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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 12, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GRACE F. NAPOLITANO 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.

RECOGNIZING REPRESENTATIVE FRED KELLER

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, throughout his career, FRED KELLER has had many titles.

He's been a CEO, State representative, Congressman, and deacon. But the title that I know Representative KELLER is most proud of is "grandfather."

Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to thank a man whom I

have had the privilege of calling a fellow legislator and a friend.

For the past 4 years, I have been proud to work alongside Representative FRED KELLER. One of the great joys of my time in Congress has been joining alongside FRED KELLER and other Members of Congress in a morning prayer group.

Through his actions and through his deeds, Representative KELLER has set an example of what it meant to serve his constituents faithfully and with their best interests at heart.

Throughout his career, Fred has been a champion of conservative values, defending life, fighting for our students, and always working tirelessly to hold government accountable.

There has been no greater advocate for his district and no greater champion of liberty than Representative FRED KELLER.

Madam Speaker, this body will miss having Representative FRED KELLER among us in the 118th Congress.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF KURT KEILHOFFER

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mapleton firefighter, Kurt Keilhofer, who was killed while serving the people of Huntingdon County on December 6, 2022.

A native son of Pennsylvania, Kurt dedicated his life to serving others, to serving his community. Aside from his work in agriculture, Kurt served not only as a firefighter, but also a member of the Mapleton Borough Council where he worked each day to put the needs of Mapleton residents first. He enjoyed camping, motorcycles, and spending time outdoors. More than any of this perhaps, Kurt also enjoyed time with his 15 grandchildren and his granddaughter, Aria.

We owe a debt of gratitude that we can never repay to Kurt, who gave his life while doing what firefighters do: protecting others each and every day that they serve us.

This year, 86 firefighters have lost their lives in the line of duty. This Christmas, please join me in saying a prayer for those families who will be missing a loved one who died in the service to their communities.

RECOGNIZING CITY OF JOLIET

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

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the great city of Joliet, Illinois. For the last 10 years, I have had the honor of representing Joliet and the surrounding areas as part of Illinois' 11th Congressional District.

Joliet is the third largest city of Illinois, with a storied history intertwined with our State. Due to changing of the Congressional maps, however, I will no longer be representing Joliet. This great city will be represented by my colleague, Congresswoman LAUREN UNDERWOOD in the 118th Congress.

No matter what opinion you have about the redistricting procedures in Illinois, and all around the country, for that matter, one thing is clear: I was not in the room when these maps were drawn that took Joliet away from me.

While I am sad that my work with the Joliet communities and all of the great organizations there is coming to a close, I am so proud to reflect upon what we have accomplished for the Joliet community and of the tremendous upward arc of progress in Joliet that we have seen over the last decade.

I have so many fond memories of my time representing Joliet. For the last decade, Joliet has given me, a scientist, a reason to celebrate the work of science fiction with the Joliet Public Library's annual Star Wars Day.

Every June, the community comes together to parade down Ottawa Street along with the Imperial Storm Troopers, Jedi Knights, and Ewoks in full costume.

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Aside from giving everyone an excuse to channel their inner child, *Star Wars* Day also promotes literacy, science, technology, engineering, and math in a fun and exciting atmosphere that captivates young minds.

Joliet was also the backdrop for the 1980 classic film, *The Blues Brothers*, which features Joliet Jake and Elwood leaving the Old Joliet Prison at the beginning of the movie.

That is why I was, as Elwood says in the film, “on a mission from God” to help secure the \$3 million for the Old Joliet Prison to repair and rehabilitate this cultural and historical landmark for generations to enjoy, as well as to benefit what seems to be an endless stream of German tourists who stop by the prison, take a selfie in front of it on the way down the historic Route 66 corridor that travels through the Joliet area.

And just this past August, the entire community came together to watch Dan Aykroyd and Jim Belushi perform at the Old Joliet Prison.

Joliet has accomplished many things of national significance, as well, including being chosen as the site for what will be the largest manufacturing plant for electric school buses in North America, and which recently started production.

One of my greatest priorities in Congress was securing funding for the Joliet’s Brandon Road Lock and Dam, which is currently the last line of defense in preventing invasive Asian Carp from reaching Lake Michigan and all of the lakes and tributaries of the Great Lakes Basin.

We worked for many years to fast-track this funding, and thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Army Corps of Engineers finally has the resources it needs to begin construction on this project to help protect Illinois waterways and every lake and tributary in the entire Great Lakes Basin.

Just this past year, I was proud to secure over \$8 million of community project funding for various projects in Joliet, including \$3.5 million to support the work being done to replace aging service lines in our plumbing, including lead lines, so that every resident in the Joliet area has access to safe drinking water.

These are just two of the many projects in Joliet that I have had the honor of working on throughout the years. What is more important is all that Joliet has given the Chicago suburbs.

The Blues Brothers’ concert at the Old Joliet Prison was a fitting camp to wrap up my time in Joliet and one that represents one of the many reasons why I will miss representing the city in Congress so much.

Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Joliet area for sending me to Congress on your behalf. It has been an honor of a lifetime serving you and making your communities a better place for future generations.

CONTINUE FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH THROUGH ADVERSITY

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise to emphasize the importance of long-term and reliable funding for scientific projects, especially when the going gets tough.

During my years as a scientist, I was involved in building of giant particle accelerators to smash protons and antiprotons together to make particles that have not been around since the Big Bang. Back in August of 2019, I was honored to speak at the 10th anniversary of the National Ignition Facility, which at the time had achieved all of its technical goals but was frustrated by scientific uncertainties and was struggling with neutron yields on the order of 10 to the 16th.

The point that I made and the point that I am making today is that it is important to continue fundamental research even when the going gets tough.

BRENNIK SAPP AWARDED FOR HIS GOOD DEEDS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud Brennik Sapp of Liberty Elementary School for his commitment to helping his community.

When Brennik was an infant, he spent 12 days at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital in Iowa City when he was diagnosed at birth with Hirschsprung’s disease. This is an intestinal disease that is present at birth and that can lead to death.

Thanks to the excellent doctors at the hospital, Brennik’s life was saved, but he will always have to manage life with the disease.

Brennik did not let this disease deter him. Rather, he made it his mission to help other children who have chronic illnesses.

Last year alone, Brennik raised over \$2,000 for the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital in Iowa City. This money was used to buy books for children who are undergoing hospitalization and treatment.

Brennik’s selflessness did not go unnoticed by his community. The American Legion recently awarded Brennik with the Good Deed Award, which is gifted to youth who serve as an inspiration for their community.

I thank Brennik for everything that he is doing for children across Iowa. I am proud to represent youth who are making a difference in their community.

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 11 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Give ear to our words, O Lord. Consider the meditations of our hearts. Give heed to our voices, our king and our God, for to You do we pray.

We speak to You from the depths of our hearts, words of personal need and unspoken desires. You alone know what concerns us. You alone are our counsel in our perplexity. Give ear to our unuttered words, O Lord. Be considerate of our private contemplations.

We lift our voices, in these Chambers and in our communities, voices of passion and purpose. Remind us, O God, that ultimately, it is before You we are to speak our peace. To You should we make our appeals. Give heed to our voices, for You are our sovereign and God. You alone will receive our prayers.

In all that we do and say, may we reorder our lives, our intentions, and even our opinions that they would be united with Your will and serve as echoes of Your love for Your people.

With joy we receive Your many blessings. And in gratitude we pray in Your matchless name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day’s proceedings and announces to the Chamber her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania 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.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, December 8, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I write to inform you of my resignation, effective December 9, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. PST, as United States Representative for the 37th Congressional District of California.