

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Gird us up, O God, for whatever lies ahead of us this day. Equip us for the work You would have us do in the situations we will face.

Do not let us take this preparation lightly, for the battles we fight are more than policies and politics. We do not wrestle just against contrary human opinions and opposing ambitions, but ours is a fight to preserve mutual understanding and respect in a world shrouded in the darkness of prejudice and gripped with hatred.

On each one here, You have placed a mantle of leadership for the living of these days, leadership which calls us to recover our moral bearings and uphold Your righteousness. May we each live up to the responsibilities with which You have entrusted us, responsibilities that compel us to choose what is faithful over what is expedient.

Then open our eyes to see the heavenly host that defends all that we aim to accomplish when we do so in accordance with Your will.

In the strength of Your name, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. CURTIS 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.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Police Week.

For me, Police Week started solemnly. On Monday, I attended the funeral of Santaquin Police Officer Bill Hooser. Sergeant Hooser is a hero, killed in the line of duty by a felon with a 20-year criminal history who had no right to be on Utah's roads.

At the funeral service, the Santaquin police chief said Hooser was the best field training officer he had ever seen. His work and dedication to other officers on the force undoubtedly have kept many safe.

This Police Week, I also remember Master Officer Joseph Shinnars of the Provo Police Department, who I worked alongside during my time as mayor. He was tragically killed in the line of duty in 2019.

I would like the family to know I still keep his picture on my desk in Provo in remembrance of his sacrifice and contribution. The Provo police chief described Shinnars as one of his all-star officers.

These men, and all of our officers killed in the line of duty, are heroes who gave their ultimate sacrifice to keep our communities and our families safe.

We owe our deepest gratitude to police officers and their families who wonder every morning if that will be the last time they see them.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JIMMY JOHNSON

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to honor the life of Jimmy Johnson, one of the greatest cornerbacks in NFL history.

A product of Kingsburg High School in my California district, Jimmy was a gifted athlete and rose quickly through the ranks. He was also a good student and graduated from UCLA. He played 16 seasons with the San Francisco 49ers and was a member of the NFL's All-Decade Team in the 1970s.

He was known as the "Lonesome Cornerback" because his opponents rarely threw to his side of the field. Ask Bart Starr or Johnny Unitas. He was clearly a class act, a leader, and always respected by his teammates, yet he still intercepted those 47 passes and returned them for 615 yards.

In 1994, he was enshrined in the National Pro Football Hall of Fame with his brother as his presenter, the decathlon champion Rafer Johnson.

What a class act. What a team. For the 49er family and its fans, we mourn the loss of Jimmy Johnson, but his legacy will continue for the next generation of athletes and fans.

Jimmy Johnson was a class act.

HEAD START GIVES CHILDREN A CHANCE TO SUCCEED

(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. Madam Speaker, since its inception 56 years ago, Head Start has improved the lives of more than 32 million children and their families.

Proudly, we continue to raise awareness about Head Start and the benefits it brings to America's children. Head Start gives every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, a chance to succeed in school and in life.

The Head Start model, developed over the decades, has been built on evidence-based practices and is constantly evolving, using the best available science and teaching techniques to meet the needs of local communities.

Head Start focuses on the whole child and the whole family. Head Start and Early Start programs are in small towns and big cities alike. It brings together parents, teachers, volunteers, and community leaders to create a quality program that truly gives lower income children a head start in life.

Madam Speaker, I applaud Head Start programs in the 15th Congressional District of Pennsylvania and throughout the Nation for helping so many Americans from all walks of life have a fair start in life.

HONORING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor National Police Week and recognize our dedicated law enforcement officers in San Joaquin County. On behalf of all our families, I thank them.

I also want to take this opportunity to bring attention to and honor a vital part of our law enforcement departments: our canine officers and their dogs. Canine teams go into some of the most dangerous situations, and their work quite simply saves lives. My community has seen this bravery firsthand.

On February 19, 2023, after 6 years of service, we sadly lost Duke, a police canine for the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department. While apprehending an armed and dangerous suspect, Duke was killed in the line of duty. Duke's actions likely saved the life of one of our sheriff's deputies.

This past weekend, Duke was remembered alongside 25 other police canines that gave their lives in the line of duty last year, a worthy ceremony for a brave pup.

I thank all of our canine trainers and officers for the hard work they do. Families in San Joaquin County and across the country are safer because of their dedication. We are eternally grateful.

CALIFORNIA'S AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, California's agricultural sector is a powerhouse, contributing over \$50 billion to our economy and all these amazing food products for U.S. consumers.

Since we produce so many of these fruits and vegetables at 90-plus percent, it is a key element. Our Nation's consumer base really depends on a