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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 9, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable AL LAWSON, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2019, 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANA STRICKLAND

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Dana Strickland on 25 years with the University of Georgia, College of Pharmacy, and to congratulate him for retiring on March 29.

The College's executive director of external affairs, Mr. Strickland, has been critical to the school's success—which is also my own alma mater—over the past two decades.

Increasing the endowment by a considerable amount, the College was able to build new buildings, support research by the faculty, and provide the best possible education to its students under Mr. Strickland's leadership.

The importance of these improvements cannot be overstated with the changing nature of pharmacists today who are on the front lines of the opioid epidemic and the rising cost of prescription drugs.

Thank you for your dedication to the University of Georgia, the pharmaceutical profession, and congratulations on your well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Strickland truly embodies what it means to be a PharmDawg. Although he will be difficult to replace, I have the utmost confidence in Dr. Michael Bartlett, who will be filling the role in the meantime.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM "RYAN" SAILORS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of William "Ryan" Sailors, who passed away March 30 at the age of 22.

Throughout his life, Mr. Sailors had a special gift to brighten the days of everyone around him.

When he was younger, doctors thought that his life expectancy would only be to adolescence. Mr. Sailors not only surpassed that milestone, but also made the most of every single day he was on this Earth.

He refused to let his special needs get in his way, being infectiously positive and becoming famous for his trademark "thumbs up" to anyone passing by.

Some of Mr. Sailors' favorite activities included attending church each week at Wesley Monumental, eating snacks on the beach, and supervising vacuuming and cleaning around the house.

His life should be a reminder to all of us that we should try to make this world a happier place each and every day.

Mr. Sailors' family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHARLIE WALDROP

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Charlie Waldrop on his 100th birthday, April 27, 2019. Throughout his life, Mr. Waldrop has loved to serve others.

Serving our country during World War II, he fought in both France and Germany, and was discharged on his wife's birthday in 1946.

He served patients in Coastal Georgia for over 40 years, working as a pharmacist, and eventually opening his own pharmacy.

His notoriety and success in the profession enabled him to become the First District President of the Georgia Pharmaceutical Association, but his service doesn't stop there. He also worked as a deacon in his church and leads a Boy Scout troop.

I am proud to call Mr. Waldrop a Savannahian as he has become an icon in our town since he first moved there in 1927.

Mr. Waldrop, happy birthday, and thank you for everything you did to influence my career.

Thank you for your service to our Nation, to our community, and our profession.

FORT STEWART-HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD WINS GOLD

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield community for being named the 2019 Army Community of Excellence gold winner this past March.

This year is a record seventh time that these communities in the First Congressional District of Georgia have won the gold award, and last year, they won the bronze.

I want to thank everyone at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield for their commitment to the readiness of the soldiers, their constant efforts to make

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improvements, exceptional teamwork, and their partnership with the surrounding civilian community.

I am proud to have these installations in Georgia, and in turn, these installations make me even more proud of our military in the United States.

Thank you for your service. Congratulations on your award.

MARYLAND MOURNS THE PASSING OF SPEAKER MICHAEL BUSCH

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was the last day of the session of the General Assembly in Maryland.

Sadly, the day before, on Sunday, the longest serving speaker of the house of delegates—as we call our house of representatives—died on Sunday, and I rise to pay tribute to him.

He was a great American, a great public servant, and a very dear friend.

Maryland lost a champion. Michael Busch, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, passed away after a long and distinguished career serving the people of our State.

He was young; he was 72 years of age, and the longest serving speaker, as I said, in the history of the house of delegates.

He had served as speaker of the house since 2003, having first been elected to represent Anne Arundel County in the house of delegates in 1986.

His title was Mr. Speaker; many, however, knew him as “Coach,” a reminder of his days as a teacher and athletics coach at St. Mary’s High School in Annapolis.

It was at St. Mary’s High School that Michael Busch first made a name for himself as a very excellent football player. He later played at Temple University, and for 40 years, he worked with the Anne Arundel County, Department of Parks and Recreation with young people, teaching them, mentoring them, giving them values.

Many who served with him in the legislature called him “Coach,” not just because of his history, but because Speaker Busch was like a coach and a mentor to so many of those who served in the house of delegates.

He was a man of deep intellect, poise, steadiness under pressure, and a wellspring of compassion.

He led efforts to expand access to quality, affordable healthcare for Marylanders. He helped lead efforts to make Maryland one of the first States to adopt marriage equality by legislative action, an action that was later confirmed by the voters of our State.

He led the State in its effort to abolish the death penalty, and he oversaw the enactment of Maryland’s \$15 minimum wage. And he worked hard to ensure a cleaner Chesapeake Bay and its watershed for future generations while increasing investments in renewable energy.

Earlier this week, the General Assembly overrode the Governor’s veto to

enact Speaker Busch’s bill to protect five oyster sanctuaries in the Bay.

Michael Busch’s positive impact on Maryland will be felt for, literally, decades to come.

He was a good and decent person who sought to elevate our politics during an age when too many, unlike him, had brought our politics low.

I hope my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, would join me in expressing our condolences to his wife, Cindy, their daughters, Erin and Megan, and to the entire Busch family and to the people of Maryland he served so faithfully for so many years.

I hope all of us in this House will find inspiration in Speaker Busch’s life and legacy as we strive to do right by those we serve, as he did for so many years, and to do so together in a way that is bipartisan, as was his inclination and performance; and be reflective of the way he lived his life and approached the work of governing.

In an age where, as I said, politics has been brought low by divisiveness, and in some respects, hatefulness and attacks on one another, Michael Busch was somebody who treated others with respect, with consideration, and with fairness.

Michael Busch served Maryland well. He served our people well. He will be missed.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

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 in celebration of National Library Week, which began on Sunday and runs through Saturday, April 13.

This year’s theme is “Libraries = Strong Communities,” and Melinda Gates is the honorary chair.

In the last 20 years, the Gates Foundation’s Global Libraries initiative has been dedicated to enhancing libraries and empowering local communities.

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

Mr. Speaker, libraries have always been great equalizers in our society. Nearly 1.3 billion people visit public libraries every year, according to the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

They are at the heart of our cities, towns, schools and campuses, providing critical resources, programs, and expertise. Libraries provide a public space where all community members—regardless of age, culture, or income level—can come together to connect and learn.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is an observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April.

It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our Nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries, including schools—public, academic, and special—participate.

There are several celebrations throughout the week, including today, which is National Library Workers Day. It is a time to show appreciation for the staff, administrators, and Friends groups, and recognize the valuable contributions made by all library employees.

Tomorrow is National Bookmobile Day, which is celebrated today to recognize contributions of our Nation’s bookmobiles and dedicated professionals who make outreach possible and books accessible in our rural communities.

Mr. Speaker, from the largest library in the world, the Library of Congress, to the smallest local libraries around, I hope Americans will support their local libraries this week with a visit.

A PLEA NOT TO REINSTATE THE FAMILY SEPARATION POLICY

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. And I rise because I love my country. I rise today on a mission of mercy.

I am on a mission of mercy for people that I will likely never meet and greet. Perhaps by some fortuitous circumstance, I may encounter some of them, but I know not who they are currently in the sense that I know them personally.

I rise on behalf of the many people who are seeking asylum, and I do so, Mr. Speaker, because it has been reported on many news stations—outlets, if you will—that our President intends to reinstate the family separation policy.

I rise on a mission of mercy, and I make an appeal to the most powerful man on the planet Earth. My appeal is that you would not—N-O-T—you would not reinstate this policy.

I beseech you to please, Mr. President, treat these people the way you would want to be treated if you found yourself in similar circumstances. I beg that you would understand that separating babies from mothers is unacceptable by any standard that we know of.

No one supports the notion of taking babies from their mothers, children from their parents.

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So I am begging and pleading with the President of the United States of America, the most powerful man on Earth: Please, Mr. President, do not reinstate this policy.

I also appeal to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to encourage the President to do the right thing, the just thing.