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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 19, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CANDICE S. MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Gerald Baker, St. Ann Catholic Church, Morganfield, Kentucky, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You this day for Your many blessings to us as citizens of the United States of America: for our Nation, for our freedom, for our prosperity, for our heritage, for our defenders past and present, for the beauty of our land, for our families, for our faith in You, for all whom we love. Keep us in Your watchful care. Make us strong as a people. Bless our unity. Bless our diversity. Bless this august body in its deliberations.

May God bless us every one.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. HOCHUL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. HOCHUL 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.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND GERALD BAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. WHITFIELD) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I am delighted that, today, Father Gerald Baker, pastor of the St. Ann Catholic Church in Morganfield, Kentucky, gave our opening prayer.

He has served as pastor in Morganfield since 2003. Prior to that, Father Baker was also the pastor in my hometown of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where he was a wonderful community leader.

Among other things, he started the St. Luke's Free Clinic in Hopkinsville. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, in 1983, and I might say that was the same year that our chaplain, Father Conroy, re-

ceived his degree, also. He was ordained in 1983.

We are also delighted to have the eighth-grade class of the St. Ann Catholic Church with us this morning from Morganfield, and they will be taking a tour of the Capitol.

So, once again, I want to thank Father Baker for being with us today, for his leadership in our congressional district as well as in the State of Kentucky, and for the spiritual leadership he provides our citizens.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 5 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

IN TRIBUTE TO HERB BRAV

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

Mr. WOMACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and service of Command Sergeant Major (retired) Herb Brav.

This extraordinary American, who served his country in uniform for over 30 years and another 27 years as waterfront, gymnasium, and physical fitness director for the Multinational Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt, died March 9, 2012, in St. Augustine, Florida.

Herb was a legend. A former heavyweight boxer, he joined the Army in 1947, served tours in Korea, the Philippines and Vietnam. His iconic service with the MFO impacted thousands of soldiers from many contingent forces. I fondly remember his mantra: "When the will is strong, everything is easy." Soldiering was everything to this patriot. He rarely took a vacation, and never spent a Christmas away from the soldiers at South Camp.

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Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to speak on behalf of MFO veterans worldwide, his wife, Gisela, and his two children in saluting Herb Brav for his service to country and his fellow man.

Let us remember his immortal words: "When the will is strong, everything is easy."

SERGEANT WILLIAM WILSON III

(Ms. HOCHUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOCHUL. I rise today to honor and recognize a true American patriot, Sergeant William Wilson of Amherst, New York, my district, for giving the ultimate sacrifice and service to his country. On March 26 of this year, Sergeant Wilson lost his life defending us in Afghanistan while serving with NATO forces.

Billy, as he was fondly called by his mom and dad and his brothers, served our country for 7 years, and was on his third tour of duty. His commander said:

Without question, he was my best, most skilled and talented squad leader. That's who Billy was—selfless, dedicated and always putting his heart and soul into his soldiers.

If you ask his family or friends and look into the eyes of his mom and dad, they are overwhelmed with pride of his service. Billy was proud to put on the uniform and to serve our country. His smile would light up a room. Just ask any of the thousands of people who came and paid tribute to him just this past week—a devoted family friend, respected and loved by many. To his brother, he was known as Superman. For his brave efforts, Sergeant Wilson was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

But my message today is for Billy's parents, Bill and Kim, for his brothers Jeremy and Wesley, for his fiancée, for his entire family, for his grandma. I want them to know from a grateful Nation: your boy did not die in vain. He honored our country with his service, and for that we are forever grateful.

THE VOICE OF TEXAS—THE REGULATORS V. SUSAN

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it's a new day in Washington, and soon the unelected, unaccountable regulators will be sending out new rules to the people.

The fourth branch of government meddles in every aspect of our lives. In the name of saving us from ourselves, they regulate, regulate, regulate without regard to the consequences of these expensive government mandates. Sometimes they put businesses out of business. Susan, a small business owner in Texas, wrote me this:

Our small business has operated on a shoestring for several years, and we started in

1978, but I fear we are at an end. We manufacture 400 products, all made from the same materials. The new product safety regulations require that we certify every product to the tune of about \$500 per product, even though they're all made from the same materials. Do the math: \$175,000 or more just to get these products that we've made since '78 certified. Add on the health care fines and the rising cost of gasoline and the rising property and sales and income taxes—well, you know the rest of the story.

Madam Speaker, the regulators close the doors of small businesses like Susan's, and that ought not to be.

And that's just the way it is.

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LANCE CORPORAL ABRAHAM TARWOE

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lance Corporal Abraham Tarwoe of the United States Marine Corps.

A Liberian American, Lance Corporal Tarwoe elected to serve the United States when he joined the Marine Corps in 2009. He was promoted to the rank of lance corporal just 2 years ago.

As a mortar man with the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division based at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, Lance Corporal Tarwoe was conducting combat operations as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in Helmand province in Afghanistan when he lost his life on April 12.

Among other awards, Lance Corporal Tarwoe earned the Combat Action Ribbon and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

His family is planning to hold a burial service in Liberia, following a memorial service in the United States on April 28.

My thoughts and prayers are with Lance Corporal Tarwoe's wife, their 1-year-old son, and their entire extended family.

As a grateful Nation and with heavy hearts, we remember him today for making the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom and on behalf of our Nation. May we honor his memory always.

ANNIVERSARY OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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

Mr. DOLD. Madam Speaker, about 97 years ago, the government of the Ottoman Empire killed over 1.5 million people during the Armenian genocide. The Turkish state has never accepted responsibility for the acts of its predecessor government and maintains that the genocide never took place.

For the past 90 years, the Armenian people have sought justice, yet the Turkish Government has continued to

actively obstruct any attempt to recognize what has happened to the Armenian people.

The United States can help bring closure to this longstanding moral issue by recognizing the Armenian genocide. That's why I'm proud to be a sponsor of House Resolution 304, which would formally recognize this atrocity. To date, 88 Members of this body have joined me in support of the resolution.

I urge all of my other colleagues to support what is a very important resolution.

If we do nothing, the victims of this horrible genocide may be forgotten. We cannot allow that to happen.

DAN-LOC AND AMERICAN MANUFACTURING

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of small business and domestic manufacturing in our district and throughout our country and the need for Congress to support manufacturing and job creation.

Last week, I visited DAN-LOC Bolt & Gasket, a bolt and metal gasket manufacturer located in our district in Houston. DAN-LOC's products are highly regarded for their quality and longevity. They produce for our energy industry the bolt like I'm holding right now.

In recent years, DAN-LOC, like thousands of similar businesses throughout our country, has been under attack from cheap and low-quality competition from overseas that has actually forced businesses to either close their doors or make drastic cuts. These foreign imports are oftentimes cheaper than the raw materials to produce these bolts. They can only do this with illegal subsidies from their governments.

We can no longer ignore this issue; otherwise, our Nation will no longer have a manufacturing sector and the millions of middle class jobs it supports.

Congress needs to remember the hard workers who make these bolts and support their jobs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ILLINOIS MATH AND SCIENCE ACADEMY

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy on their 25 years of excellent education.

Since opening its doors to students in 1986, the academy has graduated nearly 5,000 students and brought national and global recognition to the State of Illinois.

With a focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, or