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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 7, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable G. K. BUTTERFIELD 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 10, 2022, 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.

CRISIS AT OUR SOUTHERN BORDER CONTINUES

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, last week President Biden addressed Congress and the Nation and claimed that he was committed to securing our southern border, but sadly his actions have not matched his words.

According to Border Patrol reports, there were over 150,000 migrant encoun-

ters at our southern border just during the month of January, a 96 percent increase from the previous year. As we stand here today, more drugs like meth, heroin, cocaine, and fentanyl are pouring into our country through our southern border.

President Biden had a chance to offer solutions to this crisis at the State of the Union, but instead he gave flippant remarks that belittled the struggles that American families are currently facing.

We cannot afford to leave our southern border open any longer. We cannot afford to let these drugs continue to kill the fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for President Biden to get serious about the crisis at our southern border. It is time to give law enforcement the tools that they need. It is time to keep our communities once again safe.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF BETTY WUNDER

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

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the memory of Betty Wunder, who dedicated many of her 82 years providing unconditional care and comfort to children and adults throughout Oklahoma in her profession of diagnostic radiology, but primarily out of her unwavering view of life guided by integrity.

Betty arrived in Oklahoma City at the University of Oklahoma Children's Hospital in December of 1971, and immediately began to make revolutionary changes in her department. She rewrote protocols for pediatric x-ray to promote a safer experience for children undergoing this procedure, which are still used in radiology departments nationwide today.

Betty quickly rose through the ranks inside the Children's Hospital becom-

ing an associate professor at OU Health Sciences Center in 1977 by a unanimous vote of the Board of Regents. As with every position she held, she took this one very seriously and assisted in the development of the curriculum for what is now the radiology technology degree.

Betty later became the administrative director of radiology in the summer of 1981. She possessed the rare quality of understanding the need for everyone involved to be successful and rarely allowed the light of honor or esteem to be shown to her. From her point of view it was always a group effort or no effort at all.

In the early 1980s, Betty was instrumental in working with others in the State to guide the purchase of the first MRI machine in Oklahoma at the Children's Hospital. She was very proud of this accomplishment and believes it put Children's on the map in terms of expanding diagnostic and treatment options for Oklahoma children.

Throughout her career she was a member of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and the Oklahoma Society of Radiologic Technologists. She received many awards and honors during her career, including the 1983 and 1986 Radiology Technologist of the Year.

In retirement, Betty accepted a position on the advisory board of CommunityWorks, an Oklahoma behavioral and mental health continuum of care. She also reveled in her ability to effect care for children and adolescents in the Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs care.

She was hands-on with the kids, staff, and her beloved quality assurance program. Betty was a teacher to all who were prepared and willing to learn. She brought out the best in people with great respect for their capabilities and humanity.

Mr. Speaker, she will be missed and revered.

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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 5 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 (Ms. GARCIA of Texas) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Eternal God, You are our dwelling place. Though lives are overturned, people are forced to flee from their homes, and whole communities are being destroyed, You are their refuge.

Reveal Yourself in the kindnesses of strangers, the abundant generosity from neighboring communities, and the outpouring of support from around the world. May these stories of hospitality be a testimony to Your provision and steadfast love.

In the erosion of certainty and security, this dismantling of normal life, underneath are Your everlasting arms. The vulnerable who have lost everything, those for whom the foundations of life have eroded, catch them in Your loving embrace.

Uphold them not just by the compassion offered and the love shown but by the depth of faith shared in You and in Your salvation.

Destroy the wicked intent of the adversary. May all who endure harm this day raise the shield of Your help and wield the sword of Your righteousness.

We call upon Your strong and sovereign 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 gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. PLASKETT 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.

GUARANTEE EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ALL REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, the nation of Ukraine is dealing with an alarming crisis, a war. I have been overwhelmed by the number of images and stories of families trying to escape the terrors and war crimes being unjustly committed against the people of this country. Since February 24, more than 870,000—now we understand more than 1 million—Ukrainians have fled the country.

However, within that exodus are disturbing reports of mistreatment of Black families, Africans, and Asians as they try to evacuate a deadly war zone. This is unacceptable.

My office has been working with other members of the Congressional Black Caucus—Chairman GREG MEEKS of the Foreign Affairs Committee and BARBARA LEE of the Appropriations Committee—to determine the veracity, the specifics, and the extent of the allegations.

While we stand with Ukraine and encourage America's commitment to the Ukrainian Government, any engagement of the United States and American dollars appropriated to humanitarian efforts or lethal weapons must guarantee that all refugees, all fleeing, are treated equally. We will not move from that position.

STOP FINANCING RUSSIA'S OIL ECONOMY

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

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise to stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine in the face of unprovoked Russian invasion.

Vladimir Putin's war has sent millions of Ukrainians fleeing, and he is now targeting civilian populations, schools, and hospitals.

Economic sanctions have begun to cripple their economy. Private-sector companies have also isolated Russia from many aspects of the 21st century economy. But unfortunately, all economic leverage has not been utilized. We must do more.

I do not support sending American troops into this conflict. However, America can demonstrate leadership by cutting off our purchases of Russian oil. But just like on many other aspects of this crisis, President Biden is playing catch-up. He has yet to take the commonsense step of stopping American financing of Russia's oil economy.

Now more than ever, we should be massively increasing domestic oil pro-

duction. But President Biden is more focused on pandering to his far-left environmental base than making America energy independent from an enemy.

We must stop financing Russia's war on Ukraine. President Biden must act.

END TITLE 42 EXPULSIONS

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

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. I rise today, Madam Speaker, to urge the Biden administration to end title 42 and allow Haitian migrants to request U.S. humanitarian refuge before an asylum officer or an immigration judge in compliance with the Immigration and Nationality Act. As of yesterday, we saw more than 150 Haitian migrants land on our shores in Florida seeking asylum. For the last 6 months, we have seen more and more Haitian families risk their lives to come to our borders by sea or by foot.

The United States continues to use title 42, which has been said to be a violation of title 42 by the Federal appeals court as of Friday, which they said they can't stomach seeing people being deported without due process.

So, I rise today to ask for the administration to no longer use title 42 and to allow the Haitian immigrants to actually have due process and be able to articulate their need for critical fear.

I welcome the ruling by the Federal court of appeals this past Friday, which states that the Biden administration may not expel migrants.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GLEN MCCALL

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Glen McCall of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Glen passed away peacefully on March 2 at Ottumwa Regional Health Center following a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis.

A native Iowan and an Army veteran, Glen and his wife, Kay, lived in Iowa for almost 60 years. He worked at CSI in Humeston as a radio technician for years and then worked as a farmer in Leon before moving to Ottumwa as an entrepreneur to open McCall Communications, a two-way radio sales and service shop. Glen and Kay ran the store for almost 40 years.

Glen was always happy to give his neighbors a helping hand and was a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Ottumwa, serving as secretary for decades.

His kindness, compassion, humor, and ever-ready smile were appreciated by all those whom he encountered.

Glen dedicated his life to serving and helping the community he loved and making Ottumwa the best place to live, work, and raise a family.