

Representatives from Chicago to San Francisco, from New York to New Orleans, O God, be granted the wisdom of Solomon and the strength of the great apostle Paul.

May the anointing of Thy Holy Ghost bless this body, from committee rooms where compromise is made, to this very floor, may grace and peace become our banner.

Forgive us, O Lord, of backsliding. Empty out our arrogance. Fill the Members of Congress with the very best of heavenly manna. Repair the breach, and may the House of Adams, Lincoln, and Rayburn become renewed with the best fruits of labor.

Lead this House to the mountaintop of victory today, so that 100 years from this very day, it may be said: It was good to have been here.

I pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. DAVIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. DAVIS of California 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.

WELCOMING REVEREND WILLIAM LYNN NASH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. ABRAHAM) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce Brother Bill Nash, a great friend who delivered the opening prayer this morning, and what a prayer it was.

Brother Nash's wife founded Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church near my home in Mangham, Louisiana.

In the 15 years since he founded his church, Brother Nash has been active in the community. He is the deputy sheriff chaplain for Richland Sheriff's Department. He was named an honorary chaplain of the Louisiana Legislature in 2014.

Brother Nash is a true country evangelist and has been delivering sermons since he was 15 years old. Mr. Speaker, we appreciate the opportunity for him to offer the prayer this morning, and we thank him for all he has done for Louisiana.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

BOEING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

(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, this morning I was grateful to join my fellow South Carolinian colleagues at the Boeing Leaders for the Second Century program. This program is dedicated to discussing leadership capabilities and better understanding public policy.

Boeing has brought thousands of jobs to South Carolina, and we are grateful that they call us home.

Additionally, I am thankful for the inspiring leadership of Charleston Vice President and General Manager Joan Robinson-Berry; Chairman, President, and CEO Dennis Muilenburg; Vice Chairman Raymond Conner; Executive Vice President Leanne Caret, as well as all who have joined us this morning from worldwide operations.

I appreciate Boeing suppliers creating jobs in the Second Congressional District. This includes: Zeus, located in Orangeburg and Aiken; Prysmian of Lexington; Thermal Engineering of Columbia; and AGY of Aiken.

When I think Boeing, I think jobs, and I look forward to continuing to work to bring jobs to South Carolina. Best wishes to the Boeing Company for successfully creating more jobs in South Carolina.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

ENDING WAR OF WORDS WITH NORTH KOREA

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

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call for an end to the dangerous war of words between President Trump and North Korean officials.

Provoking Kim will not make us any safer. It will only raise the tempera-

ture on an already volatile situation. As everyone in this Chamber knows, a conflict on the Korean Peninsula would be catastrophic.

Let me be clear: a war with North Korea would put millions of lives at risk, and the threat of nuclear weapons only heightens tensions. Diplomacy is the only answer. However, President Trump's rhetoric has destabilized us over our process and stopped it before it could even begin.

This administration needs to end the name calling and saber rattling. President Trump must deescalate his rhetoric before it is too late. Direct talks remain our best chance of resolving this conflict peacefully.

We must also remind the President that he does not possess the power to declare war without congressional approval. It is up to Congress, not the White House, to debate and vote on military action.

Congress must immediately vote on Representative LIEU's no first use bill, H.R. 669, to prevent the President from unilaterally authorizing a nuclear strike.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear to everyone that there is no military solution to this crisis.

HONORING ANGELA McQUEEN, A TRUE HERO

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Angela McQueen, whose actions saved the lives of Mattoon High School students after a student gunman opened fire in the cafeteria. Angela tackled the student, eventually disarming and holding the assailant on the ground until police arrived.

Angela taught math and physical education in Mattoon, Illinois, for over a decade. She is an Illinois native and graduated from Marshall High School, where she was a standout high school basketball player. She then attended Eastern Illinois University, earning a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physical education and her master's in education administration.

Angela became a teacher because she wanted a platform to be able to make the world a better place. She is highly involved in the Mattoon community and is a member of B.I.O.N.I.C., Believe It Or Not I Care teacher's program, founded in 2014 and funded by the Rotary Club. She is also part of the school's grief support research team.

I honor Angela McQueen's dedication to her students' safety and her courageous actions in the face of adversity. If she had not selflessly acted, the situation could have been much worse.

Mr. Speaker, Angela McQueen is a true hero and deserves nothing less than our highest admiration.