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

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 15, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID KUSTOFF 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 8, 2018, 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 1:50 p.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

### IRONTON-LAWRENCE COUNTY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Nation's oldest, continuously running Memorial Day parade, the Ironton-Lawrence County Memorial Day Parade.

In 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic established May 30 as Decoration Day, later changed to Memorial Day, to commemorate soldiers who died during the Civil War. It was in 1868

that Ironton held their first parade, and 2018 marks 150 straight years of honoring America's fallen heroes.

Ironton and Lawrence County have a long association with America's military. Lawrence County was named for James Lawrence, a naval hero who commanded the USS Chesapeake. It was Lawrence's dying command during a naval conflict against the British that is still remembered today: "Don't give up the ship."

The 40 members of the parade committee work year round to organize the event, which has 12 separate divisions and draws tens of thousands of visitors annually. I commend the committee and the people of Lawrence County for their steadfast commitment to remembering and honoring American heroes over the last 150 years.

### HONORING THE 2018 EDUCATIONAL AWARD PROGRAM WINNERS

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 2018 winners of my office's Educational Award Program.

Each year, my office recognizes students who have shown their continued dedication to excelling academically, leading in their schools, and improving in their communities. Since 2015, we have recognized 91 juniors and seniors from 29 high schools across Arkansas' Second Congressional District. These students have continuously demonstrated a strong commitment to community service, leadership, teamwork, and high academic achievement.

It is my sincere hope that the receipt of this award serves not only as an honorarium for these exceptional students, but also as motivation for other central Arkansas students to strive for the highest levels of excellence both in and out of the classroom. I wish them all the best as they continue their studies.

### RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF EDWARD POLETTI

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Edward Poletti, chief of learning resources at Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System.

The Library of Congress' Federal Library and Information Network has awarded Mr. Poletti with its Federal Librarian of the Year Award. Along with this honor, his name will be added to a perpetual plaque listing each year's recipients. Mr. Poletti is being awarded for his skill in survey designs, statistics, and for providing his statistical talents to many other librarians needing assistance with data interpretation and survey design.

He is also receiving the Lois Ann Colaanni Award for Excellence and Achievement in Hospital Librarianship from the Medical Library Association.

I honor Mr. Poletti's 36 years of service as a Federal librarian, assisting so many throughout Arkansas and the Nation.

### RECOGNIZING SUSAN COOKUS, NATIONAL FEMALE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Susan Cookus of the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System for being named National Female Volunteer of the Year.

The National Advisory Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service named Ms. Cookus the National Female Volunteer of the Year after reviewing nomination letters from the Central Arkansas VA and from our veterans in central Arkansas.

Susan's dedication and service to veterans and their needs have earned her a great deal of appreciation, recognition, and respect over the years.

Ms. Cookus is also a member of the Soldiers' Angels, a Texas-based nonprofit that provides aid and comfort to the men and women of the U.S. armed services, their families, and an expanding veteran population. Ms. Cookus

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volunteered more than 570 hours and helped distribute more than \$720,000 in donations in the past year brought in by Soldiers' Angels.

There is no one more deserving of this award, and I am proud to have such a dedicated member of my district volunteering and helping our veterans.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFELONG SERVICE OF ESTHER CRAWFORD AND EMMA WILBERT

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lifelong service of two constituents of mine, Esther Crawford and Emma Wilbert, both of whom were recently inducted into the North Little Rock, Arkansas, Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

Esther serves as a board member for the North Little Rock Education Foundation and the William F. Laman Public Library. She has earned the designation of Most Vital Pal at the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute for all of her help to their multiple myeloma patients.

Emma serves as activity director at the Campus Towers' senior public housing facility in North Little Rock, after she retired from a 28-year career with the U.S. Postal Service. She was elected as vice queen for the Hays Senior Citizens Center's Red Hat Society chapter for 7 years and serves in both the sanctuary choir and nursing home ministry of Greater Second Baptist Church in Little Rock.

Senior Hall of Fame selections are bestowed every 2 years on individuals for their significant contributions to North Little Rock, Arkansas' senior citizens. I congratulate them.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
ROSENSTIEL SCHOOL OF MARINE  
AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, this year, my alma mater, the University of Miami, celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science.

Early on, in 1943, UM recognized the need to advance the field of oceanographic research, establishing what was known then as the UM Marine Laboratory in a small boathouse on Belle Isle in Miami Beach.

Fast-forward to today. UM's Rosenstiel School has transformed into one of the world's premier marine and atmospheric research institutions, including developing state-of-the-art approaches to tackling some of today's most pressing environmental problems.

This vital research includes coral reef restoration and sustainable fishing studies that have had a positive impact on south Florida as a community and as stewards of our fragile environment. UM's efforts help ensure that future generations enjoy our unique and beautiful oceans for centuries to come.

I would like to congratulate UM Rosenstiel students and the staff, both

past and present, for their commitment to oceanographic and atmospheric research and for the work that has made it this wonderful institution that it is today.

So happy 75th. Go Canes.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STANLEY TATE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a prominent figure of not only our south Florida community, but of the entire Nation, Mr. Stanley Tate. A Miami-Dade County native, Stanley Tate has been successful in many roles, including businessman, civic leader, and public servant.

Not long after Stanley graduated from college, he founded a general contracting firm building private homes and apartment buildings. As a young and driven newcomer to the industry, Stanley quickly became well-known and respected for his quality work, and he has continuously expanded upon his success.

Stanley also knew that he could make a great, positive impact in our community and beyond by involving himself in public service. He served with the city council of Bay Harbor Islands in several capacities, including mayor and assistant mayor for 20 years. He also served on the board of directors of the Florida League of Cities and is a former chairman of the housing resource team for Metro-Dade County.

It is because of his vast knowledge and proficiency that Stanley was invited several times to testify here in D.C. before committees in both the House and the Senate regarding housing and banking issues. Stanley was also appointed by President George Herbert Walker Bush to be the chairman of the National Advisory Board of the Resolution Trust Corporation, and he was then nominated by President Clinton to be the president of the RTC.

Stanley and I share the belief that every family should be provided a way to save for their child's higher education, so I was proud to partner with Stanley to help his vision become a reality with the Florida Prepaid College Plan. It was his tenure in the early developments of the program that helped ensure the program's viability and success. In recognition of Stanley's efforts, then-Governor Jeb Bush renamed the program the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program.

As a believer in the Jewish faith, Stanley has always been active in the Miami Jewish community and was a strong and early supporter of our ally, the democratic Jewish State of Israel. Stanley served as chairman of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and has been heavily involved in the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, or AIPAC, since the very start.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his life, Stanley has selflessly devoted himself to give back to others. So, thank you, Stanley Tate, for your commitment to bettering the lives of so many in our community and our great Nation. I am

so proud to call you mi amigo, my friend.

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 12 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 pro tempore (Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

You look upon our world: men and women being born and being laid to rest, some getting married and others getting divorced, the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the happy and the sad. There are so many who are aimless, despairing, hateful, and killing, so many sick and undernourished, so many struggling with life who find it hard to see meaning.

Send us Your spirit, that the issues of our day might be met with compassion by the Members of this House, and all who serve to improve the conditions of our shared humanity.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BANKS of Indiana 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.

REPEAL OF WATERWAY  
REGULATION

(Mr. BANKS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, as we debate the farm bill this week,