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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 18, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GWEN MOORE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Fair and merciful God, You love the just and You will not forsake the faithful. Inspired and encouraged by Your love may we turn from our inclination to serve ourselves, to disadvantage others, and to do what is good in Your eyes and honorable in Your sight.

The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom and their tongues speak with equity. Lord of our lives, guard and guide our speech today that it would reflect Your goodness and uphold Your justice.

Then may our decisions align with Your law and our feet never step from Your path.

For our hope is in You. Even as the wicked lie in wait to pounce on the innocent, even as their intentions are set

on destroying those who wish only to live in peace and security, You, O Lord, will not leave or forsake them.

Make firm the steps of those who delight in You, whose hearts are pure. Lift up those who stumble and uphold those who share generously Your gift of grace.

We offer our prayer in the strength of Your 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 Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ADERHOLT 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.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOUSTON LIVESTOCK RODEO

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th anniversary of a Houston-area community staple, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Anyone who lives in or around Houston knows about the Houston Rodeo, but outside of their legendary fried Oreos, incredibly tasty brisket, and impressive livestock shows and rodeo, it is a family-friendly place where families and communities across the region learn about agriculture.

The Houston Rodeo has a special place in my heart, Madam Speaker, as it does to many Texans. Growing up on a farm, I still remember my first trip to Houston was to attend the Houston Rodeo.

Today, it is the world's largest rodeo with attendance surpassing two million people. Money raised at the rodeo goes to scholarships. This year alone, 350 4-year scholarships will be awarded.

The Houston Rodeo is a Houston gem. It is a Texas gem.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the Houston Rodeo on its 90-year anniversary, and I look forward to the next 90 years.

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CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, U.S. Customs and Border Protection information confirms what we know: The Biden border crisis is getting worse.

There were 164,000 illegal alien encounters in February of this year, up 63 percent from February 2021. You know what else is up? Fentanyl seizures. Also, what else is up is illegal aliens with criminal backgrounds.

What is down is deportations. When we are seeing record increases in people coming across our border illegally, deportations are down. What else is down is the morale of Customs and Border Protection agents. I know this because I traveled with them on a ride-along, and they told me that it is down because the current administration is making them out to be the bad guys. Those are their words.

We need to support our Customs and Border Protection agents to secure our southern border. We need to give them the tools they need to do their job.

It is time for the President of the United States to make sure he does his job and keeps America safe and secures our southern border.

CONGRESS MUST ACT TO RESTORE SUPPLY CHAINS

(Ms. KELLY of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, during the COVID-19 pandemic, vulnerabilities that have existed in our domestic supply chains for years were put to the test.

The vulnerabilities of our supply chain resulted in consumers being faced with empty shelves at stores and small businesses struggling to reach consumers.

We must act now to restore our supply chain and ensure that our economy is prepared for the next crisis.

The House took the first step in passing the America COMPETES Act. As the House and Senate resolve differences, we must include the supply chain provisions in the final House bill so we can repair these supply chain vulnerabilities.

The supply chain provisions included the Supply CHAIN Act, which I led with Representatives BORDEAUX and KINZINGER.

We need an office of supply chain resilience and crisis response at the Department of Commerce to monitor critical supply chains and encourage partnerships between the Federal Government and industry.

It is time to repair our supply chains and protect our economy.

RECOGNIZING ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS

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

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise this morning to recognize the six teams from Alabama's Fourth Congressional District who recently won State titles in high school basketball. There were a total of 14 that were up for grabs, and schools from the Fourth Congressional District, which I have the privilege to represent, won almost half of them.

In the girls' finals, Marion County High, located in Guin and coached by Scott Veal, won the State title 1A.

Deshler High School, located in Tuscumbia and coached by Jana Killen, won the State 4A title.

And Guntersville High School, located in Guntersville and coached by Kenny Hill, won the State 5A championship.

Over on the boys' side, Covenant, located in Tuscumbia and coached by Bret Waldrep, won the 1A title.

Plainview High School, located in Rainsville and coached by Robi Coker, won the State 3A championship.

And Cullman High School, located in Cullman and coached by Stu Stuedeman won the State 6A title.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate all of these teams, all their schools, and all their communities.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HIRAM MARISTANY

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Hiram Maristany, an East Harlem Afro-Boricua photographer whose work is an ode to his beloved neighborhood of El Barrio and the Latino community as a whole.

Hiram was the official photographer and a member of the Young Lords, a Puerto Rican activist group inspired by the Black Panthers, and a lifelong resident of El Barrio.

Hiram helped found El Museo del Barrio in 1969, curating the institution's visual language in its early years, and later serving as its director from 1974 to 1977.

Hiram was always giving back to his community in East Harlem, serving as a mentor to young people and as a photographer who understood the importance of self-preservation and the power of images.

Hiram knew that his photos were political, representing El Barrio from the perspective of our residents: Filled with love and pride.

"Dignidad over fame," was his motto. I am thankful our community lived to see his work—and our people—showcased with respect and dignity.

May his memory and his art live on to inspire all of us.

RECOGNIZING DANNY POWERS

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a good friend of mine, Mr. Danny Powers, on his selection to serve as the Grand Marshal of Savannah, Georgia's, 198th St. Patrick's Day parade.

The St. Patrick's Day parade in Savannah is the third-largest St. Patrick's Day celebration in the entire country. We will be expecting around 400,000 spectators to attend Savannah's signature event.

Since 1824, Savannah has been the home of this fabulous celebration of the rich Irish heritage of our city.

The grand marshal is an honor that recognizes members of our community for their great service, and Danny is well-deserving of that.

Danny has been the Chatham County tax commissioner for 27 years, since 1995. During his tenure, Danny has boosted property tax collection rates; integrated online technology to improve accessibility; and has added satellite offices for vehicle tag renewals.

Danny has been an integral and influential member of the Savannah community for many years, and we are so grateful to have him.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Danny on this tremendous honor; he has earned it.

HONORING CORA FAITH WALKER

(Ms. BUSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, St. Louis and I rise today in honor of a beloved member of our community.

Cora Faith Walker was truly a one-of-a-kind leader. She constantly found innovative ways to advocate for those in our communities who had the most need.

No matter the role she was called to serve in, Cora was unwavering in her commitment to uplifting those around her. Above all else, Cora always stood for what is right; for herself, for her loved ones, for her neighbors, for St. Louis, and for Missouri.

Cora's warmth and genuine spirit translated seamlessly to her legislative leadership, and she relentlessly advocated for at-risk women, children, and families.

Cora has left an indelible mark on me and on our district. Though we deeply mourn this painful, untimely loss, St. Louis and I celebrate her beautiful life.

HONORING HERMANTOWN BOYS HOCKEY TEAM

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

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hermantown boys hockey team, the 2022 Class A Minnesota State hockey champions.

Minnesota is the State of hockey, and in northern Minnesota, hockey is not just a proud tradition of ours; for