

The bill we are voting on today contains the language of my bill that I introduced 8 months ago verbatim. I do not complain because in the end, I want results. We want results. We are closer than we have ever been in making lynching a Federal crime. The action is long overdue, going back 200 attempts since 1918, and today we are going to make history once and for all on this issue.

It has been my privilege to be an advocate on this issue. I applaud Senator HARRIS and Congressman RUSH who have championed this bill for years. We will finally get this bill to the President's desk to be signed into law in order to close one of the ugliest chapters in America's history once and for all.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF BILL MEUTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CLOUD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish Caldwell County resident Bill Meuth a happy 100th birthday.

Mr. Meuth served as an Army medic in World War II. He stormed the beaches at Normandy on D-day, fighting with the Allies in the name of freedom. Prior to the war, he had quit school at an early age to help care for his father who was sick, representing the ethos of a generation who understood that commitment to family and country sometimes comes at a personal cost.

After the war, he worked in the oil fields instilling a strong work ethic in his family.

In 1943, Mr. Meuth married his sweetheart, Lucy, and they remained married for 72 years until Miss Lucy passed away in 2015.

Together they had four children, 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

We in south Texas are incredibly thankful for his sacrifice at such a critical time in our history and for the cause of freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I wish a happy birthday to Mr. Meuth, and may God bless him.

CONGRATULATING NATHAN TUDOR

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nathan Tudor for receiving the Texas Hospital Association Pioneer Award. Each year this award is given to rural hospital administrators or a CEO who demonstrates creative and innovative leadership within the organization and community.

This year the award was given to one of El Campo's very own. Mr. Tudor came on board as the CEO of El Campo Memorial Hospital in January of 2017.

Since Mr. Tudor has been on the team, the emergency department has expanded by 11 beds, three new campus-care clinics have been opened within the community, five walk-in clinics have been added, and new physicians have been recruited.

El Campo has directly benefited from the expansion of services but so have the surrounding communities.

We are thankful for Mr. Tudor and those working with him at the El Campo Hospital for their efforts in improving and expanding healthcare services for the El Campo area.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 18 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We use this moment to be reminded of Your presence and to tap the resources needed by the Members of this people's House to do their work as well as it can be done.

Send, O God, Your healing grace upon those torn nations and upon the Members of this assembly who struggle to see the shared hope for a better future in those with whom they disagree.

For many Americans, the holy season of Lent begins tomorrow, and foreheads are marked this day in recognition of our limits as men and women and as a reminder of Your power to forgive and heal the harms done through our failures.

All this day, and through the week, may our representatives do their best to find solutions to pressing issues facing our Nation. Please hasten the day when justice and love shall dwell in the hearts of all peoples and rule the affairs of the nations of Earth.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic 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.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND J. EDWARD NASH

(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 today as we celebrate Black History Month and adopt antilynching legislation to recognize civil rights trailblazer Reverend J. Edward Nash.

The son of slaves, Reverend Nash served as pastor of the Michigan Street Baptist Church in Buffalo, New York, which opened its doors up as a meeting place for abolitionists and antilynching activists and as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

Last week, I visited the Nash House, a site on the National Register of Historic Places and a testament to his work as part of our national story. Our gracious hosts, former Buffalo Council President George K. Arthur and Sharon Jordan Holley, shared with me their vision, enthusiasm, and dedication to Nash, his home, and his legacy.

Among his papers are notes from the 1939 Urban League meeting benediction in which he applauds those working to "free us from the shackles that hold us in the bondage of narrowness, selfishness, and prejudice."

Let us heed the advice of Reverend Nash.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK

(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 celebrate National FFA week. FFA is a national leader in agricultural education, inspiring our Nation's young people to pursue careers that help support a robust rural economy.

Agriculture is the backbone of Pennsylvania's economy. It is rooted in American heritage, and our Nation's producers provide us the food, the fiber, the building materials, and the energy that we all depend upon.

By committing to FFA, young men and women are helping shape the science, technology, and business of agriculture. Every time I see a distinctive blue FFA jacket, I am reminded of the strong character and impressive leadership abilities that come along with it.

FFA leaders have gone on to become Ivy League graduates, Federal court