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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KHANNA).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 16, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RO KHANNA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Gary Studniewski, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we thank You for the favor You have shown to the United States of America from the country's founding.

We ask Your continued favor today in continuing to provide national leaders dedicated to serving the common good, by legislating in accord with the Democratic principles and the constitutional values that help make our country strong.

As we open this session of our House of Representatives, we ask You to bless each elected Member of this House, staff and support personnel, and family members of those who serve here.

Protect and strengthen them for service present and future. Bless the work of this session and beyond as we continue to seek Your spirit and light to build up a country of prosperity, peace, and justice for all.

With profound gratitude and in humility, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a) of House Resolution

509, 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.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR AN EVENT TO COMMEMORATE THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST AFRICAN SLAVES TO THE TERRITORY THAT WOULD BECOME THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House a concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 57) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for an event to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first African slaves to the territory that would become the United States.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 57

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR EVENT COMMEMORATING 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARRIVAL OF FIRST AFRICAN SLAVES.

Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center is authorized to be used on September 10, 2019, for an event to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first African slaves to the territory that would become the United States. Physical preparations for the ceremony shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore BROWN of Maryland on Tuesday, August 13, 2019:

H.R. 639, to amend section 327 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include Federal employees;

H.R. 776, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program;

H.R. 828, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Route 111 in Smithtown, New York, as the "Congressman Bill Carney Post Office";

H.R. 829, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1450 Montauk Highway in Mastic, New York, as the "Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building";

H.R. 1079, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1198, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 404 South Boulder Highway in Henderson, Nevada, as the "Henderson Veterans Memorial Post Office Building";

H.R. 1250, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11158 Highway 146 North in Hardin, Texas, as the "Lucas Lowe Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 1449, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3033 203rd Street in Olympia

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