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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 12, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SCOTT DESJARLAIS 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 11:50 a.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

CONGRATULATING PIOGA ON ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, in 1918, a group of Pennsylvania crude oil and natural gas producers got together to form a trade organization. The Pennsylvania Oil, Gas and Minerals Association was formed. It is believed to be the oldest continuously operating oil and gas trade association in the United States.

In April 2010, members of the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Association and the Independent Oil and Gas Association of Pennsylvania, IOGA, unanimously voted to merge the two organizations into a single, comprehensive trade association representing oil and natural gas interests throughout Pennsylvania.

The merger reunited two organizations that had split apart nearly some 30 years earlier to form the Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association, or PIOGA.

A century later, industry leaders, supporters, and friends will gather to celebrate PIOGA. The centennial celebration will take place next week at the birthplace of the American oil industry, Drake well in Titusville, Pennsylvania, in the Fifth Congressional District, to mark 100 years of the industry's growth and sustainability in Pennsylvania.

PIOGA represents nearly 550 members, including oil and natural gas producers, drilling contractors, service companies, manufacturers, distributors, professional firms, consultants, pipelines, end-users, royalty owners, and others with interests in the success of Pennsylvania's oil and gas industry.

The Commonwealth is blessed with abundant energy resources, particularly clean-burning natural gas. PIOGA works closely with pipelines, utilities, and end-users as well as those developing cutting-edge products and services that revolve around natural gas use.

PIOGA staff also works with educators to increase students' knowledge of energy issues that impact current and future generations of Pennsylvanians. Led by President and Executive Director Dan Weaver, PIOGA is a member-driven organization that works to realize the benefits of Pennsylvania's crude oil and natural gas.

PIOGA is based in Wexford, just north of Pittsburgh, with satellite of-

fices in McKean County and Harrisburg. The association employs an eight-person staff, and each year, PIOGA hosts several conferences, seminars, public educational meetings, presentations, and community events at a variety of locations across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I wish PIOGA the best as it gathers in Titusville to celebrate 100 years of growth and sustainability in the Pennsylvania oil and gas industry. The industry has a rich history in the Commonwealth, and I know that, as PIOGA looks forward to the future, it will continue to uphold the high standards and expertise for which it is known in order to provide access to affordable energy for all and help to continue to fuel our economy.

UPHOLDING CIVIL RIGHTS

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

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, I sent a bouquet of flowers and a big Puerto Rican flag to Mia Irizarry, a young Puerto Rican woman who lives in Chicago who celebrated her 24th birthday last month.

My wife and I wanted to let her know that we support her and we admire her. You see, her birthday party at a park in Cook County, Illinois, didn't turn out the way she expected. By now, most of us have seen the video of that incident. A 62-year-old man, whom police have identified as Timothy Trybus, verbally abused and harassed Ms. Irizarry because she was wearing a shirt that depicts the flag of our U.S. colony, Puerto Rico.

What unfolds over the 30 minutes is a man physically and verbally intimidating a very polite and poised 24-year-old American woman while a uniformed police officer stands by and does nothing to intervene or help. The officer has been identified as Patrick

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