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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 21, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GWEN MOORE 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.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANCO HARRIS

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Franco Harris, a giant in the football community.

Franco Harris committed his life to excellence. He ran for 12,000 yards and won four Super Bowls with the Pittsburgh Steelers, giving hope and inspiration to a community.

On Sunday, the Steelers were preparing to recognize Franco's contribution, 50 years after the play that is remembered as one of the greatest of all time, the "Immaculate Reception."

To remember him only for his legacy on the field would be a disservice. Franco Harris was committed to serving and supporting food banks, blood drives, and youth sports leagues that run throughout central and western Pennsylvania.

Franco Harris loved the city of Pittsburgh, and he loved his alma mater of Penn State. He attended events throughout Pennsylvania, and he never gave the impression of being a Super Bowl MVP. He never gave the impression of being a first-ballot Hall of Famer.

Franco Harris gave the impression of simply being a man from his community, a proud Penn Stater, and a proud member of the Pittsburgh Steelers Nation.

Today, we remember the life of Franco Harris, and we wish that we had that opportunity to honor him in person on this Sunday.

The success that Franco Harris brought to the Pittsburgh Steelers carried a fan base far and wide. The success allowed the entire United States to become in one gleaming moment a Steelers Nation.

HONORING THE APOLLO 8 CREW

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, 54 years ago the Apollo 8 crew lifted from Cape Kennedy, Florida, embarking on the first manned mission to circle the Moon.

On Christmas Eve of that year, they would be the first to be pulled into lunar orbit. On that same day, they became the first three humans to cross to the far side of the Moon where no radio contact could be made with the Earth.

These three men—Frank Borman, Jim Lovell, and Bill Anders—would spend Christmas Eve unconnected from everyone that they loved.

While no other will be as far away from home this Christmas as the Apollo 8 astronauts, there will still be millions of Americans who will be unable to spend Christmas with their loved ones.

These will be the truck drivers on icy roads, the doctors and nurses working long shifts in snowed-in hospitals, police officers patrolling our streets, and men and women in uniform standing at far-away outposts serving to keep our Nation free and safe.

We owe a debt of gratitude to those who are unable to be with their loved ones and their friends this Christmas.

As you gather around your table and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, please join me in saying a prayer for those who are unable to be at home this Christmas day.

For those unable to see their children opening Christmas presents, for those unable to be with their grandchildren watching a train circle a Christmas tree, we are grateful for the work that they do.

From all of us here at the United States Capitol, I extend a heartfelt thanks for those individuals for their work and for their commitment to our Nation.

THANKING PENNSYLVANIA'S 13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as Congressional District lines shift in January, I am saddened by the fact that I will no longer have the honor of representing the Shanksville and Stoystown communities in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, the place where 40 heroes lost their lives while attempting to stop the September 11 terrorist attacks aboard United Flight 93.

In the weeks that followed, I took my family to that crash site to pay our respects and to say a prayer for those who had given their lives to save other lives.

The Shanksville and Stoystown communities have the burden and the

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honor of keeping that legacy for those 40 heroes alive.

National Park Service Director Steve Clark has done an incredible job to make the memorial a place of remembrance, and I look forward to continuing to work with him as he oversees the September 11th National Memorial Trail.

The Flight 93 National Memorial is a fitting tribute to the passengers and crew who died on that September morning with the knowledge that their deaths would ultimately save others' lives.

National Park Service Director Steve Clark and his entire team at the Flight 93 National Memorial have done an incredible job to maintain and preserve this site.

On behalf of the individuals from Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I say thank you for that service. I say thank you for preserving the memories of all those fallen heroes from the Flight 93 National Memorial.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3285. An act to amend gendered terms in Federal law relating to the President and the President's spouse.

H.R. 5961. An act to make revisions in title 5, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code.

H.R. 7299. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to obtain an independent cybersecurity assessment of information systems of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7335. An act to improve coordination between the Veterans Health Administration and the Veterans Benefits Administration with respect to claims for compensation arising from military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 7939. An act to make permanent certain educational assistance benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the case of changes to courses of education by reason of emergency situations, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1294. An act to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to foreign persons that have engaged in significant theft of trade secrets of United States persons, and for other purposes.

S. 1324. An act to establish a Civilian Cyber Security Reserve as a pilot project to address the cyber security needs of the United States with respect to national security, and for other purposes.

S. 1942. An act to standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes.

S. 3519. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 3773. An act to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation.

S. 3946. An act to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2017, and for other purposes.

S. 3949. An act to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 4120. An act to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 4240. An act to amend section 2441 of title 18, United States Code, to broaden the scope of individuals subject to prosecution for war crimes.

S. 4859. An act to reauthorize the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018, and for other purposes.

S. 5323. An act to amend title VI of the Social Security Act to allow States and local governments to use coronavirus relief funds provided under the American Rescue Plan Act for infrastructure projects, improve the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, provide Tribal governments with more time to use Coronavirus Relief Fund payments, and for other purposes.

S. 5328. An act to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend terminal lakes assistance.

S. 5329. An act to amend the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act to improve the program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-81, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology:

Dr. Michelle Roza of Pennsylvania.

FAREWELL TO CONGRESS

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

Ms. BOURDEAUX. Madam Speaker, I rise today with gratitude to bid this body farewell.

I thank my family, my friends, my supporters, and the wonderful people of Georgia's Seventh Congressional District for the honor of serving as your Representative in Congress.

While there are many things we accomplished, the most important occurred in my first week in office. On January 3, as I was on the floor to be sworn in, I looked at my phone and saw a notification that President Trump had tried to illegally pressure Georgia's secretary of state into finding 11,780 more votes to change the results of the election.

A few days later, on January 6, as I was in my office preparing remarks to defend Georgia's electoral count, I was told to lock down and to shelter in place. There I sat for hours and hours with my sister and a couple of staff as we followed on TV and through text threads the mob attacking the Capitol and the narrow escapes of many of my colleagues.

I was one of the first of my colleagues to call for impeaching President Trump because there was never any doubt in my mind that he had incited that crowd to march on the Capitol to try to block the vote to certify the election and to keep himself in power.

That night, I walked past the broken glass through the eerie, empty halls to certify the election of Joe Biden as the next President of the United States.

At some point during these events, majority leader STENY HOYER turned to me and said: "I bet this wasn't what you expected when you ran for Congress." I told him that actually I ran for Congress precisely so that I could be standing at this place at this time to take this vote to certify the election and to defend our democracy.

I know that many of the people who supported me in the 4-year effort to flip Georgia's Seventh Congressional District and to deliver Georgia for the Democrats worked so hard and sacrificed so much in large part because they, too, saw the danger and worried that President Trump would stop at nothing to achieve and retain power. While there were many other important issues at stake, fundamentally, we saw our efforts as a rescue mission for our country.

I know that many other democratic frontliners saw their efforts the same way. I know that some of my Republican colleagues who took brave votes at great political risk shared our concerns.

So for those who are cynical about our politics, who believe that it is all about corruption, money, and power—and, yes, there is a lot of that—please know that many people of integrity, courage, and talent in both parties and in many different roles worked hard for years to be at the right place at the right time in this particular moment in our country's history so that they could hold the line to stop the forces of chaos and autocracy and renew our democracy for one more turn of the wheel.

I want to recognize the sacrifice of my family and thank my husband, Jeff, and my son, Nathan, who encouraged me all along the way. I want to recognize my sister, Margaret Bourdeaux, who threw herself into helping me day in and day out, and my aunt and uncle, Margaret and Howard Arbuckle, who stood by me when both my parents died in 2017 and told me I could not quit working for change, it was too important.

I thank my many supporters whose persistent acts of courage and sacrifice allowed me to have this brief but very important time in Congress.

While the preservation of our democracy was always top of mind, we accomplished quite a lot on other fronts, including the American Rescue Plan, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the CHIPS Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act.

Also critical to the Seventh District was the PPP Extension Act and almost