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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PANETTA).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 9, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JIMMY PANETTA 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 7, 2020, 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, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

REMEMBERING WORLD WAR II VETERAN RALPH WAITE

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

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life and legacy of World War II veteran Ralph Waite, a Medina native and northeast Ohio icon who died on February 18 at age 93.

Ralph joined the Army in June 1944, immediately after his graduation from Medina High School. He served in the U.S. Army, 924th Field Artillery Bat-

alion, in the European theater and took part in the Battle of the Bulge.

When he came home from the war in 1946, Ralph married his high school sweetheart, Helen Clark, in 1948. Together, they raised their twin sons, Harold and Darrell.

He lived a life committed to serving his community and our Nation. Ralph was Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 501 for 36 years and active in Buckeye Boys State for 40 years, and he led the Medina Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

Ralph's crowning honor in the community was the naming of Ralph E. Waite Elementary School in 2009.

Ralph was an icon in the Medina community, known for his outstanding service to his church, our youth, and our veterans. Ralph's life motto was: "We occupy space on this Earth, and community service is the rent that we pay for the space that we are permitted to occupy."

Ralph lived by these words throughout his life, and his legacy and example will live on in his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the entire community of Medina long into the future.

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine on the successful establishment of a medical school, commemorated through the graduation of their inaugural class.

The class of 2020 has established a precedent of success and excellence for the UTRGV School of Medicine and for all future classes to emulate.

The establishment of the UTRGV School of Medicine followed decades-

long efforts to ensure that Rio Grande Valley residents have access to quality healthcare services, an important milestone for the region.

From 1997 to 2009, a regional academic health center was opened and efforts to build the resources and healthcare infrastructure were launched. The success of these efforts resulted in the Texas Legislature approving the creation of the medical school in 2013.

In 2015, the UTRGV School of Medicine received preliminary accreditation, which allowed the university to recruit its first medical school class. The inaugural class will receive their doctor of medicine degrees on May 9, 2020, when they will then go on to complete specialized medical training across the country, including in south Texas.

The UTRGV's School of Medicine class of 2020 is the future of healthcare not only for the Rio Grande Valley but for this country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the UTRGV School of Medicine's first graduating class. Congratulations to the university for their success.

To these future physicians, thank you for choosing to be our Nation's healers.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CICILLINE) at 2 p.m.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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PRAYER

Reverend Alisa Lasater Wailoo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

All-knowing and all-loving God, before we pray for the work of the people's House, let us pray for the people within.

Thank You, God, for the gifts and graces of each person working here: Members, staffers, administrators, and more. You know the good that can be done through us.

You also know, God, that, despite someone's position or power, personal pain can seep in. Be with those among us, even in this Chamber, struggling with depression, wrestling with a broken relationship, or hiding some other hurt. Help us listen and walk with each other in a personal way.

Out of that same compassion, guide our policy work. We give thanks for the physicians, scientists, local government authorities, and public health workers—all those on the front line of the coronavirus and other devastation like in Tennessee. In our support of them, free us from political motivation. Make this a moment where we connect over the care of others, both those in our midst and all around the globe impacted by our work.

Almighty God, make it so.

Amen and 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. VELA 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.

HONORING EMILY J. ALPERT

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

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Emily J. Alpert for her 22 years of extraordinary work and dedication to the Brownsville Community Health Center Corporation as the director of operations.

Emily has been instrumental in transforming the Brownsville Community Health Center into the beacon of excellent healthcare services it is today. Her work embodies the philosophy of providing quality care that preserves the dignity of all human

beings, a philosophy engrained in the Rio Grande Valley.

For these reasons, I would like to ask my colleagues to join the Brownsville Community Health Center and me in congratulating Emily on her retirement and wishing her well in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
GLORIA MELNICK

(Mr. ROSE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and the legacy of Gloria Melnick, one of Bay Ridge's most beloved and respected community leaders.

As a New York City public school teacher and president of the Bay Ridge Community Council, she worked for decades to bring positive change to her community. When Gloria took on a project, whether it was the community council's Halloween art contest, the Ragamuffin Children's Parade, or her work with the Bay Ridge Women's Club, she gave it her all, even if that meant she had to work with people she disagreed with.

Gloria's tireless and heartfelt service for her community didn't come from a place of selfishness. She didn't care if she got any credit. She didn't care who got the credit or attention. She was more than happy to keep a low profile and work behind the scenes, so long as it was making people's lives better.

At a time when productive dialogue and selfless leadership often seem to be in short supply, people like Gloria are a source of hope and inspiration for us all. We owe our teachers, our public servants, and our community leaders a huge debt of gratitude, and we all send Gloria's family and the entire Bay Ridge community our condolences for their loss.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 5, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 5, 2020, at 2:31 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 893.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6074.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Thursday, March 5, 2020:

H.R. 5214, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees;

H.R. 5671, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II;

H.R. 6074, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 6, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on March 6, 2020, at 10:58 a.m., and said to contain a message from the President in accordance with section 507 of division A of the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES,
Deputy Clerk of the House.

DESIGNATION OF FUNDING AS AN
EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT—
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC.
NO. 116-106)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 507 of division A of the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (H.R. 6074; the "Act"), I hereby designate as emergency requirements all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed memorandum from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 6, 2020.