

the doors of economic and social opportunity are open to every American who seeks to step through them.

And, like so many of my fellow Members, I have the privilege of knowing Chairman CLEAVER as a dear friend and mentor. He is always ready with a kind or encouraging word, no matter the situation or where he stands on the issues.

I salute the Chairman for his distinguished leadership and achievements with the Congressional Black Caucus and congratulate him on this milestone in his career. As colleagues, we are grateful that we will continue to benefit from his service and friendship for years to come.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our colleague, the Honorable EMANUEL CLEAVER III. Congressman CLEAVER has served with distinction during the 112th Congress as the 20th chair of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC).

During his tenure as CBC chair, Chairman CLEAVER focused on bringing critical issues before the United States that are of importance to Black America such as voter protection, job creation, inequity in unemployment, the debt-ceiling and many other pressing issues facing our country. As a co-chair of the CBC Technology and Infrastructure taskforce I have worked closely with Chairman CLEAVER to advocate for the needs of community colleges, increased workforce training, initiatives to broaden participation in STEM and inadequate, outdated, and underfunded transportation systems.

Chairman CLEAVER deserves to be commended for highlighting African-American inequity in unemployment and spearheading the Congressional Black Caucus Jobs tour this past summer. The jobs tour was a nationwide initiative that helped pair thousands of unemployed African Americans with employers and brought the issue to the forefront of the national discussion. As past chair of the CBC I know that the work of the Caucus truly serves as a voice for the voiceless and its 43 Members serve as the conscience of the United States Congress.

It has been an honor to be a friend and colleague of Chairman CLEAVER during our years in Congress. He continues to inspire and encourage us all through his milestone of service to our Nation throughout his tenure as a United States Congressman.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Chairman CLEAVER for his many accomplishments during his tenure as Chairman of the CBC.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I rise in tribute to the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Honorable EMANUEL CLEAVER this morning.

Every Chair brings a special brand of leadership to the Caucus and every term in which that Chair serves has its own unique challenges.

Chairman EMANUEL CLEAVER led the 112th Caucus with humor and equanimity and provided a strong and unwavering moral compass for not just the CBC, but for the entire Democratic Caucus.

His stories—we never knew where he was going with them until the end—were always full of wit and “down-home wisdom” and always held a message to remind us “whose we are” and “what is expected of us.” There was always an inspirational message to fuel us for the task.

We were continually challenged during the 112th Congress, the recession, the contentious election season and its voter suppression initiatives, the ethics attacks on our members, and the Tea Party influence on our Republican colleagues made it a particularly challenging two years.

But he met and led us to meet those challenges head on and took the CBC to yet another higher level. I was proud to serve as his First Vice-chair.

I know these years were full of sacrifice for him and his family and so I proudly join all of the other members of the CBC to tell him thank you for his excellent and significant stewardship.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Congressman EMANUEL CLEAVER, for the great job he has done as Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 112th Congress.

As the 20th chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressman CLEAVER has benefited from the legacy of many great leaders from our past.

A legacy that includes inspiring leaders like Shirley Chisholm, the first African American female Member to be elected to Congress, Charles Diggs, Jr., the first Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, and the late great Congressman Donald Payne from New Jersey.

I can say with great sincerity, that Congressman CLEAVER has established a legacy of his own.

During his tenure as CBC Chairman Congressman CLEAVER has sought to fight the pervasive job loss in the African American community by promoting the CBC jobs initiative.

Chairman CLEAVER has led Members of the Congressional Black Caucus across the country, where we have called upon private and public sector partners to immediately remedy the jobs crisis by going into communities with legitimate employment opportunities for the undeserved.

Under Representative CLEAVER's leadership, the CBC has hosted town hall meetings and job fairs in the hardest hit, economically distressed areas to provide opportunities for people to be connected to real employment.

When Republican state legislators decided to pass egregious voter I.D. laws to undermine the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Congressman CLEAVER made sure that the Congressional Black Caucus was at the forefront of the fight to educate the voting public about these laws, and stop them in their tracks.

After working under the leadership of Congressman CLEAVER for the last two years, I can attest with great confidence that he has shown a natural aptitude for strong leadership, with a clear vision that will serve as a great example for future CBC Chairmen for years to come.

I think my colleagues would agree with me when I say—Congressman CLEAVER, you have served well.

Thank you for your commitment and your tireless effort on behalf of the CBC.

I look forward to working with you, and continuing to “fight the good fight” in the 113th Congress.

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 11 o'clock and 17 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 at noon.

PRAYER

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

Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. We pause in Your presence and ask guidance for the men and women of the people's House.

Enable them, O God, to act on what they believe to be right and true and just, and to do so in ways that show respect for those with whom they disagree.

Send Your healing upon our Nation. As we continue to recover from such a great tragedy, endow the Members of this House and all our governmental leaders with the wisdom to respond with whatever policies and laws might be needed to ensure greater peace and security in our land.

Bless us this day and every day, and may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. CHU) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. CHU 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.

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF S. 2367

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table Senate Concurrent Resolution 63 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 63

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That the Secretary of the Senate is requested to return to the House of Representatives the enrolled bill (S. 2367, an Act to strike the word "lunatic" from Federal law, and for other purposes). Upon the return of such bill, the action of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in signing it shall be rescinded. The Secretary of the Senate shall reenroll the bill with the following correction: In section 2(b)(1)(B), strike "in subsection (b)" and insert "in subsection (j)".

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR THE LYING IN STATE OF THE REMAINS OF THE LATE HONORABLE DANIEL K. INOUE

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table Senate Concurrent Resolution 64 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 64

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That in recognition of the long and distinguished service rendered to the Nation by Daniel K. Inouye, a Senator from the State of Hawaii and formerly a Representative from that State, his remains be permitted to lie in state in the rotunda of the Capitol on December 20, 2012, and the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, shall take all necessary steps for the accomplishment of that purpose.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR THE PRINTING OF A REVISED EDITION OF THE RULES AND MANUAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 836

Resolved. That a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Represent-

atives for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress be printed as a House document, and that three thousand additional copies shall be printed and bound for the use of the House of Representatives, of which nine hundred sixty copies shall be bound in leather with thumb index and delivered as may be directed by the Parliamentarian of the House.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

NO WASHINGTON PERMIT REQUIRED

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the United States State Department has haughtily told Israel not to build homes in East Jerusalem. It might upset the Palestinians, sayeth the State Department. It might even hurt their feelings.

The United States has no business telling Israel or any other country where they can or cannot build homes in their own country. Israel doesn't need a construction permit from Washington to build a house on their own land. What would we think if some country told us we couldn't build homes in certain parts of our Nation? We would tell that country, in probably not very polite language, "Mind your own business."

The United States is once again meddling in the internal affairs of a sovereign nation. This is the arrogance of power. In the meantime, Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel is going ahead with the housing project without the United States building permit. And good for him.

And that's just the way it is.

NOTHING WILL EVER BE MADE STRAIGHT ABOUT U.S. INTERVENTION IN LIBYA

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

Mr. KUCINICH. This past September 11, four Americans, including our Ambassador, were killed in Benghazi.

The responsibility for security failures has now been placed on the State Department. End of story? No. The deeper question is why did the U.S. intervene in Libya in the first place.

Twenty months after a U.S.-led mission to overthrow the Libyan Government, militias are still battling in the streets for control; al Qaeda-linked groups have a foothold in Libya they did not have before U.S. intervention.

Why did we spend U.S. tax dollars to open the door for al Qaeda in Libya? The intervention itself was a disaster,

and it makes the case that the U.S. Government's policy of intervention in Libya was wrong and that everything that proceeds from that intervention is bound to be tainted.

The book of Ecclesiastes says: That which is crooked cannot be made straight. Nothing will ever be made straight about U.S. intervention in Libya.

SEQUESTRATION MUST BE ADDRESSED

(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. Madam Speaker, with the negotiations surrounding the fiscal cliff, the administration is ignoring sequestration. This important issue must be addressed which devastates national security and destroys 700,000 jobs.

In addition, I am grateful for the opportunity to offer a fond farewell to two hardworking staffers, Ryann DuRant, office scheduler, and Master Gunnery Sergeant Michelle King, military Fellow of the United States Marine Corps. Both women have served with dedication to the people of South Carolina's Second Congressional District. Michelle is relocating to the Pentagon where she will work with the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. Ryann is taking a legislative correspondent and press assistant position with her new hometown representative of Myrtle Beach, Congressman-elect TOM RICE. Their competence, hard work, and good humor will be missed. We wish them all the best of success in the future.

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

WHAT OUR LAX GUN LAWS BRING US

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

Ms. CHU. Twenty children ages 6 and 7 went to school last Friday to learn, to play, to take their first steps into this world. What happened to them and six brave teachers determined to protect them is horrific and unimaginable. Our hearts break for their families, their friends, and their loved ones. What has been taken from them cannot be taken back.

The tragedy at Sandy Hook happened because we turned a blind eye to the carnage our lax gun laws bring us. It's time to change those laws before another school, mall, or movie theater is turned into a crime scene.

We must ban assault weapons. We must ban extended ammunition clips that shoot 30 bullets at a time. We must demand that everyone everywhere receives a thorough background check if they want to own a gun.

It's time to reclaim our security, and it starts by making changes to the law.