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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MANNING).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 28, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KATHY E. MANNING 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 11:50 a.m.

IN SUPPORT OF THE ALZHEIMER'S COMMUNITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BARRAGÁN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of the millions of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease, and their family members and caregivers.

I am speaking up because the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS, made a decision that will severely limit access to the only drug

shown to slow the progression of Alzheimer's. I think their decision is a mistake.

Alzheimer's is a heartbreaking disease. It has no cure. These are the faces of Alzheimer's. They are our sisters, our brothers, our mothers, our fathers, our neighbors, our grandparents, our fellow Americans, who are living with this dreadful disease. As time passes, they are slipping away from their loved ones a little bit at a time. They have asked and hoped for something to help them. Anything. Anything that could give them more time with their families.

For the past 20 years, there has been little progress on new Alzheimer's drugs. Like too many other Americans, I have had the heartbreaking experience of watching my mother struggle with Alzheimer's, and still have the challenge of finding sufficient caregivers to help care for her and those who speak Spanish. My mother's story is not unique. Nearly 6 million people in the United States are suffering from Alzheimer's, and this number is growing every single day.

Last summer, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first new Alzheimer's drug, providing hope for families. But CMS will not cover it. They finalized a coverage policy that will tightly restrict access to the entire and only known class of drug that has shown promise to slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease.

Is that the way we should respond to this crisis?

This is an access issue. People who have money and can pay for it will get the drug. People who are under a CMS program will not.

Every day, Americans living with Alzheimer's are burdened with the expense of caregivers, doctors' visits, and seeing their family members decline. This is why my colleagues and I wrote a letter urging CMS not to limit access to breakthrough therapies for Alz-

heimer's patients. And as a representative of over 150,000 Angelenos who are living with Alzheimer's disease, I am deeply disappointed with CMS's decision. These are my constituents and members of my community, as well as yours. Time is not on our side in this fight.

To all the patients, families, and caregivers out there who are struggling with Alzheimer's, I am not done. I stand with you and I will continue to fight for you.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE NATION'S SERVICE ACADEMIES

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate the men and women from Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District who have received appointments to our Nation's service academies. Through their academic work, their commitment to physical fitness, and their readiness to serve, these students have demonstrated that they are ready to begin the training that will ultimately lead to their commissioning as officers in our Armed Services.

This morning, I am proud to recognize:

Elizabeth Pfisterer of Adams County, who will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point;

Brian Johnson of Blair County, who will attend the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis;

Eli Burtner of Somerset County, who will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point;

Nathan Kirkwood of Franklin County, who will attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis; and

Meagan McHale of Franklin County, who will attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Nassau County, New York.

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Thanks to these excellent young men and women, their commitment to our Nation and to our military must be recognized. The soldiers, the sailors, the airmen, and marines that you will one day be asked to lead deserve officers who are disciplined and thoughtful.

Thank you for your commitment to our country, and may God bless you and your families as you begin this new chapter of your lives. Today, I congratulate you.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise, a proud, liberated Democrat.

I rise today on this occasion of remembrance, remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust. I rise to associate myself with comments that have been made by others.

I would first note for the RECORD that there was a joint resolution approved on September 18, 1978, a joint resolution designating April 28 and 29 of 1979 as Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust.

President Carter, who signed H.J. Res. 1014, Public Law 95-371, approved on September 18, 1978, indicated in a public statement, "The resolution was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress. This reflects our Nation's wholehearted conviction that the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten."

Madam Speaker, I acknowledge and associate myself with a statement from President Joe Biden, dated April 22, 2022. It is styled, "A Proclamation on Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust, 2022."

In this statement, he indicates, among many other things that I associate myself with, "The world must never forget the truth of what happened across Europe during the Holocaust or forget the horrific crimes and suffering the Nazi regime inflicted on millions"—I underscore it by saying it twice—"millions of innocent people."

A PROCLAMATION ON DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST, 2022

On Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, and throughout this week of remembrance, we reflect on the horrors of the Holocaust when the Nazi regime systematically murdered 6 million Jews and millions of other innocents, including Roma, Sinti, Slavs, persons with disabilities, LGBTQI+ individuals, political dissidents, and many others. We stand with Jewish people in the United States, Israel, and around the world in grieving one of the darkest chapters in history. We honor the memories of the victims. We embrace the survivors. We commit to keeping alive the promise of "never again."

The world must never forget the truth of what happened across Europe during the Holocaust or forget the horrific crimes and suffering the Nazi regime inflicted on millions of innocent people. Entire families were wiped out. Communities were shattered. Sur-

vivors were left with agonizing memories and fading tattoos etched into their skin by the Nazis, reducing them to numbers. It is forever recorded into the history of mankind, and it is the shared responsibility of us all to ensure that the Shoah is never erased from our collective memory—especially as fewer and fewer survivors remain. The truth must always be known and shared with future generations in perpetuity.

I have taught my own children and grandchildren about the horrors of the Holocaust, just as my father taught me. I have taken my family to bear witness to the darkness at the Dachau concentration camp so that they could understand why we must always speak out against antisemitism and hatred in all of its pernicious forms. The legacy of the Holocaust must always remind us that silence in the face of such bigotry is complicity.

Remembrance is our eternal duty, but remembrance without action risks becoming an empty ritual. As individuals, we must never be indifferent to human cruelty and human suffering. As nations, we must stand together across the international community against antisemitism, which is once again rearing its ugly head around the world. We must combat other forms of hatred and educate new generations about the Holocaust. We must reject those who try to deny the Holocaust or to distort its history for their own ends. We recognize that, just as the Holocaust was an act of pure antisemitism, so too Holocaust denial is a form of antisemitism. We watch with dismay as the term "Nazi" is deployed to make flawed historical parallels. Efforts to minimize, distort, or blur who the Nazis were and the genocide they perpetrated are a form of Holocaust denial and, in addition to insulting both the victims and survivors of the Holocaust, spread antisemitism.

My Administration has stepped up our efforts to counter all the ugly forms antisemitism can take, including Holocaust denial and distortion. We co-sponsored a United Nations resolution that charged the international community with combating Holocaust denial through education. We are partnering with the German government to improve Holocaust education and counter Holocaust denial and distortion. A renowned scholar of the Holocaust and antisemitism, Deborah Lipstadt, was recently confirmed as Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism.

In addition to speaking out against the evils of antisemitism, I signed—and my Administration continues to implement—legislation that gives us more tools to combat crimes that are based on a victim's actual or perceived race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or disability. We issued the first-ever National Strategy for Countering Domestic Terrorism. My Administration has implemented increased funding for a program that helps threatened nonprofits—including houses of worship and other religious affiliated entities—to improve their safety and security. On International Holocaust Remembrance Day, I met with Bronia Brandman and the Vice President met with Ruth Cohen—both Auschwitz survivors—at the White House so we could bear witness to their stories, combat Holocaust denial and distortion, and give life to the lessons of that most terrible period in human history.

Those like Bronia and Ruth who survived the Holocaust and went on to build new lives inspire our Nation and the world, and they are living testaments to the enduring resilience of the human spirit. It is the responsibility of all of us to recognize the pain that they carry and to support them by ensuring that the cruelty of the Holocaust is never forgotten. Today and every day, we stand

against antisemitism and all other forms of hate and continue our work to ensure that everyone can live in a world that safeguards the fundamental human dignity of all people.

Now, Therefore, I, Joseph R. Biden Jr., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 24 through May 1, 2022, as a week of observance of the Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust, and call upon the people of the United States to observe this week and pause to remember victims and survivors of the Holocaust.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-second day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to place in the RECORD a statement from Speaker PELOSI styled, "Pelosi Statement on Holocaust Remembrance Day." Among the many things said that I agree with is this statement: "This occasion serves as a reminder of the profound danger posed by hateful violence when met with indifference." Hateful violence when met with indifference.

PELOSI STATEMENT ON HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

"On Holocaust Remembrance Day, we pause to reflect on the unfathomable evils of the Shoah. As we mourn the six million Jews and countless others murdered across Europe, we also honor the survivors who have bravely shared their stories so that such atrocities may never be repeated. More than seven decades later, we remain outraged by the Nazis' barbaric crimes and unwavering in our commitment to fulfilling humanity's sacred promise: Never Again.

"This occasion serves as a reminder of the profound danger posed by hateful violence when met with indifference. In 2020, I had the solemn privilege of leading a Congressional delegation to Poland and Israel to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, bearing witness to hate's destructive consequences. The epidemic of antisemitism still remains today, threatening Jewish communities both at home and around the world. Shadows of these same dark forces have reached into more communities, from the surge of bigoted violence across the country to crimes against humanity being perpetrated abroad, including against Ukraine.

"Our nation must never fail to call out and defeat these perilous threats wherever and whenever they arise. In 1943, my father Thomas D'Alesandro appealed to 'the American sense of justice and decency' as he implored the Roosevelt Administration to take action against the horrors of the Holocaust. Today, driven by those fundamental American values, the Congress is working to preserve our collective memories of the past, educate the next generation and speak out against all of hate's vile manifestations. Congressional action has helped forge a safer, more just society: from combating antisemitism by strengthening Holocaust education resources and establishing Congressionally mandated Days of Remembrance to fighting hate-fueled violence by enacting the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act and the Emmett Till Antilynching Act.

Today, joining with House colleagues to honor those murdered in the Shoah, I recalled the moving words inscribed on San Francisco's Holocaust Memorial: 'In remembrance is the secret of redemption.' Let us