

In these days, pour forth Your spirit of wisdom and insight that Members from all the corners of our country can find reform solutions for peacekeeping in our communities. Americans everywhere know that love and respect, rather than fear and force, must be the basis of our commonweal.

Bless the people's House, collectively and each Member, and may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. WEXTON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. WEXTON 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

POLICE REFORM

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

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, the horrifying murder of George Floyd awoke the conscience of America to a generations-old system of racial injustice. Since then, Americans—led mostly by young people—in all 50 States and in every part of my district have taken to the streets to demand action, and that gives me hope.

The Justice in Policing Act is an important step towards real change. This bill will implement meaningful reforms to increase transparency and accountability in policing: banning chokeholds, stopping no-knock warrants, establishing new standards for policing, combating racial profiling, reforming qualified immunity, and much more.

As a former prosecutor and defense attorney, I have witnessed firsthand the unequal application of justice toward Black Americans, and I know more needs to be done. But the Justice in Policing Act provides concrete legislative solutions that will help reform a deeply unequal system of policing right now.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this bill today.

What we are witnessing is a once-in-a-generation call to action. Let's not fail to answer the call.

KALEB FARMERY ACADEMY NOMINATION

(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, I rise today to congratulate Kaleb Farmery of Marion Center, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, for accepting a fully qualified appointment to the United States Air Force Academy.

Kaleb is the son of Wyatt and Jessica Farmery and a senior at Marion Center High School. During his time in school, Kaleb was involved with the Air Force Junior ROTC and Future Business Leaders of America.

Kaleb is a salutatorian of his senior class. Throughout his time in school, Kaleb has served as class president, a senior patrol leader in the Boy Scouts, and as both a chapter and region president of FBLA.

Kaleb has committed his time as a student to service and academic excellence. His drive and determination will serve him well as he embarks on this exciting new chapter with the United States Air Force Academy.

COVID-19 IN PENNSYLVANIA NURSING HOMES

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

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask for answers from Pennsylvania's Governor Tom Wolf and his administration, answers as to why his administration allowed COVID-19 to spread like wildfire in Pennsylvania's nursing homes, long-term care and assisted living facilities, and answers as to why he required these facilities to admit patients who tested positive for COVID-19 but couldn't be quarantined from healthy residents.

Far too many Pennsylvania seniors have died, tragically, to date, 4,476 from COVID-19. Sixty-eight percent of all deaths in Pennsylvania have occurred in these facilities.

It didn't need to be this way. Forty-five States took a far different approach.

To make matters worse, at the same time as the Pennsylvania Department of Health was enforcing this order, the Secretary of Health, Dr. Rachel Levine, had her mother removed from a personal care home and had her checked into a hotel.

Now Governor Wolf and his administration are choosing to ignore my colleagues who are members of the House of Representatives Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis. The committee sent a letter asking for answers to these questions.

I ask the Governor to address this letter. It is important for the residents

of Pennsylvania, who deserve an answer.

POLICE REFORM

(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, as America has been shocked at the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, I agree with Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York that 99.9 percent of police are dedicated public servants.

Reaffirmation of appreciation of law enforcement has been provided by Senator TIM SCOTT with the Just and Unifying Solutions to Invigorate Communities Everywhere, JUSTICE, Act. This reform legislation will provide more resources and de-escalation training.

Senator SCOTT has correctly identified that the police department is a part of our community. I am grateful to cosponsor the House companion legislation, led by Congressman PETE STAUBER, a veteran police officer.

Now is the time for Republicans and Democrats to work together to restore trust in our police and reduce divisions which destroy families.

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

I am grateful to Chief Andrew Richburg and Chief Dennis Tyndall.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1154

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed as a cosponsor from H.R. 1154.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

CONGRATULATING DR. RICHARD MICHEL

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

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Richard Michel of Marksville, Louisiana, on his retirement after 60 years of service to his community.

Dr. Michel spent much of his career serving as both a doctor and as mayor, which earned him the title of Doctor Mayor. He was valedictorian of his high school class and attended LSU Medical School before joining the Air Force in 1957.

A cattle rancher in his spare time, Dr. Michel found himself in a hospital bed after breaking two vertebrae in his back in 1976. This was when he decided to run for public office. He was elected mayor of Marksville in 1978 and served four terms before leaving office. In 1998, he ran again to serve another three terms, for a total of 28 years as mayor of Marksville.