

as the families, friends, loved ones, and communities affected by the tragedy;

(6) applauds the dedication and bravery of law enforcement for their efforts to respond to the attack, as well as the service of first responders and medical professionals throughout the Pittsburgh community;

(7) stands with the Jewish community in Pittsburgh, the United States, and across the world;

(8) reaffirms the commitment of the United States and its allies to defeat anti-Semitism in all its forms throughout the world; and

(9) supports the right of Americans to freely exercise their religious beliefs and rejects all forms of terror and hate.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MS. FOXX

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to the text at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Page 3, line 1, strike “Feinberg” and insert “Fienberg”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

AMENDMENT TO THE PREAMBLE OFFERED BY MS. FOXX

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to the preamble at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

In the second whereas clause, strike “Feinberg” and insert “Fienberg”.

In the last whereas clause, insert “according to the Anti-Defamation League” after “2017”.

The amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DISPENSING WITH MORNING-HOUR DEBATE ON TOMORROW

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the order of the House of January 8, 2018, regarding morning-hour debate not apply tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO POSTPONE FURTHER PROCEEDINGS ON H.R. 5787, STRENGTHENING COASTAL COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2018

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that further proceedings on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5787) to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to give effect to more accurate maps of units of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System that were produced by digital mapping of such units, and for other purposes, may be postponed through the legislative day of November 16, 2018, as though under clause 8 of rule XX.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF DAMON NELSON

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, Damon Nelson, the staff director of our House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, passed away a few days ago, and this has left us shocked and saddened.

It was my honor to have been selected by the Speaker to serve on this coveted committee, and we all came to know Damon as a kind and gracious gentleman. Always armed with a smile, Damon was there to lend a hand to staffers and Members alike.

A veteran of the Persian Gulf war, Damon took pride in his military service, which also afforded him the opportunity to meet his lovely wife, Dana.

My heart goes out to you, Dana; to Damon's family; to our congressional colleague DEVIN; and to all the wonderful folks who had the privilege of calling Damon a friend.

Although Damon will no longer walk these hallowed halls, his spirit will forever be forged in the mission of this institution: To serve our citizens with honor and distinction.

I was privileged to know such a patriot and fine individual who embodied the characteristics of a public servant.

Thank you, Damon, for all you did, and rest easy, my friend.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Career and Technical Education Caucus, I rise to recognize National Apprenticeship Week.

In recent years, we have heard too often about the tremendous skills gap that we have in our country, where too many jobs at companies in our districts go unfilled because workers don't have the skills to do those jobs that are available. Well, apprenticeships provide valuable on-the-job training for students of all ages. By combining practical and theoretical instruction, they allow students to earn while they learn, preparing them for high-skilled, high-paying jobs.

I have seen the promise of these programs back home. In Rhode Island, Electric Boat has partnered with the Community College of Rhode Island to offer an apprenticeship program at Quonset Point in maritime pipe and structural trades. Apprentices will finish the program with a certificate and an associate's degree, ready for rewarding careers in high-demand industries.

Apprenticeships offer affordable education for students, powerful produc-

tivity enhancements for businesses, and big economic returns for our communities. As the number of skilled job openings continues to grow and the workforce continues to age, apprenticeship programs will become even more critical.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF DR. RICHARD GOTTFRIED

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

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dr. Richard Gottfried, whose life was tragically taken, along with 10 other congregants, during the attack at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh on October 27.

Raised in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, Rich concluded his studies at the University of Pittsburgh Dental School. There, he met Peg Durachko, with whom he enjoyed a beautiful 38-year marriage.

Rich and Peg ran a local dental practice. They also joyfully gave back to their community, providing dental care to the needy, including immigrants and refugees, at the Catholic Charities Dental Clinic and at the Squirrel Hill Medical Center.

Their boundless love was reflected in their full respect of and engagement in each other's Jewish and Catholic faiths. When not serving as synagogue president or providing dental care, Rich and Peg relished evenings at home on their deck with wine and cigars.

What took Rich from us was an act of pure evil, hatred, and anti-Semitism. Love must overcome hate, and the love displayed by Rich and Peg, and now continued by her, can lead us all from grieving to healing.

May Rich's memory be a blessing to Peg and his whole community.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW WHITAKER AS ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the appointment of Matthew Whitaker as Acting Attorney General of the United States.

Mr. Whitaker has repeatedly dismissed the value and seriousness of the Mueller investigation while advising the President on strategies to sabotage it, including through advocating for investigations the DOJ's own professional staff had already determined were unnecessary.

Mr. Whitaker's broader record on issues of justice is just as disturbing, as the Anti-Defamation League found his opposition to the appointment of non-Christian Federal judges to be “deeply troubling.”