

San Juan Hill and Patton's tanks,
And the Army went rolling along
Minutemen, from the start,
Always fighting from the heart,
And the Army keeps rolling along.

(Refrain)

Verse:

Men in rags, men who froze,
Still that Army met its foes,
And the Army went rolling along.
Faith in God, then we're right,
And we'll fight with all our might,
As the Army keeps rolling along.

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 15 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

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:

Sovereign God, You have searched us and known us. You know when we sit down and when we rise up. You are aware of every action we take, when we pause from our labors, and when we get up again to tackle the day.

Even with this knowledge of our innermost being, O God, You deign to show us Your mercy. In Your ever-loving care, You continue to guide our paths. You keep us safe from harm from within and without.

Such knowledge, O God, is too wonderful for us to comprehend. In Your mercy, cause us to pause and reflect on the intimate relationship You have established with us. May we give thought to the words yet on our tongues, to the plans we organize, and to the decisions we contemplate, that all that we would say or do would reflect Your infinite love.

Search us again and again. Know our hearts. Test us and reveal our thoughts. If there is any wickedness in us, lead us, instead, to Your redeeming and everlasting way.

Aware of Your abiding presence, we pray that nothing we do this day would give shame to You.

It is in the strength of Your 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 gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ROSS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROSS 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 12, 2021, at 9:50 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 15.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

ELECTING CERTAIN MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 384

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. Horsford.

COMMITTEE ON RULES: Mr. Neguse.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Mr. Carter of Louisiana, to rank immediately after Ms. Bourdeaux.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Carter of Louisiana.

Mr. JEFFRIES (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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.

PANDEMIC WORSENER ECONOMIC ISSUES

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, in March, the House passed and President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan. This bill expanded the child tax credit in an unprecedented way. Experts predict that this expansion will cut childhood poverty in this country by one half.

Thanks to the efforts of the American Rescue Plan and the Biden administration's rollout of the vaccine, we are finally starting to see light at the end of the tunnel for this pandemic. But vaccines alone will not be enough to end the economic crisis caused by this virus.

This pandemic exposed and worsened longstanding economic issues in our society, wages that are too low, childcare that is inaccessible, and a lack of paid leave to allow workers the ability to properly care for themselves and their families.

Policies like the expanded child tax credit are essential to our economic recovery to help working parents, especially mothers, reenter the workforce knowing their children are safe and cared for.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Police Week and formally honor our men and women who have answered the notable call to serve in the law enforcement profession.

Every day, police officers patrol our streets, answer emergency calls, put away criminals, and sacrifice their own safety in order to protect members of their community. Law enforcement officers are our communities' most essential line of defense against those who seek violence or criminal activity.

This week is also an important time to pause and pay our respects to the police officers who have laid down their lives in the line of duty. May their sacrifice not be in vain and their memory be a blessing.

May we continue to recognize the heroic efforts of all members in the police community and do all that we can to show our appreciation for their sacrifices.

I will always stand with our men and women in blue, and may God continue to keep them safe as they work tirelessly and with an unwavering commitment to put service above self.

In God we trust.

RECOGNIZING WILEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Ms. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary public school in my district, less than 1 mile from my house, Wiley Elementary School.

For the second time in 5 years, Wiley has been named a top magnet elementary school in the Nation for its dedication to excellence.

It is both an international magnet and a true neighborhood school. A diverse and welcoming community, Wiley's teachers, faculty, parents, and staff go above and beyond to ensure that every student receives the best education possible.

Wiley offers the International Studies Magnet Program, which allows students to take as many as eight electives, including five foreign languages, in elementary school. Through this program, students are able to learn about cultures other than their own and experience diverse perspectives.

I believe the foundation to a quality education begins in elementary school, and I know that Wiley is setting students up for success.

I am honored to represent Wiley Elementary School in Congress, and I am awed by all that their children achieve.

CANCELING MOTHERS

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

Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, this past weekend, we celebrated Mother's Day, a day for families across our great Nation to honor our mothers.

God has blessed me with a wife, the mother of our three beautiful children, including two daughters.

My own mother, Lala, has instilled in me the values I am proud to cherish today, including my faith and belief in family. My mother, who is almost 80 years old, fled Communist Cuba under the Castro regime and is now a proud American. Her love of country inspires me each day.

Mother's Day was founded by West Virginia native Anna Jarvis in 1908. But the radical left, including some Members of Congress, have begun referring to mothers as "birthing people."

NARAL, the pro-choice lobbying group, tweeted on May 6: "When we talk about birthing people, we are being inclusive. It is that simple."

The canceling of the term "mother" actually began here in the Congress when Speaker PELOSI changed the House Rules package and eliminated the words "mother," "father," "son," and "daughter," and replaced them with "parent" and "child."

It defies common sense that the cancel culture and some Members of Congress would seek to cancel the term "mother." It is wrong that we cannot celebrate mothers on the House floor. All mothers play an important role.

ENSURING PAST INJUSTICES ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

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

Ms. BOURDEAUX. Madam Speaker, as we continue to grapple with the issues of race and justice in our country, I rise today to share a story of tragedy and progress from my own district.

More than a century ago, Charlie Hale, a young African-American male in Lawrenceville, Georgia, was abducted, brought into the city square, strung up, and shot simply because of the color of his skin. No arrests were ever made in his murder.

Decades passed. Charlie's name was forgotten, and in a cruel twist of irony, a Confederate monument was erected mere steps away from the site of his murder. And so it stood for decades, until now.

That Confederate monument stands no longer. It was removed following our country's long-overdue racial reckoning this past year. In its place will stand a memorial to the life and death of Charlie Hale.

I want to recognize the leadership of Marlene Taylor-Crawford and her work with the Gwinnett Remembrance Coalition Project, the Gwinnett Historical Restoration and Preservation Board, and all the activists who pushed for this change for years.

The dirt where his blood was spilled will be collected and displayed in perpetuity in Gwinnett County, as well as the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery.

I want to be clear: Even more than a century later, this does not make things right by Charlie Hale or those who loved him and lost him. But it does take an important step to ensure the injustices of the past are not forgotten.

GETTING AMERICA BACK TO WORK

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, at a time when the economy should be roaring back, we just witnessed one of the worst monthly job reports in history because of the Biden administration's socialist policies.

Despite States loosening restrictions on businesses, the unemployment rate has actually gone up. Why? Because the Democrats want to pay people to sit at home rather than actually go to work. Republicans in Congress warned about this, and, lo and behold, we were right.

While campaigning, candidate Biden promised to shut down the virus, not the economy. Well, the virus has been shut down because of Operation Warp Speed, yet now President Biden has shut down businesses because he pays people to stay at home.

My eastern North Carolina district is set to have a huge tourist season, but they can't find anybody to come to work, the same with boatbuilders, hotels, and other businesses. They cannot open up normally. They cannot open their doors because the administration's socialist policies want to pay people to stay at home.

America, despite your government, you need to get back to work.

EXPANDED CHILD TAX CREDIT

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I represent a working-class district in Chicago, and my community has been especially hard-hit by the pandemic.

I have one of the largest percentages of school-age children in my district, and my neighbors are worried about putting food on the table. I have seen the lines at food banks grow and grow.

But the expanded child tax credit in the American Rescue Plan changes that. Nearly 90 percent of the children in my district will benefit. And more than 40,000 households will get an average of \$3,300, parents like Jaime in Logan Square, who will finally be able to send his son to college this year at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign thanks to this tax credit.

This program is about helping their children thrive, and in my community, it is already working.

□ 1215

HONORING RALPH PUCKETT

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

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable individual from my district, Colonel Ralph Puckett, a 94-year-old veteran who will soon receive the Nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor.

Colonel Puckett is a Georgia native and a graduate of West Point. Soon after graduating, he was deployed to fight in Korea in the 8th Army Ranger Company. In November of 1950, he heroically led his Ranger company on a freezing day at the Battle for Hill 205. His platoon was overcome by an onslaught of Chinese attackers and a barrage of artillery fire. Colonel Puckett sustained severe injuries during this attack.

Although his injuries incapacitated him, Colonel Puckett selflessly ordered Private First Class Billy G. Walls and Private First Class Davis L. Pollock to leave him on the battlefield. He could see the Chinese soldiers within yards of attacking his Rangers, but his comrades returned to carry him to safety, despite the danger.

Colonel Puckett went on to serve honorably in Colombia, Germany, and Vietnam until his retirement in 1971.