

Advocating for Life, Faith, and Freedom in the Public Square

A PRAYER FOR THE NATION

The D-Day Prayer Addition is Now Open to the Public

OCA President Chris Long with his wife Silvia visited the D-Day Prayer at the WWII Memorial for the first time on Saturday, January 21, 2023.

With no official announcement from the U.S. Parks Service, the prayer became accessible to the public on Tuesday, January 17th. We were notified by Congressman Bill Johnson's office that the prayer was now open to the public, so we headed down to D.C. to see the Prayer.

While viewing the prayer for the first time and taking some pictures, we waited to watch people come by and read the prayer. We first met a family from North Carolina, the Joneses. We told them the story of the prayer and the 11-year journey it took to get it in the ground and completed. They were thrilled to learn the story. Then, we met Skylar, a teenager from Minnesota with her parents. We watched as



Skylar told her parents that she wanted to read the prayer aloud. She thought she was interrupting us and I told her, "No, you're the reason why this prayer is here. It's to learn about our national history." After Skylar finished reading the prayer, we told her and her parents how it all came about. Her father thanked me and asked, "What made you want to do this? What does the prayer mean to you?" I told him that it's here for the honor of The Greatest Generation, as it will keep telling their story of commitment and sacrifice for the cause of freedom.

The day was getting late as we watched more people come to read the prayer. I didn't really know how I would feel on this day after seeing the prayer for the first time after so many years of working on this project wondering if it would ever get done. I thought about all the veterans we met over the years who have since passed on, men who had encouraged us to keep going and get it done!

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Now I realize that it is in the quiet reading of this national prayer that the reader will come to understand that it was not by the strength of arms alone that the ultimate victory over the unholy forces of tyranny was secured for us, but rather our reliance upon Almighty God that secured for us a lasting peace “a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil. Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen.”

Now, this National Prayer will keep telling the story for generations to come.

Next time you are in Washington D.C. visit the D-Day Prayer addition at the WWII Memorial on the Mall.

Statement from the Ohio Christian Alliance on the Ohio House Election of Speaker Rep. Jason Stephens

Rep. Jason Stephens was elected by more Democrats than Republicans. Thirty-two Democrats voted for Stephens for Speaker, and only twenty-two renegade Republicans voted for him in a betrayal of the Ohio House Republican Caucus December vote which elected Rep. Derek Merrin for Speaker of the Ohio House. Twenty-two Republicans who pledged their support for Derek Merrin in December changed their votes on Tuesday and voted for Jason Stephens, joining the entire Democratic caucus. Derek Merrin lost the vote by a measure of 43-54.

The Columbus Dispatch



The Republican Caucus was shocked by the betrayal of the twenty-two Republicans who joined the Democrats to elect Jason Stephens as speaker. This is truly now a house divided. The conservatives have been spurned once too many times, and now have been betrayed when it was

their time to take leadership. What Rep. Stephens guaranteed Democrat Allison Russo, Minority Leader, and the Democrats is unknown.

What is known is that the Democrats wanted favorable districts in the map re-draw, no additional restrictions on abortion, and the tabling of the 60% threshold for a constitutional amendment, formerly known as HJR 6 in the last G.A. The reason the Democrats want to stop the 60% threshold constitutional amendment is that they want to clear the path for a fall ballot initiative constitutional amendment that will legalize abortion on demand in Ohio, taking us back to Roe v. Wade, even abolishing Ohio's ban on partial birth abortion. Pro-life Ohioans are beginning to awaken to the real threat of a constitutional amendment on the ballot in Ohio that will be heavily funded by pro-abortion groups such as NARAL and Planned Parenthood pouring millions of dollars into campaign ads to pass a simple majority constitutional amendment that would put Ohio right back to where we were initially under Roe v. Wade.

Without question, Rep. Jason Stephens made an agreement with the Democrats to secure their thirty-two votes. To think otherwise is to be completely naive. What conservatives understand is that their agenda is now dead-on arrival. Any meaningful pro-life legislation is now dead. Educational choice legislation is now dead. Protecting women's sports legislation is now dead. Protecting our children from the transgender agenda in public schools is now dead.

Any meaningful pro-life, pro-family legislation is dead with this Speaker who was elected by a majority of Democrats. For all intense purposes, the Ohio House that has 67 Republicans is now ruled by a Democrat Speaker. After this unprecedented betrayal, how long will it take for a vote of no confidence to be formulated? Fifty votes are needed. Any meaningful conservative legislation would now need a discharge petition effort of fifty votes to put it directly on the floor. Without this, we are looking at two years of a raucous caucus and gridlock for the next two years.

This is not what Ohioans voted for; they did not vote to capitulate to the political left. There are some things worth fighting for, and it now appears that a fight is underway for who will govern Ohio – the political left by proxy of a compromised Speaker or the Republican majority that was elected in November.

In our 20th year of presenting members of the Ohio General Assembly with framed copies of the Ten Commandments for hanging in their offices. Joining me to help with the presentation are OCA Board member Pastor Al Davis and OCA Advisor Pastor John Coats. State Rep. Thomas Hall and newly elected State Senator Michele Reynolds were presented on Tuesday. We also had the opportunity to attend the State of the State Address. OCA has presented over 250 members of the Ohio General Assembly and Statewide officeholders with framed copies of the Ten Commandments over the years.



In his State of the State Address, the Governor focused on education and mental health, proposed economic regional development zones, as well as career center training and expanding the trades programs. He addressed the current educational crisis as students have fallen behind in their pathway to graduation, and specifically that 40% are not proficient in reading at their grade level. He announced an initiative to help every student become proficient in reading at their grade level. He also announced an expansion of school choice. In addition, he proposed, "If you are in the top 5% of your high school graduating class-- wherever you go to high school in Ohio -- we plan to reward you with a \$5,000 a year scholarship, also renewable for each of 4 years, if you choose to attend a college or university here in Ohio."

We depend on your faithful financial support to carry on the mission of the Ohio Christian Alliance.

Sincerely,

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