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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUNNINGHAM) (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### RANKING CERTAIN MEMBERS OF CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

##### H. RES. 80

*Resolved*, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, ranked as follows on the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR: Mr. Walker (to rank immediately after Mr. Banks).

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY: (Mr. McCaul (to rank immediately after Mr. King of New York); and Mr. Higgins of Louisiana (to rank immediately after Mr. Walker).

Ms. CHENEY (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wyoming?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### NO MORE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, last Friday the 25th of January, 2019, was a day of celebration for 800,000 Federal workers. They joined me at the Federal office building which my office is in, and we stood together listening to their pain and their stories of trying to survive. Many said: We don't want to be held hostage again.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say that no Federal employee over a policy question should not be paid. And as we have been saying, open the government and pay the workers. That same day, I went out to visit TSO officers and air traffic controllers.

When I came back today, I stopped to speak to air traffic controllers, and I thanked them and said, America now knows for all of the Federal workers what great patriots and servants of the

Nation that they are. We must thank them.

I want to say to the officer who asked me about his pay being frozen that I hope Republicans will join Democrats in raising that pay to 2.6 percent. This is my answer to you, that we will pay you, and we will increase your pay.

As I close, Mr. Speaker, I want to offer sympathy and concern for five Houston police officers who have just been shot. I offer my prayers and concern and sympathy for their families, and a speedy recovery during this time.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF OFFICER SEAN TUDER

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

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember the life of an Alabama hero, Officer Sean Tudor, of the Mobile Police Department. Officer Tudor was tragically killed on January 20 while conducting an investigation.

Officer Tudor joined the Mobile Police Department in 2016. He was named Officer of the Month for his exceptional work in improving public safety. As another sign of his commitment to service, Sean was a member of the Alabama National Guard.

Mr. Speaker, Officer Tudor was the second Alabama police officer killed in the line of duty this month.

Police officers are the peacekeepers of society. They go to work every day in an effort to keep our families in our community safe. Sean's story reminds us that we should never take their sacrifices for granted.

To Sean's wife, Krissy, and his entire family, know that you are in our prayers and will continue to be in our prayers in the months and years ahead.

We will never allow Sean's legacy of servant leadership and sacrifice to be forgotten. May the words written in Matthew's Gospel comfort all of us:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

#### STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE

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

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, it is simply unacceptable that the Nation's total student loan debt has surpassed credit card debt in our country. Student loan debt can follow a person for life, making it more difficult to raise a family, start a business, buy a home, or save for retirement.

That is why I introduced the Student Loan Repayment Assistance Act which will help college graduates more easily repay their student loan debts by incentivizing more employers to offer student loan repayment assistance.

This bill will help alleviate the financial and emotional burden of a student

loan debt, and help employers attract and retain skilled, qualified employees. It is a win-win for all.

In Congress, I will continue to fight for a strong middle class where everyone can achieve the American Dream.

#### REMEMBERING THE SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER AND CREW

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, 33 years ago today, we lost the Space Shuttle Challenger.

I rise to remember and honor the seven crew members whose passion for exploration has inspired generations of Americans.

On January 28, 1986, the 25th mission of the United States space shuttle program was set to transport cargo and crew into orbit. Tragically, the mission was cut short over the skies of Cape Canaveral.

More than three decades later, we remember the sacrifice of each crew member: Dick Scobee, Michael Smith, Ellison Onizuka, Judith Resnik, Ronald McNair, Gregory Jarvis, and Christa McAuliffe. Their legacy is forever enshrined in our Nation's Capital with the Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

As President Reagan said in his address to the Nation: "The Challenger crew was pulling us into the future, and we'll continue to follow them."

Mr. Speaker, may our American curiosity for space exploration never fade, and as we continue to seek farther horizons, it is my hope that we fuel the interest of future generations.

Today, we honor and remember the brave crew of the Space Shuttle Challenger.

#### THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR CONGRESSMAN WALTER JONES

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today the House of Representatives has a Member in great distress, and it causes all of us who are aware of that—and I think most of us are—sorrow.

Representative WALTER JONES is the Congressman from the Third Congressional District of North Carolina. He is a man of courage, a man who speaks truth to power, and has been a Member of this body since 1995.

Representative JONES has a condition that has caused him to go into hospice care. He likely will not be joining us on this floor. But he is a man who I have had the great privilege of knowing, because he is a good human being and an honorable man, who made a mistake in a vote for the Iraq war and after he realized that that was a mistake, having voted for that war, he voted against war and conflicts ever after, and wrote

personal notes to the families of the victims of military deaths.

He supported veterans. He supported our country. He was a man of conscience. He still is. Our thoughts are with him, and I thank him for his service and his friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I say to my friend: Fair winds and following seas.

#### CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF J. GENE FAILE

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

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize J. Gene Faile for his outstanding career and his impending retirement after 30 years of dedication to healthcare administration.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Faile began his career at Yokota Air Base in Japan. Afterwards, he earned degrees in finance and business, and became a sought-after hospital administrator and advisory board member around the country.

For 10 years, Faile has served as the President of Wake Forest Baptist Health-Wilkes Medical Center in my district, championing excellent patient care and strengthening the hospital's finances. During his tenure, Wilkes County has been blessed by his generosity and leadership, including with the March for Babies, Wilkes Community College, Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, and The Health Foundation, Inc.

Although he will be missed in the Fifth District, I wish him and his wife, Peggy, a wonderful retirement with his family in Raleigh.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JUAN PABLO DUARTE

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Juan Pablo Duarte, the founding father of the Dominican Republic. Duarte was instrumental in the war of Dominican independence, and he fought for a liberal democracy.

January 26, this past Saturday, marked Duarte's birthday, a day that is celebrated in the Dominican Republic as a national holiday, and Dominicans celebrated it across the world.

Last week, I introduced H. Res. 64, which supports the ideals of Juan Pablo Duarte Day, and urges the recognition of this day in the United States, as many Dominican Americans celebrate here as well.

This resolution is one of three I introduced last week to mark the beginning of Dominican Heritage Month to honor the Dominican American community in my district and across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my many colleagues join me in recognizing this im-

portant day and the contributions of Dominican Americans across the United States.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JACK T. BRINKLEY, SR.

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Young Harris College trustee emeritus and former United States Representative from the Third District of Georgia, Mr. Jack T. Brinkley, Sr., who passed away on January 23 at the age of 88.

Mr. Brinkley was a true public servant who quietly helped numerous individuals. Before his 16-year career as a Member of Congress, he taught school, piloted planes in the Air Force, and moved to west Georgia to be close to his wife's family.

After serving in Congress, he returned home to work in his family law firm. Even with his low profile, Mr. Brinkley did significant work. He introduced over 650 bills, most of which involved veterans. He had a gift for remembering names and key qualities of his constituents, but most importantly, Mr. Brinkley was a genuine, selfless, high-character public servant who will be deeply missed.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time.

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#### INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

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

Ms. SHALALA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, January 27, we observed International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This day marks the 74th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Today I rise because we have a sacred duty to remember the lives lost to Nazism, an abominable evil.

We must remember so that we never forget.

We must never forget the events of the Holocaust so that we may stand together against anti-Semitism and against any such acts leveraged in the future against the Jewish people and all people everywhere.

#### CONGRATULATING COACH KEN LEONARD

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Ken Leonard, head coach of the Sacred Heart-Griffin Cyclones, for being nominated by the Chicago Bears for the 2018 Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year Award. This

year, he follows his son, Derek, who was nominated last year.

Coach Leonard was nominated for this prestigious award because of his leadership, dedication to the community, and his commitment to the health and safety of his players and their on-field success. This past year, Coach Leonard became the all-time leader for victories in Illinois high school coaching history—ironically, beating his son's very good Rochester team to get that record.

As the head coach since 1984, Coach Leonard has an outstanding 379 win and 74 career loss record, including five State championships in eight title game appearances. He has spent countless hours on the field, in classrooms, and in chapels teaching players about character and helping prepare them for a very successful future.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Ken for his service to the Springfield community over the years and congratulate him, his family, and his team on this great honor.

#### WE ASK GOD'S BLESSINGS ON CONGRESSMAN WALTER JONES

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to join my remarks along with those of Congressman STEVE COHEN of Tennessee to reach our beloved colleague, WALTER JONES of the Third District of North Carolina, and his family as they walk through these difficult days. I wish to say thank you to the people of North Carolina for sending such an honorable and dignified gentleman to this House to serve for over two decades, 12 terms.

I can remember how hard WALTER worked when Hurricane Florence hit—his district includes the Outer Banks of North Carolina—and spending his time with the citizens of his district.

I can't count the number of times he talked about Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, and I can't think of anyone who fought harder for veterans or those in our military than WALTER JONES. He is such a man of conscience and such a moral man. I know that the weight of this country's concerns fell on him very heavily.

WALTER, if you are listening to our words this evening, know that we walk with you in spirit. We know you are a man of deep faith, and we know that that faith will carry you through all of the most difficult shoals of life.

We miss you very much on this floor, but we can see your presence and feel your presence. It lingers and lasts among us. Know that we walk with you.

We hope you can hear our words, and we ask God to bless you, to bless your family, and to give you His everlasting strength.