

an incredibly damaging impact on local waterways.

When outdoor recreation is a big part of the local economy, our communities feel that financial loss. Ms. Williams estimated that Clearfield County could lose as much as \$3 million a year due to this impact.

Reed continues to work to raise awareness about abandoned mine lands. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection says the project would take years to finish, but I know Reed won't stop fighting.

In the meantime, Congress needs to reauthorize the AML trust fund to ensure abandoned mine land sites are reclaimed, our environment is protected, and our communities are safe.

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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 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 22 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 pro tempore (Mr. CROW) at 10 a.m.

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#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, Father of us all, Father of all our ancestors, thank You for giving us another day.

The Congress returns mourning the loss of a sweet man, a saint, warrior, and prophet, JOHN LEWIS.

A saint in his commitment to non-violence in a violent world, where all too often people are oppressed because of their nationality, their tribe, their religion, their color.

A warrior in his lifelong commitment to engaging in good trouble, to breaking down the forces of separation, especially in this Nation of ours; to challenge those who would claim innocence in their actions designed to maintain a caste society based on race and address the systems of exclusion from full participation in the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution—especially participation in the vote.

A prophet who spoke of Your will that we become the beloved community he has now joined among the community of saints, the cloud of witnesses to Your love and Your truth.

In all of this, JOHN's work must now be our own.

Bless the Members of this Chamber with the courage and wisdom to address the ongoing challenges that JOHN LEWIS encountered in his entire life. Help them, help us all, to bring forth the beloved community in our midst, where all men and women might live,

together, in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

May all that is done in the people's House this day, and in all the days to come, be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

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#### 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.

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#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. PERLMUTTER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PERLMUTTER 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 PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that in light of the passing of the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS), the whole number of the House is 430.

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#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I have walked with JOHN LEWIS at least 15 times across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where, with courage and commitment, he made a seminal difference in the life of our country.

Many of us walked with him. As we followed in JOHN LEWIS' footsteps, I suspect my colleagues saw, as I did, that the man we knew to be a veteran legislator and a person of wisdom and experience still carried in his heart the same energy, optimism, and determined spirit that he bore in his youth.

JOHN never stopped being the young man who dreamed of change and knew it could be achieved. In that springtime Alabama Sun, he beamed with a passion for justice and shone that light back on all of us who marched with him.

Even at 80, JOHN ROBERT LEWIS had the heart and fiery soul of a young protestor for a righteous cause, an organizer for the community and the country he served.

Every day of his life, JOHN marched for justice, civil rights, peace, and equality. On every step of his journey, he brought all of us and this country he loved with him.

On Friday, JOHN's march on Earth came to an end, and he was revered as

a good and faithful servant. Now, Mr. Speaker, he rests in the bosom of God.

He made sure that we know the way forward:

Toward racial justice;

Toward communities safer from gun violence;

Toward a cleaner and healthier planet;

Toward an America where everyone can access quality, affordable healthcare and where no child goes to bed hungry;

Toward a world where peace and plenty replace conflict and scarcity;

And toward an America whose people heed Dr. King's call to sit together at the table of brotherhood and sisterhood.

Mr. Speaker, we have a long way to go on that march. But if we continue to walk in JOHN LEWIS' footsteps, we will make it. He would say we must make it.

Our struggle to realize the beloved community was his vision and our mission. Surely, he will be with us as we continue that mission of the movement.

Where he was the veteran at our side, now JOHN will be the wind at our backs and, as the song says, beneath our wings. With his guidance and inspiration, we can, as he did, walk with the wind as we march on towards justice, equality, and peace until victory is won.

He was our inspiration; he was our guide; he was our friend; he was our colleague. As I said on Saturday morning, there is a hole in the heart of America.

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#### CONGRATULATING RUTH KELLEY

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ruth Kelley, an exemplary student from Kernersville, North Carolina, who was selected to be part of the National Youth Orchestra of the United States.

Every year, thousands of students submit applications to take part in the National Youth Orchestra, and only 200 applicants are selected. This, without question, is an amazing achievement.

In this program administered by Carnegie Hall, young musicians are exposed to digital learning, mentorship, and performances by principal players from top American orchestras. Additionally, participants are invited to take private lessons, studio sectionals, and master classes to perfect their craft.

Congratulations to Ruth. I am confident this experience will propel her to new heights and teach her lessons she will carry with her into her future career.

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#### NATIONAL HEROES DAY

(Mr. PERLMUTTER asked and was given permission to address the House