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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 18, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KEVIN HERN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2023, 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.

STOP ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, since President Biden took office, there have been over 5.8 million illegal crossings on our southern border and 1.6 million illegal immigrants have evaded apprehension.

Instead of funding our Border Patrol agents to deal with the rise in attempted crossings, President Biden has chosen to incentivize crossings by end-

ing President Trump's remain in Mexico policy.

At a time when the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 18 and 45 is overdoses, Democrats' failure to pass comprehensive border security legislation is an indictment of their failure to protect the American people. Instead of addressing the importation of fentanyl-related substances, liberals in this body have voted against legislation like the HALT Fentanyl Act, which is legislation that would permanently classify these drugs as schedule I narcotics and impose harsh penalties on the dealers who traffic these deadly poisons.

In the past year, I have spoken with too many first responders who have administered Narcan on 911 calls. I have spoken with too many county coroners conducting autopsies on young people killed far too soon by fentanyl poisonings. I have spoken with far too many families who have lost a loved one to an overdose.

It is time for the Senate to stop sitting on the sidelines while Americans suffer and die. It is time to pass the HALT Fentanyl Act. It is time to secure our border.

Our top priority must be to protect our Nation's border and put a stop to drug smuggling and illegal immigration that have made every State in our Union a border State.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY RYAN CLINKUNBROOMER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. MIKE GARCIA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a lost hero.

This past Saturday evening, around 6 p.m., L.A. County Sheriff Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer was ambushed and brutally executed while sitting in his

patrol vehicle in broad daylight in my district's Antelope Valley.

At the young age of just 30 years old, Ryan had proposed to his beautiful fiancée, Brittany, just 4 days before he was murdered. He was a field training officer and was by all accounts one of the best sheriffs in the Palmdale station.

Ryan was a third-generation sheriff. His dad, Mike, served as a sheriff, as well as his grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, there are no words that can give solace to his family and fellow sheriffs in the station. The healing will take decades and even then will only just begin to close these very deep wounds.

This morning, his alleged killer was apprehended.

In the midst of the unbearable pain, Mr. Speaker, we have an obligation to seek justice and full accountability. We have an obligation to compel all elected officials at all levels of government and all citizens, regardless of political party, to unequivocally support our precious and vulnerable police officers, not just with words but also with resources, and not just with resources, but also with respect.

The killing of a police officer should be a Federal felony punishable by death or life in prison, and I will do all I can to make sure that that happens.

It is an indication of a failing society and culture that develops a human being that is comfortable with executing a hero like Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer.

Ryan served every day of his life with honor and dignity to protect the good guys from the bad guys. He did it right. We owe him and his family and his fellow law enforcement officers a level of gratitude that will never be sufficient. As hard as we may try to appreciate what they have done, it will still only just be at the feet of their towering service and sacrifices.

Praise be to God and His Son, the Father of compassion, to give the

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Clinkunbroomer family comfort now at their darkest hour. May He and we hold Ryan's killer accountable with the fury of a thousand suns.

I implore District Attorney Gascon of Los Angeles to file maximum charges against his alleged killer.

May God, with Ryan by his side, protect and bless our police officers who put their lives on the line every day while they provide the rest of us with our security blanket.

HONORING CARL RAGGIO

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, the former mayor of Glendale, and my mentor, Mr. Carl Raggio, who passed away on June 20 of this year.

Carl, despite his nearly 95 years of age, remained a wise and sprightly man until he left us.

A resident of my hometown, Santa Clarita, Carl was a family man. He is survived by his lovely bride of 72 years, Lynne; as well as their sons, Carl and Paul; and their daughter, Lisa; 15 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Carl was, in fact, a rocket scientist. Working at JPL for 39 years, he was instrumental in the design of several pioneering spacecraft, including Explorer 1, which was the first satellite launched by the United States into space in 1958, and he did it all with just a slide rule. Can you imagine that?

Today, Carl is in Heaven, flying higher than any spacecraft he developed in this world.

Godspeed, Carl Raggio. Thank you for your love of country and your service to our beautiful Nation.

INCREASE BORDER SECURITY FOR GUAM

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my colleagues who have called for an increase in funding for our border security and to remind the Nation that the U.S. border in Guam ought to be defended, too.

As we continue to discuss and debate solutions to our southern border crisis, I ask that we not forget to secure all our border cities, from Brownsville to Hagatna.

Mr. Speaker, Chinese nationals are arriving on the shores of Guam in droves, often coming in small boats from neighboring islands. Among the many honest people looking to flee tyranny and find sanctuary on American soil, it is a known fact that spies have exploited this insecure border. Security forces at Andersen Air Force Base have told me on numerous occasions that they have apprehended such intruders.

Citing our low terror threat, the Department of Homeland Security currently designates less than 1 percent of Homeland Security grant funding to Guam. The Department of Homeland

Security's assessment of the situation ignores reality and its red flags for national security.

Guam has an extremely permeable border and is facing vigorous efforts by the CCP to exploit our vulnerabilities. With resources on a scale of a municipality, Guam must contend with a border crisis caused by the Chinese state.

Guam needs more funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a more robust Coast Guard presence, and a Federal law enforcement presence proportional to the scope of the immigration issues, transnational crime, and military intelligence vulnerabilities on my island.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot let this moment pass without asking my colleagues to help me fund the defense of my community. I ask my colleagues to help me secure the border by securing all of America's borders.

HONORING FRANK BARRIOS

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

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a great Phoenician, Frank Barrios.

Frank was a giant among us, a champion for the Latino community, a renowned conservationist, and a historian who preserved the legacy of generations gone by.

A second-generation Arizonan, Frank spent his career working to preserve our most precious resource, water.

As a young hydrologist, he worked for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and later the Arizona Department of Water Resources. He played pivotal roles during key moments in Arizona's water history, from planning the Central Arizona Project to groundwater management. Even after retirement, Frank found many ways to serve.

He was appointed by Governor Janet Napolitano to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board of Directors, where he served with distinction, ensuring that even amidst the State's rapid growth, our water resources were well managed.

A man of deep faith, he spent his later years caring for our most vulnerable neighbors as president of the enormously impactful St. Vincent de Paul Society. Frank knew the healing power of St. Vincent de Paul.

His deep love for Phoenix was obvious to anyone who had the good fortune of crossing paths with him, particularly through his work chronicling and preserving the rich Mexican-American history in the valley. He fought to restore the historically Latino Sotelo-Heard Cemetery in south Phoenix, after years of neglect, to honor those who found eternal rest there.

He is perhaps best known for writing the book "Mexicans in Phoenix," documenting more than a century of Mexican-American life, culture, and political activism in our valley. His meticulous research, gathered oral histories,

and archival photographs were endowed to the Arizona Historical Society, a priceless gift for future generations.

There is no doubt that Frank Barrios lived a full and remarkable life. What stands out most was not just his achievements on paper but the way he achieved them—through his unwavering kindness, generosity, and humility.

We lost Frank at the age of 81 on September 11, 2023, but his profound legacy will always live on.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN DAVID WALLACE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. KEAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Captain David Wallace, a United States Navy veteran and permanent military professor, who passed away at the age of 48 on Monday, December 26, 2022.

David was born in Stockton, New Jersey. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy, USNA, in Annapolis, Maryland, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in economics in 1996. He later returned to the USNA and earned a master of science degree in information technology management from the Naval Postgraduate School.

David served in the Navy on Active Duty for over 20 years as a surface warfare officer. He served aboard the USS *John S. McCain*, the USS *Hayler*, and USS *Mustin*. In 2012, he commanded Coastal Riverine Group 2 Detachment Bahrain and Task Group 56.11 in Manama, Bahrain.

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On shore, David worked at U.S. Joint Forces Command assessing and developing practices in humanitarian assistance, counterinsurgency operations, foreign internal defense, and stability operations. He also served as deputy director for professional development at the USNA from 2010 to 2011.

In 2013, David was selected for the USNA Permanent Military Professor program, earning his Ph.D. in industrial-organizational psychology in 2017 from George Mason University.

Since 2020, David has served as the department chair of the USNA Leadership, Ethics, and Law Department, LEL, while also working as adjunct faculty at the George Mason University and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, teaching graduate courses.

David was a highly decorated veteran earning the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals, and numerous unit, campaign, and service awards.

In 2022, David received a nomination by the LEL Department for the USNA Military Professor Teaching Award, his second Meritorious Service Medal and his promotion to associate professor.