House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 2, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIMI WALTERS 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. All time shall be equally allocated between the parties, and in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

REMEMBERING PAT GILBREATH

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

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life of someone I was lucky to call a colleague and mentor—Redlands City Council member Pat Gilbreath.

I was heartbroken to learn of Pat's passing in early October, but I will always be grateful for her countless contributions to our community. Her imprint can be seen throughout the city of Redlands and our region. She was the earliest advocate for Redlands' passenger rail, supported the Healthy Communities Initiative and Open Space Initiative to honor our citrus heritage.

When I was just starting out on the city council, Pat's leadership and poise helped shape the type of public servant that I aim to be. She was pragmatic, measured, and listened intently to the public.

I will always be thankful for everything that she taught me, not the least of which was how to hide the chocolate in the city council dais so we could eat it during our late night council meetings.

A loving mother and grandmother, she was always proud to beam about her family. I know that when they look at her legacy and the impact she made in the community, her family can be just as proud of her.

Pat will always be remembered in our region for her thoughtfulness, her dedication, and her problem-solving ability. I will always remember her for her friendship.

ERIE COUNTY INNOVATION BEEHIVE SUPPORTS ENTREPRENEURS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I recently visited the Innovation Commons at Penn State Behrend in Erie County, which is an idea lab that offers support for entrepreneurs and startup companies.

It opened in January of 2016 to innovators, including those at the student level, who sought a place to organize, collaborate, compose, and construct their ideas.

The Innovation Commons is a part of the Innovation Beehive, which is housed at, and managed by, Penn State Behrend. It is in partnership with three additional Erie County universities: Mercyhurst, Gannon, and Edinboro. It was the first of its kind in 2016, and its success established a business network across Erie County—or, in other words, the beehive.

The beehive sites will operate as both individual service providers and as part of a larger, connected network, with multiple points of entry for entrepreneurs. All services will be available to the public and to businesses seeking to develop new products or enter new markets.

Each lab will specialize in different aspects of product or business development:

Edinboro University will provide advertising, marketing, and public relations strategies for business startups. Both current students and those entrepreneurs in the community can all seek assistance with all of these universities. The lab, which will be equipped with high-end printers, art supplies, drafting tables, and other multimedia support, will be located in the Baron-Forness Library;

Gannon University will focus on business development, including business analysis. The Gannon beehive, which will be located in the Center for Business Ingenuity, will offer access to the Small Business Development Center and the Erie Technology Incubator;

Mercyhurst University will provide business intelligence services and solutions to help developers commercialize their ideas. Blended faculty-student teams will use high-end computers, plotters, and other tools to develop custom intelligence products from within the Ridge College of Intelligence Studies.

Madam Speaker, this northwest Pennsylvania Innovation Beehive network is working to serve the region. It will enable innovators to access universities' resources and applied research

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