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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 16, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ALBIO SIREs 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.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Alabama (Mrs. ROBY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, 45 years ago this month, the Supreme Court of the United States offered its infamous Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion on demand in this country. While many abortion activists celebrate this anniversary as a victory for so-called women's health, it represents a particularly somber occasion for those of us who advocate for life.

Since that 1973 ruling, more than 60 million unborn children in this country

have had their lives terminated by abortion. To say this is a tragedy is an understatement—60 million.

Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that I am unapologetically pro-life. I believe that life begins at conception and that we should work harder to build a culture that values life at every stage.

While not everyone shares my convictions about life or on certain policies surrounding rights of unborn children, our pro-life momentum is still strong. This Friday, thousands of Americans will gather just outside of this building at The National Mall to participate in this year's March for Life, an annual event where the pro-life community comes together to advocate for the lives and rights of unborn children. Some of the activists gathered here on Friday will have traveled from Alabama's Second District, as far as 900 miles, to stand up for life.

So, Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to send a message to the thousands of pro-life marchers, especially those from southeast Alabama I have the privilege of representing in Congress:

Thank you. Thank you for your dedication to this most worthy cause. It is our responsibility to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves. I am deeply grateful for your commitment to this incredibly important duty, and I, along with my pro-life colleagues here in Congress, stand with you.

My promise to you is that I will continue to use this seat in Congress that I have been given to be a vocal advocate for the unborn. I will continue to join you in defending the defenseless. Our momentum is strong, especially during this time each year, but our work is far from being complete. I won't stop fighting until our laws and policies protect life at every stage, and I hope you won't either.

THE TRUMP SHUTDOWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) for 5 minutes.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, as of this week, the Trump shutdown has become the longest government shutdown in American history.

It is bad enough that the President has doubled down on his demand for a senseless, expensive, and hateful border wall. It is even worse that he is holding Federal workers hostage, needlessly inflicting pain and suffering on dedicated public servants.

Last week, Federal workers began officially missing a paycheck. These 800,000 workers, both employees and subcontractors, are fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters. They have mouths to feed and mortgages to pay. They must put groceries on the table and gasoline in their car. Yet because one person in Washington decided to throw a political temper tantrum over a foolish wall, many of them are now having to cut expenses, endure sacrifices, and make tough choices in their family budgets.

The latest outrageous development occurred when, last week, Donald Trump threatened to take disaster funds away from the Army Corps of Engineers to pay for this wall. He even suggested taking funding away from Puerto Rico as the island struggles to recover from historic hurricanes, the aftermath of which cost 3,000 of our fellow citizens their lives.

Think about that. The President wants to take money away from Americans who are suffering from natural disasters in Puerto Rico, Texas, California, and elsewhere to fund a hateful wall aimed at demonizing immigrant communities. This is shameful and it is immoral.

Now we have gotten word that HUD may be using the shutdown as a predicate for reducing disaster funding to

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the people of Puerto Rico. Last week, HUD put out a surprise notice claiming that the shutdown is preventing them from proceeding with disaster recovery efforts, funds Congress allocated on a bipartisan basis almost a year ago. Yet HUD's very own contingency plans dictate that shutdowns, under no circumstances, should affect disaster-related operations.

I fear that Secretary Carson is playing politics with the shutdown and the people of Puerto Rico, putting the island's recovery at risk.

Mr. Speaker, this shutdown must end. The President's shameful insistence on a border wall is harming our workers and families. Everything, from the food we eat to counterterrorism, to travel safety, is impacted by the Trump shutdown. And now HUD is threatening to inflict greater pain on those who have survived natural disasters. That is unacceptable.

Mr. President, the American people implore you: Stop holding Federal workers and other Americans hostage. Stop threatening parts of our Nation that are recovering from natural disaster. Don't put people's lives at risk. Do your job. Reopen government, and get back to work.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF FORMER GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL

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

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss an individual and honor an individual who was a Member of this body for many, many years from the State of Georgia, and he just ended his term as Governor for the last 8 years, Nathan Deal.

I saw yesterday, as I was looking through some pictures on social media, there was a picture that showed, as it should properly show when you think of Nathan Deal, him leaving the capitol for the last time, arm in arm with his beloved Sandra. That is the way they have governed for the last 8 years.

Nathan Deal has brought a sense of accomplishment; he has brought a sense of pride. Not only did he do that up here in the Halls of Congress where he served us ably and was on the Energy and Commerce Committee and took the interests of Georgia to heart in everything that he did, when he went back to Georgia, though, and became our Governor, I believe he hit his stride that has brought Georgia so far in the last 8 years.

When he first got there, I was in the State legislature, and I was honored that I was part of his team as the Governor's floor leader.

At that time, our rainy day fund was basically nonexistent. It is now over \$2 billion.

At that time, we had a fledgling beginning industry in films and motion pictures that has now become the envy, literally, of the world and one of the top places in all of the world to make blockbuster films.

He has taken an aging infrastructure and transportation plan and, now, has given hope to that transportation plan in Georgia.

But also, when I came here to Congress, and last Congress, we were able to work on criminal justice reform with this President and this administration. But in many ways, it would not have happened up here if it had not been for Governor Nathan Deal.

When he went to Georgia, he began to look at our criminal justice system. He began to look at how we were treating those who needed a second chance, who needed the hope that was provided in a system that was not providing what it needed to.

Nathan Deal took a stand, and Georgia has become an international leader in how we deal with our criminal justice system and how we take care of those individuals. We have seen crime rates decrease; we have seen families put back together; we have seen a better Georgia.

Personally, I have known Governor Deal for almost 35, 40 years. I played basketball with his son. He and Sandra and my mom and dad would actually work in the concession stands together at North Hall High School many years ago.

That is Nathan Deal. He has never been afraid to do the hard work, to not take the claim or the glory, but he just got the job done. As Governor, he raised civil discourse in Georgia. He made people think, and he made our State better.

So, yesterday, as I saw the picture of Governor Deal and Sandra arm in arm, I could not help but think how this man has touched so many lives, including my own, with phone calls, with encouragement to be a better person, and also, in our case, to be a better State.

Georgia has been honored to have Nathan Deal as Governor for the last 8 years. We are looking forward to a new administration with Brian Kemp, but I will have to say, those are big shoes to fill.

Governor Deal, you did us proud.

RECOGNIZING CAROL MARTIN, GAINESVILLE
CHIEF OF POLICE

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Carol Martin, Chief of Police of the City of Gainesville. Chief Martin is retiring on January 31, 2019, after protecting and serving our city for over 32 years.

First joining the Gainesville Police Department in January 1987 as a patrol officer, Chief Martin has dedicated her life to public safety. She has advanced through the ranks of investigator, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and major, until August of 2014, when she made history as the very first female chief of police for the city of Gainesville.

Chief Martin's career in law enforcement has been marked with excellence.

In 1997, she was recognized by the Gainesville Elks Lodge as Police Chief of the Year; and in 2003 and 2007, the Gainesville Kiwanis Club presented her with the John W. Jacobs, Sr., Memorial Award for her excellence in law enforcement.

She is an active member of the International and Georgia Associations of Chiefs of Police and serves as a board member on the Gainesville Rape Response and the Georgia Law Enforcement State Certification Program.

Her résumé is superseded only by her character. For over three decades, Chief Martin has made great sacrifices to serve and protect our communities. As the son of a Georgia State trooper, I understand firsthand the dangers that our law enforcement officers face each and every day. Chief Martin has continually put her life on the line so that the people of Gainesville do not have to fear for their own.

I want to congratulate Chief Carol Martin on her retirement. But most of all, I want to thank her for her dedicated life of service to the rule of law and protecting the people of northeast Georgia and for being a dear friend of mine.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ALFRED NEWMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. O'HALLERAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Navajo code talker Alfred Newman, who passed away this week.

Mr. Newman was one of the last surviving members of the Navajo code talkers, a group of brave Navajo marines who used their native language to create unbreakable codes that were used in the Pacific during World War II.

He served our Nation with honor, from Guadalcanal to Iwo Jima. He was recently honored with other code talkers at a White House ceremony and was awarded the Congressional Silver Medal for his service in 2001.

Mr. Speaker, Alfred Newman was a hero. He and his fellow code talkers saved the lives of countless troops with their unbreakable codes, and they deserve our respect and honor every day.

My prayers are with Alfred's family and loved ones and the entire Navajo Nation as they mourn the passing of this hero and celebrate his life.

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HONORING MILTON BLUEHOUSE, SR.

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to hear of the passing of former Navajo Nation President Milton Bluehouse, Sr.

Raised in a traditional Navajo lifestyle, President Bluehouse graduated from Ganado Mission School and served in the United States Army for 3 years.

Throughout his life, he represented the interests of his community on the