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The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 6147, INTERIOR, ENVIRON-MENT, FINANCIAL SERVICES. AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT AP-PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees on H.R. 6147:

Messrs. FRELINGHUYSEN, ADERHOLT, SIMPSON, CALVERT, COLE, DIAZ-BALART, GRAVES of Georgia, YOUNG of Iowa, RUTHERFORD, Mrs. LOWEY, Messrs. PRICE of North Carolina, BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Quigley, and Ms. PINGREE.

There was no objection.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING RONALD V. DELLUMS

(Ms. LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember the life and legacy of a great statesman and social justice warrior, Congressman Ron Dellums, who passed away on July 30.

Mr. Speaker, the contributions that Ron made to our community, the Nation, and the world are endless. As a former marine and the first African American to serve on the House Armed Services Committee and later to become its chair, he was a true patriot and a hero.

As cofounder of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Progressive Caucus, Ron fought for the civil and human rights for everyone in America and around the world; also, he fought to end poverty.

As a social worker, Congressman Dellums made it his life mission to fight for the most vulnerable. That was evident in his fight against the brutal apartheid regime leading to the passage of his South Africa Sanctions Bill after introducing it 11 times. President Reagan vetoed the bill and Congress overrode the veto.

I am blessed to call Ron my dear friend, my predecessor, my mentor, and my former boss. I miss him tremendously, and I will hold him dear to my heart and the lessons that I learned from this great public servant.

My condolences are with the Dellums family, friends, and loved ones. His legacy and his spirit will be with us forever.

Now I ask my colleagues to join me, please, in a moment of silence for our great fallen hero.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota). All Members please rise for a moment of silence.

ERDOGAN THE BULLY

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, our supposed Turkish allies are holding Americans hostage. At least two Americans, Andrew Brunson and Serkan Golge, are being held by the Turkish regime on fake charges.

President Erdogan, an Islamist who has arrested thousands of Turks who oppose him and puts them in jail, believes that he can also imprison Americans and use them as bargaining chips. He hopes that he can trade American hostages for his political opponents that have fled Turkey.

Even if the individuals Erdogan wanted had clearly committed crimes, which there is absolutely no evidence they have, we should never engage in rewarding Turkey for taking hostages.

Erdogan the bully has proven he has no respect for the rule of law, and, instead, rules by fear, intimidation, threats, and terror. We must not assist him in his destruction of his own democracy

American hostages like Pastor Andrew Brunson, who has been held for more than 600 days, must be returned immediately to America. Until then, Turkey should no longer be considered an ally of Americans but a kidnapper of Americans.

And that is just the way it is.

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PERIPHERAL ARTERY DISEASE

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an epidemic, a pandemic of unnecessary amputations in our country. In the 21st cennon-traumatic amputations turv. should be a thing of the past, but they are not.

Poor blood circulation because of peripheral artery disease often leads to amputations, and minorities are suffering disproportionately. In fact, African Americans with PAD are more likely to be amputated and less likely to have their lower limbs revascularized.

Across this country, people are having their limbs and digits amputated simply because they are poor, simply because they don't have access to healthcare until it is too late.

Yesterday, Mr. PAULSEN and I brought together experts from across the country to discuss ways Congress can prevent this unnecessary amputation issue. This is serious.

The problem is no one checks or does any screening prior to amputations. If a woman went in to her doctor and found a lump in her breast today and the doctor said well, we are just going to have to do a mastectomy, we would go crazy. So we need testing in this area as well because these limbs can be saved and Americans can go on and live the quality of life that they deserve in this Nation.

This is a serious health issue that affects people in all of our districts, and I look forward to continuing to work with both Democrats and Republicans to reduce unnecessary amputations.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL CHILD-HOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, September is the National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. It is a month about a young lady from home. Her name is Marlee Pack.

On April 10 of 2015, she was told a small bump on her left foot was cancer. Two weeks later, her left foot was cut off. Next was 40 straight weeks of chemotherapy in Houston. The chemo took all of her hair, but it never took her smile.

She kept smiling when her cancer came back in July of 2017. She smiled because she beat her cancer again. Marlee smiles because she is bathed in love from her parents, a teacher who let Marlee shave her head at school,

and a parade at her school, Sienna Crossing Elementary in Fort Bend County.

But Marlee's biggest smile is yet to come. Soon, she will ring that bell that she is cancer-free. Let's smile with Marlee and make D.C. gold this month.

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.) $% \left({{\left({{{{\bf{N}}_{\rm{T}}}} \right)}} \right)$

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, they say a picture is worth a thousand words. This is a the moment when Judge Brett Kavanaugh refused to shake the hand of Fred Guttenberg, a man whose 14-year old daughter was murdered during a school shooting at Parkland, Florida earlier this year.

Instead of shaking his hand, Judge Kavanaugh buttoned up his jacket, turned and walked away. That moment said all I need to know about Judge Kavanaugh. It is clear he doesn't possess the empathy necessary to serve on the highest court in the land.

Yesterday, Judge Kavanaugh said he wants both parties in his cases believing he gave them a fair shake. And yet, when facing a man who lost his daughter in one of the most horrific school shootings in our country's history, he wouldn't even shake his hand.

As a judge, Brett Kavanaugh said he believes a ban on the sale of semiautomatic assault weapons is unconstitutional. That is his record.

On the Supreme Court, he will allow the unrestricted sale of weapons like the one used to kill Mr. Guttenberg's daughter. But as a person, his actions toward Mr. Guttenberg on Tuesday speak louder than any legal opinion he could write.

The Senate must reject his nomination.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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

Mr. ESTES of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer thanks to the Wichita Police Department, FBI, and ICE for making a series of arrests last month to help end human trafficking in my community in Wichita, Kansas.

On August 23, several raids began after an investigation into possible child sex trafficking led to a tip from a 15-year-old female victim. Information this brave young girl provided led to the arrest of eight people for charges of aggravated human trafficking, as well as illegal firearms, drug possession, and rape. This would not have been possible without the partnership between the local Wichita police, the FBI, and the Homeland Security Investigations unit of ICE.

People may not be aware, but human trafficking is one of the most heinous crimes investigated by ICE. Rather than disavow ICE and all law enforcement, these brave men and women deserve our support for their service.

So, Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Homeland Security Committee, and Representative from Wichita, I ask my colleagues to join me today in thanking all law enforcement for keeping communities like mine safe.

HONORING RONALD V. DELLUMS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I look forward to having the opportunity to speak about former Congressman Ron Dellums at a lengthier time, but I wanted to stand and pay tribute to him at this time, and to indicate what an important experience it was to serve with him for the short period of time that I had to do so.

One of my predecessors, the Honorable Mickey Leland, who died in Ethiopia some many years ago trying to serve those who were starving, had a strong bond and friendship with Congressman Ron Dellums, and it was clear, when I came to the United States Congress, why. Both men had a deep and abiding passion and conscience for what is right.

And even as Mr. Dellums ascended to the chairmanship or leadership of the Armed Services Committee, he was always committed and dedicated to his values, and that was peace, and reconciliation, and the idea that it was important to invest in people, as opposed to investing in enormous, large budgets for the defense.

We thank him for his work on HIV/ AIDS but, more importantly, on his counseling and mentoring, and we are grateful to his family for sharing him with America.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF JIM DEMANN

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the service of Eden Prairie Police Chief Jim DeMann, who will retire at the end of September after a career of dedication to the safety of Eden Prairie and Minnesota families.

Chief DeMann spent his entire career in law enforcement serving our community in Eden Prairie. In fact, his 31 years of service began back in 1983, as a Police Department intern. But by 1987 he was a sworn officer, and he served for almost a decade as a canine officer.

I have known Jim for years, and his leadership will surely be missed because he led by example and has seen a lot of growth in our community. But incoming Chief Greg Weber now will surely be up to the task.

On behalf of our entire Eden Prairie community, I want to thank Chief DeMann for his service to the entire

Eden Prairie community, and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

PREVENTING ALL-OUT CHAOS

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, because of our diversity of interests and constituents, Congress is an inherently volatile body. For stability, the Nation typically looks to the President, the one official elected nationwide.

This President has abdicated his role as a unifying figure. Instead, he daily takes radically disconcerting actions, alarming residents who do not know what to expect from 1 day to the next.

The Republican majority does not even try to help, so, instead, Trump's own appointees now seek to reassure the public and our allies that someone on the inside is trying to prevent allout chaos.

Those who want the author of the uncontradicted New York Times op-ed to resign need to explain how that would quell the undeniable chaos in the administration or reassure the American public that responsible officials are looking out for them.

RECOGNIZING NICK RATLIFF, 2018 CARHARTT BASSMASTER CLAS-SIC COLLEGE SERIES INDI-VIDUAL CHAMPION

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nick Ratliff, a native of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and a senior at Campbellsville University, who recently earned the title of individual champion at the 2018 Carhartt Bassmaster Classic College Series.

The grueling competition at Milford Lake in Junction City, Kansas, tested Ratliff's endurance and fishing prowess, with only 4 ounces ultimately separating him from his competitor. After 3 days of challenges, and battling stormy conditions, Ratliff emerged the champion with a 13-pound, 8-ounce catch.

Following this incredible victory, he has earned the right to compete at the 2019 Bassmaster Classic on the Tennessee River in March of 2019 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

I join with his family and friends, as well as his coach, Pete Hedgepath, in congratulating him on this great accomplishment. I wish him the best of luck in his future competitions, and look forward to many more titles and championships as a result of his continued dedication to his sport.

HONORING RONALD V. DELLUMS

(Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)