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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 5, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Sovereign God, intrude into our deliberations. Judge between the factions and be the arbiter of our disputes over budgets and partisan belligerence, deficits and debt, COVID and conflicting interests.

Beat our swords of rhetoric and ridicule into instruments of peaceful resolution. Take our spears that we use to assault the character and core values of our colleagues and force them into tools of cooperation and collaboration.

Open our eyes to the weapons of contempt and disrespect our Nation has taken up, which threaten to divide not just communities and families but our very Republic. And call upon us to break this cycle of insidious violence.

Then equip us as the inheritors of our country's noble purpose, leaders in our

generation, that we would demonstrate that the idea of a United States is worthy of sacrificing our inclination for pride and pretense in favor of an attitude of mutual respect and unity of effort.

We pray in the strength of Your most holy name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. CARL 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.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GABRIELLE ALDEA

(Mrs. LURIA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LURIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, legacy, and advocacy of Gabrielle Aldea.

Gabby was a tireless fighter for expanding access to healthcare for those with preexisting conditions. She was born with a bladder the size of a thimble. Gabby spent the first 7 years of her life in and out of the hospital.

A tenacious voice for reform and compassion, Gabby overcame this adversity and took to civic engagement. She became a voice for those who too often cannot speak for themselves and an inspiration for our community.

I rise today to call on my colleagues to join me in honoring Gabby's legacy by recommitting to the value of expanding access to healthcare and fostering a more equitable community for this generation and for generations to come.

SOUTH DAKOTA STOCKGROWERS BAND TOGETHER

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

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, from supply chain issues to uncertain prices, it has been a tough time in cattle country.

To make things worse, there was a fire up near Lemmon, and it was a big one. It burned 16,000 acres of land used to feed South Dakota cattle.

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The tough hand that so many have been dealt did not keep the South Dakota Stockgrowers from coming together and donating bale after bale of hay to those Lemmon ranchers.

When asked why they came to the rescue, Scott Edoff of the South Dakota Stockgrowers said: Nobody asks. We just do it. That is part of our culture, part of our community.

Mr. Speaker, that sentiment did not surprise me in the least. That is South Dakota. And that is what I call unity.

HIGHLIGHTING ACTION BY CONGRESSIONAL STEEL CAUCUS

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to highlight the action of the bipartisan Congressional Steel Caucus.

Earlier this week, the Steel Caucus leaders and 47 other members of the caucus sent a letter to the Biden-Harris administration that expressed our strong support for the continuation of section 232 steel tariffs and quotas.

The letter noted how we work hand-in-hand with industry and labor organizations and that we recognize the negative impact that unfair trade and global steel overcapacity have had on my district and the Nation over the years.

These steel tariffs and quotas, which were implemented to protect our national security, have resulted in significant reductions in imports. We must continue to do all we can to ensure that our Nation supports the domestic steel industry and our American steelworkers.

I look forward to continuing to engage with the Steel Caucus members, all of my colleagues, and the Biden-Harris administration to ensure that the American steel industry remains the foundation of our national economy and our national security.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HENRY LOUIS "HANK" AARON

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

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and the legend of Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron, a native of Mobile, Alabama.

Hammering Hank is a baseball legend respected not only for his performance on the field but also for being a civil rights icon who helped pave the way for equality in professional sports.

Hank Aaron is one of the greatest baseball players of all time. He became the first player in major league history to record 500 home runs and over 3,000 hits, ultimately defeating Babe Ruth's home run record.

Hank Aaron's leadership and character reflect the best of American values, and his legacy will live on for generations. I am proud to call him a fellow Mobilian.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICANS

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, my district is home to breathtaking mountains, incredible diversity, and rich history. To understand my district, you must know not only its beauty but also its poverty and promise.

We must create opportunities in places like my district with tremendous challenges but also endless potential: create opportunities for countless New Mexicans who lost their jobs, create opportunities for essential workers who risk their lives to keep our country running, and recognize that education is the key to realize the promise of our communities.

That is why the first bill I co-lead, the Learning Recovery Act, will create opportunities for the most educationally disadvantaged students, who are falling further behind because of the pandemic. This bill will address the disparities we know too well in New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask us to always work to empower our communities; protect my State's beauty, diversity, and people; and unleash the potential we know we have.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CONGRESSMAN JIM RAMSTAD

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

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, as we begin this new session of Congress, I rise today to honor the memory and legacy of my friend, Minnesota Congressman Jim Ramstad.

For nearly two decades, Jim represented the people of Minnesota's Third Congressional District. Sadly, after so many years of service to his country and community, Jim lost his fight with Parkinson's just a few months ago.

Jim was a true public servant, a lawmaker whose passion for his work only made him more effective. He was a tireless champion for any person who needed his help, even if they were a stranger. He was truly a leader guided by his compassion for others.

Although Jim and I never served together, he was a personal friend of my wife, Jacque, and me for 40 years. And today, his legacy shapes my work.

As a fellow Minnesotan, I am proud to continue his monumental work on addiction and mental healthcare by introducing legislation that will bring care to those who need it most.

I am also happy to support a bill to name the Wayzata Post Office after Jim, a physical memorial to his work and legacy in the State and the town that he loved so much. The monument is a fitting tribute, but his lasting leg-

acy will always be the impact he made on millions of Americans.

Thank you, Jim. You will be missed, but you will never be forgotten.

CREATING PATHWAYS FOR HARDWORKING PEOPLE

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the National Apprenticeship Act of 2021.

I started my career leading the Culinary Academy of Las Vegas, the largest job training program in the State. This experience instilled in me the importance of workforce programs that create pathways for hardworking people to get good-paying jobs.

Passing this legislation is a vital step to begin our economic recovery by training Nevadans for new careers in high-demand fields, including at the Westside Education and Training Center in historic west Las Vegas, which my office was just able to secure nearly \$7 million to help build.

By providing nearly 1 million additional apprenticeship opportunities over 5 years, and adding \$10.6 billion in net benefits to our economy, the National Apprenticeship Act will help working families and small businesses restore the financial security that was lost during the pandemic.

As a co-chair and founder of the Labor Caucus, I am proud to support this legislation, which is endorsed by some of our Nation's largest labor unions, including the AFL-CIO, UNITE HERE, the Laborers, and the Teamsters.

I am glad that my amendment to support the recruitment and retention of nontraditional apprenticeship populations, including women and people of color, is included in this bill. My constituents and all of our constituents deserve the opportunities this bill affords.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on the National Apprenticeship Act of 2021.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE RAY SCHULTE

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

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Hinckley Township Trustee Ray Schulte.

Serving our community as a township trustee for 12 years, Ray defined what it means to be a public servant who always puts the community and the people he loves first.

In addition to his service on the board, Ray was involved in many different aspects of the township, in particular, the historical society, among many others, including local charities. Ray truly loved his community and