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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

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

We come to the end of a week where we have given thanks for peaceful elections throughout our country, and the welcoming of those newly elected to this assembly in anticipation of the 115th Congress.

Now we approach a week during which all Americans will gather to remember who we are: a Nation generously blessed, not only by You, our God, but by courageous ancestors, faithful allies, and the best good wishes of people everywhere who long for freedom, who would glory in the difficult work of participative government, and who do not enjoy the bounty we are privileged to possess.

Bless the Members of this assembly, and us all, that we would be worthy of the call we have been given as Americans. Help us all to be truly thankful and appropriately generous in our response.

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

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BOST 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

### HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS TYLER IUBELT

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

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Private First Class Tyler Iubelt.

Tyler was a Tamaroa, Illinois native, a 2015 graduate of Pinckneyville High School. He enjoyed the outdoors, grilling, playing practical jokes on his friends and teachers. He was known as a smart and good-natured kid, and had a great future. He was a son, a husband and, just recently, a father. Last Saturday, he died a hero.

Upon graduation, Tyler entered the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He was transferred to Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan. According to the Pentagon, a Taliban terrorist managed to ignite an IED at the base, killing Tyler, Sergeant John Perry, and two American contractors. Seventeen more were injured. An investigation is ongoing.

But our prayers are needed now for Tyler's wife, Shelby, for baby Violet, for his parents, his extended family, and his many friends in southern Illinois.

Tyler paid the ultimate sacrifice for this Nation, and, for that, we will always be grateful.

### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF BARBARA WONG

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara Wong, an incredible advocate for the arts, who has been executive director of Providence CityArts for Youth for 16 years.

Throughout her career, Barbara has helped thousands of youth realize the importance of art in their own lives, as well as its extraordinary power to create social change. Thanks to her, the arts community in Providence is more vibrant, more diverse, and more accessible for children from all backgrounds than ever before.

In 2014, her dedication to ensuring that all children have the same opportunities to learn about and pursue the arts helped Providence CityArts for Youth earn a trip to the White House to receive the prestigious National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award.

It is my honor to thank Barbara for her years of service to the children and young people of Providence, and I wish her all the best in the coming years.

### IN MEMORY OF RALPH J. CICERONE

(Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Ralph Cicerone, who passed away on November 5, at the age of 73.

Ralph served as the University of California-Irvine's chancellor from 1998 to 2005. During that time, UCI experienced tremendous success under his leadership, including raising the school's national rankings and breaking ground on its teaching hospital.

Beyond his contributions to the Irvine community, Ralph was world-renowned for his innovative, scientific

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research that has helped shape environmental policy.

Our thoughts are with Ralph's wife, Carol, his daughter, Sarah, and his two grandchildren. He will be truly missed but will be long remembered for his contributions to the Orange County UCI and science communities.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF GREENHOUSE GASES

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

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, this is another in a series of 1-minutes on cool science endeavors by American scientists.

Today I discuss a system that provides data about the distribution of greenhouse gases around the Earth. The National Science Foundation funded the Airborne Platform for Pole-to-Pole Observations, called HIPPO, that maps the composition and interactions of greenhouse gases as they move around the Earth. This information is used to identify the sources and sinks of carbon dioxide.

The field efforts were highly successful, and these unique experiments are providing valuable insight into the role of the global carbon cycle in the climate system. This data has been made publicly available and will be a source of information for years to come.

The project was a coordinated effort by the NSF and the NOAA to acquire a clearer picture of the impact of carbon dioxide on rainforests and other ecosystems.

I urge Congress to continue its support for scientific endeavors, such as HIPPO, so that we can gain a better understanding of our Earth's climate system.

#### LET'S GET THE 21ST CENTURY CURES ACT ACROSS THE FINISH LINE

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shine a light on the millions of Americans impacted by deadly diseases that currently have no cure. We know that better treatments and cures for diseases like cancer, ALS, Alzheimer's, and the 7,000 rare diseases are within our reach.

We need to break down the government barriers to innovation and discovery. The 21st Century Cures Act will do just that. I stand with my colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee when I say: let's get this done. We have the chance now to help make a profound impact on people's lives.

With Cures, and my provision in the OPEN Act, we are opening the doors for medical breakthroughs to happen. For the sake of millions of patients and their families, let's get 21st Century Cures across the finish line.

#### THE FINAL 1-MINUTE SPEECH

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

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, over the last 5½ years, I have spoken here on the House floor more times than I can count, but this will be my last. I am retiring from Congress and joining the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, a position my father held for 40 years, where he did so much good for so many people.

Few people have the privilege to serve their community and their country in the United States Congress. I am honored by the trust my constituents invested in me to represent them. I have been humbled by the experience and continue to be in awe of the time I have spent as both a witness and participant to history.

Washington can be a difficult place, but I have managed to make incredible friends here with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, from my good friend, Congressman TED POE, my co-chair on the PORTS Caucus; to DAVID CICILLINE, my best friend, my inspiration for the issues that he addresses each and every day; and to LOUIE GORMERT, my co-chair for the National Prayer Breakfast.

I want to thank Leader PELOSI for her example and for the strength she instills in all of us in the Democratic Caucus.

I am eager to get back to work in Los Angeles, but I will be sorry to say goodbye to all of you. I have appreciated your support, your friendship, your dedication to your constituents, and to this great country, and I will forever be grateful to have known you.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DIRECTOR JONATHAN JARVIS

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Director Jonathan Jarvis on his impressive career preserving some of our Nation's most treasured places as Director of the National Park Service.

Director Jarvis serves as the 18th director in the NPS history and developed his love for national parks at a young age, with his family's farm tucked in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley backing up to the Washington National Forest.

A Virginia native, Director Jarvis graduated from the College of William and Mary with a degree in biology and began his career as a seasonal interpretive ranger on the National Mall in 1976.

As Director, he oversees an agency responsible for over 400 national parks, attracting some 280 million visitors each year. Recently, while on the grounds of Teddy Roosevelt's beloved

home, Sagamore Hill, I was pleased to hear his vision for the essential role of parks in our national life.

At the end of this year, the centennial year of the National Park Service, Director Jarvis will retire after 40 years of service. I extend my warmest regards and best wishes to Director Jarvis in this next chapter of his life. Happy trails.

#### TOOLS TO PREVENT VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, this week this House passed two important measures dealing with the problems we have in the Middle East. One measure on extending the Iran sanctions, the ability for the President to authorize those that would have expired at the end of this year, was passed by this House in order to give this administration and the next one tools needed for the bad behavior of Iran that it continues to exhibit. We cannot trust that they will continue to adhere to the bad agreement that was made.

Also an important measure was that for Syria to cause sanctions against their proclivity to bring violence upon their citizens. We need both of these measures for this President and this administration currently and, very importantly, going into the next one to be able to enforce against these bad activities that are happening in the Middle East.

I urge the Senate to take up these measures. I urge this President to pass these measures, so we have these important tools to prevent this kind of violence in the Middle East using our sanction ability.

#### MIDNIGHT RULES RELIEF ACT OF 2016

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 5982.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HILL). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 921 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 5982.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from California (Mr. DENHAM) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

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Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole