House of Representatives

The House met at 4:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, April 15, 2019.
I hereby appoint the Honorable DONALD S. BEYER, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER
Chaplain Daniel L. Mode, United States Navy, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer.

Eternal Father, in recent weeks, You have beautifully reminded us of Your sovereignty. You indeed are Lord of creation, as You have allowed the gift of spring to bloom throughout our country, and especially in our Capital City of Washington, where the cherry blossom trees seem to take center stage.

Thus, as we begin these deliberations, we ask Your blessing that Your holy hand may enlighten and firmly guide us as we seek to preserve and promote the dignity and life of all of our people.

May this body of legislators always recognize it is their sworn vocation to assist You in administering Your beneficence, that an atmosphere of true peace and liberty may prevail in our country and throughout the world.

We ask this grace, as we do all favors, in Your most holy and loving name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 294, the Journal of the last day’s proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE
The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 12, 2019.
Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.
DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 12, 2019, at 1:51 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 14.
That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 31.
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Appointment:
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki).

Senate National Security Working Group for the 116th Congress.
Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7455(a), clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy:

Mr. COURTNEY, Connecticut

Mr. PALAZZO, Mississippi

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Maryland

Mr. CUMMINGS, Maryland

Mr. PALAZZO, Mississippi

Mr. BANKS, Indiana

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51312(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy:

Mr. SUOZZI, New York

Mr. COURTNEY, Connecticut

Mr. BANKS, Indiana

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Maryland

Mr. CUMMINGS, Maryland

Mr. PALAZZO, Mississippi

Mr. BANKS, Indiana

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1903(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy:

Mr. BEYER, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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MRS. MURPHY, Florida
MR. BRINDISI, New York
MR. WOMACK, Arkansas
MR. DAVIDSON, Ohio

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker’s table and, under the rule, referred as follows:
S. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I; to the committee on House Administration.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 294, the House stands adjourned until 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019.

Thereupon (at 4 o’clock and 34 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 3:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIX, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

747. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, transmitting the Service’s FY 2018 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 109-77, 203(a) (amended by Public Law 112-43, Sec. 604(c)); (120 Stat. 3222); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

743. A letter from the Acting Chief Human Resource Officer, United States Postal Service, transmitting the Service’s final regulations — Regulations to Prescribe Return and Time for Filing for Payment of Section 4966 Taxes (TD 9856) (RIN: 1545-B080) received April 12, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BALDERSON (for himself, Ms. HOUKLAIN, Mr. CROW, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. ESPAILLAT):
H.R. 2322. A bill to amend section 3003 of title 31, United States Code, to establish accelerated payments applicable to contracts with certain small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. ESHOO:
H.R. 2323. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain veterans organizations to take into account the membership of spouses, widows, and widowers of members of the Armed Forces for purposes of determining tax exempt status; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GARCIA of Illinois:
H.R. 2324. A bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to require creditors to request demographic information from applicants for certain types of credit in order to prevent discriminatory lending practices which target specific identities and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLON of Puerto Rico:
H.R. 2325. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Calle Alondra in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the “65th Infantry Regiment Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. LEVIN of California (for himself, Mr. PRESSER, Mr. BIZRAKIS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mrs. LEE of Nevada):
H.R. 2326. A bill to amend the Social Security Act, to establish Burial and Other Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act of 2012, and to direct the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, Defense, Labor, and Homeland Security, and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, to take certain actions to improve transition assistance to members of the Armed Forces who separate, retire, or are discharged from the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and for other purposes; to the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LEVIN of Michigan (for himself and Mrs. WAGNER):
H.R. 2327. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to provide assistance to civil society organizations in Burma that work to secure the release of prisoners of conscience and political prisoners in Burma, and assistance to current and former prisoners of conscience and political prisoners in Burma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. O’HALLERAN (for himself and Mrs. STEFANIK):
H.R. 2328. A bill to reauthorize and extend funding for community health centers and the National Health Service Corps; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RYAN:
H.R. 2329. A bill to develop an immersive, real-life, scenario-based training curriculum for law enforcement personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Ms. BASS, Ms. MING, Mr. COX of California, Ms. BEATTY, Mr. TURNER, Ms. GIBBS, and Ms. KAPTUR):
H. Res. 321. A resolution recognizing the historic, cultural, and religious significance of the festival of Vaisakhi, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mr. RYAN, Mrs. BRATTY, Mr. TURNER, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. GIBBS, and Ms. KAPTUR):
H. Res. 322. A resolution recognizing the National Association of Letter Carriers one-day food drive; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mr. COOPER, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARSLYSE, B. MALDONADO of New York, Mr. DE LAURO, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. CARRAJAL, Mr. KOSYGRIN, and Mr. SANCHEZ):
H. Res. 323. A resolution supporting State, local, and community initiatives to encourage parents, teachers, camp counselors, and childcare professionals to take measures to prevent sunburns in the minors they care for, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that State, local, and community initiatives should continue to support efforts to curb the incidences of skin cancer beginning with childhood skin protection; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

22. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, relative to Senate Resolution No. 12, urging the President and Congress of the United States to recognize June 14 as National Bourbon Day; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

23. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 24, urging the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States to enact legislation securing the citizenship of all internationally adopted children who are now adults; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

24. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 24, urging the Congress to pass legislation in support of the expansion of the presumptions for Agent Orange
exposure for veteran treatment purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Mr. CARBAJAL introduced a bill (H.R. 2330) to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Colonel Philip J. Conran of the United States Air Force for acts of valor in Laos during the Vietnam War; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution:

By Mr. BALDERSON:

H.R. 2322.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

H.R. 2324.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

H.R. 2326.

The power to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 which provides Congress with the power to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 9: Ms. Ocasio-Cortez, Mr. Gomez, Mrs. Lawrence, Ms. Finkenauer, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Moore, and Ms. Davids of Kansas.

H.R. 32: Ms. Moore.

H.R. 35: Mr. Garcia of Illinois and Ms. Wild.

H.R. 40: Mr. Pallone, Mr. Yarmuth, and Ms. Bonamici.

H.R. 41: Ms. Trahan.

H.R. 141: Mr. Taylor.

H.R. 155: Mrs. Hart, Mr. Meng, Ms. King, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Gonzalez, and Mr. Green of Florida.

H.R. 305: Mr. Budd.

H.R. 366: Ms. Tlaib.

H.R. 479: Mr. Wittman.

H.R. 497: Ms. Pingree, Mr. Rutherford, and Mr. Guthrie.

H.R. 500: Mr. Krishnamoorthi, Mr. Himes, Mr. Pocan, and Mr. Malinowski.

H.R. 519: Mr. Katz, Mr. Grotton, and Mr. Grottman.

H.R. 530: Mr. Gonzalez of Texas and Mr. Casten of Illinois.

H.R. 566: Mr. Reed.

H.R. 605: Mr. Budd.

H.R. 626: Mr. Wilson of South Carolina and Mr. Latta.

H.R. 647: Mr. Phillips, Ms. Ocasio-Cortez, Mr. Cartwright, and Mr. Kim.

H.R. 661: Mr. Watkins.

H.R. 668: Mr. Blumenauer and Ms. Luria.

H.R. 671: Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Grottman.

H.R. 728: Mr. Watkins and Ms. Finkenauer.

H.R. 867: Mrs. Axne, Mr. Crow, Mr. Grottman, Mr. Kelly of Mississippi, Mr. Michaud, Mr. Spano, and Mr. Sherman.

H.R. 748: Mr. Swalwell of California, Ms. McColloch, Mr. Mcnerney, Ms. Scanlon, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Loeb, Mr. Bucsher, and Mr. Watson of Florida.

H.R. 753: Ms. Tittus and Mr. Crenshaw.

H.R. 809: Mr. Van DREW.

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By Ms. ESQUIVEL of Texas

H.R. 2325.

By Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. FINCHENAUER, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Moore, and Ms. Davids of Kansas.

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H.R. 2236: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 2262: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 2266: Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mrs. WAGONER, and Mr. ZELDIN.
H.R. 2300: Mr. RICHMOND and Mr. JEFFRIES.
H. Con. Res. 20: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania and Mr. VELA.
H. Con. Res. 25: Mr. HASTINGS and Mrs. DINGELL.
H. Con. Res. 34: Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. SCANLON, and Ms. LOFGREN.
H. Res. 54: Mr. COSTA, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. ADAMS, and Mr. BROWN of Maryland.
H. Res. 91: Mr. PAYNE.
H. Res. 163: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.
H. Res. 214: Mr. SCHNEIDER.
H. Res. 219: Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.
H. Res. 254: Ms. KHUSINAMOORTHI and Mr. HARDER of California.
H. Res. 261: Mr. Crenshaw.
H. Res. 269: Mr. PHILLIPS and Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia.
H. Res. 277: Ms. HAALAND.
H. Res. 279: Mr. COHEN.
H. Res. 385: Mr. SENSENBRINNER, Mr. FLORES, Mr. ESTES, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, and Mr. LOUDERMILK.
H. Res. 389: Mrs. CRAIG, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. WILD, Mr. DOGGETT, and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.
H. Res. 317: Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mrs. TORRES of California.
H. Res. 319: Ms. HAALAND.
The Senate met at 3 and 2 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DAN SULLIVAN, a Senator from the State of Alaska.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 15, 2019.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DAN SULLIVAN, a Senator from the State of Alaska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. SULLIVAN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019, AT 11:45 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 11:45 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 3 and 36 seconds p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 11:45 a.m.
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING SENIOR DIRECTOR RICK PHILLIPS 35 YEARS OF WORK AT SEMPRAL ENERGY UTILITIES COMPANIES (SOCALGAS & SDG&E)

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rick Phillips, Senior Director of the Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP) at SoCalGas, one of the nation’s largest natural gas distribution companies. As the Sr. Director of PSEP, Mr. Phillips oversees a multi-year, three-billion-dollar project that advances SoCalGas’ natural gas transmission. This project requires him to oversee a team of 800 contractors and manage 230 projects that range from San Diego to Visalia.

In over 35 years at Sempra Energy utilities companies (SoCalGas & SDG&E), Mr. Phillips has held various leadership roles such as Director of Engineering, Director of Supply Management, Director of Regional Operations, and Director of Underground Storage. As Program Director in IT, Mr. Phillips led a half-billion dollar IT upgrade project that made improvements to GIS, call centers, and field workforce applications.

Previously, Mr. Phillips graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in Engineering from UC Irvine, and he served on the UC Riverside Foundation Board of Trustees and the Industry Advisory Board for UC Riverside’s Anderson School of Management.

Mr. Phillips has demonstrated tremendous leadership within his company and the 34th Congressional district through his direct involvement in community projects, and by mentoring young professionals at the Gas Company. It is leaders like him that keep paving the path for future generations to continue to impact our communities.

I ask all members to join with me in commending Mr. Phillips for his 35 years of hard work, leadership, and mentorship of young professionals at SoCalGas & SDG&E.

HONORING RICHARD NACLERIO

HON. ELIOI L. ENGEL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize a dedicated member of the community and a friend, Mr. Richard Naclerio. Richard is an honoree at this year’s J.A.D.E. 35th Annual Scholarship Dinner and he is most deserving of the recognition.

Born in the Bronx to Elizabeth and Salvatore Naclerio, Richard is one of ten children. He attended Christopher Columbus High School and graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science in Economics. Following school, the United States Army called, and Richard served with the 7th Infantry G2 Section in Korea before receiving an Honorable Discharge.

Richard’s involvement and dedication to many charities and organizations is well documented, and they have filled his years with many wonderful memories. He has been affiliated with Montefiore Sound Shore Medical Health Systems; he served as Vice President on the Board of Trustees of Montefiore Mount Vernon Hospital; and he is a former Trustee of Calvary Hospital and Our Lady of Mercy Hospital. Richard is also a retired Director of Patriot National Bank. He served on the Board of the Bronx Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, is a member of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and is an Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipient. Richard is also the creator of the Richard and Barbara Naclerio Faculty Scholars Program.

Outside of charity work and his day job as CEO of Maestro’s Catering Hall, Richard enjoys spending time with his lovely wife, Barbara, with whom he is celebrating 59 wonderful years of marriage. Together they live in Pelham and are very proud of their family, which includes an astounding 12 grandchildren whom they love dearly.

Madam Speaker, few have done more to strengthen New York’s 16th Congressional District over the years than Richard Naclerio. As he is honored this year by J.A.D.E. I want to take the opportunity to congratulate him for all his accomplishments and thank him for all he has done to better our community.

RUTH HEIDE TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional journalist of the Valley Courier, Ruth Heide in Alamosa, Colorado.

Ruth recently retired after dedicating an impressive 35 years to the news business. Ruth has chronicled the events of the San Luis Valley since 1983 and has since become one of the most highly regarded, significant and respected journalists in Colorado. Her career began with the Del Norte Prospector and after a couple years, she joined the Valley Courier as a staff reporter in December 1985. She worked herself up to an editor in mid-2008, where she has spent the last 11 years at the helm of the paper.

Ruth’s success as a journalist derives from her deep understanding of the many issues impacting the San Luis Valley. During her career, Ruth took deep dives into local affairs covering stories spanning from crime, food borne disease outbreaks, and major wildfires in the area. Ruth always ensured that her stories were told objectively and completely. I especially appreciated her diligent coverage of water issues affecting the San Luis Valley where I was reassured by her commitment to getting the details right. The Courier is the go-to news source for many in the San Luis Valley because of Ruth’s leadership, commitment to the truth and high standards. She continued to serve the community through many changes in the print news industry allowing the Courier to thrive while other publications have not weathered so well.

Ruth’s commitment to the highest journalistic standards have received high praise from her colleagues, who noted that her love for the news was second only to her love and devotion for her community, faith, and family. Ruth has spent her life in service to others, she is a well-respected member of the Alamosa community and the Valley Courier and her legacy in this region is significant. Her reputation as a reliable resource for the community was not limited to the San Luis Valley. She garnered statewide recognition recently when Colorado established March 30th as Ruth Heide Day.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Ruth Heide here today and on behalf of the people of the San Luis Valley’s Third District, and the entire state, I want to thank her for all of her years of journalistic excellence. I wish Ruth the very best as she begins her next chapter.

HONORING THE 148 INVENTORS INDUCTED AS THE 2018 FELLOWS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCaul
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. McCaul. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 148 inventors who will soon be inducted as the 2018 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) in an induction ceremony in Houston, TX that will feature a keynote address by U.S. Commissioner for Patents Andrew Hirshfield. In order to be nominated for Fellow, these individuals were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the NAI Advisory and Selection Committees, having had their innovations deemed as making significant impact on quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society.

Collectively, this elite group holds nearly 4,000 patents. The individuals making up this year’s class of Fellows include individuals from 125 research universities and non-profit research institutes spanning the United States and the world. The now 1060-member group of Fellows is composed of more than 100 presidents and senior leaders of research universities and non-profit research institutes, nearly 500 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; 30 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame; 57 recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation.

The NAI was founded in 2010 to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students, and translate the inventions to benefit society.

We are greatly indebted to innovators such as these for contributions to society through their inventions. I commend these individuals, and the organizations and taxpayers that support them, for the work they do to revolutionize the world we live in. As the following inventors are inducted, may it encourage future generations to strive to meet this high honor and continue the spirit of discovery and innovation.

The 2018 NAI Fellows include:

Seth Y. Ableson, Georgia Institute of Technology; Gary M. Hieftje, Indiana University; John L. Hall, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia; Gotsman, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Mark J. Hannah, University of Colorado at Boulder; Craig J. Holsinger, University of Virginia; Jay R. Goldberg, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Michael S. Waterman, University of Southern California; Alan W. Weimer, University of Colorado Boulder; Louis M. Weiner, Georgetown University; Robert G. Wilkinson, University of California, San Diego; Yushan Yan, University of Delaware; Jian Yang, The Pennsylvania State University; Eui-Hyeok Yang, Stevens Institute of Technology; Mark H. Yim, University of Pennsylvania; Michael J. Yost, Medical University of South Carolina; James M. Zavislak, University of Rochester; Ruwene Zhang, University of Houston; Huda Y. Zoghbi, Baylor College of Medicine.

HONORING FRIENDSHIP WORSHIP CENTER 75TH ANNIVERSARY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful institution in Mount Vernon, the Friendship Worship Center, which this year celebrates its remarkable 75th Anniversary in the community.

Friendship Worship empowers people with solid biblical principles, while advocating for justice, fairness, and delivering social services. The story of Friendship Worship begins in 1942, when a group of women from the Mount Vernon Community led by Mother Lillian Davis, an active missionary, began a Freewill Baptist Mission work. For two years these women shared in their homes the message and work of Christ. In 1944, the officials of the Freewill Baptist Conference came and officially organized the St. Paul Freewill Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, New York. Around the late 1940s the church was renamed Little Friendship United American Freewill Baptist Church. In 1950, Little Friendship became incorporated in the State of New York. During those early stages of the church development many different ministers and layperson held the church together. This was done under the supervision of the late Rev. N.E. Sharp, Moderator of the Northern Annual Conference of the United American Freewill Baptist Church. The first church buildings were rented from the late Rev. B.T. Johnson who led the church from 1948–1956. During his tenure Little Friendship purchased its church building at 358 South Ninth Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York. The success of Pastors was Rev. S.H. Wylie 1957–1958, Rev. H. Miller 1957–1958, Rev. O. E. Davis 1958–1959, Rev. Otis Park 1959–1983, Rev. Joe L. Brown 1983–1988, and finally my friend Elder C. Nathan Edwaters 1988 to present. In 1997, the church name was changed, and Corporation papers were amended to Friendship United Freewill Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, New York.

Under the strong leadership of Pastor Edwaters many new programs were established. Due to an expansion and betterment of the
church, over $200,000 has been done in ren-
ovations since 1989. In August 1998 Pastor C. Nathan Edwers was led by the Lord to move Friendship Unified Freewil Baptist Church into $1.3 million edifice located at 261 East Lincoln Avenue in Mount Vernon at present. The church building capacity is 1,200.

In September 1998 the church was re-
named Friendship Worship Center, The Family Center. In March 20, 1999 Pastor Edwers was consecrated as a Bishop. Friendship Worship Center is now on the cutting edge of the 21st Century and every day its parishioners are helping to improve the Mount Vernon commu-
nity and beyond.

On this special occasion, I want to congratul-
ate the entire Friendship Worship Center community on 75 amazing years of love and service.

JULIE NORTON DEPARTS THE HIGH DESERT PHOENIX FOUNDATION

HON. PAUL COOK
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recog-
nize the incredible work of Julie Norton, who has served as the Executive Director of the High Desert Phoenix Foundation for the past ten years. The Phoenix Foundation pro-
vides financial assistance to families in the High Desert who have lost a loved one due to an accident, criminal act, or suicide.

Julie has served as Executive Director for the ten years that the Phoenix Foundation has been in existence. She is the founding mem-
ber of the Foundation, and was motivated to create it after dealing with a tragic loss in her personal life. Over her ten years as executive director, Julie has helped well over 500 fami-
lies lay their loved ones to rest. Additionally, Julie helped start the HALOS (Healing Loved Ones After Suicide) Program, which is a peer support group for those affected by the suicide of a friend or family member.

Julie has had an incredible impact on thou-
sands of people during some of their toughest and most vulnerable moments, and I cannot thank her enough for all the work she has put in over the last ten years to make the Phoenix Foundation the success it is today. I offer my sincere congratulations to her for a decade as Executive Director of the High Desert Phoenix Foundation and I am certain that wherever she goes she will continue to have a positive impact on people’s lives.

RECOGNIZING ERNIE BELL’S LIFE-
LONG COMMITMENT TO SIERRA
SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DI-
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HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Ernest “Ernie” E. Bell Jr., who retires this year after an exten-
sive career in education from his position as the Superintendent of the Sierra Sands Unified School District (SSUSD), which serves the In-

Indian Wells Valley in my congressional district in California. Born and raised in Ridgecrest, California, Ernie graduated from Sherman E. Burroughs High School and attended Bakersfield College before receiving a degree from the University of California, Davis, and a Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership and Admin-
istration at California State University, Bakers-
field. He then returned home to Ridgecrest, beginning a career in education at Murray Middle School, where he taught and coached for ten years, then served as the school’s Vice Principal for four years, and finally as Murray Middle’s Principal for ten years. Throughout his career as an educator, Ernie achieved ex-
tensive knowledge of the interworking and im-
portance of education through his participation on SSUSD leadership committees and peer review panels. And it was by tackling issues critical to the district, such as student safety, collective bargaining, budgetary issues, and accreditation, that Ernie seamlessly transitioned from the classroom to SSUSD ad-
ministration. In 2014, Ernie accepted the posi-
tion of Superintendent of Sierra Sands Unified School District, a position that capped a life-
long career dedicated to education in the In-

dian Wells Valley. As Superintendent, Ernie led and successfully pushed to renovate and modernize Murray Middle School and Bur-
roughs High School, and spearheaded the ef-
fort to secure funding for the construction of Richmond Elementary School. Ernie’s legacy will be defined not only by his esteemed ca-
reer as an educator to countless students, but by the fruits of his tireless advocacy for quality education in the Indian Wells Valley on future generations of students.

I know Ernie Bell as a man of his word and as a public servant who tirelessly advocated for the needs of our community’s students and teachers better than almost anyone. I know that despite his retirement, he will remain just as active in the Ridgecrest community as ever. On behalf of a grateful community, I want to congratulate Julie on receiving this wonderful honor and thank her for her years of dedicated service to the community.

HONORING THE SUNY PLATTS-
BURGH WOMEN’S HOCKEY TEAM FOR THEIR 7TH NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to con-
gratulate the SUNY Plattsburgh Women’s Hockey Team for winning their Sev-
enth NCAA Division III National Champion-
ship.

Having previously held the record for Divi-

sion III Women’s Hockey championship titles, on March 16th, 2019, the Cardinals broke their own record, securing their seventh title in pro-
gram history after winning a shut-out victory against Hamline University. As if that were not enough, they also finished the season on an eighteen-game winning streak, tying the pro-
gram record for most wins in a single season with a near perfect 29–2 overall record.

On behalf of New York’s 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate every member of the team, their families and the coaching staff on this impressive accomplishment. The Cardinals make the North Country very proud.

HONORING THE 60TH REUNION OF “THE EL CORO BAND AND SHOW”

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring members of “El Coro Band and Show” (El Coro) as Chair of the Reun-
inon Committee in 2000. She was also active member of the League of Women Voters and chaired the Voter Service Committee.

There are many other examples of Jill’s community involvement, but they are too many to mention. She is, without question, a highly respected, trusted, insightful and collaborative community leader who has contributed a great deal to Scarsdale. Jill’s selfless contribution of time and energy to community affairs epito-

mizes the principles symbolized by the Scarsdale Bowl.

Madam Speaker, the Bowl Award is consid-
ered the highest and most prestigious recogni-
tion given for volunteer service in Scarsdale. It is no surprise then that this year that award is going to Jill Spieler. As Member of Congress representing Scarsdale, I want to congratulate Jill on receiving this wonderful honor and thank her for her years of dedicated service to the community.

HONORING JILL SPIELER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to con-
gratulate every member of the team, their families and the coaching staff on this impressive accomplishment. The Cardinals make the North Country very proud.
In 1959, a group of students in the music department at Shaw Junior High School formed El Corols, the first rhythm and blues band in the District of Columbia. El Corols was highly sought-after for school and private parties all over the city and beyond. The band performed for many charitable and community organizations throughout the city. During the summer, the group spent the majority of its time performing at Carr’s Beach, a public beach for African Americans in Annapolis, Maryland. (African Americans were not welcome at any of the “white” beaches. Although our nation was segregated, many found comfort and joy through the vibrant musical talents of El Corols.)

The band consisted of teenagers, yet the members were honored and privileged to be the “house band” at the beach. The band was presented with opportunities to perform and accompanied many of the famous stars of that era, including Dionne Warwick, Patti LaBelle and the Bluebells, Bobby “Blond” Bland, Billy Stewart, Gene Chandler, and James Brown, to name a few. As teenagers, the band members had no idea that they were making history. They were simply excited about playing music and entertaining.

The apex of El Corols’ experience was their performance with Nat King Cole in 1963 at Eastern High School, where United States Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was an honored guest. Another highlight of El Corols’ experience was the invitation to perform at the Debutante Cotillion of New York Socialite Fernanda Wetherhill Wannamaker in South Hampton, Long Island.

As the members of El Corols reflect on their teenage years, they continue to cherish the lifelong memories and experiences they were afforded simply due to their dedication to and love of music.

El Corols is indebted to its manager, Captain William Rumsey, who was Dunbar High School’s Military Science Teacher. Captain Rumsey later became the Principal of McKinley Technical High School, and upon his retirement from the public school system, he became Director of the District of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department. Captain Rumsey was a strict disciplinarian and assured the band members’ parents that they were in capable hands and would be well cared for under his management. Captain Rumsey deserves much of his commitment to the band and stands in a proud space in history alongside the members of El Corols.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the rich history of El Corols on the occasion of its 60th reunion. I ask my colleagues to join me in this recognition.

HONORING DAVID M.C. STERN
HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge in honor of the late Nathaniel P. Reed. Nathaniel, who was known as Nat, was an environmentalist and champion of Florida’s environment. He served as Assistant Secretary of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks at the United States Department of the Interior from 1971 to 1977, under President Richard Nixon and President Gerald Ford. Furthermore, had it not been for Nathaniel, our nation would be without the Marine Mammals Protection Act, the intact and expanded Redwoods National Park, the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act. Originally born in New York City, Nathaniel spent much of his time growing up in Hobe Sound, Florida. His concern for the environment steered him into public service. He went on to serve six Florida governors.

He was a member of many environmental advocacy groups, most notably the 1000 Friends of Florida, an organization which he founded, and served as president and chairman. He also served on the boards of the Everglades Foundation (which he helped found), the Nature Conservancy, the Atlantic Salmon Federation, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the National Audubon Society, Yellowstone National Park, the National Geographic Society, and the South Florida Water Management District. Throughout his career, he was one of the most eloquent and effective advocates for fish, wildlife and nature of the 20th and 21st centuries.

The Hobe Sound National Wildlife refuge is a part of the United States National Wildlife Refuge system, and is the type of vulnerable land Nathaniel dedicated his life to protecting. The newly named Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge will rightly honor his life’s work.

Madam Speaker, Nathaniel was a powerhouse of Florida politics, but more than that, he was a dear friend and a mentor to me, as he was to countless others. Throughout his six decades of activism, he was a tireless crusader for the environment and the Everglades. Nathaniel inspired generations of conservationists, and what he did for America’s River of Grass is immeasurable. Hobe Sound represents the starting place of Nathaniel’s love for our nation’s environment, and this dedication of the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge in his honor will allow his life and legacy to always endure.

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION OF THE HOBE SOUND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE IN HONOR OF NATHANIEL P. REED

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following release which includes the statement by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, regarding the designation of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, described the inclusion of the suppressive Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) in the State Department’s list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) as a long-standing and rightful demand of the Iranian Resistance and the National Council of Resistance of Iran, which has been advocating for Iran’s regime to be recognized as a terrorist organization and an urgent and necessary step to end war and terrorism throughout the region and the world.

“This action, which was long overdue, should now be completed by designating the Iranian regime’s Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS),” Mrs. Rajavi said.

The Revolutionary Guard Corps, which does not even carry Iran in its official name, constitutes the pillar of the velayat-e faqih regime.
absolute clerical rule), is the main apparatus of repression, the primary driver of war and export of terrorism, and responsible for pursuing nuclear weapons and missile projects. The IRGC also controls the lion's share of Iran's economy. It is known that the religious fascism ruling Iran, its apologists and mercenaries have become terrified of IRGC's designation.

Mrs. Rajavi emphasized that if the disastrous policy of appeasement had not provided so much freedom of action to the mullahs and the Revolutionary Guards over the past decades, the Iranian regime could not have caused so much bloodshed in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen and Afghanistan.

She emphasized that in the interest of the Iranian people as well as regional peace and security, the European Union must designate the Revolutionary Guards as a terrorist entity, adding that the ultimate solution to rid the world of the ruling theocracy in Iran is for the Iranian people and the Resistance to change the illegitimate caliphate, cloaked under the veneer of Shia and Islam.

On behalf of the Iranian Resistance which has called for an arms and oil embargo on Iran's religious dictatorship since 1981, Mrs. Rajavi reiterated the need to take the following measures:

1. Recognizing the right of the Iranian people and the Resistance to overthrow the ruling religious fascism and to establish freedom.
2. Placing the Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS) and other organs of suppression and export of terrorism and fundamentalism on State Department's FTO list as well as on the EU’s terror watch list.
3. Expelling the agents of the MOIS and the terrorist Quds Force from the United States and Europe.
5. Expelling the illegitimate clerical regime from the UN and recognizing the Iranian Resistance as the true representative of the Iranian people.
6. Evicting the Iranian regime and its forces from Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon and Afghanistan.

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is my sincere honor to recognize a dear friend, Reverend Dr. Collie Nathan Edwers, who this year celebrates his 30th Pastoral Anniversary at the Friendship Worship Center in Mount Vernon.

Nathan, as he is best known, was born in Newark, New Jersey to the union of Bishop Collie Edwers and the late Mother Dorothy Edwers. He is the third child born to this family of seven. He was raised in the quiet suburban community of North Edison, New Jersey. He was educated in the Edison High School system until his parents relocated to Metuchen, New Jersey during his junior year of High School. It was during this time of his adolescence years that Nathan felt and responded to the call of God on his life. At the age of sixteen, Nathan preached his initial sermon at St. Mark U.F.W. Baptist Church, the same church where his father baptized him.

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HONORING REVEREND DR. C. NATHAN EDWERS 30TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL
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IN MEMORY OF FR. IGNATIUS MATERNOWSKI, CHAPLAIN, 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT OF THE 82ND AIRBORNE

HON. DANIEL MEUSER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of April Blankenship, a long-time and outstanding staffer for the Committee on Ways and Means and my personal office, who passed away this morning.

April is a tireless, trusted colleague and a friend to so many. In her many years of service on Capitol Hill, she has been a key part of dozens of personal and committee offices, including both my personal office and the staff of the Committee on Ways and Means. She handled issues that involve sensitive personnel matters with grace, precision, confidentiality, and a deft personal touch. She dealt with numbers, but really what she managed was people—the people and committees that help run this place on behalf of taxpayers. And she did it all with a smile on her face and a joy for service. April is one of the true unsung heroes around these halls, and I am proud to call her a trusted colleague and friend.

Beyond her many professional skills and accomplishments, I know April is even more proud of her role as a mother. Whether helping her sons, Hunter, Dakota, and Tucker, sell Boy Scout candy to friends and colleagues or bragging on the boys' achievements in school or church groups, her smile told you all you needed to know—that she was an intensely proud mother, and rightfully so. She also invested her deep faith in her family, and I know that faith has helped maintain her through the years she has heroically battled her illness.

On behalf of the entire Committee on Ways and Means, I offer our sincerest condolences to the family of April Blankenship, her sons, and Means, I offer our sincerest condolences to the family of April Blankenship, her sons, Hunter, Dakota, and Tucker, and their entire family on April's passing. I thank them for sharing April with us for so many years of outstanding service to the Committee, its Members, and our great country.

HONORING PETER SWIDERSKI

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor a dedicated public servant and good friend, Peter Swiderski. Peter served as Mayor of the Village of Hastings for many years, and his exceptional work will leave a lasting positive impact on the community.
Peter has always believed deeply in our democracy and the power of public service. That's why he ran for Mayor of Hastings some 16 years ago. His slogan, “Hastings Forward!” spoke to his consistent commitment to progress. Though he took over during difficult financial times for the village, Peter was able to deftly choose pragmatic waters. Abandoned buildings from Hastings’ industrial past were replaced with storefronts that our now local hot spots. The beautiful waterfront hugging the Hastings coastline has been revitalized. Parks that were once run down have been transformed. All of this happened under Peter’s leadership, and all of it happened while the village’s finances steadily improved. Peter grew the Hastings’ rainy-day fund to $2 million, which has meant investments in infrastructure and funding for first responders can be met. But beyond quality of life and economic development, Peter also managed to focus on growing affordable housing options for residents, encourages local sustainability initiatives, and even started a Deer Immunocontraception Research Program. How many local municipalities can say that?

After 16 successful years, Peter chose not to run for reelection as Mayor of Hastings. Though the village is now in the excellent care of new Mayor Nicola Armacost, we will all miss Peter leading the way in Hastings. As a partner in government, Peter was exceptional to work with across the board. I want to congratulate him on the years of hard work and thank him for his ceaseless dedication to the Hastings community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JERRY CUSTIN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a local leader who has made a tremendous impact in the Tampa Bay area through a lifetime of public service. Colonel Jerry Custin USAF (Ret.) proudly served our nation in the United States Air Force during which he received advanced training, flew 130 combat missions over Laos and Vietnam, and conducted defense analysis. He earned both the Defense Superior Service Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross while serving in the United States Air Force. He also worked with the National Security Agency, and completed his thirty-year career in public service as the Director of the Office of Electronic Intelligence, and the Chairman of the National Electronic Intelligence Group.

After retirement, Jerry continued to serve our community. He worked as an Outreach Counselor for economically disadvantaged youth through the Pinellas Workforce Development Board. He then became the Business Assistance Specialist for the Oldsmar Chamber of Commerce, where he helped expand its footprint into Hillsborough and Pasco counties reconstituting the organization as the Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce. He later served as President/CEO of the Chamber and developed the Florida Suncoast Manufacturing Association (FSMA) which effectively serves Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas Counties. Both organizations endeavor to enhance the regional workforce and ensure that students are trained for post-secondary success. With a fervent belief that the robust manufacturing sector in the community—comprising nearly a third of area jobs and tax base—could benefit by more technically oriented manufacturing practices and standards, increasingly skilled workforce requirements and a more comprehensive understanding of the availability of the varied products and services offered across our local manufacturing base, Colonel Custin has been instrumental in meeting those needs through his work at FSMA.

On a personal note, Jerry is a trusted friend and advisor. Whether in the Florida Legislature or my time in the U.S. Congress, Jerry has been my go-to guy on issues related to workforce, manufacturing, and the federal budget among other subject matters. His unrivaled work ethic, strength of character and commitment to service is why he is held in such high esteem in his beloved Oldsmar community. I am honored to have him as a constituent.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

HON. DARIN LaHOOD
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today, I along with Representative Custodio, would like to recognize the 50th anniversary of the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM).

The AAHAM was founded in 1968 and incorporated on February 20, 1973. The organization is dedicated to educating and advocating for revenue cycle professionals who work with healthcare patient accounts across the country. It has grown to represent thirty-one chapters with over 3,000 members and is one of the best healthcare administrative management organizations serving patients throughout the United States. Over its 50 years, AAHAM has been serving hospital patient account managers to representing professionals who serve across the healthcare spectrum. They have made great contributions to the welfare of patients and have fostered a sense of fellowship and work to enhance the quality of life for all patients navigating healthcare financing.

Their strong and dedicated leaders and membership have made the long tenure of AAHAM possible and we are proud to congratulate them on their 50th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS AT CONRAD WEISER HIGH SCHOOL FOR SUCCESS IN C-SPAN STUDENT CAM 2019

HON. DANIEL MEUSER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to honor Eriel Gaylord, Sammy Saldana, and Melany Davila, from Conrad Weiser High School in Robesonia, Pennsylvania. These students participated in the 2019 National C-SPAN Student Cam Video Contest, and out of 3,000 entries, their five-minute entry entitled, “America’s Homeless,” earned them an honorable mention.

This was certainly a profile in courage, as one of the students, Eriel Gaylord, bravely shared her experience with homelessness. In telling her story, Eriel helped to raise awareness and educate others on the many challenges faced by homeless youth—while encouraging other individuals and families, who face similar challenges, to take advantage of the resources available in our communities to help them obtain housing security.

Each American faces their own challenges and pursues their own passions; resilience, however, is a defining characteristic of Pennsylvania’s Ninth District. No matter the challenges we face, the determination with which we rise to meet them defines us more than our trials themselves.

Eriel’s story and the context in which it is presented should inspire each of us. Although it is troubling that such daunting challenges face young people in my own district, I am inspired by their engagement, advocacy, and passion. It is an honor to recognize Eriel’s bravery, and the work of these students. May they continue to engage their passions, pursue solutions, and showcase American resilience.

HONORING MIKE GRECO

HON. ELIO T. ENGEL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor the life of a Bronx icon, Mike Greco, the longtime owner of the famous “Mike’s Deli” on Arthur Avenue, who passed away in late March at the age of 89.

Also known as the “Salami King” and “Mayor of Arthur Avenue,” Mike was a legend in the community. Born on May 8, 1929 to Luigi and Luisa Felice Greco, he came to America in 1947 from his home in Calabria, Italy with his twin brother, Joe, in a new suit and $50 dollars to his name. He moved to the Bronx, began working in a butcher shop, and by the early 1950s had opened his very own deli on Arthur Avenue.

Mike worked seven days a week starting at 6 a.m. to build Mike’s Deli into the huge destination it became. For six decades, people from all over made the pilgrimage to visit, for both the wonderful food and for Mike himself. As the New York Times wrote, “Mr. Greco was larger than life.” The big personality, the singing, the friendly banter was all part of his mystique.

Of course, personality wasn’t the only draw to Mike’s Deli. The food was renowned. A well-earned reputation for quality preceded Mike’s, with such favorites as the imported cheese, sometimes aged for as long as 36 months, leading the way. Mike’s eggplant parm is so delicious that it beat all the competition in an episode of Food Network’s “Throwdown With Bobby Flay.” Mike’s fame also extended to television, where he appeared in a Ronzi commercial filmed on Arthur
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Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor a pillar of the community, a tremendous impact to the Tampa Bay area through a lifetime of public service, my dear friend, former Oldsmar Mayor and City Council Member Jerry Beverland. There has been no greater champion for the city of Oldsmar than Jerry and his lovely bride, Wanda. As both Mayor and City Council member, Jerry has been a lion during decades of City Council meetings, never backing down on a stance that he believed was in the best interests of Oldsmar. He has been a lead voice on every great endeavor for the city from the Sports Complex to the Water Reclamation Facility to the Oldsmar Library. His public service has extended beyond the city limits, as he has served as President of the Northeast Pinellas County Water and Sewer Authority, and as a member on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and the Pinellas County Council of Mayors. Many of the initiatives he spearheaded made a profound impact on our community. Pinellas County residents will benefit for many years to come because of his leadership. Jerry Beverland has given his time, talent, and treasure to make Oldsmar a wonderful place to live, work and play.

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Senate

Chamber Action
The Senate met at 3:00:02 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 3:00:36 p.m. until 11:45 a.m., on Thursday, April 18, 2019.

Committee Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 2322–2329; 1 private bill, H.R. 2330; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 321–323, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed:
There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Beyer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Captain Daniel L. Mode, Chaplain, U.S. Navy, Washington, DC.

Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representative Courtney.

Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Representative Suozzi.

Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Representatives Ruppersberger, Cummings, Palazzo, and Banks.

Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representatives Murphy, Brindisi, Womack, and Davidson (OH).

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 14 was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3269.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 4:30 p.m. and adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.
COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House
No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
11:45 a.m., Thursday, April 18

Senate Chamber
Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 18

House Chamber
Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3:30 p.m.

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