, and to get them fixed; and protection from predatory lenders.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support this bill, and I thank Congresswoman PRESSLEY and Chairwoman WATERS for bringing it to the floor later today.

## RECOGNIZING STUART MACVEAN

(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, I am grateful to recognize Stuart MacVean of Aiken, president and CEO of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, for being honored as a 2020 CEO Who "Gets It" by the National Safety Council's Safety and Health magazine.

This award is presented to those who go the extra mile through risk reduction, performance measurement, safety management solutions, and employee engagement—safety first.

Stuart has made keeping his employees safe and healthy a top priority. His dedication has resulted in successful site mission operations for support of our Nation's nuclear complex.

Stuart has been recognized by his local community. This month, I was present when Stuart was named Man of the Year for his leadership, community impact and involvement, and integrity by the Aiken Chamber of Commerce, led by President David Jameson and Chair Julie Whitesell, succeeding Pastor Paul Bush.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism with the leadership of President Donald Trump.

## PRAISING DONARI JOY MOSBY

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the kindness and generosity of a rising star in my district, Donari Joy Mosby. Ms. Mosby is a senior at County Prep High School in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, 7 years ago, she made it her goal to select socks to help the homeless residents stay warm during the winter. She started with a modest goal of 250 pairs of socks. When she exceeded that, she raised the number every single year.

This year, she donated more than 5,700 pairs of socks to a local community center on Dr. Martin Luther King Drive in Jersey City.

In 7 years, Ms. Mosby has donated 21,883 pairs of socks to help the homeless of my district. She called her campaign the Joy of Sox and wrote that socks are a simple and powerful way to show love to someone going through difficult times.

I agree, and I think her efforts and commitment to charity deserve to be praised.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

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

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National School Choice Week and the powerful impact that putting education choice in the hands of families can have in the lives of students, both in Georgia and across America.

Every child is a special gift from God, unique in their learning styles and capabilities. When it comes to their education, the options available to students and their families should not be limited by mandates from Washington, D.C.

It is also an unfortunate reality that opportunities for a quality education are not the same in every ZIP Code. Parents should have flexibility when choosing the best school setting to fit the specific needs of their children.

Whether it be through traditional public schools, charter schools, private schools, homeschooling, or vouchers, the decision about where to go to school should be made as close to the student as possible.

When we empower families to choose the educational options best suited for their sons and daughters, we give them the opportunity to thrive and to become the next generation of leaders in their families, churches, and communities.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to lend my voice in support of school choice, especially during National School Choice Week.

#### HONORING EULOGIO ACEVEDO

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Eulogio Acevedo, who passed away earlier this month.

Those of us who knew Mr. Acevedo will remember him as a dedicated family man, a leader in the business community, and a relentless champion for social justice. Born in the Dominican Republic, Mr. Acevedo made his home in Providence, Rhode Island, along with his beloved wife of 30 years, Maryelyn.

Mr. Acevedo lived the American Dream. An engineer by trade, he owned and operated his own construction company for more than two decades. He raised five children and lived to celebrate the births of four grandchildren.

Most important of all, Mr. Acevedo gave back to the country that gave him so much. He was an active community leader in Providence and a political legend, a gentle but strong man who helped anyone in need.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful that I had the opportunity to know this great man. He was a dear friend to me. Our city and our State will miss him deeply. May he rest in peace.

#### MARKING ANNIVERSARY OF THE "CHALLENGER" TRAGEDY

(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, yesterday marked the anniversary of the *Challenger* space shuttle explosion.

Mr. Speaker, 34 years ago, President Ronald Reagan addressed the Nation from the Oval Office, mourning with the entire country but paying special attention to the Nation's young people, telling them: "The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave."

Today, those young people have become the men and women who have taken up the mantle of space exploration, who probe the outer limits of our solar system and even join NASA to explore space for themselves. President Reagan's words are as true for these men and women as they were for the *Challenger* crew.

As we look back on the tragedy of the *Challenger*, we must also look ahead. Let us recommit ourselves to space exploration by empowering the men and women who study it. We can honor our past by making space exploration a part of our future.

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#### IT IS TIME TO END MIGRANT PROTECTION PROTOCOLS

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

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 1-year anniversary of the implementation of the abhorrent Migrant Protection Protocol program, or MPP, which forces vulnerable asylum seekers to remain in Mexico for their U.S. court dates.

MPP is currently implemented at seven ports of entry along the U.S.-Mexico border, including in my community, El Paso, Texas, where over 18,000 asylum seekers have been made to wait in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua.

During my time in Congress, I have brought a number of my colleagues to the border to see our Nation's immigration challenges firsthand. A number of them joined me last July, when we crossed the border to visit with some of the families impacted by the program. We heard about their journey to the U.S., the dangers they face if they re-

turn home, and what it takes to survive day-to-day in Mexico, a country that is not their own. We heard that obtaining legal counsel is nearly impossible, hindering due process.

This administration is making it as hard as possible for these families to obtain asylum in an effort to deter them from coming to the U.S. in the first place, because cruelty is the point.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 2662, the Asylum Seeker Protection Act, to defund this unlawful, abhorrent program.

#### TWO DEFINITIONS OF PRODUCTIVITY

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, there are different definitions of productivity at the two ends of Pennsylvania Avenue at this point in time.

Here at the Capitol, Democrat leadership seems to confuse activity with accomplishment, spending years—years—trying to impeach and remove a duly-elected President.

At the White House, just this week, President Trump delivered two major accomplishments, a Middle East peace plan and the signing of the USMCA.

The President's two-State peace agreement with Israeli leadership protects Israel's security and ensures Palestine has a prosperous future as long as it too seeks peace. It is the product of compromise and is a promising solution for a long-unstable region.

The USMCA, just signed earlier today, opens new markets for American goods, levels the playing field for North American trade, and creates jobs nationwide. It is great for our country and it is great for Pennsylvania.

As was stated very well earlier this week: "Imagine if all the energy from this impeachment was used to solve the problems of the American people."

#### RECOGNIZING THE WINNER OF WASHINGTON'S SEVENTH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

(Ms. JAYAPAL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Franklin High School student and Burien resident, Abigail Batinga, as the winner of the Washington's Seventh District Congressional App Challenge.

My office this year received a record number of submissions, highlighting the incredible work of teachers across my district in advancing STEM education for all students.

Abigail's app, which is called Climate Now, is a collaborative platform that helps users create, facilitate, and participate in environmental projects in their communities.