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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC.

May 3, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LEONARD LANCE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2017, 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 each party limited to 1 hour 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.

CONGRATULATING PAUL PACKER ON INDUCTION INTO NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I recently attended the 24th Honors Banquet for the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Nine new Members were inducted into the Hall's membership, including Paul Packer, a 1973 Bald Eagle Area High School graduate.

Paul was the last 95-pound State champion in 1972. He had an undefeated

season that year of 23-0. He started wrestling in elementary school for Hall of Fame coach Joe Humphreys, who continued to coach Paul into junior high. At the varsity level, Paul wrestled for Hall of Famer Dick Rhoades. He was Coach Rhoades' first State champion.

After his competitive wrestling career was over, Paul became a referee. Paul was a highly respected and outstanding wrestling official. During his 37 years as a referee, Paul spent more than a dozen years officiating district and regional championships, as well as five State championships.

Paul is retired and resides in Milesburg, Pennsylvania. He is active in his community and was a coach for the Bald Eagle Wrestling Club for several years.

Mr. Speaker, from one Hall of Famer to another, congratulations, Paul, on this well-deserved honor.

PENNSYLVANIA'S FIFTH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNERS

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the winners of the Pennsylvania Fifth Congressional District Congressional Art Competition.

On Saturday, an independent panel of judges viewed 37 submissions of artwork at the Winkler Gallery of Fine Art in DuBois, Pennsylvania. Entries were at an all-time high this year, and I am so proud of all of our students who showcased their talent in this competition.

First place goes to Cassy Lester of Reynoldsville for her acrylic painting titled "Chocolate Lab." Cassy is a student at Jeff Tech, a career and technology education center, and her teacher is Ms. Angela Dragich.

Congratulations, Cassy. We look forward to hosting you here in Washington, D.C., with the rest of the winners from throughout the Nation.

Proudly, Cassy's artwork will hang in the tunnel to the Capitol for 1 year.

The other runners up are Madelyn Ostermann of Fort LeBoeuf High School for her entry titled "Eyes," and Alexander Spangler of Bellefonte Area High School for his entry titled "Tracks of Ingenuity."

We also had several honorable mentions, including "Self Portrait" by Megan DiNicola of Fort LeBoeuf High School, "True Colors" by Maggie Prutzal of Punxsutawney Area High School, "Jungle Scene" by Allison Copella of DuBois Area High School, "Emmaleigh" by Kailynn Morrison of Oil City High School, "Wondrous Wonders" by Willow Felver of Fort LeBoeuf High School, "Wonderwall" by Cassidy Hall of Fort LeBoeuf High School, and "Thomas L. Kelly" by Margaret Morgenstern of Fort LeBoeuf High School.

Mr. Speaker, each spring the Congressional Art Competition takes place, hosted by the Congressional Institute. The nationwide high school visual art competition recognizes and encourages artistic talent in the Nation and in each congressional district.

Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated. The vision, talent, and creativity of our high school students always makes me so proud.

Thank you to all the students from Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District who shared their masterpieces this weekend, and I hope to see you again next year if you are eligible to showcase your work.

Mr. Speaker, I offer congratulations to our first-place winner, Cassy.

THE BUDGET DOES NOT HAVE MY VOTE

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

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I will admit that I am pleased that the deal

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