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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SCHNEIDER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 15, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Almighty God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As Members return to the Capitol after 2 weeks of gatherings and work in their home districts, may they be renewed in energy to address the issues of these historic days.

May a sincere love for and dedication to our form of government prevail over partisan interests, that our experiment in republican democracy might perdure into a hopeful future.

May we all be forever grateful that our Nation was founded by gifted politicians, Founders who gave the world the great gift of representative government, having rights guaranteed by a Constitution truly inspired.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE 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 CENTRAL WASHINGTON HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, as National Hispanic Heritage Month comes to a close, to celebrate the Central Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, which is celebrating 10 years of service to central Washington communities.

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce was formed to support Yakima Valley's growing Latino business community. They work to develop a professional network that fosters a thriving business environment, encourages job development, and promotes business growth. Their diverse membership is a testament to the range of positive contributions Hispanic Americans and Latinos have on our central Washington communities.

Last month, the chamber hosted "Taco Fest," a celebration to mark the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month with our friends and neighbors throughout the Yakima Valley. They also, annually, hold the Estrella Awards, which honor exemplary local Hispanic leaders and professionals.

I am proud to represent the Central Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and its members, whose work strengthens and improves our local communities in the Yakima Valley. I

urge all of my colleagues to help me celebrate their 10-year anniversary, and I thank all who join me in celebrating the contributions of Hispanic Americans and Latinos during National Hispanic Heritage Month.

OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY IN MARRAKECH

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago, I participated as the ranking member with Co-Chairman Congressman ALCEE HASTINGS and Co-Chairman Senator ROGER WICKER of the Joint Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—the Helsinki Commission—to attend the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Marrakech, Morocco, with fellow Congressmen EMANUEL CLEAVER and ANDY HARRIS.

We were warmly received into North Africa by President Mohamed Ennaceur of Tunisia in Tunis. We saw firsthand the vibrant democracy conducting parliamentary and presidential elections. We placed a wreath at the North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial, where over 6,500 Americans are memorialized for liberating North Africa from Nazi occupation.

In Jerusalem, we met with our dedicated U.S. Ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, who presented an update on the U.S.-Israeli Alliance. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu enthusiastically reviewed the ever-changing political situation. We were inspired with an audience with the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Theophilos III.

Chief of Staff Alex Johnson provided well-researched briefing materials for the assembly in Marrakech.

With parliamentarians from 57 nations, it was refreshing that opportunities were available for full participation, led by Assembly President

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