

Johnson City, Tennessee, where my wife, Clarinda, has attended for many years.

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Magness here today.

Ethan is originally from Elizabethton, Tennessee, and graduated from Swarthmore College. He received his master of divinity from Emmanuel Christian Seminary and served for 10 years at the Mountain Christian Church in Joppa, Maryland.

Ethan founded and still directs the Semester in Ministry program at Milligan College. He has served as an adjunct professor there for 10 years.

I am proud to welcome Ethan; his wife, Betsy; and his son, Evan, to our Nation's Capitol today. I am also pleased he could share the Word of God with us today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

FLIGHT 3407 FAMILIES' ADVOCACY IMPROVING AIRLINE SAFETY

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, for 11 years now, the families of Continental Flight 3407 have come to Capitol Hill with the heart-driven goal of improving airline safety.

Thanks to their efforts, and with bipartisan support from Congress, the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill of 2010 included measures to improve transparency and safety for the flying public.

At long last, the Pilot Records Database, one of the final elements to be implemented, is moving forward.

The captain of Flight 3407 had only 600 hours of flight experience and failed three practical tests known as check rides. Still, Continental and its regional carrier, Colgan Air, hired him.

The National Transportation Safety Board found that pilot error had caused the crash.

Led by the courageous family and friends of the victims of Flight 3407 and their tragic yet awe-inspiring public advocacy to protect the flying public, this success, in a deeply personal way, belongs to them and those they loved and lost.

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.

AIPAC IS EFFECTIVE

(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 week, we welcomed the American Israel Public Affairs Committee to Washington for the annual AIPAC Policy Conference.

This conference, with over 18,000 attending, is the largest gathering of America's pro-Israel community. AIPAC President Betsy Berns Korn is a very effective leader.

Monday, I had the opportunity to have attended the AIPAC Leadership Reception hosted by Howard and Elayne Levkowitz with ADAM SCHIFF.

Yesterday, I met with AIPAC members, led by David Kulbersh and his wife, Jane, of Columbia. They continued the tradition of the late David Baker of Columbia advising my predecessor, Chairman Floyd Spence.

Americans appreciate Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a world statesman, for his cooperation with Jared Kushner for peace. I will always cherish leading the congressional delegation for the opening of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem with Ambassador David Friedman as President Donald Trump fulfilled "Promises Made, Promises Kept."

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

Our prayers for Jeannie Burkett.

CORONAVIRUS NOT A HOAX

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

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, the coronavirus is not a hoax. There are over 90,000 cases worldwide and over 3,000 deaths.

In the U.S., based on various reporting, we think there are over 100 cases, with at least nine deaths.

Criticism of the Trump administration's botched response to this outbreak is not a hoax. They had faulty initial tests. They then compounded that problem by having overly restrictive test criteria that artificially deflated the number of actual coronavirus cases. And we don't have enough test kits, as of today.

In L.A. County, where I am from, they recently declared a state of emergency. L.A. County has a total of one coronavirus test kit.

I am pleased that this week the House of Representatives will pass a supplemental funding package to make sure we have enough test kits for all the jurisdictions that need it.

We need this administration to stop misleading the American people and start leading. Lives are at stake.

CONGRATULATING COACH PAT O'KEEFE

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

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Coach Pat

O'Keefe of Grand Ledge, who is retiring after 51 seasons leading the high school's baseball program.

Coach O'Keefe led the Comets to a pair of State championships and an incredible 1,315 wins, making him the winningest baseball coach in Michigan history.

Adding to his accolades, Coach O'Keefe is a member of the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame, and the Michigan Baseball Hall of Fame.

He shares the successes of his career and gives credit to his wife of 48 years, Melody.

Coach O'Keefe is an exemplary community leader who will leave a lasting legacy beyond baseball. He modeled the value of hard work and sportsmanship, and he taught valuable life lessons to the young men on his teams.

Once again, I wish to congratulate Coach O'Keefe on a remarkable career, and I thank him for making such a positive impact on five decades of students in Grand Ledge.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate March as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for men and women in this country.

This year, almost 148,000 Americans will be diagnosed with this dreaded disease, and 53,000 will die from it. Yet, if we catch it early, 90 percent of patients could survive within 5 years.

The key is awareness and education. If we can educate more Americans about colorectal cancer, we can limit the number of deaths from it. We can remove the fears and stigmas that prevent people from getting screenings.

I lost my father 8 years ago this weekend, Congressman Donald Payne, Sr., to colorectal cancer. But if more people get screened, we have a chance to keep more families from losing their fathers, brothers, and sons to this disease.

SUPPORT TRANSPORTATION WORKFORCE TRAINING

(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, I rise today in support of H.R. 6032, the Transportation Workforce Centers of Excellence Act.

I recently introduced this bill alongside my colleague, Congressman JIM LANGEVIN. As co-chairs of the bipartisan Career and Technical Education