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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 9, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RITCHIE TORRES to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Lord, You wait to be gracious to us. In Your infinite regard, You stand at the ready, waiting to share the enormity of Your loving kindness to each of us.

Pierce the most hardened of hearts that we would accept Your tender care.

Lord, You have promised to show mercy to us. In Your boundless love, You want to take us into your compassionate embrace that we would know of Your forgiveness.

Pierce the most secret corners of our hearts that we would relax in Your acceptance.

Lord, You are a God of justice, blessing those who trust that You have the final word over the injustice and evil in this world.

Pierce the most doubting heart, that in the face of all that we fear, we would discover that our hope is found only in You.

We give our hearts to You this day, trusting in the salvation of Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. KILDEE 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.

RESTORING POWER TO WOMEN

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

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, in an important moment of bipartisanship on Monday, this Chamber passed the Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act of 2021.

Over 75 percent of Members voted to restore power to women, who far too often have been at the mercy of powerful men and even more powerful companies.

This bill is not simply about arbitration, but about ending forced arbitration.

According to the EEOC, one in four women have been sexually harassed at work.

For many, the fear of retaliation and being blackballed stops them from coming forward.

And the women who do find the courage to come forward can be challenged by the confidentiality clause so often tied to forced arbitration clauses in employment contracts.

This legislation will give sexual harassment and assault survivors the freedom to decide legal action.

This bill goes beyond recourse for the victim. It is about redress in a court of law, not in a closed arbitration room.

Because that is justice. I look forward to Senate passage.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PATRICIA ANN LEMAY HOCKING

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

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of the First Lady of Bee Cave, Texas, and former First Lady of La Marque, Texas, Patricia Ann LeMay Hocking.

Patti, as she was affectionately known, was a fascinating woman with a colorful background. From an early age, Patti loved ballet. Patti took ballet lessons with the Houston Ballet Foundation. Patti worked hard in pursuit of that goal, and eventually, she danced professionally with the Houston Ballet Company.

Patti graduated from Incarnate Word Academy in downtown Houston, married Mr. Robert Ellis Hocking—Bobby Hocking—and they settled in Bee Cave, Texas, where she built, owned, and ran her first of two dance studios.

After Bee Cave was incorporated in 1987, Bobby Hocking was elected the town's very first mayor. Patti was always by his side as his biggest fan and supporter. They traveled together internationally when Bobby was lead singer in many bands, then as a gospel singer and evangelist. It was Patti's prayers and influence that brought Bobby back to his roots, and they spent many years in the ministry,

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copastoring churches in Oklahoma and Texas.

Most recently, the city of La Marque was the beneficiary of her generous spirit and gift of public service. Patti was devoted to and passionate about her faith, her family, and her community. A gracious, giving, and loving woman, Patti was adored by all who met her.

Mr. Speaker, First Lady Hocking will be sorely missed, and I send Bobby our love.

CONGRESS MUST ACT TO IMPROVE AMERICA'S SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the critical need for Congress to act to improve our Nation's supply chain issues.

Last week, the House took a big step to make sure that the products we rely on are available for all Americans by passing the America COMPETES Act.

The pandemic turned all of our lives upside down. What that disruption revealed are longstanding problems in how much we rely on foreign manufacturing and foreign ingenuity.

House Democrats have taken bold, decisive action to authorize \$45 billion to fix these issues.

We will build more critical components right here in America.

We will strengthen our national security by cultivating domestic sources and investing in American workers.

And we will never again face shortages of goods needed for the safety and health of our communities across America.

RECOGNIZING VINCENT J. DELMONTE

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the CEO of the Frank Callen Boys & Girls Club, Vincent DelMonte.

Vincent has been a leader for the Boys & Girls Clubs for nearly 20 years and, with his retirement, leaves behind a legacy of selflessness and service.

The Boys & Girls Club's mission is to enable all young people to reach their full potential. Vincent certainly did that, and more.

Vincent assumed his role during a time of severe financial turmoil.

Vincent was able to navigate these troubles carefully and eloquently, making the Frank Callen Boys & Girls Club one of the Nation's top clubs.

With renewed finances and a heightened status, the club went on to improve the lives of not only its many members but the communities they serve under Vincent's guidance.

We hope Vincent truly enjoys his retirement. After what Vincent has done

for the Frank Callen Boys & Girls Club, he has certainly done more than his fair share for our community.

Vincent is the type of man many should strive to be, someone who leaves the community he loved better than he found it.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Vincent on his well-deserved retirement.

CONDEMNING THE FORCED REMOVAL OF SUDAN'S TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to strongly condemn the recent forced removal of Sudan's transitional government by Sudan's military forces.

Before the October coup by military leaders, Sudan's civilian-led government was positively reengaging with the United States and the rest of the world, including being removed from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list and opening up the Sudanese economy for foreign investment.

The Sudanese people have bravely stood up to demand the right to democratically choose their own future after decades of oppression under a previous regime. The Sudanese military must respect the rights of the Sudanese people.

America must stand with those who want democracy, including the people of Sudan. The U.S. and our allies must use every diplomatic tool available to restore stability and civilian-led control of Sudan's government.

Thousands of Sudanese civilians are risking their lives every day for democracy, and the United States must align its policies to support their democratic aspirations.

RECOGNIZING FORT MOSE IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I would like to recognize a special place in my district, Fort Mose.

Near St. Augustine, Florida, it was the first legally sanctioned, free Black settlement in what is now the United States.

As early as the late 1600s, freedom seekers escaped enslavement in the English colonies and made their way to St. Augustine, then under Spanish rule.

An estimated 100 Africans were then given freedom in exchange for adopting Catholicism and declaring allegiance to Spain.

In 1994, the Fort Mose site was designated as a historic national landmark.

Fort Mose embodies the fight for freedom by Black Americans in the early days of our country, and it highlights a piece of Black history that is

dramatically different from the more familiar story of slavery and oppression.

CONGRESS MUST FIGHT WHITE SUPREMACY

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

Ms. BOURDEAUX. Mr. Speaker, in the fall of 1912, Forsyth County, in my district was the site of an appalling racial cleansing.

Following the death of a White woman named Mae Crow, three Black men, Rob Edwards, Ernest Knox, and Oscar Daniel, were accused of her murder and lynched without due process.

Following this, White men on horseback dubbed "night riders" rode throughout Forsyth County terrorizing families and burning Black churches, homes, and businesses, ultimately driving out over 1,100 Black residents.

Forsyth County continued to have little to no Black residents for almost a century.

Today, I am introducing a resolution condemning the lynchings of Rob Edwards, Oscar Daniel, and Ernest Knox in 1912 and condemning the actions of the white supremacist mobs which forced out nearly the entire Black population of Forsyth County.

It is particularly important during Black History Month that we as a Nation acknowledge horrific events such as this one and honor the memory of the victims of these tragedies.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and reaffirm this body's commitment to fighting white supremacy and seeking justice to right the wrongs of our past.

RECOGNIZING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

(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 February as Career and Technical Education Month.

During this month, we celebrate and highlight the value career and technical education, or CTE, which restores the rungs on the ladder of opportunity for many individuals and gives them the tools to succeed.

As the co-chair of the Bipartisan Career and Technical Education Caucus and a senior member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, I have always supported, and will continue to support, CTE programs that provide learners of all ages with career-ready skills.

Our students should be aware of their educational options and understand a bachelor's degree is not the only path to a meaningful, family-sustaining career.

A highly skilled workforce is important to the success of America's economic growth and competitiveness.