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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 16, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARY PHILLIPS WHITE GETTYS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a truly great American, Mary Phillips White Gettys, who will turn 99 on August 6 of this year.

Ms. Gettys was born in Chester, South Carolina, on August 6, 1920, which was the same year that women gained voting rights. She graduated

from Chester High School, where she was valedictorian of her senior class. She enrolled in Erskine College and graduated in 1941 with a degree in music.

Her first job was teaching junior high school in Anderson, South Carolina, and she later joined WAVES, which stands for Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, in 1943. She began her training at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts, where she specialized in communications while studying at Smith College in North Hampton, Massachusetts. She was assigned to the communications office in the Norfolk Navy Yard in Portsmouth, Virginia.

After achieving the rank of lieutenant, she was tasked with the complicated task of coding and decoding communications received and sent by the Naval Command. Her duties included delivering urgent top secret messages to military leaders, where she would have to strap on her weapon and be escorted across the yard to deliver the vital information.

In 1946, Ms. White left the Navy and began working for AAA, the American Automobile Association, located in Charlotte, North Carolina.

In 1947, she met Tom Gettys, whom she would become engaged to after 3 weeks and married 3 months after their engagement. Little did she know that she would become the lifelong partner of a man who would successfully become the Fifth District Congressman of South Carolina, where he would serve for five terms until retiring in 1974.

They returned to his hometown of Rock Hill, South Carolina, where they would raise two daughters, Julia Martin Gettys Burchett and Sara Elizabeth Gettys Pierce. The Gettys were married for 56 years until the death of Congressman Gettys in 2003.

Mary Phillips Gettys is a true leader in her community and received many

awards, including: Woman of the Year from the First ARP Church, where she faithfully attended; the Cross of Military Service from the United Daughter of the Confederacy in 2001; the Quilt of Valor award in 2015, presented by the Quilts of Valor Foundations for veterans touched by war; the National Award in 2017, presented from DAR, the Daughters of the American Revolution for Women in American History.

Mary Phillips Gettys is the proud and devoted grandmother of six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is the epitome of a gracious and charming Southern lady, and by her life, she has demonstrated a love for her God, a love for her family, the love of her fellow man, and the love of her great country.

She is a true American patriot who always has a smile on her face and has lived her life in true service to her fellow man.

RESOLUTION TO IMPEACH

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise; because I love my country, I rise.

And I rise today to ask a question of all people of good will. I rise today to pose a question: What do you do when the leader of the free world, when the leader of the country that extolls liberty and justice for all—government of the people, by the people, for the people, all persons are created equal and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights—what do you do when the leader of the free world is a racist? What do you do?

Well, here is what you do: You file a resolution, a resolution condemning the President for racist comments directed at Members of Congress.

What do you do? You file Articles of Impeachment impeaching the President of the United States of America.

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These two things are not mutually exclusive. We can condemn for the comments that have been made, and we can impeach for the harm that the comments are causing to our society.

Both of these things can be done, and neither will interfere with the Mueller report. The Mueller report—some 90 days now the President has been above the law since the Mueller report was made public.

What do you do? You pass this resolution.

I intend to support it, and I thank the gentleman who filed it for doing so. I believe it is a good resolution.

One of the statements in this resolution that has been reported widely is that the President presented racist comments that have legitimized fear and hatred. I will salute and support the resolution, but you also will hear this resolution to impeach. I would like to read to you what it says in part:

Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States.

Then it goes on to read:

The aforementioned, Donald John Trump, has, by his statements, brought the high office of President of the United States in contempt, ridicule, disgrace, and disrepute; and has sown discord among the people of the United States; has demonstrated that he is unfit to be President, and has betrayed his trust as President of the United States to the manifest injury of the people of the United States; and has committed a high misdemeanor in office. Therefore, Donald John Trump, by causing such harm to the society of the United States, is unfit to be President and warrants impeachment, trial, and removal from office.

Those who tolerate bigotry perpetuate bigotry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA MIDDLE SCHOOL—SKILLSUSA GOLD MEDALISTS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the impressive career and technical education students in Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District.

Career and technical education helps learners of all ages gain valuable skills that have the potential to lead to good-paying jobs and rewarding careers. It all starts with our Nation's most valuable resource: our people. Hardworking men and women and the dedicated students who have chosen to pursue a technical career are the backbone of our economy.

As co-chair of the bipartisan House Career and Technical Education Caucus, I couldn't be happier to congratulate Jakob Dixon of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, on recently winning a gold medal for his work with sheet

metal at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. The 56th annual event took place in Louisville, Kentucky, and hosted upwards of 6,500 students to compete in more than 100 different skills-based competitions. Jakob will be a senior this fall in the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning program at the Indiana Career Technology Center.

Additionally, in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, Northern Cambria Middle School celebrated its back-to-back national championships in the 41st annual Technology Student Association national conference in Washington, D.C., just earlier this month.

More than 8,500 students from across the country competed in 70 different events, including woodworking, programming robots, debate, and more. Every student from Northern Cambria Middle School who competed in the contest achieved national recognition as a top 10 finalist.

Mikey Konitsky, Chris Yahner, Peyton Myers, and Braden Moriconi became national champions in the mechanical engineering competition, a category they have also won in the Commonwealth State of Pennsylvania.

Additionally, Chris Yahner and his classmate Caleb Born placed third in the Nation in structural design and engineering, and Garret Link placed ninth in the Nation for flight endurance.

I am proud of Jakob Dixon and the students of Northern Cambria Middle School and the many students like them across the Commonwealth and the country who have chosen to pursue a skills-based career in such a competitive workforce.

Students like these are in high demand. More than 80 percent of manufacturers claim talent shortages prevent them from keeping up with customer demand, and 46 percent of employers say they have difficulty finding talent, particularly in the skilled trades.

Career and technical education prepare students to be career ready by providing core academic skills, employability skills, and technical job-specific skills through hands-on learning opportunities.

We need more students like Jakob, Mikey, Chris, Peyton, Braden, John, Caleb, and Garret. The value they will add to the American workforce one day cannot be overstated.

REFUGEE ADMISSIONS

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

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, the President is Commander in Chief. His highest constitutional duty is protecting American lives.

As of 2016, so-called refugee admissions from the Middle East, Near East, South Asia, and Africa accounted for 80 percent of so-called refugee admissions into America.

I say "so-called refugees" because the United Nations states no country is obligated by international law to take refugees from a country in which they are already protected.

The result of America's flawed policy? America is the world's top refugee resettlement country on the planet.

In a 2015 Breitbart interview, I opposed these dangerous refugee policies and stated: "Barack Obama wants to endanger Americans by importing people, some of whom undoubtedly will resort to terrorism and killing Americans at some point in the future."

Consistent with my view that importing unvetted people from terrorist-laden countries threatens American lives, the House, in 2015, passed a law requiring a full FBI background investigation for alleged Iraq or Syria refugees. The bill died in the Senate while under an Obama veto threat.

In 2017, a newly elected President Trump stated: "In order to protect Americans, the United States must ensure that those admitted to this country do not bear hostile attitudes toward it and its founding principles. The United States cannot, and should not, admit those who do not support the Constitution or those who would place violent ideologies over American law."

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"In addition, the United States should not admit those who engage in acts of bigotry or hatred, including 'honor' killings, other forms of violence against women, or the persecution of those who practice religions different from their own."

As expected, socialist Democrats and their fake news media allies reacted by calling President Trump names rather than supporting policies that save American lives.

For example, House Speaker NANCY PELOSI said: "This week, I joined my colleagues on the steps of the Supreme Court to fight the President's reprehensible order. . . . The values illustrated were in stark contrast with the President's unconstitutional, immoral, and dangerous ban on refugees and citizens of Muslim countries coming into the United States."

Predictably, a radical, leftist judge restrained President Trump from protecting American lives. Fortunately, a later President Trump refugee and travel policy was approved by the Supreme Court as "squarely within the scope of Presidential authority."

As would be expected, this decision was ridiculed with hysterical headlines from the left. NBC News stated, "The Supreme Court's travel ban decision adds to its legacy of legitimizing racism."

Protecting Americans from terrorism is "reprehensible," "immoral," "racism"? This is all ignorant and baseless socialist Democrat and fake news media slander intended to stifle rational debate.

But truth eventually wins out. Recently, an unvetted so-called Syrian