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Senate

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O Lord, as our lips are open in prayer, so may our hearts open to receive Your Holy Spirit. Help us to bow to Your will and live lives devoted to Your providential leading.

Lord, we thank You for your providence that brought us the gift of Representative JOHN LEWIS. We are grateful he was a drum major for justice, truth, and righteousness. May his exemplary life and legacy remind us of the transformative impact one dedicated person can make on our Nation and world.

Today, bless our Senators in their work. Let faith, hope, and love abound in their lives. May they seek to heal the hurt in our world and to be forces for harmony and goodness.

We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore 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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAWLEY). The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 1 minute in morning business

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

IOWA

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, representative government is a two-way street. To hold up my part of that commitment, I am on my 40th year of holding at least one Q&A in every county every year. Over the past 2 weeks, I had Q&As in 29 counties. Iowans raised their concerns about the virus, unemployment insurance, the rising cost of prescription drugs, China, and access to rural broadband.

Iowans applauded Congress's swift action on programs like the Paycheck Protection Program and getting much needed resources to our rural healthcare workers.

As always, I will continue to bring Iowans' voices to the policymaking tables, and I look forward to finishing my annual 99 county meetings later this year.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

REMEMBERING JOHN LEWIS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, on Friday, the Nation lost a monumental figure, someone who made huge personal sacrifices to help our Nation move past the sin of racism and align more with the principles of our founding.

JOHN LEWIS had secured his place among the giants of American history before his career in Congress had even begun. From a sharecropper's farm with no electricity or running water, JOHN LEWIS rose to share the stage with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as a founding leader of the mid-century civil rights movement. His unwavering example of nonviolent resistance became a powerful rallying cry, swelling the ranks of marches and sit-ins and commanding the attention of the Nation.

As a young student, JOHN demonstrated wisdom beyond his years and unimaginable patience and dignity in the face of harassment and brutal assaults from the champions of segregation. From boycotts and sit-ins to Bloody Sunday in Selma, he suffered, and suffered, and suffered. But he kept working. He was unshaken in the belief that our Nation could do better, and he was willing to pay for that progress with his own blood.

The cause of justice called JOHN LEWIS to the vanguard—from organizing the lunch counter sit-ins that made Nashville the first southern city to begin desegregating public places to leading the first historic Freedom Riders across the South, to chairing the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee that helped mobilize a generation, to addressing the March on Washington from the Lincoln Memorial. By the time he turned 25, JOHN had already lent his voice and his body to a full lifetime's work. But he wasn't finished yet.

That same spirit of urgency followed him here to Washington. Whether the day's issues found you on his side of the policy debate or on the opposite side, his warmth, friendliness, and dedication to his neighbors in Georgia's Fifth District made an impact on everyone.

I am reminded particularly of joining hands with him at a ceremony here in the Capitol honoring his friend, Dr. King, in 2008. As Members of Congress sang ''We Shall Overcome,'' it was humbling to reflect on what the man standing next to me had suffered and sacrificed so that those words could be sung, at such an occasion, in that place.

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