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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MEADOWS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

September 4, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK MEADOWS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

We give You thanks, O God, for giving us another day. In the wake of a great American holiday, we ask Your special blessing on American workers. May they know and be confident of the nobility and sacredness of their labor.

As the Members of the people's House return to the Capitol, call them as well with Your gentling voice of collegiality.

When a sense of alienation shadows all of our souls, we find our differences difficult to bear, we move away from each other. Insofar as this spirit of alienation has descended upon this House, help each Member to overcome unnecessary divisions that hamper productive work on behalf of our Nation.

Bring them to a deeper level of awareness of Your spirit, and make us one Nation. Give the Members listening hearts, ready and willing to respond to Your spirit living in each one.

And may all that is done 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 Arkansas (Mr. HILL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HILL 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.

CONGRATULATING THE KERNERSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Kernersville Chamber of Commerce on celebrating its 50th anniversary this week. This organization is a steadfast pillar of the strong business community in Kernersville, North Carolina.

The Teacher Grant Program is among the chamber's many significant contributions to local education and investments in future business leaders. Each year, teachers submit proposals for creative "hands on" lessons, and with moneys raised over the summer, the chamber awards at least one \$500 grant to each school.

The chamber also supports current community and business leaders through its Leadership Kernersville Program, which has prepared 200 participants for leadership roles and involvement within the community, the region, and the State since 1993.

The Kernersville Chamber of Commerce has been an incredible asset to

the community and will continue to be so for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING SIERRA HOLLEY

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, this Labor Day week, I recognize the achievements of a young woman from Arkansas, Ms. Sierra Holley. Ms. Holley is a student at the Conway Area Career Center and recently completed the SkillsUSA Championships, where she received a Skill Point Certificate in welding sculpture.

Sierra won the gold in our State's SkillsUSA Leadership Conference and received a travel scholarship from the MikeRoweWORKS Foundation to attend the national competition.

SkillsUSA's programs are integrated into career and technical education through a framework of personal, workplace, and technical skills grounded in academics.

More than 6,300 students from every State in the Union completed this year's championships, and Arkansas is so proud of Sierra's accomplishments.

SkillsUSA Championship events are a great way for middle, high school, and college students to immerse in the field of a skilled workforce.

Conway Area Career Center is located at Conway High School. I congratulate Sierra for her great achievement and that of her teachers at the Conway Area Career Center.

HONORING CHARLY BUTCHER

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

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of northeast Indiana broadcasting icon, Charly Butcher.

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