

Lord, have mercy.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Kansas (Ms. DAVIDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas 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

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

### HONORING MAYOR MICHAEL COPELAND

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

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mayor Michael Copeland, who passed away on August 19, 2020.

Mayor Copeland was a devoted father and husband. He is survived by his wife, Maria, and three children, Olivia, Abigail, and Joshua.

As Olathe's longest serving mayor, he was elected in 2001 and held the office until his passing.

Mayor Copeland leaves behind a legacy that has touched the lives of many in the Olathe community.

Personally, I will miss Mayor Copeland's counsel. I very much appreciated each one of our many conversations since I took office. He was always generous with his time and knowledge, willing and eager to represent the people of Olathe.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my deepest condolences to Mayor Copeland's family and friends and to all of those who will miss his kindness and leadership. This truly is a loss for Kansas and our community.

### RECOGNIZING MARY KAY CSANYI

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

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today and recognize Mary Kay Csanyi from Kernersville, North Carolina.

Since 2004, Mary Kay has served as an administrative assistant with the Kernersville Chamber of Commerce.

The title she holds does not do justice to the impact she has at the chamber or in Kernersville. To me, she was the sunshine in the room, no matter where she is. Her ray of sunshine will be sorely missed.

In her capacity, she has coordinated numerous craft shows, festivals, and events within the Kernersville community. After 15 wonderful years at the Kernersville Chamber, Mary Kay retired on August 26 and celebrated alongside her colleagues and friends with a drive-in celebration.

Mary Kay, as you enter this new stage of your life, I know that you will continue to serve your community, impact the lives of your friends and neighbors, and be a ray of sunshine wherever you are.

May God continue to bless you; Bob, your husband of 40 years; and your family.

### RECOGNIZING BUFFALO BLACK ACHIEVERS

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Buffalo Black Achievers, who will soon celebrate virtually its 48th annual Black Achievers Awards ceremony.

I have been honored to speak at several past ceremonies, and I am certain this year's event will be very memorable.

The Buffalo Black Achievers honor the character and accomplishments of outstanding citizens of Buffalo and western New York and the substantial contributions they make every day.

In 2020, 36 Black Achievers Awards will be bestowed upon recipients in a variety of walks of life. A particular emphasis is placed upon community service, a fact underscored by the existence of the Black Achievers Scholarship, which has funded awards to local high school students for more than 15 years.

My congratulations go out to all of those earning the Buffalo Black Achievers Awards for 2020, and I offer my best wishes to my friend, Chief Executive Officer Herb Bellamy, Jr., and in the memory of his great father, Herb Bellamy, Sr., and to the other members of his board of directors for a successful virtual ceremony in 2020.

We look forward to celebrating together once again in 2021.

### TRUMP ADMINISTRATION NEGOTIATES PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST

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

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, we are witnessing history at this time: historic peace agreements between Israel and its Arab neighbors, the UAE and Bahrain, both negotiated with the help of the Trump administration.

But judging from the media coverage, you would hardly know it. In fact, I

wouldn't be surprised if we actually saw a banner headline like this: Extra! Trump kills U.S. defense jobs! President brokers Middle East peace deals.

I made this front-page parody, but it is trying to make a point.

When President Jimmy Carter brokered the Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel, the achievement was celebrated. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. It was a defining moment in history.

There have been just four peace agreements negotiated between Israel and its Arab neighbors. President Trump played an important role in two of these, as well as his administration.

Let's give credit where credit is due, and let's work together for even more peace in the region.

### COMMENDING OREGON'S FIRST RESPONDERS ON FRONT LINES OF HISTORIC WILDFIRES

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

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, over the last week, historic wildfires have ravaged my home State of Oregon. I have three major fires in my congressional district alone.

These fires continue to burn at an alarming rate. The extent of loss of life and property is still unknown.

However, without the heroic life-saving work of our firefighters, police, and sheriffs' offices, the sheer magnitude of that loss would have been far greater.

First responders from Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Clackamas, and Tillamook Counties have been working around the clock to evacuate families while the winds have changed most rapidly and dangerously, putting their own lives in peril.

Currently, Oregon experiences the worst air quality in the world and has been enveloped in absolute dense smoke for 1 week.

Many of those battling these fires live in impacted communities and have continued their work as their families evacuate and their homes are lost.

There are not enough words of thanks to give to these heroes, but I know that I speak on behalf of all Oregonians when I say that we are forever grateful to you.

### HONORING SERGEANT MAJOR THOMAS PAYNE

(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, all of America was grateful on Friday, the 19th anniversary of the September 11 attacks, to witness President Donald Trump present Sergeant Major Thomas Patrick Payne the military's highest honor for valor, the Medal of Honor.