

days for so many of our Nation's citizens.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ESHOO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ESHOO 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 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

(Ms. ESHOO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor this morning on behalf of the people of California's 18th Congressional District to pay tribute to the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Inscribed on the front of the building of the Supreme Court are the words: "Equal justice under the law." And that is what Justice Ginsburg did. She brought equality relative to voting rights, to gender equity, to civil rights. That was her work. She took it seriously using her extraordinary intelligence, her faith, her belief in a more perfect union.

We pay tribute to her in a unique way. In history, there are very few individuals that are known by their initials: FDR, LBJ, JFK, and now RBG.

As the poet wrote: And so she passed and all the trumpets sounded on the other side.

Thank you, Justice Ginsburg, may you rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO TOM WICKHAM, HOUSE PARLIAMENTARIAN

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

Mr. McCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say thank you and pay tribute to our friend and this Chamber's Parliamentarian, Tom Wickham.

Since the creation of the position in 1927, Tom is just the sixth Parliamentarian in the history of this body.

While Representatives come and go, and majorities change from session to session, one constant is the Parliamentarian's office and their commitment to uphold the rules and traditions of this very Chamber.

The Parliamentarian advises not only the Speaker, but serves with an open door to all Members, majority and minority, so our voices and our constituents' voices can be heard in this legislative process.

I speak for all Republicans when I commend Tom for his professionalism, sound judgment, and steady demeanor in carrying out his duties.

You see, Mr. Speaker, America was founded on an idea. Our Founders determined that a deliberative body governed of, by, and for the people would best serve the interest of this Nation.

Our Congress, a literal coming together of people and ideas from every corner of the Nation, is tasked with debating the issues of the day. And it is up to Tom and his staff to make sure that we do so in a way that is consistent with the enduring rules and precedents of this institution.

Looking out for the institution is not exactly a glamorous job. Most of the Parliamentarian's work goes on behind the scenes and without public recognition. But it is essential to our democracy and it embodies the very best of civil service.

Tom has served this body and this country for 25 years. Some of my staffers refer to Tom as Dumbledore from Harry Potter—he knows all the answers, you just have to ask the right questions.

I know Members will continue to seek out Tom for advice, and I encourage all of them to extend the same courtesy to his successor, Jason Smith.

Now, let's not be confused, it is not Representative JASON SMITH from Missouri, it is a different Jason Smith.

I want to especially thank Tom's wife, Heather, and his children, Brady and Elizabeth, for sharing Tom with us for all those years and all those late nights, through too many late-night voting sessions and last-minute negotiations to count.

Tom, you have served well. We wish you the best in retirement, and hope you get to watch lots of Iowa football now that the Big Ten has resumed play.

But on behalf of a very grateful Nation, I want to say thank you. I know times get heated. I know people are passionate about their ideas. I know your decisions cannot be made based upon who is in the majority or who is in the minority.

I have watched you make some of the most difficult decisions, but they are always the right one. This country could only imagine being a Parliamentarian when a decision is being made whether a Speaker has broken the rules or not. It would be easy to fold to the pressure of the majority, and I am proud to say Tom always held with the people of this Nation. That is what we

look for in a Parliamentarian. That is what we ask for, and that is exactly what you gave us.

Thank you for your service, and we appreciate all that you have done for this Nation.

HONORING OUR BRAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

(Mrs. MILLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Nation's brave law enforcement officials who protect our communities from violent crime.

Just weeks ago, in West Virginia, a Fayette County deputy, Levi Garretson, was attacked during a traffic stop. Thankfully, volunteer firefighter, Calvin Endicott, was nearby to help fight off the attacker.

Because of Mr. Endicott's actions, Deputy Garretson was able to go home that night. Sadly, this is not the case for many officers in our country. This growing hatred is appalling. Incredibly, some of my colleagues across the aisle call to defund the police.

Our country was founded on ideals that promote civility and security for all Americans. We need to unify around a shared goal of law and order, to stop the rioters and anarchists who burn our cities and threaten our law enforcement.

I will always stand with our brothers and sisters in uniform.

RECOGNIZING DR. CHRISTAL ALBRECHT

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with sadness and joy; sadness because our leader at Alvin Community College, ACC, Dr. Christal Albrecht, announced she will retire as our incredible president on August 31 of next year; joyful because of the 7 amazing years she gave us as our president.

She arrived as our sixth president in May of 2014. She came aboard with a great school; she leaves an even greater school.

She was able to corral groups like faculty, students, donors, who sometimes have a break with the herd mentality. She put through a 5-year strategic plan with these groups. All those goals will be finished when she leaves.

Her trademark is listening; asking students, What do you want to do with your life, or asking industry, What do you need from your employees? Christal met every challenge head-on.

And I will close with one final challenge. Alvin's mascot is a dolphin named Blue. Our challenge, on behalf of the students, faculty, and lovers of ACC, is Christal, wear this uniform, this mascot's uniform, for a game or a day on campus before you leave. Thank you. God bless you.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LOUIS ANTONELLI

(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 life and service of Mr. Louis Antonelli, an amazing husband, father, grandfather, and someone who served his community and his church with love and with compassion.

Louis loved to serve, and he took pride in his work as a member of the New York City FOP and in his service on the board of the South Beach Civic Association.

And although he was no stranger to tragedy with the loss of his beloved son, he never lost his joy or his passion for others. He loved to entertain guests, and when they would come and visit, you would never find him without a smile, a piece of candy, or some kind words to share.

He will be missed, but he will never be forgotten. My heart goes out to Angela, his adoring wife of over 60 years, his two daughters, and his five grandchildren. Mr. Antonelli, we will never forget your memory.

REMEMBERING DR. SAM E. SCOLARO

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to highlight in memoriam the legacy of Dr. Sam Scolaro, a respected pillar in Florida 15th District's medical community, and a devoted husband and loving father who kept his promise to God to serve his patients until the day that he died, a promise fulfilled when COVID-19 took his life in August.

Dr. Scolaro graduated from Jefferson High School in 1963, earned his undergraduate degree from USF in 1967 and, after earning his medical degree, started his medical practice in 1972 in Brandon-Valrico.

For 48 years, he served in many community roles while caring for patients, including as president of both the Brandon Chamber of Commerce and the Missing Children's Help Center, and as a Brandon Hospital founding member. His mark on our community will not be forgotten.

Dr. Scolaro extended his passion for medicine and helping others by mentoring generations of medical students.

To his beloved wife of 53 years, Janie, and his two daughters, Stephanie and Jennifer, our district and community mourn the loss of Sam. May his memory and sacrifice be a reminder of his love for family and community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

RECOGNIZING USDA FOREST SERVICE OFFICIAL CHARLES MORTON

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I rise today to recognize the lost life of USDA Forest Service official Charles Morton who died while fighting the El Dorado fire in the San Bernardino National Forest last Thursday in southern California.

Charlie began his career as a corpsman with the California Conservation Corps at the Butte Fire Center in Magalia, California, up in my area, where the Camp fire was known to have raged through there in 2018. No doubt some of the work that he and his colleagues did in the area of Magalia then saved a portion of Magalia in what they did.

During the 2006 fire season, he worked with Firestorm Wildland Fire Suppression in Chico, California. His 14-year forest service culminated as a Big Bear, California, Interagency Hot Shot Squad Boss in San Bernardino National Forest.

Charlie's untimely passing is a risk that is, unfortunately, part of what our valiant firefighters and forest service workers deal with on the front lines every day. I pray that his family will find peace.

I also pray for the firefighters across the West right now risking it all to save our public lands, property, families, and wildlife from wildfire season.

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REINSTATE REGIONAL AIRPORTS TO BOOST LOCAL ECONOMIES

(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 express my support of the Restoring Essential Service to Small Airports Act, a bill introduced by Congressman TRONE, which I am proud to cosponsor.

This bipartisan bill would reinstate several regional airports back into the Essential Air Service program, which provides rural and underserved communities access to the national air transportation system.

The States that will benefit include my home State of Pennsylvania, as well as Kansas, New York, South Dakota, Maryland, and Wyoming.

Many rural communities in these States were struggling prior to COVID-19, and it is important that access to affordable commercial flights to in-demand locations continue.

Without this lifeline, commercial service will cease to exist, presenting a new set of challenges when it comes to economic development and the long-term growth and sustainability of these communities.

As a result of the reinstatement of these airports into the EAS program, a long-overdue boost to local economies will occur.

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, September 24, 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 September 24, 2020, at 10:39 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 46. With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES,
Deputy Clerk.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ACT OF 2019

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4447) to establish an energy storage and microgrid grant and technical assistance program, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Each further amendment printed in part B of House Report 116-528 not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 1129, shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of House Report 116-528, not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 1 OFFERED BY MS. STEVENS OF MICHIGAN

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, as the designee of Mr. PALLONE, pursuant to House Resolution 1129, I offer amendments en bloc.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 1 consisting of amendment Nos. 1, 14, 15, 18, 23, 24, 26, 29, 39, 40, 41, 42, 47, 49, 50, 54, 64, 69, 72, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 94, and 98, printed in