

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Washington (Mr. KILMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILMER 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.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF KATE IRWIN

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

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of a member of my district staff, Kate Irwin, who passed away this morning following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

While she was taken far too soon, I feel so lucky that she was part of my team and part of our lives. Kate was the ultimate public servant.

If she was meeting with the Navy about issues of national security, she had a smile on her face.

If she was serving food to folks who were down on their luck at the Salvation Army, she had a smile on her face. If she was visiting a local high school and getting to try out a flight simulator, Kate had a really big smile on her face.

She looked at every day that she got to serve the people of Washington's Sixth Congressional District as a blessing because she knew that every day on this Earth was one as well.

When I interviewed Kate for a job on my team, she memorably said: "I will work harder and will care more than anyone you'll ever meet." And every day that she came into work, every time she staffed an event, every time she followed up with a constituent in need, she showed that extraordinary commitment, even in the face of impossible circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my condolences to Kate's amazing family, and I want to thank them for sharing such an extraordinary young woman with us.

You are in our prayers.

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS INVASIVE SPECIES MONTH

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, April is Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month. These species, commonly known as hungry pests, begin to emerge in the warmer months and can be spread easily by the public.

They attack trees, plants, and agriculture products, and it costs the United States nearly \$40 billion each year in damages and extermination ef-

forts. The transfer of these invasive species hurts our American farmers and contributes to the destruction of forests and public lands.

In Pennsylvania the spotted lanternfly is a threat to apples, grapes, peaches, stone fruits, and various tree species—specially hardwoods—throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Pests can be spread by human activities like moving into a new home, traveling in the U.S. or internationally, mailing plants and food, and moving untreated firewood. The USDA offers a free checklist for those moving into a new household that would help reduce the risk of spreading hungry pests into their new home.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to be mindful of these risks and utilize the great resources available to reduce the spread of invasive species.

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW VITAL FOR HIS WIN AT AUGUSTA

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

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matthew Vital, an eighth grader from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and his entire family.

Yesterday, Matthew became a national golf champion, winning the Drive, Chip & Putt national title for the boys 12 to 13 age group. He holed a difficult chip and drained a 30-foot putt at Augusta's 18th green, the same course where PGA professionals will compete at the Masters in a few days.

The Morning Call, our hometown newspaper, features a great photo of Matthew that captures the focus and determination that he demonstrated in this tournament and has demonstrated throughout his already impressive golfing career.

Mr. Speaker, I say to Matthew that the qualities that led him to this victory—a powerful work ethic and a commitment to setting goals and seeing them through—will serve him well not just on the course, but also in school and in every aspect of life: Keep working hard. Your family, your community, and your Congresswoman are proud of you. Congratulations.

HONORING MOTORSPORTS LEGEND TONY STEWART

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a motorsports legend and perhaps the most famous son of my hometown, Columbus, Indiana.

From the dirt tracks to the high banks, to the Brickyard, Tony Stewart amassed a racing career that includes nearly 50 NASCAR wins, three NASCAR Cup titles, a USAC Triple Crown, and an IndyCar Series championship.

Tony won his first championship at the Columbus Fairgrounds when he was just 8 years old. He is synonymous with racing, and we are proud to call him a Hoosier.

On behalf of the people of Columbus, the Sixth Congressional District, and race fans across Indiana, I want to congratulate Tony Stewart on his recent nomination to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

I also want to thank Tony for his work in our community as part of the Tony Stewart Foundation. Through December 2017, the foundation has awarded over \$7 million to outstanding charities serving children with special needs, endangered animals, and injured drivers.

We honor his achievements on and off the track, and we look forward to cheering him on in years to come.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Thursday, April 4, 2019:

S. 725, to change the address of the postal facility designated in honor of Captain Humayun Khan.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4:45 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR) at 4 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 16) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.