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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC
November 6, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADRIAN SMITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
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.

RECOGNIZING OUR SERVICEMEMBERS ON VETERANS DAY

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this Veterans Day, we recognize the 6 percent of Americans who have put on a uniform, raised their right hand, and sworn an oath to defend our Nation.

Now, after more than 20 years of war, it is time for us to follow the words of President Abraham Lincoln and “to

care for him who shall have borne the battle.”

Congress must recommit itself to standing for these men and women who have served our great country, making sure that physicians are recruited to serve at VA hospitals in rural areas and ensuring that the PACT Act is fully implemented to protect veterans who have been exposed to toxic chemicals.

Veterans Day holds a special meaning for the 50,000 veterans and their families who call Pennsylvania’s 13th Congressional District home. From deploying overseas to assisting with border security and disaster relief here at home, our Nation’s servicemembers have been at the heart of operations that ultimately protect all Americans.

With more veterans than any other district in Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania’s 13th Congressional District has a unique connection to those who have served in the Armed Forces.

This Veterans Day, let’s all join in thanks for the soldiers, the sailors, the airmen, and marines who have fought and who have sacrificed to keep our Nation safe and our Nation free.

THE WORLD IS FALLING APART UNDER
PRESIDENT BIDEN

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this weekend, The New York Times quoted Spencer Weiss, a Pennsylvania electrician who said: “The world is falling apart under Biden.”

As prices spiral out of control, as illegal immigrants continue to surge at our southern border, and adversaries like China and Iran spread their influence abroad, President Biden has failed to lead. President Biden has failed to keep Americans safe.

Instead of working across the aisle to fight inflation, Joe Biden has proposed billions in new spending. Instead of passing critical legislation like the Secure the Border Act, Joe Biden has welcomed illegal immigrants into towns and cities across our country. Instead

of standing with Israel, our greatest ally in the Middle East, Joe Biden has threatened to veto legislation that would resupply the Iron Dome and keep Israeli citizens safe from Hamas rockets.

Mr. Speaker, it is now more clear than ever that President Biden’s policies have failed our families, failed our communities, and ultimately failed our Nation.

HONORING REVEREND DR. NAOMI ROGERS

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Reverend Dr. Naomi Rogers, a devoted Korean American.

Reverend Rogers has devoted much of her life to the spiritual well-being of Arkansans through her work as a pastor with the United Methodist Church.

Her expertise in theology and love for Christianity have allowed her to become involved with multiple Methodist churches throughout our State.

She also serves as the president of the Korean American Federation of Arkansas. Her work with the association was instrumental in the construction of the Korean War Memorial in Little Rock.

Her work and leadership have made Reverend Rogers a marvelous role model and ambassador for Korean Americans not only in Arkansas, but across our country.

I congratulate Reverend Rogers on all of her accomplishments and look forward to all that she will achieve in the future.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL LARRY STRICKLIN

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable accomplishments of Lieutenant Colonel Larry Stricklin. On 14 October, Colonel Stricklin and his colleagues celebrated

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his well-deserved retirement after 30 years of selfless service to our Nation.

Colonel Stricklin's career in the U.S. Army began in 1995 when he joined the 39th Infantry Brigade. Separating from the Army due to a car crash in 1996, Lieutenant Colonel Stricklin reenlisted in 1998.

Since then, Colonel Stricklin has served his country in Iraq and has held a variety of other key positions around the globe. He recently assisted with the military response to one of the worst pandemics in our Nation's history.

Throughout his remarkable career, Colonel Stricklin has exemplified dedication, resilience, leadership, and most of all, an unwavering dedication to our beloved country.

Mr. Speaker, I wish him a happy retirement and thank him for his service and inspiration for the next generation.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM GARY UNDERWOOD

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I am sad to rise today, but I rise to celebrate the life of my dear friend, William Gary Underwood.

His 47-year career in music, youth, and media ministry has brought joy and healing to numerous Americans and Arkansans, and Arkansas was fortunate to have him in our community.

Gary's journey through ministry was plentiful. He was involved in the Elmdale Baptist Church in Springdale, Beech Street First Baptist Church in Texarkana, and he served as the interim minister at Perryville First Baptist Church. He was also instrumental as the chaplain of the Little Rock Touchdown Club.

Gary was a member of the Southern Baptist Convention, and his passion led him to be heavily involved in the development and launch of ACTS Christian Television Network in Arkansas.

Beyond the ministry, Gary and I became friends when he joined Governor Mike Huckabee's staff as his director of media operations in 1996.

Gary's passion for music, aiding youth, and the church has left Arkansas a much better place than when he found it. He will be missed by family, friends, and many others in our State. He lived a life to be celebrated.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JUDGE FLOYD "BUDDY" VILLINES

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of former Pulaski County Judge Floyd "Buddy" Villines.

Mr. Villines graduated from Hendrix College in 1969 and afterwards would go on to serve in the U.S. Army during Vietnam where he earned a Bronze Star.

Upon return to the United States, he graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's William H. Bowen School of Law. Mr. Villines would start a career in public relations with the management of his own firm.

He won his first election in 1984, becoming a member of the Little Rock Board of Directors. He would then

serve as vice mayor from 1987 to 1988, and he became mayor in 1989, serving 1 year.

In 1990, he was elected to be the Pulaski County judge, and he would serve in that post until 2014.

Villines left his mark in central Arkansas through numerous bridge and trail projects, including the Big Dam Bridge, the Arkansas River Trail, Simmons Bank Arena, and the expansion of the Statehouse Convention Center.

His impact on Pulaski County has been tremendous and his remarkable, lasting landmarks will stand as testament to his decades of leadership.

Mr. Villines will be missed dearly by his family, friends, and all of us in Pulaski County.

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

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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:

Open our eyes this day, most loving God, that we would realize that though we have not sought You, You have always sought after us. While we have made ourselves the center of our own existence and interests, You, in surrounding us with the beauty of Your creation, sustaining us with the provisions of harvest and home, You have made us the focus of Your kindness and the objects of Your affection.

Forgive us, then, in our blindness to Your presence in our lives. Save us from our false sense of self-sufficiency. Redeem us from our desire to control everything.

Remind us that You, in Your sovereignty, have designed a plan drafted of grace and mercy for this world and for our lives. You have promised to seek what is lost and bring back again that which was driven away. You have assured us that You will bind up that which was broken and strengthen that which is weak.

Into this promise of Your steadfast and abiding love may we live our lives, and in response to Your desire for our faithfulness, may we dedicate our hearts, our minds, and our souls to You this and every day.

On the strength of Your word we stand and in the power of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

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

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mrs. HOUCHIN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. HOUCHIN 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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intent to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

H. Res. 845 censuring Representative Rashida Tlaib for promoting false narratives regarding the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel and calling for the destruction of the State of Israel.

Whereas, Israel has existed on its lands for millennia, and the United States played a critical role in returning Israel to those lands in 1948 immediately following the Holocaust and in recognition of its rights to exist as an indelible signal of our solidarity with the Jewish people;

Whereas, Israel is a critical ally to the American people and to our strategic national security interests in the Middle East;

Whereas, the people of Israel, including American citizens, were brutally attacked on October 7, 2023, by Hamas;

Whereas, Representative Rashida Tlaib, within 24 hours of the October 7 barbaric attack on Jewish citizens in the State of Israel, representing the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust, defended the brutal rapes, murders, beheadings, and kidnappings, including of Americans, by Hamas as justified resistance to the apartheid state;