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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Lord Almighty, instruct us and teach us in the right way. You, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent, grant us the knowledge we need to accomplish Your will this day.

As high as the heavens are above the Earth, so are Your ways higher than our ways, Your thoughts higher than our own.

Reach down and bestow on us the gift of Your wisdom. Draw near to us that we may know Your clarity in the things that confound us.

Speak to us above all other voices, that we would hear Your counsel. Let us not boast of our own insight, nor of our strength or riches, but let us boast that we have the freedom to know You. Let us not serve the temptation to hurt, judge, or behave rudely, but let us serve You, the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice, and righteousness on the Earth.

Then may You delight in our efforts to reveal that kindness, to exercise Your justice, and to demonstrate Your righteousness here in this place and in the living of our days.

Your word will not return empty, but will accomplish what You desire and achieve the purpose for which You sent it. So send us forth this day to live into that word.

In Your sovereign name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD 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.

REPLENISH THE RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to add my voice and support to restaurant owners in Buffalo and Western New York standing up today to call on Congress to approve additional restaurant relief.

Congress authorized, through the American Rescue Plan, the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, providing $28.6 billion to help restaurants hit hard by the pandemic. While the program was able to help over 101,000 small business owners, over 63 percent of eligible applicants, more than 177,000 restaurants the Small Business Administration deemed qualified for funding received nothing.

According to the National Restaurant Association, the restaurant industry sales in 2020 were down by $240 billion, and restaurant employment dropped 3 million below expected levels. Restaurants support jobs, fuel our local economies, and as gathering places for families and friends, help to build stronger communities.

Madam Speaker, I stand in strong support of swift replenishment of the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

CONGRATULATING NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STUDENT CALEB SINNWELL

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

Mr. FEENSTRA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Iowa's Nashua-Plainfield student Caleb Sinnwell.

Caleb won first place in this year's National History Day competition for his project on the Ghost Army, a World War II unit of 1,100 men tasked with deceiving German intelligence.

To recognize his outstanding work, Caleb is being awarded the Certificate of Achievement by the U.S. Special Forces Army Unit.

Caleb's thesis states in part: ''Through masterful miscommunication, the Ghost Army successfully deceived German troops, which aided Allied advancement to victory in World War II.''

He is now asking Congress to pass the Ghost Army Congressional Gold Medal Act, a bill to recognize the critically important work of the Ghost Army during World War II.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to support this effort, and I am hoping my colleagues in the Senate will take up this measure very soon.

Keep up the great work, Caleb.

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

(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, I rise today to recognize Liberty Baptist Church located in Blanchard, Pennsylvania. This weekend, Liberty Baptist Church is celebrating a major milestone, their 150th anniversary.

What started with very humble beginnings at an abandoned German reform church in 1871, what started there has now blossomed into a vibrant congregation and community staple.

In 1872, Brother Runyon, the pastor at the time, described the congregation in a simple sentence: ''Wealth we have not, but warm hearts and willing hands we have.''

Those words ring true today. With warm hearts and willing hands, Liberty Baptist Church continues to give back to the community, whether it is a bake sale or potlucks to backpack ministries, Christmas caroling, and youth sports, the congregation at Liberty Baptist Church is happy to lend a helping hand.

Over the past 150 years, there were challenging times as well as times of great joy. It is clear, God shines on your members, your church leadership, and your pastors.

Congratulations on this monumental anniversary. May God continue to bless you all for the next 150 years.

RECOGNIZING ANTHE NIJZIEL

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young woman from my district for making University of Iowa and Big Ten sports history.

Recently, University of Iowa field hockey star Anthe Nijziel was awarded both Big Ten Co-Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors after leading the Hawkeyes to an impressive 16–1 regular season.

Though each of these honors are an impressive feat on their own, Anthe has raised the bar, becoming the first Iowa student athlete to win both awards in the same season and the third person in Big Ten history to win the Player of the Year title in more than one season.

I congratulate the entire Iowa field hockey team for a great season, and Head Coach Lisa Cellucci, who was unanimously named Big Ten Coach of the Year after being awarded Co-Coach of the Year last season.

Congratulations to Anthe, Coach Cellucci, and the rest of the Iowa field hockey team, and good luck as you head into the Big Ten tournament.

DEM TAX-AND-SPEND BILL

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