

We wish you the best in your next endeavor. You can come visit us from time to time.

Karen, thank you so much for the work that you have done on behalf of not just us as Members of Congress, but on behalf of all the American people who count on this institution to function properly, for helping us make sure that it is done in a proper, efficient, fair, and impartial way. Best of luck to you, Karen.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the whip for his comments, and I certainly share his views. I am now pleased to yield to my friend, the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY), the Republican leader.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding, and I rise to congratulate Karen Haas, who after five terms as Clerk of the House, is retiring.

I would like to remind all Members in this body that fewer than 11,000 people have ever had the privilege to serve in this House. It is even fewer for a Clerk.

Karen was our 34th Clerk and only the second woman to hold that position. We thank you for that leadership. When we think about the role of the House Clerk, you think of roll calls and recorded votes. But the Office of the Clerk is really about continuity. Without the Clerk, Congress could not fulfill its obligation to the American people and move in a smooth manner, which many people don't see the challenge.

Few individuals are more committed to preserving the continuity than Karen. She has done that as Clerk and as a trusted staff member and floor assistant. Always, she has been a friend and counselor to Members, regardless of what side of the aisle you sat on.

Karen Haas also equipped and modernized this House for the 21st century. Oftentimes, you won't see that because it is behind the scenes, but it makes the legislative process more accessible to the people it serves.

Mr. Speaker, we are grateful to Karen for her dedication, her team's professionalism, and her steady hand on the tiller. Her service reminds us of an important fact: The people's House is only as good as its people.

You rose to the occasion. On behalf of a very grateful House, and a grateful Nation, we say thank you, Karen.

And to Cheryl, I wish you the best.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to yield to the Speaker of the House, Ms. PELOSI.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished leader for recognition and calling us together to salute two great women in this Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, I rise for the great honor of swearing in Cheryl Lynn Johnson as the 36th Clerk of the House of Representatives. This is a very distinguished and prestigious role.

Mr. MCCARTHY, I was pleased to appoint the first African American woman Clerk of the House, Lorraine

Miller, when I was Speaker before, and now I am happy to be appointing the second.

We are privileged to be joined by Cheryl's parents, the Reverend Charlie Davis and Cynthia Davis of New Orleans, who are with us in the Chamber. Thank you for being with us.

We are also pleased to welcome Cheryl's husband, Clarence Ellison, and her son, Bradford, to this Chamber today as well. Welcome to you, and thank you.

I join our colleagues, the distinguished Democratic leader, the Republican leader, and distinguished Republican whip in saluting House Clerk Karen Haas for her many years of distinguished service to this institution.

Anyone who knows her is proud of her service. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I thank you, Karen, for the great integrity and dedication for which you have served the people's House. Thank you so much.

She has been magnificent.

Cheryl Johnson embodies public service and has dedicated her career to strengthening many of the most important institutions of our democracy, including our own.

Indeed, today is a homecoming, as Leader HOYER has mentioned, as Cheryl returns to the House of Representatives where she worked with distinction and honor for Chairman Lacy Clay, Sr.—I emphasize senior—of the Committee on House Administration's Subcommittee on Libraries and Memorials; and the House Committee on Post Offices and Civil Service Subcommittee on Investigations.

Our country is stronger for her work on the then-Committee on Education and the Workforce to secure justice and progress for our children and advance fairness and respect for our workers.

In the Congress, she earned the respect of all—Members and staff, Democrats and Republicans—for being a leader of compassion, courage, and commitment.

Cheryl returns to the House after more than a decade at the Smithsonian Institution. Her great dedication to that American treasure—which is the largest museum in the world—has ensured that it will remain a source of creativity, innovation, and research for generations to come.

Our Nation is particularly grateful for her extraordinary vision and persistence in helping transform the dream of the National Museum of African American History and Culture into a reality.

Cheryl has made a difference empowering millions of Americans and visitors from abroad to explore and be inspired by the beauty and richness of American culture and history.

Cheryl's strong leadership and deep love and respect for the institutions of our democracy will be vital in her role as House Clerk, strengthening and safeguarding the Congress in the tradition of Karen and the Congress, the first branch of government, Article I.

I thank Cheryl for her commitment to our institution and to our democracy; and with great, again, recognition and appreciation to Karen Haas for her service.

It is now my privilege to administer the oath of office to Cheryl Johnson.

ELECTING THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 143) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 143

Resolved, That Cheryl L. Johnson of the State of Louisiana, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives, effective February 26, 2019.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SWEARING IN OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Will the Clerk-designate please take the well and all Members please rise.

The Chair will now swear in the Clerk-designate of the House.

The Clerk-designate took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

WELCOMING CHERYL L. JOHNSON AS THE 36TH CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the newly installed Clerk of the U.S. House, Cheryl Lynn Johnson.

She is the 36th American to be elected to this critical position. The Clerk, as we know, serves as the legislative official in the House, a position that goes back to the first Clerk and to the first Congress in 1789. As was mentioned, she comes to us from the Smithsonian Institution where she served as the Director of Government Relations.

Among her many achievements, as was mentioned, Cheryl helped to make the National Museum of African American History and Culture a brilliant reality.

But this is not her first tour of duty on Capitol Hill. In fact, she previously spent almost two decades in service to this institution, and as was mentioned, her first position was serving on the

committee staff of my father, former Congressman Bill Clay.

She spent 10 years as the chief education and investigative counsel for the Committee on Education and the Workforce where she advanced reforms in elementary and secondary education, juvenile justice, child nutrition, labor issues, and employment and nutrition programs for seniors.

Prior to that, she served as staff director and counsel for the Committee on House Administration's Subcommittee on Libraries and Memorials and then Subcommittee on the Post Office and Civil Service.

Ms. Johnson is a distinguished graduate of Howard University Law School and the University of Iowa. She is married to Clarence and has a son, Bradford.

I go back with Cheryl as a friend for 40 years. Our families are close. Growing up around this institution that we all love, I was fortunate to be in the company of and witness the examples set by many great public servants—Members and staff—who devoted themselves to representing their constituents in the true spirit of public service.

Cheryl Johnson exemplifies the highest standards of public service, honor, and integrity that will elevate the 116th Congress. I am pleased to welcome her as our new Clerk, and I am prouder still to call her my good friend. She will be an enormous resource for Members and staff, and I am proud to welcome her home.

Welcome back, Cheryl. Congratulations.

RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENT IN CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETERS). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 276) to direct the Secretary of Education to establish the Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Award Program recognizing excellence exhibited by classified school employees providing services to students in prekindergarten through high school, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Nevada (Mrs. LEE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 387, nays 19, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 89]
YEAS—387

Adams	Arrington	Barragán
Aderholt	Axne	Bass
Aguilar	Bacon	Beatty
Allen	Baird	Bera
Allred	Balderson	Bergman
Amodoi	Banks	Bishop (GA)
Armstrong	Barr	Bishop (UT)

Blumenauer	Gabbard	Luján
Blunt Rochester	Gaetz	Luria
Bonamici	Gallagher	Lynch
Bost	Gallego	Malinowski
Boyle, Brendan F.	Garamendi	Maloney,
Brady	Garcia (IL)	Carolyn B.
Brown (MD)	Garcia (TX)	Maloney, Sean
Brownley (CA)	Gianforte	Marchant
Buchanan	Gibbs	Marshall
Bucshon	Golden	Mast
Budd	Gomez	McAdams
Burchett	Gonzalez (OH)	McBath
Burgess	Gonzalez (TX)	McCarthy
Bustos	Gooden	McCaul
Butterfield	Gottheimer	McClintock
Byrne	Granger	McCollum
Calvert	Graves (GA)	McEachin
Carbajal	Graves (LA)	McGovern
Cárdenas	Graves (MO)	McHenry
Carson (IN)	Green (TN)	McKinley
Carter (GA)	Green (TX)	McNerney
Carter (TX)	Griffith	Meadows
Cartwright	Grijalva	Meeks
Case	Guest	Meng
Casten (IL)	Guthrie	Meuser
Castor (FL)	Haaland	Miller
Castro (TX)	Hagedorn	Moolenaar
Chabot	Harder (CA)	Mooney (WV)
Cheney	Hartzler	Moore
Chu, Judy	Hastings	Moulton
Ciulline	Hayes	Mucarsel-Powell
Cisneros	Heck	Mullin
Clark (MA)	Hern, Kevin	Murphy
Clarke (NY)	Higgins (LA)	Nadler
Clay	Higgins (NY)	Napolitano
Cleaver	Hill (AR)	Neal
Cline	Hill (CA)	Neguse
Cloud	Himes	Newhouse
Clyburn	Holding	Norcross
Cole	Hollingsworth	Norman
Collins (GA)	Horsford	Nunes
Collins (NY)	Houlahan	O'Halleran
Comer	Hoyer	Ocasio-Cortez
Conaway	Hudson	Omar
Connolly	Huffman	Palazzo
Cook	Huizenga	Pallone
Cooper	Hurd (TX)	Palmer
Correa	Jackson Lee	Panetta
Costa	Jayapal	Pappas
Courtney	Jeffries	Pascrell
Cox (CA)	Johnson (GA)	Payne
Craig	Johnson (LA)	Pence
Crawford	Johnson (OH)	Perlmutter
Crenshaw	Johnson (SD)	Peters
Crist	Johnson (TX)	Peterson
Crow	Jordan	Phillips
Cuellar	Joyce (OH)	Pingree
Cummings	Joyce (PA)	Porter
Cunningham	Kaptur	Posey
Curtis	Keating	Pressley
Davids (KS)	Kelly (IL)	Price (NC)
Davis (CA)	Kelly (MS)	Quigley
Davis, Rodney	Kelly (PA)	Raskin
Dean	Kennedy	Ratcliffe
DeGette	Khanna	Reed
DeLauro	Kildee	Reschenthaler
DelBene	Kilmer	Rice (NY)
Delgado	Kim	Richmond
Demings	Kind	Riggleman
DeSaulnier	King (NY)	Roby
DesJarlais	Kinzinger	Rodgers (WA)
Deutch	Kirkpatrick	Roe, David P.
Diaz-Balart	Krishnamoorthi	Rogers (AL)
Dingell	Kuster (NH)	Rogers (KY)
Doggett	Kustoff (TN)	Rose (NY)
Doyle, Michael F.	LaHood	Rose, John W.
Duffy	LaMalfa	Rouda
Duncan	Lamb	Rouzer
Dunn	Lamborn	Roybal-Allard
Emmer	Langevin	Ruiz
Engel	Larsen (WA)	Ruppersberger
Escobar	Larson (CT)	Rutherford
Eshoo	Latta	Ryan
Espallat	Lawrence	Sánchez
Estes	Lee (CA)	Sarbanes
Evans	Lee (NV)	Scalise
Ferguson	Lesko	Scanlon
Finkenauer	Levin (CA)	Schakowsky
Fitzpatrick	Levin (MI)	Schiff
Fleischmann	Lewis	Schneider
Fletcher	Lieu, Ted	Schrier
Flores	Lipinski	Schweikert
Fortenberry	Loeb sack	Scott (VA)
Foster	Lofgren	Scott, Austin
Fox (NC)	Long	Scott, David
Fudge	Loudermilk	Sensenbrenner
Fulcher	Lowenthal	Serrano
	Lucas	Sewell (AL)
	Luettkemeyer	Shalala

Sherman	Thompson (CA)	Walker
Sherrill	Thompson (MS)	Walorski
Shimkus	Thompson (PA)	Waltz
Simpson	Thornberry	Wasserman
Sires	Timmmons	Schultz
Slotkin	Tipton	Waters
Smith (MO)	Titus	Watkins
Smith (NE)	Tlaib	Watson Coleman
Smith (NJ)	Tonko	Webster (FL)
Smucker	Torres (CA)	Welch
Soto	Torres Small	Wenstrup
Spanberger	(NM)	Westerman
Spano	Trahan	Wexton
Speier	Turner	Wild
Stanton	Underwood	Williams
Stauber	Upton	Wilson (FL)
Stefanik	Van Drew	Wilson (SC)
Steil	Vargas	Wittman
Steube	Veasey	Womack
Stevens	Vela	Woodall
Stewart	Velázquez	Wright
Stivers	Visclosky	Yarmuth
Suozi	Wagner	Young
Takano	Walberg	Zeldin
Taylor	Walden	

NAYS—19

Amash	Grothman	Perry
Biggs	Harris	Rice (SC)
Brooks (AL)	Hice (GA)	Roy
Buck	Hunter	Weber (TX)
Davidson (OH)	Massie	Yoho
Gohmert	Mitchell	
Gosar	Olson	

NOT VOTING—25

Abraham	Frankel	Pocan
Babin	Herrera Beutler	Rooney (FL)
Beyer	Horn, Kendra S.	Rush
Bilirakis	Katko	Schrader
Brindisi	King (IA)	Smith (WA)
Brooks (IN)	Lawson (FL)	Swalwell (CA)
Cohen	Lowey	Trone
Davis, Danny K.	Matsui	
DeFazio	Morelle	

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Mr. GROTHMAN changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. CLINE changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to inclement weather in New York and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 88 regarding the "Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act of 2019 (H.R. 539)" and YEA on Roll Call No. 89 regarding the "Recognizing Achievement in Classified School Employees Act (H.R. 276)."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on February 25, 2019 due to inclement weather preventing my scheduled air travel from Iowa to Washington, D.C. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

YES on Roll Call No. 88, and YES on Roll Call No. 89.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.