

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 9, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from the Honorable Mary Fallin, Governor of Oklahoma, indicating that the Honorable Kevin Hern of the First Congressional District, is elected to fill the vacancy in the 115th Congress created by the resignation of the Honorable Jim Bridenstine on April 23, 2018.

This certification has been submitted under the laws of Oklahoma as stated in the accompanying documents.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,  
NOVEMBER 8, 2018.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,  
Clerk, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: The provisions of 26 O.S. 12-101(B) (Oklahoma Statutes) require the election held November 6, 2018, for the seat to which Kevin Hern was elected, to be treated as election, within the meaning of Oklahoma law, to fill the unexpired term of Jim Bridenstine who resigned on Monday, April 23, 2018. Accordingly, pursuant to that statute, my appointment, as Governor of the State of Oklahoma, is the ministerial act incident to that election.

Sincerely,

MARY FALLIN,  
Governor.

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

TO SECRETARY OF STATE, OKLAHOMA STATE CAPITAL, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Please file for record the following executive order. By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Oklahoma, I hereby appoint: Kevin Hern as United States Representative, District 1 for the unexpired term of Jim Bridenstine who resigned on Monday, April 23, 2018 and, whose term expired on January 3, 2019 as provided by 26 O.S., Section 12-101(B)

Signed this 8th day of November, 2018

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma  
MARY FALLIN,

Attest:

JAMES A. WILLIAMSON,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 13, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from Mr. Jonathan Marks, Commissioner, Bureau Commissions, Election and Legislation, Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held November 6, 2018, the Honorable Mary Gay Scanlon was elected Representative to Congress for the Seventh Congressional District, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
BUREAU COMMISSIONS, ELECTIONS AND  
LEGISLATION,  
Harrisburg, PA, November 9, 2018.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,  
Clerk, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, for Representative in Congress for the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, show that Mary Gay Scanlon received 167,680 votes or 52.02% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Mary Gay Scanlon was elected as Representative in Congress from the 7th Congress District of Pennsylvania.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election. Furthermore, the possibility of a recount is unlikely because the provisional ballots and military and overseas absentee ballots that are yet to be counted are not in great enough number to potentially alter the outcome of this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all counties involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

JONATHAN MARKS,  
Commissioner.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE  
JOSEPH D. MORELLE, OF NEW  
YORK, AS A MEMBER OF THE  
HOUSE

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New York, the Honorable Joseph D. Morelle, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE  
KEVIN HERN, OF OKLAHOMA, AS  
A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Oklahoma, the Honorable Kevin Hern, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE  
MARY GAY SCANLON, OF PENN-  
SYLVANIA, AS A MEMBER OF  
THE HOUSE

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania, the Honorable Mary Gay

Scanlon, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the Representatives-elect please present themselves in the well.

Mr. MORELLE of New York, Mr. HERN of Oklahoma, and Ms. SCANLON of Pennsylvania appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 115th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE JO-  
SEPH D. MORELLE TO THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ENGEL) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, as co-dean of the New York delegation, along with my colleague Congresswoman LOWEY, the New York delegation is pleased to welcome our newest colleague, Joe Morelle, representing New York's 25th District in upstate New York.

Joe has been elected to the seat of our beloved and departed colleague Louise Slaughter. Joe hails from Irondequoit and, like myself, served in the New York State Assembly. He was elected to that body in 1990 and became majority leader in 2013.

He graduated from SUNY Geneseo with a bachelor's degree in political science and began his political career at age 28 as a Monroe County legislator. Congressman Morelle and his wife, Mary Beth, are well known and well loved, and we are so happy to have Joe Morelle as one of our colleagues.

Congratulations, Joe.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. Morelle).

Mr. MORELLE. I thank the Speaker and his staff for the courtesies they have extended to me.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank, first of all, my wife, Mary Beth; my entire family; and many dear friends who have traveled to be with us today and those at home watching for their unwavering love and support. I would also like to thank my long-time friend, Congressman ELIOT ENGEL, for that