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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 19, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BEN CLINE 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 11:50 a.m.

RECOGNIZING NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING MONTH

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor manufacturers across the First District of Nebraska.

Manufacturing is Nebraska's largest industry. According to the National Association of Manufacturers, manufacturing accounts for 11.81 percent of the total output in Nebraska, employing 9.8 percent of our workforce.

Across the First District, these manufacturers are creating jobs. Nucor in

Norfolk, Nebraska, produced 33.6 million tons of steel over the last 50 years. Plattsmouth is home to the first creatine manufacturer in the United States. Blazer Athletic fabricates sports equipment in Columbus. Kawasaki makes train cars in Lincoln that ship to Washington, D.C., and New York City. You should also know that Fremont is producing rotisserie chickens and other products for Costco stores across North America.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's First Congressional District, I extend our sincere thanks to all the manufacturers that are helping make our communities a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Keep up the great work.

CONGRATULATING NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Northeast Community College as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Our community college system plays a critical role in educating the next generation of Nebraska's workforce, and Northeast Community College is leading the way.

The college started with six buildings on its main campus on the edge of Norfolk in 1973. Today, it boasts campuses in South Sioux City, West Point, Norfolk, and O'Neill.

Under the leadership of President Leah Barrett, the college has been making moves. A \$22 million investment at the Acklie Family College Farm is setting the college up to become a leader in veterinary technology.

In the spring, Northeast announced the launch of a new agriculture-diesel mechanic apprenticeship program. This fall, the college broke ground on a new facility in South Sioux City to add welding booths and a CDL training building.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's First Congressional District, I extend

our sincere congratulations to Northeast Community College on five great decades.

MARKING 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLUMBUS SALES PAVILION

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Columbus Sales Pavilion as they celebrate their 90th anniversary.

Founded by M.H. Vanburg in 1933, it is now owned by a fourth-generation family. In a day and age when people switch jobs frequently, the sales pavilion has a local and loyal workforce with some employees boasting over 30 years with their team.

Nebraska is the beef State, and sale barns like the Columbus Sales Pavilion are not only critical to our community, but they are also at the heart of our ag community.

I recently visited the Columbus Sales Pavilion during an auction. I can tell you that the sales pavilion is more than a market. It is a place of connection and community for producers across the area.

This doesn't happen by accident. It happens because the owners have made it their stated mission to make Columbus a better place.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's First Congressional District, I extend our sincere congratulations to the Columbus Sales Pavilion on 90 great years.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF MEMORIAL STADIUM

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the most iconic places in Nebraska: Memorial Stadium.

This fall, the Huskers are celebrating 100 years of the stadium. Through these gates pass the greatest fans in college football. That has been proven for the last century.

On game days, Memorial Stadium becomes the third largest city in Nebraska, with more than 90,000 fans gathering at every home game. Since 1962, we have sold out every single game. That is 390 consecutive sellouts.

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The love for Husker athletics was shown once again at Memorial Stadium just weeks ago when 92,003 fans attended a Husker volleyball match on Osborne Field, setting a world record for the most attended women's sporting event.

Some of the greatest college football coaches of all time have called plays at Memorial Stadium, like former Congressman Tom Osborne and Bob Devaney. This season begins with the Matt Rhule era, and he got his first win in the stadium last week.

Congratulations to the university. Go Big Red.

RECOGNIZING BELLEVUE WOMEN'S CLUB

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish the Bellevue Women's Club a happy anniversary as they approach 100 years in service.

In 1924, the Bellevue Women's Club began serving their community. By 1929, they were already taking on big projects like helping start the first Bellevue library and the city's first swimming pool.

Through their 100 years, this non-profit has contributed their time and money to some of Sarpy County's most significant organizations and events, like the Arrows to Aerospace Parade, Habitat for Humanity, and the Ronald McDonald House.

Their club members' support for a wide array of organizations in Sarpy County is unmatched as they give back through the senior community center, Books for Babies, and the Bellevue Food Pantry. The scope of their work through the years is very impressive.

On behalf of Nebraska's First Congressional District, congratulations to the Bellevue Women's Club on their first century, and here is to the next.

ENCOURAGING MEXICO'S COMPLIANCE WITH WATER TREATY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. DE LA CRUZ) for 5 minutes.

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to address a critical issue that is affecting the livelihoods of countless Americans across south Texas. The drought conditions and water scarcity we are witnessing in the Rio Grande Valley are causing untold hardships for our farmers and our residents.

As stipulated in the Mexican Water Treaty of 1944, Mexico is obligated to provide the United States with an average of 350,000 acre-feet of water annually over a 5-year cycle. Unfortunately, Mexico has consistently delayed fulfilling this commitment, leaving American farmers in dire straits.

This year, south Texas farmers are poised to plant their crops, but they need water now. Without it, they face the prospect of harvesting only half of what they would yield in a typical year.

This has far-reaching consequences, impacting our national food supply, increasing food costs for families, and

heightening our dependency on foreign agriculture.

Moreover, communities in south Texas are now facing water restrictions, exacerbating the strain on families and businesses alike.

The Mexican Government bears a responsibility to honor the terms of this treaty. American farmers and ranchers should not bear the burden of Mexico's failure to uphold its end of the bargain.

I implore the Biden administration to take immediate action and hold Mexico accountable. Failure to convene official meetings addressing this issue will result in catastrophic consequences for south Texas farmers.

Just last week, I had the privilege of introducing a bipartisan House resolution aimed at bolstering diplomatic relations to encourage Mexico's compliance with the Mexican Water Treaty of 1944. This historic resolution underscores our support for negotiations that ensure more predictable water deliveries to the United States, and it urges new commitments to guarantee at least 350,000 acre-feet of water are delivered annually.

I extend my deepest gratitude to my colleagues from both sides of the aisle who have cosponsored this crucial resolution.

I also thank all the local officials from my community who have been working closely with me on this matter.

Together, we are sending a powerful message: Clean water is not a partisan issue. This is an American issue.

Through collaboration and diplomatic engagement, we can forge a framework for responsible water management that benefits both of our great Nations.

Let us stand united in ensuring that the promises of the Mexican Water Treaty of 1944 are not just ink on paper but a lifeline for the American farmers who feed our Nation.

CELEBRATING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BENNETT COLLEGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. MANNING) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Bennett College, which I have the privilege of representing in Congress.

In 1873, Bennett got its start as a school for elementary and secondary students in the basement of Warnersville Methodist Episcopal Church.

Now, Bennett College, located in Greensboro, North Carolina, stands as one of only two all-women's HBCUs in the Nation.

In the 150 years since its founding, Bennett College and its alumni have made history. Bennett played a pivotal role in the civil rights movement in North Carolina. Before Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., gave his famous March

on Washington speech, he traveled to Greensboro, North Carolina, in February 1958. There, he was met with an overflowing crowd of young women, the Bennett Belles, at the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel on Bennett's campus.

This speech, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s first speech ever given in Greensboro, had a lasting impact on the entire Triad community.

Mr. Speaker, 2 years after his speech on Bennett's campus, Bennett Belles participated in the famous Woolworth counter sit-in, the demonstration that ignited a movement of sit-ins for racial equality across the South and across the country and changed the entire course of American history.

In the years since then, Bennett's alumni have continued to make history.

Bennett had the first Black woman president of a 4-year college in the United States, Dr. Willa B. Player.

Former Bennett College President Johnnetta Cole went on to lead the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African Art.

Maidie Ruth Gamble Norman was an early Hollywood film star in the 1930s.

Dr. Dorothy Brown was the first woman to practice general surgery in the South in the 1940s.

Carolyn Robertson Payton led the Peace Corps under President Jimmy Carter.

Marian Tasco was Pennsylvania's first Black county commissioner.

Many more Bennett Belles have broken down barriers and have been the first to accomplish amazing feats. Today, Bennett continues to educate young minds and produce change-makers.

Bennett has been an influential institution in our Nation's history, as well as a pillar of outstanding education in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Congratulations to the Bennett Belles on 150 years of excellence.

HONORING BASIS ORO VALLEY SCHOOL

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of BASIS Oro Valley, a school in my district that has been included in U.S. News & World Report's 2023 Best Public High Schools, securing the 21st position.

This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, educators, and the entire school community.

BASIS Oro Valley prides themselves on their award-winning STEM curriculum and liberal arts program to help children pursue their dreams.

From advanced AP courses to high-level music classes, this school has something for everyone.

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The average ACT score for BASIS Oro Valley students is a 32 and the average SAT score is 1368. This is one of