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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MALINOWSKI).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC.
July 18, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM MALINOWSKI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: We give You thanks, O God, for giving us another day.

This has been a difficult and contentious week in which darker spirits seem to have been at play in the people's House.

In Your most Holy name, I now cast out all spirits of darkness from this Chamber, spirits not from You.

I cast out the spirit of discouragement, which deadens the hope of those who are of good will.

I cast out the spirit of petty divisiveness, which clouds the sense and the desire to be of fruitful productivity in addressing the issues more appropriately before this House.

I cast out any sadness brought on by the frustration of dealing with matters detrimental to the honorable work each Member has been called to engage in.

Pour out, O Lord, Your sacred oil, as You did upon Aaron of old. Anoint Your servants here in the House with a healing balm to comfort and renew the souls of all in this assembly.

May Your spirit of wisdom and patience descend upon all, so that any

spirit of darkness might have no place in our midst.

Rather, let Your spirit of comity, of brother and sisterhood, and love of our Nation and of all colleagues in this Chamber, empower our better angels to be at play in the common work to be done for the benefit of all Your people.

May all that is done within the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. KUSTOFF) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

STAND UP AGAINST BIGOTRY AND HATE

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise with love of country in my heart, understanding that, Mr. Speaker, we have gone from "lock her up" to "Jews will not replace us," to now "send her back."

"Send her back."

Mr. Speaker, bigotry, hate is on the rise in the country, and I am so proud of the 95 persons who, yesterday, voted against bigotry and hate. We must not allow this to continue.

We now are moving on; we are marching on until victory is won. We first had 58, then we had 66. Now, we have 95. We are marching on to 212.

And, Mr. Speaker, let me close with this: This is an important time in our country. These are dangerous times. Every Member of this House needs additional security. I am going to file a bill asking for more security for the Members of this House.

Leadership has adequate security. Members do not have adequate security. I want to thwart the efforts of those who might want to harm a Member of this House.

HONORING NEIL ARMSTRONG

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

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minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, as the Representative of Cincinnati, Ohio, I rise this morning to recognize an Ohioan who was a professor of aerospace engineering at the University of Cincinnati. Prior to that, he was a naval aviator, a test pilot, and, later, an astronaut.

Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago, the words he spoke now reside in history: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Everyone on Earth at that time remembers where he or she was when Neil Armstrong took that step. His contributions to space exploration did not end on the surface of the Moon. Neil Armstrong was also on the team that investigated the *Apollo 13* accident, and he was vice chairman of the commission that investigated the space shuttle Challenger disaster.

Ohioan Neil Armstrong is a true American hero, and his extraordinary service to our country—to all of humankind, really—will be forever remembered.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF PHIL FREELON

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Phil Freelon, who passed away on July 9 at his home in Durham, North Carolina.

While attending Central High School in Philadelphia, he was drawn to art and the technique of designing and building. He was one of two Black architect students at North Carolina State University's College of Design, where he had a passion for increasing diversity within his profession.

One of his major contributions to our Nation was the building of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Mr. Speaker, we mourn the passing of Mr. Freelon, but his legacy and passion lives on to educate and empower the next generation of architects.

NATIONAL PENNSYLVANIA DAY

(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, I rise today to recognize this Saturday, July 20, as National Pennsylvania Day.

The Keystone State has played a historic role in our Nation's founding and continues to shape our future. It is the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence and home to our Nation's very first capital, Philadelphia.

Pennsylvania is also the site of several historic battles, including the Battle of Valley Forge during the Revolutionary War and the Battle of Gettys-

burg during the Civil War. It is where Betsy Ross handcrafted the first American flag and Colonel Edwin Drake drilled the first commercial oil well, in 1859.

Pennsylvania has a proud history of American craftsmanship and work ethic, from our steel mills and coal mines to our farmlands and forests.

This great State's many contributions to our Nation are a strong testament to the diverse, industrious citizens who make up this Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, today and every day, I am proud to call Pennsylvania my home.

HIGH COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my constituents, Bob and Cathy, who shared their story recently with me at a roundtable discussion in Manchester.

When Bob was in need of a kidney transplant, his wife, Cathy, was a match, and she donated her own kidney to overcome extensive wait times. Today, 15 years after Bob's successful surgery, he must continue to take antirejection drugs. This prescription has always been covered by Cathy's private insurance.

Even as Bob and Cathy are near retirement age, retirement is not an option for them, because Bob's life is dependent on a prescription drug that costs \$3,000 a month out of pocket.

Nobody in America should be deprived the dignity of retirement after a lifetime of hard work because of the outrageous costs of lifesaving drugs. I am committed to working with my colleagues to ease the significant burden and anxiety that so many Americans unnecessarily face every day.

We must tackle the high cost of prescription drugs now. The American people are counting on us to do just that.

VALERIE CALHOUN: A TENNESSEE JOURNALISM LEGEND

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

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Valerie Calhoun.

Valerie is the cohost of "Good Morning Memphis" on WHBQ-TV, and she is the recipient of five Emmy awards. Most recently, Valerie was recognized and honored as an inductee into the Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame.

Anyone who knows Valerie Calhoun recognizes how well-deserved this honor is for her and her family. Valerie is someone who puts passion and dedication behind everything that she does.

Through Valerie's lifelong commitment to journalism, she has brought

news from around the world into every home in Memphis, west Tennessee, and the Memphis metropolitan community.

On top of her skills in journalism, Valerie and her family have become an integral part of the Memphis community through their volunteer work. You can always find Valerie and her husband, John, volunteering at Southern Reins, at Beau's school, and hosting numerous charitable events throughout the community.

Through her hard work and dedication to journalism, Valerie has become an inspiration to many looking to make their career in broadcasting and in journalism.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Valerie on her induction into the Tennessee Hall of Fame.

HONORING JANE BLOCK

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a dear friend whom I greatly admire, Jane Block.

Jane has dedicated her life to our community, to activism, and to making our society more just and equal for everyone.

She has been instrumental in leading the women's movement in Riverside by serving on the committee that led to the founding of UCR's Women's Resource Center and chairing the Riverside County Commission on the Status of Women.

Apart from her work to advance women's issues, Jane is president of the Riverside Land Conservancy and has helped to establish the Box Springs Mountain Reserve in Moreno Valley, which declared the region as a park instead of a development area.

Jane's work has not gone unnoticed, and my district is a better place because of her. It is an honor not only to have her as a member of my community, but also to call her my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Jane a happy 90th birthday.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "APOLLO 11"

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

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, in July of 1969, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins achieved something once thought impossible: successfully landing on the Moon and returning safely to the Earth.

They succeeded despite the many dangers they faced and the countless things that could have gone wrong during their pioneering 240,000-mile journey.

As we mark the 50th anniversary of *Apollo 11*, I take special pride in representing Neil Armstrong's birthplace, Wapakoneta, Ohio, home of the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum.

The museum has on display many artifacts from the mission and other