

the actual pictures to see the representation by way of pictures, it can make a difference in the psyche of people.

As a result of this march, many having suffered, we found that the civil rights law of 1965 was passed. This was done because people suffered and because the Edmund Pettus Bridge became a place for us to memorialize as hallowed grounds.

Moving forward, the civil rights acts, many of them—the history of those who were able to accomplish things by way of the courts is all predicated upon a lot of suffering that took place in this country. Too many people suffered so that I could have the opportunity to be here tonight to talk about these hallowed grounds.

I feel that it is my duty to do this. I know that talking about these things can create a good deal of discomfort for people. We ought to feel a certain amount of discomfort because what happened was, without question, something that this country should never want to see happen again and should never have happened ever to anyone.

But we must remember our history just as we are going to remember Pearl Harbor, just as we are going to remember 9/11, and just as we are going to remember World Wars I and II.

We have to remember the history in this country, the atrocities that occurred against African Americans as they were trying their very best to live peaceful lives. Hallowed grounds, the sites of African American memories.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for the time tonight to bring up these hallowed grounds and to talk about Black History Month, especially as it relates to some of the things that happened in this country.

But I also want to say this, Mr. Speaker. Notwithstanding all of the things that I have said and all of the memories that I have recounted, it is important for us to note that the country has truly come a long way.

I still contend that, notwithstanding all of the atrocities, this is a great place for Americans of all hues to find their way in the world.

This is a special country. I love my country, but I don't forget the things that happened in my country to cause us to memorialize certain places as hallowed ground.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS FOR THEIR SELFLESS RECOVERY EFFORTS IN NORTH-EAST TEXAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. RATCLIFFE) for 30 minutes.

Mr. RATCLIFFE. Mr. Speaker, on December 26 last year, tornadoes ravaged northeast Texas, tragically resulting in the loss of several lives and destroying

hundreds of homes and small businesses in my Congressional District.

But in the wake of this tragedy, I was inspired to see how many wonderful people stepped up in our communities to help those in need.

I am especially grateful to our first responders and local officials whose selfless commitment and dedication to the ongoing recovery efforts over the past few months have brought so much healing to our communities.

In Rowlett, I would like to send a special thanks to Mayor Todd Gottle for his incredible leadership. To City Manager Brian Funderburk, the entire Rowlett Police and Fire Departments, the doctors and staff at Lake Pointe Medical Center, and local residents Sammy Walker and Bruce Hargrave, who pulled a mortally wounded man from the rubble of his home, thank you.

In Rockwell County, our thanks to County Judge David Sweet, Sheriff Harold Eavenson, Chief Deputy David Goelden, and Emergency Manager Joe DeLane.

In Collin County, I would like to thank County Judge Keith Self, Constable Gary Edwards, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator Jason Lane, and the Collin County Sheriff's Department.

From Farmersville, thank you to the entire police and fire departments there, to Chief Mike Sullivan, to City Manager Ben White, and Mayor Joseph Helmberger.

In Blue Ridge, I would like to thank Mayor Rhonda Williams, the volunteer fire department there, and the Westminster Fire Department.

And in Hunt County, thanks to Judge John Horn and Homeland Security Manager Richard Hill.

Beyond this, I would like to thank the many churches and charities who offered their support, like First Baptist Farmersville and Pastor Bart Barber, First Baptist Rowlett and its director, Jon Bailey.

I know that, without the selfless efforts of all these great people and all these organizations, the recovery efforts and restoration of our communities would simply not be the same. Your efforts are so greatly appreciated.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. COOPER (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and February 26 on account of attending a funeral.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 2109. An act to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs under the Robert

T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. RATCLIFFE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, February 26, 2016, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4460. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for emergency supplemental appropriations to respond to the Zika virus both domestically and internationally (H. Doc. No. 114—103); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4461. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy for the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Lieutenant General John W. Nicholson, Jr., United States Army, to wear the insignia of the grade of general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777a(b)(4); Public Law 111-383, Sec. 505(a)(1); (124 Stat. 4208); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4462. A letter from the Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Community Development Financial Institutions Program (RIN: 1505-AA92) received February 22, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4463. A letter from the Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Bank Enterprise Award Program (RIN: 1505-AA91) received February 22, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4464. A letter from the Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Capital Magnet Fund (RIN: 1559-AA00) received February 22, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4465. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 2014 Report on the Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Grant and Integrative Medicine Programs, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 295c(d); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VII, Sec. 768(d) (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 10501(m)); (124 Stat. 1002); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4466. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); and 22 U.S.C. 2349aa-9(c); Public Law 99-83, Sec. 505(c); (99 Stat. 221); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4467. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report by the Department on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period of August 1 through September 30, 2015, pursuant to Sec. 620C(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and in accordance with Sec. 1(a)(6) of Executive Order 13313; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4468. A letter from the Director, Financial Reporting and Internal Controls, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 2015 Agency Financial Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a); (104 Stat. 2849); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4469. A letter from the Secretary and Treasurer, Financing Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2015 Audited Financial Statements, pursuant to the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4470. A letter from the Secretary and Treasurer, Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2015 Audited Financial Statements, pursuant to the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4471. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a report to Congress concerning grants made under the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3797o(b); Public Law 90-351, Sec. 2806(b) (as amended by Public Law 107-273, Sec. 5001(b)(5)); (116 Stat. 1814); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4472. A letter from the Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a notification that the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3374-EM in the State of Missouri has exceeded the \$5 million limit for a single emergency declaration, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193(b)(3); Public Law 93-288, Sec. 503(b)(3) (as amended by Public Law 100-707, Sec. 107(a)); (102 Stat. 4707); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4473. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's Port Everglades final feasibility report and environmental impact statement dated May 2015 (H. Doc. No. 114—104); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

4474. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's Upper Des Plaines River and Tributaries integrated feasibility report and environmental assessment dated January 11, 2016 (H. Doc. No. 114—105); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

4475. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's Orestimba Creek final interim feasibility report and environmental assessment/initial study dated March 2013 (H. Doc. No. 114—106); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

4476. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's Hereford Inlet to Cape May Inlet final feasibility report and integrated environmental assessment dated April 28, 2014 (H. Doc. No. 114—107); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

4477. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Depart-

ment's report on the Short-Time Compensation Program, pursuant to Public Law 112-96, Sec. 2166(a); (126 Stat. 178); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. RIBBLE, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, and Mr. BLUM):

H.R. 4612. A bill to ensure economic stability, accountability, and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on midnight rules during a President's final days in office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KATKO (for himself and Ms. JUDY CHU of California):

H.R. 4613. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to civil forfeitures relating to certain seized animals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OLSON (for himself, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. KIND):

H.R. 4614. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to align physician supervision requirements under the Medicare program for radiology services performed by advanced level radiographers with State requirements; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself and Mr. ROHRBACHER):

H.R. 4615. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received from a water department for water conservation efficiency measures and water runoff management improvements; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself and Mr. BURGESS):

H.R. 4616. A bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, Education and the Workforce, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DELBENE (for herself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. HECK of Washington, Mr. KILMER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington):

H.R. 4617. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require that the Buy American purchase requirement for the school lunch program include fish harvested within United States waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. COLLINS of Georgia:

H.R. 4618. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 Spring Street SE in Gainesville, Georgia, as the "Sidney Oslin Smith, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 4619. A bill to strengthen incentives and protections for whistleblowers in the financial industry and related regulatory agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HILL:

H.R. 4620. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt certain commercial real estate loans from risk retention requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. CAPPs (for herself and Mr. SARBANES):

H.R. 4621. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to improve access to, and the delivery of, children's health services through school-based health centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CONAWAY (for himself, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. HARPER, Mr. TIPTON, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. BARR, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BARTON, Mr. BUCHSON, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. BOUSTANY, and Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan):

H.R. 4622. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and make permanent the credit for carbon dioxide sequestration; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. LEE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CLAY, and Ms. CLARKE of New York):

H.R. 4623. A bill to allow homeowners of moderate-value homes who are subject to mortgage foreclosure proceedings to remain in their homes as renters; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. HAHN:

H.R. 4624. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for the inspection of pipeline facilities that are transferred by sale and pipeline facilities that are abandoned, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HANNA (for himself and Mr. PASCRELL):

H.R. 4625. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Service to develop a voluntary patient registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. JENKINS of Kansas (for herself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. LIPINSKI):

H.R. 4626. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the railroad track maintenance credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.