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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 6, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF DENHAM 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:

We give You thanks, O God, for giving us another day. In the wake of a great American holiday, we ask Your special blessing on American workers, those fortunate to have jobs during these difficult economic times and those desiring work. May they know and be confident of the nobility and sacredness of their labor.

As the Members of the people's House return to the Capitol, call them, as well, with Your gentling voice of collegiality.

When a sense of alienation shadows all of our souls, we find our differences difficult to bear; we move away from each other. Insofar as this spirit of alienation has descended upon this House, help each Member to overcome unnecessary divisions that hamper productive work on behalf of our Nation.

Bring them to a deeper level of awareness of Your spirit, and make us one Nation. Give the Members listening hearts, ready and willing to respond to Your spirit living in each one.

And may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX 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.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

AUGUST 31, 2016.

Speaker PAUL RYAN,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: Pursuant to our phone conversation, I write to officially notify you of my intent to resign as Congressman of the First District of Kentucky, effective Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

I have enjoyed the opportunity of serving with you and my colleagues and wish you the very best as you carry out the great responsibilities of the Speaker of the House.

I have attached a copy of my letter of resignation addressed to the Governor of Kentucky, Matt Bevin, dated August 29, 2016. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

ED WHITFIELD,
U.S. Congressman,
First district of Kentucky.

AUGUST 29, 2016.

Governor MATT BEVIN,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

DEAR GOVERNOR BEVIN: It has been my honor and privilege to have represented the

constituents of the First District of Kentucky in the United States Congress for the last almost 22 years.

As you know, I did not seek re-election to Congress this year and have now decided to submit my resignation as the Congressman of the First District of Kentucky, effective 6 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

I have enjoyed serving with you and wish you and your Administration the very best! This the 29th day of August 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

ED WHITFIELD,
U.S. Congressman,
First district of Kentucky.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HANESBRANDS

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize HanesBrands, a company headquartered in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with a long history of innovation, product excellence, and brand recognition. Today HanesBrands is celebrating its 10th anniversary as an independent publicly traded company, which is the largest basic apparel company in the world. It sells high-volume, high-quality apparel, and can credit its success to anticipating what the consumer wants and working to meet those needs in value, fit, comfort, and customer service.

HanesBrands has been named by Forbes Magazine as one of America's best large employers and has been honored for workplace practices, community contributions, environmental achievement, and business ethics. A valued corporate partner in the local community, the company and its employees have volunteered countless hours and have made contributions of more than \$35 million to charities over the past decade.

It is a pleasure to have this outstanding company in North Carolina's Fifth District. Congratulations, HanesBrands.

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REMEMBERING PAM CLUTE

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, a leader in the Riverside community, a fitness bug, an award-winning baker, a winner of the Presidential Award of Excellence, a remarkable educator, and a person who died too young just a few weeks ago, in her 40 years in the classroom, Pam Clute inspired thousands of students, many of them young women, to pursue careers in math and science. She founded the ALPHA Center at UC Riverside to get students on track to pursue STEM fields in college.

At the same time, Pam organized local partnerships, created a fitness class, and shared her infectious energy with everyone around her. In short, she took every opportunity imaginable to support our community.

My thoughts are with her husband, Steve, and the rest of her family. Pam Clute was truly an exemplary woman. She will be missed.

IN MEMORY OF DON SODERQUIST

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

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Don Soderquist of Rogers, Arkansas, my neighbor and my friend and one of northwest Arkansas' most influential leaders, who died July 21 at the age of 82.

Mr. Soderquist was the former chief operating officer and vice chairman of Wal-Mart Stores, Incorporated, and he teamed with Walmart founder, Sam Walton, to establish one of the world's leading companies.

Aside from his many achievements in retailing, Mr. Soderquist is also remembered for his philanthropic endeavors and the standards of ethical leadership that guided his life as a businessman and became his passion after retirement. This legacy will live on at the Soderquist Leadership Center at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, which Don helped establish in 1998.

It wasn't long ago, Mr. Speaker, that I had the privilege of inviting Mr. Soderquist to this Chamber to hear his longtime friend Benjamin Netanyahu address a joint session of Congress. I will always remember the warm embrace the Prime Minister gave Don when they met just off the House floor. I join Don's wife, Jo, and his children—Mark, Wendy, Sandie, and Jeff—the 11 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild in celebrating his wonderful life.

WE MUST ACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH
CRISES

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues and I return to Washington this week, I make a simple request: for this body to take up the public health crises that are facing this Nation.

When I am here in Washington, I am sometimes asked by well-meaning people here on Capitol Hill if the Flint water crisis from my hometown is still going on. Back in Flint, there is no doubt—bottled water, filters, blood tests are still going on all the time. This tragedy in Flint continues.

The people I represent back home still can't go to their tap and get water that is safe to drink, a city of 100,000 people. They are not just people who live in Michigan. They are not just Michiganders. They are Americans, too, and they have a right to have the Federal Government act at their moment of greatest need, at this moment of crisis.

Just like aid to Flint, this body needs to act on other crises that are still taking place: the Zika virus, the epidemic of gun violence. People across America have a right to see their Congress act when facing these sorts of challenges.

I call on my colleagues: Please, let's do our job and take up aid to these important efforts.

OBAMA'S RANSOM PAYMENT

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last month *The Augusta Chronicle*, August 4, exposed "The Obama administration . . . has now apparently been caught shipping \$400 million in foreign currency to Tehran—coincidentally at the same time the mullahs released four Americans they'd held hostage."

"Wouldn't you tend to call that 'ransom'?"

The Wall Street Journal reports: "The Obama administration secretly organized an airlift of \$400 million worth of cash to Iran that coincided with the January release of four Americans detained in Tehran . . . Wooden pallets stacked with euros, Swiss francs and other currencies were flown into Iran on an unmarked cargo plane . . . Iranian press reports have quoted Iranian defense officials describing the cash as a ransom payment."

Iran still chants "death to America, death to Israel" with new financing.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Our sympathy to the family of Phyllis Schlafly, an American patriot who made a difference for limited government and expanded freedom.

IANA TRANSITION

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is so exciting to have time to be in our district every day and work, listening to our constituents and hearing what is on their mind. I heard a lot about the lack of broadband expansion in rural America and, likewise, I heard a lot about and many questions arose about what in the world is it that the administration is doing trying to give away the Internet. People couldn't believe that.

Of course, we have heard the administration's plan to cede control of this, for ICANN to move away from the Commerce Department, and they have assured us: "Trust us." They have said: "It is all going to be fine." But now we know they are contemplating and involving U.N. control contrary to what had been reported and planned and promised.

The Wall Street Journal, in a recent column, August 28, "An Internet Give-away to the U.N.," said this: "Authoritarian regimes have already proposed Ican become part of the U.N. to make it easier for them to censor the internet globally." The column also notes: "an independent review within Ican called the organization 'simply not credible'" in its handling of domain name applications.

Think about this: We cannot allow control for Russia or China over U.S. free speech.

REMEMBERING PHYLLIS
SCHLAFLY

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

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reflect on the life and legacy of that relentless patriot Phyllis Schlafly, who died yesterday at the age of 92. We have lost—and Heaven has gained—a great champion of faith, limited constitutional government, and family.

Mrs. Schlafly was dedicated first and foremost to God and to her family. She loved this country and fought for the principles and policies she believed we needed. It was these three loves—love of God, family, and country—that fueled her life's work.

Her organization, Eagle Forum, now has around 80,000 members. Though she had many followers devoted to the principles that make America strong, she faced incredible odds and strong opposition in her many political fights. This did not frighten her, and she simply kept moving forward.

It was not lost on anyone that this pioneer, this lawyer, this mother of six was a strong and independent woman. Mrs. Schlafly's dedication to the unborn and leadership in keeping the Republican platform pro-life is an inspiration to pro-life women and men everywhere.

May she rest in peace, and may God be with her family and friends as they mourn her loss.