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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 9, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties. All time shall be equally allocated between the parties, and in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

RECOGNIZING CARBONDALE COMMUNITY ICONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, last weekend Southern Illinois University and the larger Carbondale community lost two icons, Harvey Welch and Seymour Bryson.

Harry Welch, a native of Centralia, was the first Black athlete to earn a basketball letter at SIU, playing from 1951 to 1954. He was also the first Black student to complete the ROTC program

at the university. Harvey went on to a 20-year career in the Air Force, and he was the first of three Black officers to be promoted to colonel.

After retiring from the Air Force, Harvey came back to Carbondale and SIU in 1975. He served as the first Black dean of student life at SIU and then as vice chancellor from 1987 to 2000.

Seymour Bryson of Quincy, a fellow basketball standout, received three degrees from SIU. He was one of three African Americans to progress from assistant professor to full professor at SIU. He was also the first African American associate dean of the college and the second of three African American deans. Seymour was active in the Carbondale NAACP, Jackson County Mental Health Board, and Carbondale United Way.

Harvey Welch and Seymour Bryson are members of the SIU Saluki Hall of Fame. They will be dearly missed.

RECOGNIZING KODY VANFOSSAN

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not only as a Member of Congress, but also as a former firefighter to recognize Kody Vanfossan of Christopher, Illinois. Kody, a 24-year-old firefighter, passed away in the line of duty early Sunday morning.

Kody grew up around the fire station and comes from a family with deep traditions of public service. His dad, Brent, is a captain on the Christopher force. His grandfather is Christopher's mayor but was also a firefighter at the Valier Fire Department.

Kody's family instilled in him a passion for helping others, despite the risk. Now his community will remember him as a hero.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Kody for his service, and may he rest in peace.

NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last night at a rally in Florida, the President referred to me as "that man."

Mr. Speaker, I love my country, and still I rise. And I rise today to address the comment that the President made in referring to me as "that man."

Mr. Speaker, the video of what I said speaks for itself. The President indicates that I said the only way to get him out of office is to impeach him, but the video speaks for itself.

But I do want to share with the President that he is right; I am "that man." I am "that man," a liberated Democrat, a liberated Democrat in the spirit of Shirley Chisholm. I am unbought and unbossed.

Mr. President, you finally encountered at least one person that your money can't buy and your power doesn't scare.

You have a date with destiny, Mr. President. Your fate is in the hands of 435 Members of Congress. You are not above the law. No one is.

Impeachment is in the hands of this Congress. "That man," Mr. President, is a Member of this Congress.

Mr. President, I assure you that the long arm of the law is reaching out for you. In this country, we will not allow you or any other person to hold yourself out as being above the law.

You have an appointment with history in this House of Representatives. If no one else will bring you to justice, I will, Mr. President.

Lawsuits and delay tactics will not deter me. You will not engage in the paralysis of analysis, as Dr. King put it. You won't engage in this paralysis of analysis such that we will put this off until the next election.

Mr. President, your case will be brought before this House. It is just a matter of time, Mr. President; it is just a matter of time.

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