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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. LAWRENCE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 13, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BRENDA L. LAWRENCE 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:

Holy and omnipotent God, we stand before You, vulnerable to Your power at work within and around us. Like precious metal, we are being forged, tested like silver, formed by Your creative hands.

In these moments, may we trust that You are refining us, restoring us, and shaping us that we would best reflect Your image in all we do.

We also stand before this Nation, exposed to a multitude of opinions and a host of challenges, bearing the responsibilities that have been placed in our care.

Many voices attempt to drown out Your own divine word that has called us to hold fast to our faith in Your perfect righteousness.

In these moments, may we stand firm in our obedience to You, to Your claim on our lives.

May the trials in our lives and the testing of our faith produce steadfastness in our walk with You.

In Your abiding 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 gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TAKANO 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.

CELEBRATING KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY

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

Ms. BOURDEAUX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Korean-American Day, which marks the arrival of the first group of Korean immigrants to the United States in 1903.

I am proud to represent tens of thousands of Korean Americans in Georgia's Seventh District. These individuals are critical members of our community. From small business owners to healthcare workers, they continue to support us throughout the pandemic.

I would like to take this time to acknowledge Korean-American leaders in my district. Representative Sam Park is the grandson of refugees from the

Korean war who became the first Asian American and openly gay person elected to the Georgia State House of Representatives.

Michelle Kang serves as president of the Korean-American Public Action Committee and is a tireless leader in the community. It is an honor to work with each of you.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been challenged with an increase in the number of anti-Asian hate crimes. This Korean-American Day, I am particularly grateful to all of those working to address and end anti-Asian hate in Georgia and across the country. I look forward to continuing this work in Congress.

EACH VOTE IS IMPORTANT

(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 speak on an issue that is important for every American. I know the importance of each vote and understand the difference one vote or six can make. Our country was founded on the right to vote in fair and free elections and faith in the election systems that conduct those elections.

Since Iowa implemented new voting laws in 2017, our elections have seen record turnout and participation.

Right now, the majority is pushing a Federal takeover of elections, overruling laws in States like Iowa.

The proposed legislation would limit voter ID laws, which are supported by the overwhelming majority of Americans. It would also allow politicians to use taxpayer dollars to run political ads; meaning your money could go to candidates and issues you do not support.

Finally, it would implement a "one-size-fits-all" set of regulations instead

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of allowing individual States to establish laws that work for them as provided in our Constitution.

Voters in each congressional district across the country are best informed to choose their congressional representation. They do not need interference from Washington, D.C.

We should be working to pass bipartisan and commonsense voting laws, not pushing a partisan agenda and playing political games. Let's make sure that everyone can vote and that every vote counts.

IMPROVE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

(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 call attention to an urgent problem facing my district. Each and every one of these dots represents children with elevated toxic levels of lead in their blood. The red dots represent the higher levels, the yellow dots, obviously, the lower levels. You could almost draw my district if you follow the red dots.

The fact is, Madam Speaker, that many of these kids are being poisoned by lead in their homes and, yes, even in their schools. This is a problem that disproportionately affects Latinos in our community.

We need action to replace these lead pipes and ensure our kids have clean, safe water, no matter where they live. That is why I am proud of our work in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This law will bring \$2.9 billion to replace lead pipes in Texas schools.

While we have more work to do, our work in this Chamber is a critical first step to improving our infrastructure and protecting our children.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CLARENCE MORGAN

(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 honor the life of Clarence Morgan the longtime county recreation director for Effingham County.

Clarence started with the department in 1980 and worked until he was promoted to director in 2001. His passion for health and wellness, including promoting an active lifestyle for community members, culminated in his development of the Effingham County Recreation Department.

With limited resources and hard work, Clarence managed to grow the program into one of the top programs in the State. In 2020, the brand new, state-of-the-art gym was opened and named in his honor.

Known by all for his integrity and great strength of character, Clarence

dedicated his life to ensuring a brighter, healthier future for Effingham County residents. The department that he re-ignited is a testament to his life's work. Our State and our community will forever remember the life and legacy of Clarence Morgan.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family and his friends as we mourn the loss of this great Georgian.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARTA MACIAS BROWN

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

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Marta Macias Brown, a longtime public servant, community leader, and beloved constituent of mine.

I had the privilege of knowing Marta way before I took office and started representing a portion of Marta's late husband's district, the former Congressman George E. Brown, Jr., whose portrait hangs as a former chairman in the Science Committee room.

Marta dedicated her career to advocating for social justice, women's rights, and high-quality education for students. She used her voice to eliminate barriers and create spaces for marginalized groups.

She was a proud Latina. She co-founded one of the first Spanish publications in the Inland Empire called *El Chicano*, to share important news with our community.

Marta spent her life uplifting and empowering others, and anyone who knew her or knew of her could easily speak to the love that she had for her community and the commitment she embodied for equality.

To the Macias Brown family and all those who knew, loved, and respected her, I offer my deepest condolences. Marta's legacy will always be cherished.

HONORING 77 KENTUCKIANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES TO HORRIFIC TORNADOES IN DECEMBER 2021

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 77 Kentuckians who lost their lives to the horrific tornadoes that devastated our Commonwealth this December. May we continue to lift up all of those who were affected by these storms and support the rebuilding of homes, businesses, and livelihoods.

We lost 17 Kentuckians in my district, all in my home county of Warren County. We must ensure their memories are never forgotten, and I ask that Americans keep these families and these names in their prayers: Alisa Besic, Alma Besic, Elma Besic, Samantha Besic, Selmir Besic, Nariah

Brown, Nollynn Brown, Nyles Brown, Nyssa Brown, Rachel Brown, Steven Brown, Terry Jayne, Say Meh, Cory Scott, Victoria Smith, Mae White, and Robert Williams, Jr.

May they rest in peace.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SENATOR HARRY REID

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a great son of Nevada, Senator Harry Mason Reid.

Senator Reid was raised in a home with dirt floors in Searchlight, Nevada. And even as he rose to the highest levels of power, including this Chamber, he never forgot his small-town roots.

In the Senate, he fought for all of us. He championed the DREAM Act and brought young Dreamers to Capitol Hill. He fought against Yucca Mountain. And because of his work to pass the Affordable Care Act, 31 million Americans have healthcare today.

Most people don't know this, but long before he was a Senator, he paid his way through law school by serving with the U.S. Capitol Police. He protected this Capitol, and he defended our democracy.

Senator Reid, thank you for your lifetime of service. May you rest in peace.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WAYNE CALVIN SMITH

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

Mr. CAWTHORN. Madam Speaker, I was raised with one brother. But I truly felt like I had dozens and dozens of siblings. You see, my cousins and I grew up a little differently than most families. We had a patriarch of our family who made sure that multiple times a year we all got together for a big hoorah. Fourth of July, kids' week, Christmas, many of my favorite memories in my entire life stem from the times we all gathered at the mountain house. Wayne Smith, my great uncle, taught us, the way to be truly wealthy was to have a strong family.

Pappaw passed away on January 10. He was about to celebrate 63 years of marriage. He was able to touch people's souls with the way he talked. He would skip classes in high school so that he could work, yet still managed to be one of the wisest men I have ever known.

He taught all of his grandsons how to drive a stick shift in a pickup truck he had since 1993. He made a bet with his son to quit smoking and held up his end of the bargain for 43 years.

He was the original grill master in our family. He drank his coffee black or didn't drink it at all.

I am very proud to say that he got to see the Braves win the World Series last season.