

Since this news has broken and spread throughout the world, they have heard from the world. From Alaska to Arizona, to as far away as Taiwan, people reaching out and sending them masks, sending them Hershey chocolate bars.

This distinguished group has been responsible for the founding of multiple schools and care centers in Michigan's 11th District, including our beloved Madonna University, which has become one of the Nation's largest Franciscan universities, with a student body of approximately 3,000 students. We, in Michigan's 11th District, are forever indebted to these beloved nuns for their mission and their impact. We grieve for the virtuous lives lost, and we hold their extended community in our prayers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in reflecting on the indelible mark left by these Sisters on our community, our country, the soul of our country, and this world. May the grieving find comfort in the extraordinary legacies of faith and service that they leave.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SHARON ERICHSRUD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER) for 30 seconds.

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sharon Erichsrud, who passed away in March at the age of 79. She was a loving mother, devoted wife, and lifelong Minnesotan.

Sharon was born in 1941 in Frost, Minnesota. She attended Frost High School, where she met Butch, her husband of 60 years. After graduation, she went on to work at 3M and several banks in the Blue Earth area, eventually becoming bank manager at Albert Lea Savings and Loan.

Sharon and Butch are parents of three children, Beth, Shelly, and Mark of St. Michael-Albertville, who gave them five children and four great-grandchildren.

Sharon was adored by her family, who remember her as a voracious reader and a pillar of her community at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Sharon was a beloved member of our Minnesota community. May her memory be a blessing.

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 50 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. GOMEZ) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord God, thank You for giving us another day.

On the day our Nation says its final good-bye as Your servant John Lewis returns to You and joins the beloved community in its fullness in eternity, we bring our petitions to You using some of his final words.

Bless the Members of this people's House, and those in authority on all levels of society, with wisdom and courage to address the unholy oppression that awaits so many of our brothers and sisters of color. May there be a new, creative way of establishing something like community policing, that peace and security might be enjoyed where we live.

O Lord, do we dare to consider the power of nonviolence in our homes, our communities, our Nation, and, perhaps, in leadership for our world? Might we truly be called, if not challenged, to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, so that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall we learn war anymore?

And, as we are reminded, the greatest expression of nonviolent challenge to injustice is the vote. Bless all efforts to secure access to the ballot for all American citizens.

Help us, O Lord, to answer the highest calling of our hearts, to carry forward the mission of John Lewis, our mission as one nation under God, under You, to bring to fruition the beloved community here on Earth. You, Lord, know what that might be. Help us to find our way to it.

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 gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

POST OFFICE DELAYS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, as our Nation reels from COVID-19 and over 150,000 deaths, millions of Americans depend on the U.S. Postal Service for access to medicine, stimulus payments, small business support, and trustworthy door-to-door service upon which Americans rely. Yet, recently appointed Postmaster General and major Trump donor Louis DeJoy has instituted a deeply misguided policy that puts American lives at risk.

In a disturbing memo, it reads: "late trips are no longer authorized or accepted . . . we may see mail left behind or mail on the workroom floor or docks."

The United States Postal Service has served our Nation ably for over two centuries, delivering at the most cost-effective rate. Letter carriers walk through rain, sleet, snow, dark of night to ensure the mail gets delivered. That is why Congress already provided \$10 billion in financing to the Postal Service during this pandemic, and, tragically, the Trump administration continued to hold it up, causing backups in mail across our Nation.

I demand the Trump administration release the funds Congress provided to our Postal Service. We must act now to ensure our people have access to medications they need, protect our small businesses and democratic institutions, and end these senseless delays.

SAVE OUR STAGES

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, Austin, Texas, is known as the Live Music Capital of the World, and every year millions of people come from around the world to my district to enjoy concerts and events.

Venues like Songbird Live in Cleburne, Hudson's on Mercer Street in Dripping Springs, and Mohawk in Austin play a crucial role in our culture. During COVID-19, these venues have faced devastation as they were the first to close and will be among the last to open.

In order to provide relief, I am proud to introduce the bipartisan Save Our Stages Act with my colleague, PETER WELCH, to create a grant program that will ensure they have the resources needed to survive.

American music legends that rose to fame once graced their stages that are currently empty and motionless. They moved the young and old alike and inspired the next generation of artists.

It is my hope that our venues, with the help of Congress and our communities, will be able to once again welcome their next act to the stage. I urge consideration and passage of this vital bill.