

days for so many of our Nation's citizens.

May all that is done this day 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 California (Ms. ESHOO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ESHOO 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.

HONORING JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

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

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor this morning on behalf of the people of California's 18th Congressional District to pay tribute to the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Inscribed on the front of the building of the Supreme Court are the words: "Equal justice under the law." And that is what Justice Ginsburg did. She brought equality relative to voting rights, to gender equity, to civil rights. That was her work. She took it seriously using her extraordinary intelligence, her faith, her belief in a more perfect union.

We pay tribute to her in a unique way. In history, there are very few individuals that are known by their initials: FDR, LBJ, JFK, and now RBG.

As the poet wrote: And so she passed and all the trumpets sounded on the other side.

Thank you, Justice Ginsburg, may you rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO TOM WICKHAM, HOUSE PARLIAMENTARIAN

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

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say thank you and pay tribute to our friend and this Chamber's Parliamentarian, Tom Wickham.

Since the creation of the position in 1927, Tom is just the sixth Parliamentarian in the history of this body.

While Representatives come and go, and majorities change from session to session, one constant is the Parliamentarian's office and their commitment to uphold the rules and traditions of this very Chamber.

The Parliamentarian advises not only the Speaker, but serves with an open door to all Members, majority and minority, so our voices and our constituents' voices can be heard in this legislative process.

I speak for all Republicans when I commend Tom for his professionalism, sound judgment, and steady demeanor in carrying out his duties.

You see, Mr. Speaker, America was founded on an idea. Our Founders determined that a deliberative body governed of, by, and for the people would best serve the interest of this Nation.

Our Congress, a literal coming together of people and ideas from every corner of the Nation, is tasked with debating the issues of the day. And it is up to Tom and his staff to make sure that we do so in a way that is consistent with the enduring rules and precedents of this institution.

Looking out for the institution is not exactly a glamorous job. Most of the Parliamentarian's work goes on behind the scenes and without public recognition. But it is essential to our democracy and it embodies the very best of civil service.

Tom has served this body and this country for 25 years. Some of my staffers refer to Tom as Dumbledore from Harry Potter—he knows all the answers, you just have to ask the right questions.

I know Members will continue to seek out Tom for advice, and I encourage all of them to extend the same courtesy to his successor, Jason Smith.

Now, let's not be confused, it is not Representative JASON SMITH from Missouri, it is a different Jason Smith.

I want to especially thank Tom's wife, Heather, and his children, Brady and Elizabeth, for sharing Tom with us for all those years and all those late nights, through too many late-night voting sessions and last-minute negotiations to count.

Tom, you have served well. We wish you the best in retirement, and hope you get to watch lots of Iowa football now that the Big Ten has resumed play.

But on behalf of a very grateful Nation, I want to say thank you. I know times get heated. I know people are passionate about their ideas. I know your decisions cannot be made based upon who is in the majority or who is in the minority.

I have watched you make some of the most difficult decisions, but they are always the right one. This country could only imagine being a Parliamentarian when a decision is being made whether a Speaker has broken the rules or not. It would be easy to fold to the pressure of the majority, and I am proud to say Tom always held with the people of this Nation. That is what we

look for in a Parliamentarian. That is what we ask for, and that is exactly what you gave us.

Thank you for your service, and we appreciate all that you have done for this Nation.

HONORING OUR BRAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

(Mrs. MILLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Nation's brave law enforcement officials who protect our communities from violent crime.

Just weeks ago, in West Virginia, a Fayette County deputy, Levi Garretson, was attacked during a traffic stop. Thankfully, volunteer firefighter, Calvin Endicott, was nearby to help fight off the attacker.

Because of Mr. Endicott's actions, Deputy Garretson was able to go home that night. Sadly, this is not the case for many officers in our country. This growing hatred is appalling. Incredibly, some of my colleagues across the aisle call to defund the police.

Our country was founded on ideals that promote civility and security for all Americans. We need to unify around a shared goal of law and order, to stop the rioters and anarchists who burn our cities and threaten our law enforcement.

I will always stand with our brothers and sisters in uniform.

RECOGNIZING DR. CHRISTAL ALBRECHT

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with sadness and joy; sadness because our leader at Alvin Community College, ACC, Dr. Christal Albrecht, announced she will retire as our incredible president on August 31 of next year; joyful because of the 7 amazing years she gave us as our president.

She arrived as our sixth president in May of 2014. She came aboard with a great school; she leaves an even greater school.

She was able to corral groups like faculty, students, donors, who sometimes have a break with the herd mentality. She put through a 5-year strategic plan with these groups. All those goals will be finished when she leaves.

Her trademark is listening; asking students, What do you want to do with your life, or asking industry, What do you need from your employees? Christal met every challenge head-on.

And I will close with one final challenge. Alvin's mascot is a dolphin named Blue. Our challenge, on behalf of the students, faculty, and lovers of ACC, is Christal, wear this uniform, this mascot's uniform, for a game or a day on campus before you leave. Thank you. God bless you.