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The House met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McEACHIN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 29, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable A. DONALD McEACHIN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Eternal God, on this 50th anniversary of the Vietnam war, we pray Your divine blessing on those veterans who left hearth and home to respond to the call of our Nation. We give tribute to their faithfulness to the ideals of freedom and democracy, even when the winds of war blew with increasing uncertainty.

We pray for those who, in the ambiguity of conflict, found themselves faced with unimaginable ethical dilemmas and who are now left with indelible moral trauma. Bless those who yet tend to lingering physical and emotional injury. Give each of them peace when the nightmares overwhelm and the echoes of battle resound in their slumber.

May all who returned unwelcome find themselves received into Your warm embrace and upheld by Your loving and everlasting arms.

Grant eternal rest to those comrades whose names are ever memorialized on granite walls and gravestones across the country. May they now know Your peace.

Holy and merciful God, mend the wounds of war, both seen and unseen, individual and corporate, that as we commemorate this anniversary, we would acknowledge the cost of war and honor the value of peace.

In the everlasting strength of Your name we pray.
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 New Mexico (Ms. HERRELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. HERRELL 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 ARMY SPECIALIST ROGER DEARMYER

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise on National Vietnam War Veterans Day to honor U.S. Army Specialist Roger Dearmyer, a western New York native and Purple Heart recipient who passed in December 2021.

Roger deployed to Vietnam in 1966 with the Fourth Infantry Division of

the United States Army. Spending much of his deployment in the jungles of Vietnam, he was injured in action in April 1967.

Roger returned home and served as an Erie County sheriff's deputy for 31 years.

He remained active in the veteran community as a member of the Fourth Infantry Division Association and the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 187.

In 2019, we presented Roger with the medals he earned while serving, including a Purple Heart, a Vietnam Service Medal with a triple Bronze Star attachment, and a Combat Infantryman Badge.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Roger Dearmyer, a man who lived a life of service to his family, his community, and his country.

CONGRATULATING IOWA'S HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ALL-STATE HONOREES

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of several young ladies from my district.

In early March, the Iowa high school women's basketball State championships were held in Des Moines. These young women took to the court, gave it their all, and made their schools proud. I was thrilled to see several young women recently earned all-State honors from the Des Moines Register.

Kelsey Joens of Iowa City was named to the All-Iowa Elite team. Halle Vice of Pleasant Valley was named to the Class 5A team, and Callie Levin of Solon was named to the Class 4A team. Kaylee Corbin of Louisa-Muscataine and Kelsey Drake of Wilton were named to the Class 2A team.

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In addition, Jasmine Barney of Iowa City Liberty, Macy Daufeldt of West Liberty, Journey Houston of Davenport North, Allie Meadows of Central DeWitt, Meena Tate of Iowa City West, and Taylor Veach of Central DeWitt earned honorable mention recognition.

Congratulations to all of these young women on achieving these honors.

Thirty-two years ago today, our daughter, Taylor, burst into our lives. Thank you to Taylor, our Little Miss Sunshine, for all the immeasurable joy she has brought to her father and me.

CONGRESS NEEDS TO FIX SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, clearly, the COVID pandemic has struck America extraordinarily hard. Nearly a million Americans have died from COVID-19, but it has been especially hurtful to our elderly. More than 720,000 of the people who have perished were over the age of 65.

This underscores all the more reason why the United States Congress needs to fix Social Security. Congress has not addressed the issue of extending Social Security for more than 50 years. It is long overdue that the United States Congress live up to its responsibility and make sure it enhances the benefits.

A gallon of milk cost 72 cents in 1971. You-all know what it costs today, as well as the price of gas, prescription drugs, and the cost of rent, et cetera. Yet, Social Security has not been enhanced in more than 50 years.

Mr. Speaker, this is exactly why the United States Congress needs to act. I am proud of the proposal of President Biden and the fact that Social Security 2100: A Sacred Trust will be brought to the floor.

HONORING KKOB RADIO ON ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. HERRELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor New Mexico's first radio station, KKOB, which this year celebrates their 100th anniversary in broadcasting.

KKOB was founded in 1922 by Ralph Goddard and has remained in the Land of Enchantment.

KKOB has won four Marconi Awards from the National Association of Broadcasters and, since 2000, has received "Station of the Year" 12 times from the New Mexico Broadcasters Association.

To celebrate their 50th birthday, in 1972, the radio station invited an adventurous bunch of hot air balloon operators to the Coronado Mall parking lot, creating a tradition that has now become known as the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

KKOB is the leading voice for southwest New Mexico, sharing news, sports, traffic, weather, opinions, and the occasional joke—some good, some bad, some just dad jokes. They have loved our community for over 100 years.

I commend KKOB's dedication to New Mexico, and I look forward to their next century of broadcasting.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF SERGEANT DANIEL MARTINEZ

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the untimely loss of Sergeant Daniel Martinez.

I express my deepest condolences to my friends and neighbors, the Martinez family. There is no greater pain than that of losing a child, and there are no words I can provide to mend your pain. But I want you to know that the entire Southwest Side of the region has your back.

Sergeant Daniel Martinez served his country with pride, forming close bonds with his fellow marines during his 4 years of service.

He will be remembered as a young man with a sense of humor who enjoyed watching movies and television with his siblings and loved to travel.

Daniel will be remembered by his family and our community for his commitment to his country. Above all, he will be remembered for his kindness and devotion to his family and friends.

Rest in peace, Daniel.

THANKING HEIDI GALLEGOS

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Brea Chamber of Commerce CEO and President Heidi Gallegos for her dedicated service to our community.

Heidi served in the Los Angeles Police Department for 11 years and on the Board of Trustees for Rowland Unified School District for 12 years. Most recently, she guided the Brea Chamber of Commerce through the Great Recession and the COVID-19 lockdowns. Despite unprecedented economic challenges, Heidi led the chamber to build reserves and remain successful.

She consistently operates with integrity, energy, and compassion and has established a reputation for strong, trusted leadership.

I thank Heidi for all that she has done for our community. I am proud to call her a friend, and I wish her a joyful retirement.

HEALTHCARE WORKER MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

(Ms. PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, our front-line healthcare workers face a mental health crisis. One in five healthcare providers experienced mental health problems during the pandemic. This should concern every American.

On March 30, National Doctors' Day, we recognize that to protect our public health, we must protect the well-being of our health workers.

When doctors and nurses struggle with their mental health, they struggle to care for us. Nearly half of healthcare workers, 47 percent, are considering leaving their roles in the next 3 years. We need their talent, dedication, and expertise.

Congress recently passed a law that will connect doctors and nurses with mental health resources, but we can and must do more.

Healthcare workers helped keep us safe during the pandemic. We have a responsibility to get them the healthcare that they need.

PRESERVE TITLE 42

(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, a few weeks ago, I went to the southern border, and I was shocked and appalled to hear about the humanitarian crisis, the violence, and the drug smuggling firsthand, on-site.

President Biden's and the Democrats' open border policies have allowed a record number of illegal immigrants and illegal drugs to enter our country.

There are staggering numbers of encounters at the border each month, and more illegal immigrants are, unfortunately, slipping past in areas without a fence or enough Border Patrol.

Now, the Biden administration is thinking about repealing one of the more effective methods of deporting illegal immigrants, title 42.

Title 42 is a public health law that authorizes U.S. border agents to promptly send back migrants and illegal immigrants if they pose a health risk to Americans and are from a country with a communicable disease outbreak.

During the height of the COVID crisis, they want to let them in by repealing title 42. It will mean even more illegal immigration into this country and eliminate one of the few tools that the administration has used to expel illegal immigrants.

The audacity of this administration that has tried to force vaccine mandates on Americans, force them to still wear masks on airplanes and at airports, and at the same time allowing unlimited illegal immigration. We must preserve title 42.