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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NORMAN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 26, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RALPH NORMAN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 8, 2018, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties. All time shall be equally allocated between the parties, and in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

RECOGNIZING SUSAN SWANSON ON HER RETIREMENT FROM AHUG

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of Susan Swanson, who has been the executive director of the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group, or AHUG, since 1996.

She began her career 25 years ago as an administrative assistant with the organization. Soon, she became the ex-

ecutive director. Since then, Susan has championed numerous initiatives for the hardwood industry, including Penn's Woods curriculum, the PA WoodMobile, the wood products curriculum for high schools, and other forest-related educational products.

Members of AHUG have joined forces successfully to present a united front whose primary objective is expanding and diversifying the forest products industry while maintaining a sustainable, high-yield forest within a 14-county region in northwestern and north central Pennsylvania.

Known for the quality and quantity of its hardwoods, the region of the Commonwealth contains some of the finest forest resources in the world. With a well-developed, primary-processing industry and experienced workforce in place, the area has excellent opportunities for investment. AHUG has been leading this cause since its inception in 1984.

Under Susan's leadership AHUG set out to create new economic growth, promote the expansion of existing industry, and foster the creation of jobs. At the same time, the group recognized the need to promote safe logging and processing practices while maximizing prudent and sound forest management.

AHUG is the lead organizer for the Kane Area Loggers Safety Committee, which hosts the longest running safety meeting for loggers in the United States. In conjunction with the safety meeting, Susan initiated the Women in Timber ladies luncheon, which also is held annually.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Susan has left a lasting impression on AHUG and the industry itself. She said: "Pennsylvania hardwoods have long been recognized around the globe for their premier quality. Here in the Allegheny hardwood region, we produce 80 percent of all of the cherry hardwood in the world. This does not happen by accident, but because we take the time

to manage our forest resources for optimum production for today, sustainability for the future generations, and unequalled environmental consciousness."

I know Susan has left AHUG in an excellent place to accomplish its goal for a thriving forestry industry in northwestern and north central Pennsylvania. She has proudly led AHUG by partnering with other organizations and entities in the delivery of services to the hardwood industry, such as workforce initiatives, training, and professional forestry development, all of which have been important to the industry's survival.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Susan the best as she enters her well-deserved retirement. She will get to spend more time with her husband, who is a proud Pennsylvania logger; her three grown children; and her grandchildren.

Her impacts on AHUG will last generations. We are grateful for her leadership, dedication, and commitment to the Pennsylvania hardwood industry.

HONORING WARREN LIONS CLUB ON 95TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Warren Lions Club on 95 years of service to northwestern Pennsylvania.

Founded in 1923, the Warren Lions Club is a fellowship of community-oriented and service-minded men and women dedicated to helping the citizens of their city, nation, and the world realize their full potential.

The Lions Club of Warren has provided assistance to people who are challenged by sight or hearing impairment, as well as other health- and economic-related issues.

The Warren Lions Club meets twice a month at the Conewango Club for presentations, fellowship, lunch or dinner, and business and project discussions. They host several projects and fundraisers throughout the year, including

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an annual turkey dinner, a car show, and events for sight- and hearing-impaired assistance.

Lions Clubs have inspired generations of people to become civic-minded individuals dedicated to using their talents and ambitions to improve their communities without financial reward.

Mr. Speaker, Lions Clubs around the globe serve millions annually, and I wholeheartedly congratulate the Warren Lions Club on its 95th anniversary of being a powerful force for good in the world.

WE SHOULD LISTEN TO WOMEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GUTIÉRREZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I am a member of the Judiciary Committee in this body, and, unfortunately, the Framers of the Constitution didn't give my committee or this Chamber a role in vetting and confirming the President's nominee to the Supreme Court.

But in the House, we pride ourselves as being the people's House because we are in constant contact with our constituents. So while I do not have a vote in the process, I do have a voice. As an elected Representative, I feel a sacred responsibility to raise my voice.

First of all, I don't care when the allegations of sexual assault came forward. I don't care about whatever schedule Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY thinks is more important. I don't care about the impending fall term of the Court or the timing of Robert Mueller's next indictments in his investigation of the Trump White House and campaign.

In the case of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, we should listen to the women. We should always listen to the women, but in this case, multiple women have come forward to risk their lives and reputations because they believe the truth about Judge Kavanaugh must come out before he is confirmed or rejected by the Senate.

Women in this country should know that if you come forward to make credible allegations against anyone, you will be respected and you will be heard.

Do you want to know why so few sexual assaults are reported in this country? Well, it is unfolding on the national stage: Why didn't she report it? Why didn't she do something more? Why didn't she say something earlier?

It is always she, she, she, when we know that sexual assault is not her fault, and fear of coming forward is not her fault either.

They didn't believe Bill Cosby's accusers until they did, or Harvey Weinstein, or Speaker Hastert's, or a hundred other people I could name here today, until we did.

When the stakes are this high, we shouldn't be imposing deadlines or ultimatums or requiring victims to conform to our timetables, as Republican Senators have done. And by high stakes, I don't mean just the lifetime

appointment of a judge, but this is an important moment for young men and young women in this country. They are watching, and they are learning.

We should be leading by example and allowing victims to come forward, be respected, and be heard.

Do I want my grandson to learn a lesson that sexual assault while he is in high school could follow him for the rest of his life? You are damn right I do.

Do I want young men to learn that behavior that hurts other people, no matter how drunk or how high they are, is unacceptable? You are damn right I do.

Do I want young women to not be afraid to come forward, no matter when they are ready to? You are damn right I do.

Look, I am not saying you need to believe Judge Kavanaugh's accuser, but as a Congress and as a country, we need to listen to women.

Now, I will admit that I would not vote for Judge Kavanaugh whether or not the current allegations are true or Republicans steamroll the victims to fast track his appointment. I believe in a woman's right to control their own reproductive system, regardless of what men think. So, yeah, you can bet I would vote against him.

I believe freedom of religion should extend to all, including those of the Muslim faith, who should be able to worship and move around just like everyone else. So you can bet I would vote against Kavanaugh.

I believe people should marry whomever they want, whomever they love. I oppose a judge who thinks a sitting President is above the law right now when we need as a Nation an independent judiciary to hold politicians, even the President, accountable, which is another reason I wouldn't vote for Judge Kavanaugh.

But what is important right now is not how I feel about Judge Kavanaugh. What is important is that we lead by example. We need to be clear that the days of, "Boys will be boys," or, "It was just locker room talk," are over.

Mr. Speaker, the Senate should take as much time as is needed to take very seriously this situation. They should take it seriously for our daughters, for our sons, for you, and for me, too.

RECOGNIZING MARC GALLAWAY, WASHINGTON PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington (Mr. NEWHOUSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marc Gallaway from Selah Middle School for being named the Association of Washington School Principals Middle Level Principal of the Year.

A lifelong Washingtonian, Marc Gallaway earned his bachelor's degree from Central Washington University

and his master's degree from Heritage University in Toppenish. He worked as both a special education teacher and a baseball coach before he came to work at Selah Junior High School in 2005.

Mr. Gallaway has served as principal at what is now Selah Middle School for the past 14 years. Every day, Mr. Gallaway nurtures a culture of positivity and teamwork among students and staff.

Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Mr. Gallaway for empowering students and teachers to embrace the Viking Way and thank him for his positive influence that he has had on students in central Washington.

This award is something that Mr. Gallaway, his students, and fellow faculty and staff should be very proud of. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Marc Gallaway on this significant achievement.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, September is National Hispanic Heritage Month, and I am proud to represent central Washington where Hispanic heritage and culture tells the story of many of my constituents and our communities.

I have witnessed firsthand how Hispanic Americans contribute to our communities through entrepreneurship, military service, and cultural diversity. I am proud to recognize my Hispanic American friends and neighbors in Washington's Fourth Congressional District.

I am also proud to support national appreciation of Hispanic American and Latino leadership and heritage as an original cosponsor of the National Museum of the American Latino Act. I support the establishment of a Smithsonian museum to recognize Latino contributions to American history, life, art, and culture.

In the United States, our shared values bring us together, and we cherish our Nation's diverse history. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month.

RECOGNIZING CATHEY ANDERSON FOR ENERGY NORTHWEST'S CEO LIFESAVING AWARD

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cathey Anderson for the compassion she demonstrated aboard a flight from Nevada to central Washington.

Cathey did not think twice before springing into action when she noticed a man in his 70s who was traveling alone. He appeared confused and then lost consciousness.

Cathey recognized the signs of a seizure, and she took the initiative to help. She and two other nurses administered medical treatment until the flight landed, and they were greeted by medical crews upon arrival in Yakima.

Cathey is a registered nurse and the occupational health supervisor at Energy Northwest. She was awarded the CEO Lifesaving Award for her actions.