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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER. 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 CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

This month is a collaborative effort between government and industry to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity in our increasingly technology-driven world. We must emphasize the importance of cybersecurity and take proactive steps to enhance our security both at home and in the workplace.

That includes making a concerted effort to train dedicated professionals who work to protect citizen privacy, consumer data, and e-commerce. Training postsecondary students in cybersecurity-related fields of study will be an instrumental part in protecting data and the flow of sensitive information.

That is why I join my colleague, Congressman JIM LANGEVIN, in introducing a bipartisan bill to strengthen cyberse-

curity education in career and technical education programs.

H.R. 1592, the Cybersecurity Skills Integration Act, directs the Department of Education to create a competitive grant program that integrates cybersecurity education into new and established postsecondary career and technical education programs. This bill also requires the Secretary of Education to coordinate with the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees the defense of our critical infrastructure and networks, to promote a robust ecosystem of cybersecurity education and training.

We must prepare our next generation of learners to have the most sophisticated and comprehensive educational programs to protect our Nation's critical asset systems and networks.

Despite the real harm and damage that can result from cyberattacks, cybersecurity is rarely covered enough in our current workforce development programs. That is why, together with my friend Congressman LANGEVIN, we have introduced this bill to help protect our sensitive data and critical infrastructure from bad actors.

Madam Speaker, we must continue developing a 21st century workforce to meet the technical demands our country is facing now and in the future. This includes our cybersecurity.

I encourage my colleagues to support this bill and for every citizen to learn more about protecting their privacy and data online during this Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ELIJAH CUMMINGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. BROWN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, as we mourn our dear colleague, Elijah Cummings, I rise today to say

farewell to a good man, a faithful servant, and a true friend.

During the past 2 days, much has been said about Elijah. His life was well documented, although his humility prevented him from seeking the attention or the limelight, either in life or in death.

I admired and respected Elijah. I looked up to him.

When I was first elected in 1998 to the Maryland House of Delegates, Elijah was one of the first calls I got. He didn't call to say congratulations, although his kind words meant a great deal to me. Rather, he called to tell me about my responsibility to the people whom I serve. Elijah told me, if you are going to be your best, you can only be so if you focus your work on empowering the people we serve.

Years later, when I struggled with the decision to run for Lieutenant Governor, I called Elijah for his advice. During our conversation, he didn't tell me what to do. Rather, Elijah challenged me to do that which best positioned me to empower the people.

For Elijah, everything we did was about empowering the people we serve.

In Elijah's first floor speech delivered 23½ years ago, after winning a special election, he told us that he was on "a mission and a vision to empower people, to make people realize that the power is within them."

Elijah, you did your job. You fulfilled your mission.

Elijah was not an ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life. No, Elijah was an extraordinary man who did extraordinary things during his life, things to empower people.

Raised out of poverty and through adversity, he achieved many successes despite the odds and the obstacles. The son of sharecroppers, he earned not only a law degree but received 12 honorary doctoral degrees, all of which represent his dedication to empowering people.

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