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House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 3, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVE WOMACK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

In the final hour of the 115th Congress, we give You thanks for Your faithfulness to our Nation. There have been many struggles, many sorrows, and yet we are still here and able to give You thanks that millions of our citizens live free.

May the work of the new Congress issue forth with legislation to the benefit of our Nation and its citizens, and where the efforts of the 115th Congress have fallen short, we ask Your forgiveness and the forgiveness of all Americans.

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

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 1180, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 2 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 (Mr. WOMACK) at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes a.m.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on January 2, 2019, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 7318. To amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to ensure that the Public Buildings Reform Board has adequate time to carry out the responsibilities of the Board, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7319. To amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to provide flexibility with respect to the leaseback of certain Federal real property, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7279. To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for an integrated planning process, to promote green infrastructure, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6602. To reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5636. To designate additions to the Flatside Wilderness on the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4689. To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska.

H.R. 4174. To amend titles 5 and 44, United States Code, to require Federal evaluation activities, improve Federal data management, and for other purposes.

H.R. 672. To require continued and enhanced annual reporting to Congress in the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom on anti-Semitic incidents in Europe, the safety and security of European Jewish communities, and the efforts of the United States to partner with European governments, the European Union, and civil society groups, to combat anti-Semitism, and for other purposes.

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Chair declares the 115th Congress adjourned sine die.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 56 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

7383. Under clause 2 of rule XIV, a letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — 2019 Standard Mileage [Notice 2019-2] received December 21, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868), was taken from the Speaker's table, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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[Submitted on January 2, 2019]

Mr. McCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security 115th Congress (Rept. 115-1127). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. Report on the Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources U.S. House of Representatives for the 115th Congress (Rept. 115-1128). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Submitted on January 3, 2019]

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. S. 141. An act to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 115-1129, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Foreign Affairs, and Intelligence (Permanent

Select) discharged from further consideration. S. 141 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 2449: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.
H.R. 6887: Mr. VISCLOSKEY.



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Senate

The Senate met at 11:50 and 5 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DEB FISCHER, a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 3, 2019.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEB FISCHER, a Senator from the State of Nebraska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. FISCHER thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order to make a unanimous consent request.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the following nomination, Executive Calendar No. 1048.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of William Charles McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nomination with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further

motions be in order; and that any statements relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the McIntosh nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12 NOON TODAY

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:52 and 3 seconds a.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 12 noon.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate January 3, 2019:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WILLIAM CHARLES MCINTOSH, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor from Wednesday, December 19 through Friday, December 21, 2018. Had I been present, I would have supported all bills considered under a suspension of the rules, with the following exceptions:

I would have voted no on S. 1934 as I feel that it is important that environmental standards in remote areas must be strengthened whenever possible to preserve natural landscapes.

I would have voted against H.R. 7388. While I support long term reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program, I feel that it is important to avoid any lapse in the program to ensure continuity for homeowners and those looking to purchase a home. To that end, this bill would have been counterproductive by creating uncertainty about the NFIP by sending the extension back to the Senate at the 11th hour.

I would also like to add a few comments on a couple bills that I would have supported:

In particular, as an original cosponsor of the Codifying Useful Regulatory Definitions (CURD) Act, I would have voted yes on final passage of S. 2322. This bill would give real Wisconsin cheese makers the certainty they need to produce a special natural product.

I also would have voted yes on the Space Frontier Act of 2018, despite serious concerns about process. Just as Ranking Member of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee BERNICE JOHNSON stated on the floor, I support NASA's mission and thus would have supported this bill.

Additionally, I would have opposed the following bills considered under a rule:

I would have voted against H.R. 88. A \$100 billion boondoggle, H.R. 88 would have arbitrarily extended some important credits but not others, leave some communities suffering from disasters out in the cold and inject unnecessary social politics into our tax code. As I said on the floor on November 29th, the first time this bill was brought to the floor, I would have opposed the package.

I would have voted against H.R. 695, as amended. Rather than providing pay for dedicated public servants over the holidays, particularly TSA agents working to protect Americans traveling to see loved ones over the holidays, House leadership rejected a unanimous agreement in the Senate to keep the government open. Instead, they passed a blatantly partisan package that had no chance of passage in the Senate and virtually ensured a government shutdown.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF KEITH ROYAL

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Sheriff Keith Royal, who is retiring from the Nevada County Sheriff's Office after more than 40 years in law enforcement.

Sheriff Royal is a life-long public servant dedicated to protecting and serving his community. His father Kenneth, a Deputy with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, was killed in the line of duty while attempting to apprehend a robbery suspect. His two brothers, Ken and Patrick, and nephew Steven all served in the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, where his son-in-law Jeff is currently a Deputy.

Keith was born and raised in Northern California and remains an active member of his community. After graduating from Cal State Sacramento with a degree in Criminal Justice, he served as a California DMV Investigator, shortly after which he began training at the Sacramento Sheriff's Academy. As an Executive Lieutenant, he served in various roles with the Sacramento Sheriff's Office, including as a Jail Manager, Reserve Coordinator, and Vice Detail.

First elected as Nevada County Sheriff in 1998, Royal's leadership led to an overall drop in the crime rate. He worked to modernize the dispatch center, expand the Neighborhood Watch and Volunteer programs, and establish the School Resource Officer Program. Additionally, Sheriff Royal amassed \$8 million in special revenue funds for the Sheriff's Office, implemented computerized jail management and high-band radio systems, and obtained a new evidence facility and DNA lab. During this time, he also served as President of the California State Sheriffs' Association, and as Chair of its Undersheriff's Committee.

These are just a handful of the things that Sheriff Royal was able to accomplish over his tenure, which has created a safer and more prosperous community for the residents of Nevada County.

Having been the second-longest serving Sheriff in the history of Nevada County, Sheriff Royal is now ready to spend more time with his daughters and granddaughters. Along with teaching them to fish, he hopes to spend time maintaining his garden, golfing, and enjoying some much-needed down time.

Sheriff Royal's service has left a lasting impact on Nevada County, and I thank him for his service and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING THE HERMANN BEARCATS VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISSOURI CLASS 2 STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Hermann Bearcats Volleyball team for winning the 2018 Missouri Class 2 State Volleyball Championship.

This team and Coach Linda Lampkin should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Hermann Bearcats Volleyball team for a job well done.

FARM BILL CONFERENCE REPORT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Agriculture Committee and a member of the Farm Bill Conference Committee, I am pleased that the Conference report will strengthen the existing SNAP Employment and Training program by facilitating better connections between existing workforce development efforts and employers in local communities. Specifically, conferees rejected the one-size-fits-all approach to training programs that H.R. 2 had initially adopted, as these programs have consistently proven to be ineffective—too often failing to match low-income adults with the types of training and job opportunities they need. Instead, the Farm Bill conference report supports collaboration between workforce development programs and employers already tackling this job in their communities to better serve SNAP participants—a win for both participants and for local employers.

I am also pleased that the Conference report includes several provisions that will improve the types of programs that SNAP employment and training can provide. The conference report reinforces the requirement that states properly assess clients and assign them to programs appropriate to their needs and skills. It also recognizes the important role case management services can play in helping to address barriers to work by requiring states to provide these types of services. Additionally, conferees prioritized the funding of innovative employment and training pilot programs, including pilot programs that serve specific groups with known barriers to work. These types of smart investments will have a

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demonstrated impact on improving client outcomes, as opposed to spending billions on the creation of large new bureaucracies to track monthly work tests for millions of SNAP participants as the House passed bill would have done.

I am also pleased that the conferees address a long-standing problem—when a SNAP participant is referred to a training program, and the program determines that the services they provide are not well matched to the needs of the participant. States have long been required to do meaningful assessments in order to properly assign clients. We believe the expanded investment in case management should improve this capacity. And, this bill emphasized that reassessment is important as well. But sometimes, when the state refers someone to a local training provider the provider—after doing their own assessment—determines that their services aren't appropriate for the individual. Under current law, that leaves the individual out of luck and even at risk of losing SNAP benefits and wastes the time and services of the training provider. The bill and report make clear that states must reassess and reassign the participant if appropriate. Participants will no longer lose benefits because states are doing a poor job of assigning them to programs that don't work for them.

The primary role of employment and training programs should always be to transition people to sustained self-reliance rather than to find reasons to cut them off from benefits.

DEPARTURE OF BARBARA ANGUS
FROM THE HOUSE WAYS AND
MEANS COMMITTEE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sentiment of gratitude that I rise today to recognize Barbara Angus, Chief Tax Counsel for the Ways and Means Committee, as she departs our Committee staff.

Whenever I travel Texas and the country, folks often ask me when I knew that tax reform was going to be a reality. Without a doubt, that moment hit me when Barbara interviewed for the position of Chief Tax Counsel.

Holding degrees from two Ivy League Institutions, and with decades of experience at the Treasury Department and within the private sector, few in Washington match Barbara's intelligence, leadership, and work ethic. Barbara understands our tax code almost better than anyone else. Which is why she understood that it was time for a rewrite, to get rid of its uncompetitive and unfair nature.

Mr. Speaker, Barbara's efforts changed history. With her guidance and expertise, we were able to create a tax code that finally works for families and Main Street businesses.

For the first time in over 30 years, we did what many said was impossible. We lowered rates while broadening the base; we closed special-interest loopholes that riddled the system for far too long; we gave families first say over their hard-earned money; and we gave our job creators a tax code that allows them to compete and win here at home instead of abroad. None of this would have been possible without Barbara Angus.

On behalf of our entire Committee, I want to say thank you to Barbara for her three years of service to the people's House. I am so thankful for her guidance and friendship. My Chairmanship has been benefited greatly because of Barbara and it has been an honor to work with her.

We wish her all the best as she moves on to the next chapter of her storied career. Barbara will be missed dearly by our Committee staff, and she will always be part of our Ways and Means family.

CONGRATULATING THE EUREKA
WILDCATS VOLLEYBALL TEAM
FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISSOURI
CLASS 4 STATE VOLLEYBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Eureka Wildcats Volleyball team for winning the 2018 Missouri Class 4 State Volleyball Championship.

This team and Coach Jodie Fowler should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Eureka Wildcats Volleyball team for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS G. HUNGAR

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, the Ranking Member of the Committee on House Administration, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Thomas G. Hungar for his distinguished service as General Counsel to the House of Representatives.

Drawing on his mastery of constitutional law and broad litigation experience, Mr. Hungar has provided thoughtful and effective legal advice to Members, Committees, and staff on a host of legal matters, without regard to political affiliation. As the House's top lawyer, Mr. Hungar has employed his considerable expertise and sound judgment to protect and strengthen the institutional prerogatives of the House, rightfully earning him the respect and admiration of the entire House community.

Of particular importance to the Committee on House Administration, Mr. Hungar has skillfully counseled the Committee's Members and staff on a wide range of significant matters with far-reaching institutional implications. Mr. Hungar has also been a trusted advisor to the Chief Administrative Officer of the House. Mr. Hungar has been a source of tremendous leadership and legal advice to the Committee and the House.

On behalf of the Members of the Committee on House Administration and the Committee staff, we thank Mr. Hungar for his service to

the House and wish him the very best as he takes the next step in his illustrious career.

RECOGNIZING JASON EVERETT
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise, along with HANK JOHNSON, Chair of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet; and SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations—to thank Jason Everett for nearly a decade of service to the House Judiciary Committee.

Growing up in Alexandria, Virginia, Jason attended college at Duke University and law school at William and Mary, before returning to the Washington, D.C. area. He began his career on Capitol Hill as a Legislative Aide to Senator Barbara Boxer, and he later worked for Congressman Mel Watt as a Legislative Assistant covering Judiciary Committee issues. He joined the House Judiciary Committee in 2009 as a Counsel, working on intellectual property and other issues, and he later rose to become Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, as well as a Deputy Chief Counsel of the Full Committee, overseeing the Intellectual Property and Crime Subcommittees.

As Chief Counsel of the Intellectual Property Subcommittee, Jason was responsible for handling highly complex patent, copyright, trademark, and courts issues, among other matters. Many Members and staff relied heavily on his ability to explain, in a clear and understandable manner, the often complicated and highly technical matters that moved through his Subcommittee. He also deftly balanced his substantive expertise with a keen appreciation of the various stakeholders' interests in each issue, and an ability to find consensus among these sometimes divergent interests.

Jason's efforts were vital to enacting significant reforms to the intellectual property ecosystem that will promote innovation and protect the creative community. For example, he worked tirelessly to pass the Defend Trade Secrets Act, which helps firms keep proprietary information—which, if disclosed, could be ruinous to them—from being made public. This legislation will save the American economy many billions of dollars, and preserve many thousands of jobs.

Jason was also a critical player in the Committee's lengthy review of the Copyright laws, leading to passage of the Music Modernization Act, historic bipartisan legislation to reform the music licensing system. He spent countless hours working with a vast array of stakeholders to craft legislation that will better serve music creators and digital music providers, and ultimately consumers. He was also instrumental in passing legislation to promote greater diversity among patent holders, passing legislation to ensure that visually impaired individuals have access to published works, and developing hearings to oversee the implementation of the America Invents Act.

In each of these matters, Jason not only worked with various parties to achieve consensus, but he also worked closely with his Republican counterparts to find a bipartisan solution. Jason's cooperative spirit and excellent sense of humor helped pave the way for legislation that ultimately garnered near unanimous support.

In addition to Jason's work on the Intellectual Property Subcommittee, as a Deputy Chief Counsel for the Full Committee, he also worked closely with his colleagues on the Crime Subcommittee. In this role, he helped navigate many thorny issues in pursuit of criminal justice reform, and his efforts paid off with passage of the First Step Act. He has also been involved in a range of other criminal justice issues, such as the Violence Against Women Act and gun safety.

Jason is universally well-liked and respected among Democrats and Republicans, Members and staff, both on the Hill and off. His positive attitude and hard work will be greatly missed by everyone who worked with him, but we wish him all the best in his future endeavors, and we thank him for his service to the Judiciary Committee, to the Congress, and to the country.

CONGRATULATING THE FATIMA
COMETS BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018
MISSOURI CLASS 2 CROSS COUN-
TRY CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fatima Comets Boys Cross Country team for winning the 2018 Missouri Class 2 Cross Country Championship.

This team and Coach Marc Bridges should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Fatima Comets Boys Cross Country team for a job well done.

HONORING THE CONGRESSIONAL
BLACK CAUCUS DURING THE
115TH CONGRESS

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the work of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 115th Congress.

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) spent the 115th Congress fighting against attempts to return this country to darker days by being fearless in telling our truth. Black Americans, who helped build the very Capitol in which we stand, are once again witnessing our own government set the wheels in motion to turn against us. This Congress, led by a group of people cozier with the one percent than with the forgotten man or woman, has

worked with this Presidential administration to turn back the clock. The CBC has stood up for our values time and time again to say that we will not go back to those dark days. We have been unrelenting in standing against this tide and will not shy away from this battle.

The CBC has worked tirelessly to infuse morality into the legislative debates during the 115th Congress and perform tireless oversight into the harmful policies of this Presidential administration. Since this President took office, he has led efforts to reverse substantive policies that have helped black Americans and failed to stem the tide of hatred and racism that made a strong resurgence during this divisive tenure. The lack of moral leadership has endangered disenfranchised communities and policy decisions have eroded critical economic, health and education programming. The Caucus has taken every opportunity to lift every voice to object to hurtful and immoral lawmaking while engaging the public in conversations about the stakes we were facing.

The CBC had to fight for our values from the earliest days of this Congress, with an incoming President nominating a number of unqualified people to lead his cabinet agencies, including then Senator Jefferson Beauregard Sessions, who the President wanted to appoint to the Department of Justice. I represented the Caucus alongside my colleagues Senator BOOKER and living legend Representative JOHN LEWIS in speaking out against Sessions' lifetime of support for troubling policies that impeded the progress of black Americans.

The President wasted no time in partnering with his allies in this Congress to advance an agenda that carried water for billionaires while ignoring the nation's most vulnerable citizens. The Caucus once again reprised its role as the Conscience of the Congress by opposing this Congress and this White House as they worked in concert to attack vulnerable communities by neutering programming that served them.

When the White House planned a national voter suppression and intimidation effort, the Congressional Black Caucus criticized the Administration's sham "Voter Integrity Commission" for seeking to solve a voter fraud issue that was clearly non-existent. In a few short weeks, the states themselves rose up against this effort and it mercifully perished due to a strong resistance against its undemocratic underpinnings. When the President demonstrated an uncomfortable coziness with Russian operatives the Caucus performed oversight. When the Department of Justice re-energized the war on drugs the Caucus stood firm in its opposition to restoring policies that unfairly targeted black citizens in law enforcement activity feeding an unsustainable mass incarceration machine. When the President asked the Caucus and black communities "What the Hell do You Have to Lose", the Caucus went to the White House with a 130 page policy document educating this President about issues facing black America. We provided dozens of policy options that a serious White House could have leveraged to improve the lives of Americans of all colors who face challenges. We haven't heard back.

The CBC responded to the White House's immoral budget request with its own budget, infused with morality and justice. The Caucus' budget proposal invested in education, jobs and healthcare while asking the wealthiest among us to pay their fair share. The budget

received strong support in a floor vote and we are going to continue to introduce spending plans that invest in the important things in this nation in a responsible fashion.

The CBC stood up against the injustice sought by this Congress when it planned to cut taxes for billionaires while robbing health care from struggling families. This crisis of morality in Congress was compounded by an administration that was sabotaging affordable health care at every turn. Facing a moral crisis and the potential for enduring pain, the CBC called on everyone to think twice before hurting tens of millions of Americans. We raised our voices against the injustice of failing to invest in new jobs for hard working Americans while Congress handed corporate giants billions of dollars in tax breaks. All the while the President sought historic cuts to programs that seniors, children and families rely on to live. We have pointed out repeatedly that these morally bankrupt policies will also endanger the country, impairing future investments in our human capital and other important resources to all of our eventual detriment.

The CBC has been actively fighting against a steady stream of increased hate crimes and public racism. When this President failed to condemn white supremacists and Nazis, the CBC called for racists to be purged from this White House, and within weeks, most of the most odious and hateful people around the President were gone. We also called for white supremacist figures to be purged from Congressional spaces and for Confederate symbols and statues to be removed. We have also continued to fight for a more fair criminal justice system that gives ex-offenders a second chance while holding wayward police departments accountable for unconstitutional policing practices. Our members have been on the front lines of pushing for deserving non-violent offenders to re-enter our community and for police departments to restore humanity to their interactions with our neighborhoods.

When the FBI made up a new term to describe politically engaged black Americans, "black identity extremists", the Caucus spoke truth to power, meeting with FBI Director Christopher Wray to demand that the FBI provide more insights into the origins of this harmful term and explain how it might impact their investigations. We made it clear that we expected the FBI to not target Americans simply due to their physical characteristics and political views. This felt like a throwback to an earlier, darker period in our history, when the FBI surveilled black Americans it found objectionable. We told Director Wray that the CBC would not stand for a COINTELPRO 2.0 and that his investigations needed to be done absent the stain of a poorly worded term such as "black identity extremist". The Caucus also repeatedly stood up against inept and unqualified attorneys and jurists being offered up for lifetime appointments to the federal judiciary. Thanks in large part to the work of the Caucus, some of the most horrific institutional racists are not on the bench today. And this will stand as a testament to the work of the Caucus infusing morality into the deliberations of legislators in this Capitol.

When African and Caribbean countries were disrespectfully referenced by being called "shithole countries" the Caucus called for those remarks to be censured. At the first state of the union, this Caucus stared the hateful policies in the face and showed the

world that we would not let a hurtful administration impose an ounce of fear upon us.

In addition to performing robust oversight, this Caucus set out to introduce legislation that would protect vulnerable communities while investing in the future. Our members put significant work into addressing a host of issues that would improve outcomes for black families and for all Americans that yearn for better. The Caucus' 1300-page bill, the Jobs and Justice Act of 2018, is a blueprint for serious legislators that want to bring change to this country in an inclusive way. I hope that the next Congress leverages the work this Caucus has done by implementing much of the bill in the important legislation that is to come.

This Caucus also worked to hold corporate America accountable for ensuring that all of America was represented in its ranks and to ensure that their businesses were not being leveraged to harm communities of color. We called on the largest companies and investors in America to diversify their boards, c-suites and supply chains. We also called on powerful social media companies to invest in more diverse workforces to better identify attempts to weaponize platforms to inflame racial tensions. In addition, we called on technology companies to better address implicit bias in the development of new artificial intelligence tools to ensure that these new tools demonstrated more promise than peril.

When the history books are written, this Congress will be cited as a failure. Instead of serving as a constitutional check and balance against a historically corrupt President with repressive instincts, this Republican led Congress enabled and emboldened an unqualified executive to run roughshod over civil liberties and the rights of underserved and struggling communities. It is no surprise that several members of this Caucus have been some of the earliest voices to examine whether the constitutional remedy of impeachment is an appropriate tool to address the dangers this President poses to our republic. This Congress has been an embarrassment and has failed American families time and time again.

But like a phoenix rising, Americans have chosen a different direction. The House of Representatives will be under new leadership in just a few short days, ushering in a new era of oversight and morally infused legislating with members of the CBC in key positions to deliver better outcomes for Americans of all kinds from all races and from all parties. Members of the Congressional Black Caucus are members of the human race who care for their fellow man and woman. We come from communities that have been long forgotten over the broad sweep of American history. These same communities have bred hope and promise during these same times. Our optimism and faith has never wavered, even at the darkest times. We have come this far by faith. And we have miles left to go before we sleep. The members of this Caucus will continue to lead in the debates that matter.

It has been an honor to serve as the chairman of this incredible group of legislators. I pray that in our service, the 48 members of this bi-partisan, bi-cameral caucus have made our ancestors proud and our constituents eager to continue to work with us to advance the interests of all communities that seek to be led by men and women of conscience. We walk in the footsteps of our ancestors and

have not yet completed the journeys that they started when they were first forced off overcrowded slave ships onto the shores of this nation. This has been an imperfect union, but it is one that is worth fighting to preserve.

As I yield the chairmanship of the CBC to incoming chair KAREN BASS of California, I wish her strength and resolve for the fights to come. I pray the Lord will guide her steps to continue the work of our ancestors and the work of the 13 Founders of the CBC, who came together in 1971 to raise their voices to confront the massive challenges that faced them at that time. Many of our challenges are the same though the times have changed around us. I know that Representative BASS will continue to lead this Caucus with intelligence, integrity and courage. I wish her well and I thank my colleagues for the opportunity to serve them as chairman.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the Congressional Black Caucus during the 115th Congress.

CONGRATULATING THE FATIMA
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISSOURI
GIRLS CLASS 2 STATE CROSS
COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

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REPORT ON WORKPLACE RIGHTS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES EDU-
CATION

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, this report is submitted in satisfaction of Section 3 of the Committee on House Administration Resolution dated December 19, 2017.

The Committee on House Administration directed the Chief Administrative Officer on January 8, 2018 to develop a strategy to procure and deliver Workplace Rights and Responsibilities Education training for the House of Representatives.

The Committee approved the proposed curriculum and delivery schedule on April 27, 2018. The curriculum met all requirements set forth by Committee resolution. Delivery began on April 30, 2018 and continued through December 31, 2018.

The Committee is satisfied that all current eligible Members and employees of the House have completed the required training in 2018, as administered by the Chief Administrative Officer.

CONGRATULATING FESTUS TIGERS
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISSOURI
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REFLECTIONS ON THE 115TH
CONGRESS

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the 115th Congress. While I am disappointed that the current spending impasse could not be resolved this Congress, I am hopeful that we will remedy our current predicament after the swearing-in of the new Democratic majority. The historic House takeover by a once-in-a-generation incoming Democratic class of lawmakers is nothing short of inspiring. I wish them all the luck in the world.

This Congress, Mr. Speaker, it was an honor to be named the 8th Most Effective Democrat in the House by the Center for Effective Lawmaking at the University of Virginia. It was also an honor to receive 100 percent ratings from the ACLU, the Human Rights Campaign, and Planned Parenthood. I am proud of the fact that, according to Govtrack, the legislation I introduced in 2017—we are still awaiting the results for 2018—placed me in the top 10 percent of all Members with respect to the number of cosponsors secured, and the top 20 percent of all Members with respect to the number of bipartisan cosponsors secured.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, it was also a pleasure serving on the House Appropriations Committee this Congress, particularly under the leadership of my good friend, Ranking Member LOWEY. The work that went into crafting legislation totaling more than \$1.2 trillion in discretionary spending each year was staggering, as was my own learning curve on my two subcommittees—the Commerce, Justice, Science Subcommittee and the Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations. Drafting measures on those subcommittees that accounted for a combined \$109 billion in discretionary federal spending each year was an unforgettable experience, as was securing \$1.4 billion for personal spending priorities.

I would like to take this opportunity to include in the RECORD some of the legislative

achievements that were signed into law this Congress as the result of work performed by my office on behalf of the people of the Sixth Congressional District of New York:

1) H.R. 423, the “Anti-Spoofing Act of 2017”, which criminalizes acts of spoofing (the practice of disguising one’s phone number) during the commission of crimes, as section 503 of Division P of Public Law 115-141, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”.

2) H.R. 7043, the “Better Airplanes Noise Standards Act”, which requires the Federal Aviation Administration to complete evaluations of alternative aircraft noise measurement metrics within one year, as section 173 of Public Law 115-254, the “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018” (via amendment no. 90 to H.R. 4).

3) H.R. 7044, the “Unmanned Aircraft Systems Collegiate Training Initiative Program Act”, which authorized the Collegiate Training Initiative Program for Unmanned Aircraft Systems, as section 632 of Public Law 115-254, the “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018” (submitted as amendment no. 66 to H.R. 4 to the House Rules Committee).

4) H.R. 7045, the “Aircraft Avionics Systems Cybersecurity Act”, which requires the Federal Aviation Administration to consider and address cybersecurity concerns for avionics systems—including software components, as section 506 of Public Law 115-254, the “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018” (submitted as amendment no. 65 to H.R. 4 to the House Rules Committee).

5) H.R. 754, the “Anwar Sadat Centennial Celebration Act”, which I co-authored with Rep. Chris Stewart from Utah, awarded a Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat and permitted it to be presented to his widow, Jehan Sadat, and a representative of the government of Egypt.

6) Section 407 of Public Law 115-254, the “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018”, which requires the Government Accountability Office to review airlines’ training policies for employees and contractors regarding racial, ethnic, and religious nondiscrimination and requires the Secretary of Transportation to develop and disseminate best practices based upon the findings of the report (via amendment no. 37 to H.R. 4).

7) Section 182 of Public Law 115-254, the “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018”, which requires the FAA to review the North Shore Helicopter Route to address the noise impact on affected communities, improve altitude enforcement, and assess alternative routes that include an all-water route over the Atlantic Ocean (via Zeldin, Meng, Suozzi H. AMDT. 568 to H.R. 4).

8) Section 188 of Public Law 115-254, the “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018”, which requires a new FAA study—in addition to ongoing studies—of alternative aircraft noise metrics (via Panetta, Meng, et al. amendment no. 62 to H.R. 4).

9) Section 612 of Public Law 115-254, the “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018”, which created the FAA Women in Aviation Advisory Board to promote organizations and programs that provide education, training, mentorship, outreach, and recruitment of women into the aviation industry (via Esty, Meng, et al. amendment no. 58 to H.R. 4).

10) Section 558 of Public Law 115-91, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”, which improved childcare services for military families by enhancing the hours of operation at DOD childcare centers and established childcare coordinators for military installations (via amendment no. 39 to H.R. 2810).

11) Section 544 of Public Law 115-91, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”, which extended the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, a suicide

prevention and resilience initiative for members of the National Guard and Reserves, for two years (submitted as amendment no. 429 to H.R. 2810 to the House Rules Committee).

12) \$500 million for U.S.-Israel missile defense programs funded by Section 8070 of Public Law 115-245, the “Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019”. These funds will be used for the Iron Dome defense system, David’s Sling system components, and the Arrow-3 system.

13) \$373.8 million for Israeli Cooperative Programs with the U.S. Department of Defense, which appears on page 85D of the Joint Explanatory Statement for Division C of H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”.

14) \$269 million for USAID Biodiversity Conservation Programs, which is provided in section 7060(c)(2)(A) of Public Law 115-141, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”.

15) \$130 million for small business development under Entrepreneurial Development Programs provided for on page 233 of Public Law 115-141, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”. This increase in funding will allow the establishment of a new Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to be opened in New York’s Sixth Congressional District.

16) \$90.7 million for programs to combat wildlife trafficking, which appears on page 68 of the Joint Explanatory Statement for Division K accompanying Public Law 115-141, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”.

17) \$1 million for programs to combat anti-Semitism abroad, which appears on page 44 of the Joint Explanatory Statement for Division K accompanying Public Law 115-141, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”.

18) \$300,000 increase for the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, which appears on page 56 of the Joint Explanatory Statement for Division G accompanying Public Law 115-31, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017”. These funds more than tripled the Center’s resources to develop programs and expand outreach to promote a better understanding of the Asian Pacific American experience.

19) A conference report provision accompanying Public Law 115-91, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”, which directs DOD to review the design, material, sizing, price, availability, quality, and utility of maternity uniforms for pregnant members of the military (consistent with amendment no. 28 to H.R. 2810).

20) Page 26 of House Report 115-673—“Veterans who participated in nuclear clean-up activities in Palomares, Spain and on Enewetak Atoll.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 5895, the “Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019”). This provision directs the VA to determine, using scientific and medical data, whether 38 CFR 3.309(d) should be modified in order to allow veterans who participated in nuclear clean-up activities in Palomares, Spain and on Enewetak Atoll in the Marshall Islands to be presumed to be exposed to radiation for disability benefits purposes.

21) Page 27 of House Report 115-673—“Cholangiocarcinoma.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 5895, the “Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019”). This provision directs the VA to report to Congress on its current research into this rare cancer that appears in Vietnam veterans at higher rates than the general population, and to explain why less than one-third of the claims for service con-

nected disabilities related to the disease have been granted by the VA.

22) Page 36 of House Report 115-673—“Female medical staff.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 5895, the “Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019”). This provision directs the VA to report to Congress on the number of female health care professionals hired by the Veterans Health Administration each year over the last five years, including information pertaining to job type and employment location, so that additional female health care professionals can be hired in order to provide the growing number of female veterans greater opportunities to choose the gender of their health care provider.

23) Page 93 of House Report 115-697—“Carbon Capture.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 5895, the “Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019”). This provision directs the Department of Energy to “explore carrying out a prize competition to advance the research, development, or commercialization of technologies that capture, sequester, or utilize carbon.”

24) Page 97 of House Report 115-697—“Energy Information Administration, Puerto Rico.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 5895, the “Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019”). This provision urges the Energy Information Administration to publish information for Puerto Rico and other territories in its state profiles section in a manner that is consistent with the information furnished for states.

25) Page 150 of House Report 115-862—“Free Application for Federal Student Aid.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 6157, the “Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019”). This provision encourages the Secretary of Education to translate the Free Application for Federal Student Aid into additional foreign languages.

26) Page 55 of House Report 115-862—“Gynecologic Cancer Clinical Trials.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 6157, the “Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019”). This provision directs the National Cancer Institute to provide Congress with information on access to gynecologic cancer clinical trials in order to increase future access to these life-saving trials.

27) Page 156 of House Report 115-862—“Data for Puerto Rico.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 6157, the “Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019”). This provision directs the National Center for Education Statistics to collect and publish data for Puerto Rico in the same manner it collects and publishes data for states so that Puerto Rico has meaningful data that can be used to compare its students’ academic progress with students across the rest of the United States.

28) Page 58 of House Report 115-862—“Hepatitis B (1).” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 6157, the “Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act,

2019”). This provision directs the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) to pursue improved treatments and a cure for Hepatitis B and to report to Congress on its progress in the 2020 Congressional Budget Justification submitted by the agency.

29) Page 70 of House Report 115-862—“Hepatitis B (2).” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 6157, the “Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019”). This provision directs the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) to fund research into model programs that increase Hepatitis awareness, knowledge, testing, and treatment among disproportionately impacted communities such as Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

30) Page 37 of House Report 115-862—“Viral Hepatitis.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 6157, the “Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019”). This provision directs the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to report to Congress within 90 days its plan to achieve the goal of elimination of Hepatitis B and C—particularly within opioid users.

31) Page 67 of House Report 115-232—“Feminine Hygiene Cosmetics.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”). This provision strongly urges the FDA to issue appropriate guidance to consumers on the use of unsafe colorants by manufacturers in feminine hygiene cosmetic products.

32) Page 16 of House Report 115-769—“Minority Outreach and Officer Accessions.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 6157, the “Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019”). This provision directs the Secretary of Defense to improve diversity among military officers.

33) Page 285 of House Report 115-219—“Military Medical Professionals and the Department of Veterans Affairs.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”). This provision directs DOD to work with the VA to encourage DOD medical professionals who are being discharged or are separating from the military to pursue employment with the Veterans Health Administration.

34) Page 30 of House Report 115-230—“Continuing Authorities Program (CAP).” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”). This provision encourages the Army Corps of Engineers to pursue projects to address ice floes in regions comprised of cities whose historic flooding has been predominately caused by winter snowmelt—cities such as those in Western and upstate New York.

35) Page 83 of the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”—“Asian Pacific American Initiatives and Outreach.” This provision continues the previous year’s Congressional support for the Smithsonian Institution’s Asian American and Pacific Islander outreach and programming.

36) Page 17 of House Report 115-199—“Expanded Availability of Tours in Foreign Languages” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”). This provision encourages the Capitol Visitor Center to explore the feasi-

bility of making listening devices used for Capitol tours available in additional foreign languages.

37) Page 55 of House Report 115-188—“VA Retail Immunization Care Coordination Program” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”). This provision encourages the VA to build upon the success of the flu immunization program at retail locations and to expand the program to also cover immunizations such as pneumococcal and zoster vaccines.

38) Page 14 of House Report 115-253—“Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL)” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”). This provision urges the Secretary of State to appoint a Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism as quickly as possible given the global rise in anti-Semitic incidents.

39) Page 49 of House Report 115-253—“Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”). This provision directs the USAID Administrator to submit a report to Congress within 90 days outlining how the provision of feminine hygiene products is included in both the design and implementation of WASH programs. This report will allow additional directed work to be pursued to address this important issue in the lives of vulnerable women and girls.

40) Page 14 of House Report 115-237—“Noise Health Effects Research” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”). This provision resulted from a joint Quiet Skies Caucus (which I am proud to have co-founded and chaired) appropriations request letter. It directs the FAA to continue to prioritize the research being conducted at the Center of Excellence for Alternative Jet Fuel and Environment, the Aviation Sustainability Center (ASCENT) on the impact of aviation noise on both sleep and cardiovascular health.

As Appropriations Taskforce Chair for the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), I was proud to lead joint appropriations request letters for the Caucus that resulted in the following provisions being signed into law:

41) Page 31 of House Report 115-231—“Profiling.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”). This provision expresses Congress’s concern about reports of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders being profiled by Department of Justice investigators and prosecutors on the basis of race and national origin, including in espionage and trade secret cases. It directs an Office of Inspector General investigation to be conducted into the matter.

42) Page 32 of House Report 115-231—“Civil Rights Division, Voting Section.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”). This provision requires the submission of a report by the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice to Congress containing the number of section 203 cases investigated in the past year broken out by language, including the number of such investigations opened and the number closed—as well as the reasons for closure.

43) Page 15 of House Report 115-234—“CDFIs in U.S. Insular Areas.” (Incorporated by reference into the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018”). This provision notes the absence of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) serving American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and other insular areas, and recommends that the CDFI Fund use its Capacity Building Initiative to expand service to these areas.

Additionally, I am proud to have secured passage of the following legislation through the U.S. House of Representatives prior to today, and will continue to fight to secure passage of these provisions into law in the future:

1) H.R. 382, the “100 Years of Women in Congress Act”, which seeks to rename the Women and Minorities in STEM Fields Program at the U.S. Department of Agriculture the “Jeannette Rankin Women and Minorities in STEM Fields Program” in honor of the 100 year anniversary of the election of the first woman to Congress—Jeannette Rankin.

2) Section 1(5) of H.R. 6846, “To require the United States Postal Service to establish new Zip codes, and for other purposes,” which would designate a single, unique ZIP Code for Glendale, New York. This section stems from my bill H.R. 803, “To direct the United States Postal Service to designate a single, unique ZIP Code for Glendale, New York”, an effort that originated with former-Representative, and Vice Presidential candidate, Geraldine Ferraro almost 40 years ago.

3) Section 7(a)(2) of H.R. 6199, “Restoring Access to Medication and Modernizing Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018”, which would permit the purchase of menstrual hygiene products with health flexible spending accounts.

4) Section 504 of H.R. 5515, the “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”, which would allow any member of the armed forces who gives birth to be exempt from deployment for up to 12 months following childbirth.

5) Section 566 of H.R. 5515, the “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”, which would require the Secretary of Defense to permit military parents flexible (non-continuous) maternity and paternity leave, allowing this time off to be spread out over time instead of being used all at once.

6) Section 717 of H.R. 5515, the “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”, which would authorize the Secretary of Defense to develop a burn patient transfer system. This system would include military and civilian burn centers that could be used in mass casualty events.

7) Section 220F of H.R. 5515, the “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”, which would authorize the Jet Noise Reduction Program within the U.S. Navy’s Office of Naval Research in order to reduce noise produced by high performance military jets.

8) Section 595 of H.R. 5515, the “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”, which would require the Department of Defense to create exit surveys on attrition levels for members of the military in order to better understand why attrition rates are higher for women than for men.

9) Section 921(b)(3) of H.R. 5515, the “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”, which sought to add oversight responsibilities to the DOD Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Policy and Oversight Council. The newly created Council currently has no oversight requirement in its mandate. The Council will

be responsible for overseeing the research, development, and deployment of artificial intelligence and autonomous machines used by the military. The provision was cosponsored by Rep. Darren Soto of Florida.

10) Section 3(a)(7) of H.R. 1638, the "Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act", which would require an assessment of the effectiveness of U.S. economic sanctions against Iran.

11) Section 2 of H.R. 1367, "To improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs and for other purposes", which would assist the VA Secretary in filling Veterans Health Administration positions for which there are severe staffing shortages. Under current law, the Inspector General (IG) of the VA must issue an annual report on which positions within the agency are severely understaffed. The VA Secretary is then granted expedited hiring authority to fill those positions. This provision would have permitted the IG to report on additional shortages than those currently allowed by law so that the VA Secretary could fill those positions more quickly as well.

12) Section 13 of H.R. 1367, "To improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs and for other purposes", which would require the Secretary of the VA to establish a program that encourages members of the Armed Forces serving as health professionals to pursue jobs with the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) upon their discharge or separation from the military.

Mr. Speaker, there is no greater honor than serving my neighbors, family, and friends in the United States Congress. I thank them for the opportunity during the 115th Congress. I wish you well in your retirement.

CONGRATULATING KENDALL HALLER OF THE FATIMA COMETS FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISSOURI GIRLS CLASS 2 STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kendall Haller of the Fatima Comets for winning the 2018 Missouri Girls Class 2 State Cross Country Championship.

Kendall and Coach Marc Bridges should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Kendall Haller for a job well done.

CONGRATULATING MAXWELL MCDANIEL OF THE FESTUS TIGERS FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISSOURI BOYS CLASS 3 STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Maxwell McDaniel of the Festus Tigers for winning the 2018 Missouri Boys Class 3 State Cross Country Championship.

Maxwell and Coach Bryant Wright should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Maxwell McDaniel for a job well done.

CONGRATULATING LOGAN SHELFAUT OF THE FRANCIS HOWELL NORTH KNIGHTS FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISSOURI CLASS 2 STATE DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Logan Shelfaut of the Francis Howell North Knights for winning the 2018 Missouri Class 2 State Diving Championship.

Logan and Coach Chris Pape should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Logan Shelfaut for a job well done.

CONGRATULATING THE FT. ZUMWALT SOUTH BULLDOGS BOYS SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISSOURI CLASS 3 STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Ft. Zumwalt South Bulldogs Boys Soccer team for winning the 2018 Missouri Class 3 State Soccer Championship.

This team and Coach Jim Layne should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the

state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Ft. Zumwalt South Bulldogs Boys Soccer team for a job well done.

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DALE GOLIGHTLY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring remembrance to a great Iowan—Dale Golightly.

Dale was a man who loved and worked hard for his family. He had a huge and compassionate heart who brought a quick quip and smile to all he met. Dale was a man of integrity who gave sage advice and wisdom who all could trust.

When you met or talked to Dale, you felt special. You knew you had a true friend in Dale Golightly, he always had your back.

Dale loved his wife, Vera, dearly. He was devoted to his children—Brad, Randy, Dan, and Jean. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought him great joy. They will all carry on the good name and legacy he left them—a legacy of loving God, country, nature and agriculture, the friend, and the stranger.

May God bless his soul. May Dale forever rest in his Saviour's arms in heaven.

Sanford Dale Golightly was born June 18, 1933 at home in Madison County, Iowa, the son of Jerome and Ethel (Reigle) Golightly. He graduated from Van Meter High School in 1952 and served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He married Vera Jamison on June 19, 1955 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Van Meter.

Dale came home from the service and started farming, never really retiring. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church where he held various offices. He was on the Van Meter School Board, the Booneville Co-op Board and the Madison County Fair Board. Dale was a collector and enjoyed attending flea markets and auctions. He enjoyed fishing with his children, gardening and watching Iowa State basketball and football. Above all else, Dale cherished spending time with family, especially with his grandchildren.

Dale died Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at Spurgeon Manor in Dallas Center. He was 85 years old.

Dale is survived by his wife of 63 years, Vera Golightly of Van Meter; four children, Brad (Shelly) Golightly of Perry, Randy (Anna) Golightly of Van Meter, Dan (Michelle) Golightly of Waukee, and Jean (J.R.) Hall of Urbandale; five grandchildren, Jana Ferguson, Austin (Brittney) Golightly, Karlee Golightly, Jason (Angela) Mickelson and Nathan Mickelson; three great-grandchildren, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerome and Ethel Golightly and a grandson, Bret Golightly.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 11:50:05 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:52:03 a.m. until 12 noon, on the same day.

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

William Charles McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S8065**

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no Public Bills or Resolutions introduced in today's Record.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed on January 2, 2019 as follows:

Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security 115th Congress (H. Rept. 115–1127); and

Report on the Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources U.S. House of Representatives for the 115th Congress (H. Rept. 115–1128).

A report was filed today as follows:

S. 141, to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–1129, Part 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10611**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 11:55 a.m. **Page H10611**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea and nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and at 11:56 a.m. the Chair declared the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress adjourned sine die, pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Thursday, January 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will convene the first session of the 116th Congress.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Thursday, January 3

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will convene the First Session of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress.

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