

ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019, TO MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019; AND HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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

There was no objection.

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“I AM JAZZ”

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

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, today I have the great honor of reading again along with my colleague, ANGIE CRAIG, “I Am Jazz.” It is a book about a transsexual young boy who becomes a young girl.

“I am Jazz.

“For as long as I can remember, my favorite color has been pink. My second-favorite color is silver and my third favorite color is green.

“Here are some of my other favorite things: dancing, singing, back flips, drawing, soccer, swimming, makeup, and pretending I’m a pop star.

“Most of all, I love mermaids. Sometimes I even wear a mermaid tail in the pool.

“My best friends are Samantha and Casey. We always have fun together. We like high heels and princess gowns, or cartwheels and trampolines.

“But I am not exactly like Samantha and Casey.

“I have a girl brain but a boy body. This is called transgender. I was born this way.”

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IN RECOGNITION OF FIREFIGHTER  
DOUG HOPE

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

Mr. YOHO. Today, I would like to recognize the kindness and generosity of one of my constituents, High Springs firefighter Doug Hope.

Last week, Doug responded to a Life Alert emergency call for an elderly woman who lives alone.

Thankfully, the alert was a false alarm, but while assessing the woman, Doug noticed that her microwave wasn’t working, so she was unable to heat up the Meals on Wheels food that she relies on to get by. When he realized how long it had been since she had eaten a warm meal, Doug decided to go out and buy her a new microwave.

The High Springs Fire Department shared the story on Facebook, and it

has since been viewed by more than a million people.

Despite this attention, Doug has remained humble. He says he just hopes people who hear about this story are inspired to pay attention to one another and do something for someone else.

Well done, Doug. Your compassion and selflessness are an inspiration to all. And, Doug, thanks for being a great example of passing it forward.

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“I AM JAZZ”

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

Mrs. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Jazz and Friends National Day of Readings.

And I continue: “Mom said that being Jazz would make me different from the other kids at school, but that being different is okay. What’s important, she said, is that I’m happy with who I am.

“Being Jazz caused some other people to be confused too, like the teachers at school.

“At the beginning of the year they wanted me to use the boys’ bathroom, and play on the boys’ team in gym class, but that didn’t feel normal to me at all.

“I was so happy when the teachers changed their minds. . . .”

“Even today, there are kids who tease me, or call me by a boy name, or ignore me altogether. This makes me feel crummy.

“Then I remember that the kids who get to know me usually want to be my friend. They say I am one of the nicest girls at school.

“I don’t mind being different. Different is special. I think what matters most is what a person is like on the inside.

“And inside, I am happy. I am having fun. I am proud.

“I am Jazz.”

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TYBEE ISLAND MARINE SCIENCE  
CENTER

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tybee Island in the First Congressional District of Georgia for breaking ground on a brand-new Marine Science Center.

After years of hard work and planning by Tybee residents, local officials, business leaders, engineers, and so many other individuals, a ceremony was held on February 25 to celebrate the start of construction.

Scheduled to open in March of 2020, the programs at the current Marine Science Center have been enormously successful. One program called Sidewalk to the Sea has been able to reach more than 40,000 kids and educate them

about the nearby Atlantic Ocean, which sits only a few hundred yards away from the facility.

Additionally, the new Marine Science Center will include interpretive exhibits, an amphitheater, a shark school, animal rescue activities, a dune habitat trail, and more.

It is so encouraging to see the residents of this local community taking steps to appreciate our oceans, while educating old and young alike on ways that they can pitch in to preserve them.

Congratulations, and keep up the good work.

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CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH  
MONTH

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, thank you for allowing me to raise awareness for Children’s Dental Health Month.

Madam Speaker, I rise today because tooth decay is the number one chronic infectious disease among children in the United States, and the impact of untreated tooth decay goes far beyond oral health.

Having been a dentist for over 30 years, this issue is something that I have witnessed firsthand, and it is something I have great concern for. This is why the American Dental Association has dedicated February as National Children’s Dental Health Month. This annual celebration allows dentists and volunteers to spread awareness and prevention tips that help parents, teachers, and others.

Attitudes and habits established at an early age are critical in maintaining good oral health and oral health that lasts throughout life. Ensuring that children and adults get quality and accessible oral health care should remain a priority for everyone throughout the year.

Remember, if you ignore your teeth, they will go away.

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THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR  
ARMS

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

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the majority party’s attempts to take away Americans’ Second Amendment rights.

The legislation before the House this week is a constitutional overreach that would limit the rights of law-abiding citizens and does not address the serious issue of illegal gun transfers.

Madam Speaker, criminals do not follow the law. According to the Department of Justice, 77 percent of State prison inmates convicted of a firearm crime either obtain their firearm through theft, off the black market, from a drug dealer, or on the street.