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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 23, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BOBBY L. RUSH 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.

NFL SHOULD END RACIST EXPLOITATION OF NATIVE AMERICANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the National Football League is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and its popularity and economic success is indisputable. Millions of fans watched the NFL last year, and the league's 32 teams split more than \$16 billion in revenue.

One team, the Washington franchise, exploits a racist slur and a racist mas-

cot that insults and demeans Native Americans to help generate profits for the NFL owners.

In the 21st century, we should rightly condemn the use of racial slurs that disparage African Americans, Latinos, Asians, or anyone. And there is no doubt about it. The term "redskin," in fact, was used in conjunction with scalp hunting in the 19th century.

In 1863, in Winona, Minnesota, my home State, a newspaper, the Winona Daily Republican, printed an announcement: "The State reward for dead Indians has been increased to \$200 for every redskin sent to purgatory. This sum is more than the dead bodies of all the Indians east of the Red River are worth."

A news story published in the Atchison Daily Champion in Atchison, Kansas, on October 9, 1985, told the stories of settlers' "hunt for redskins, with a view of obtaining their scalps."

No doubt about it, this is a negative word. This is a slur. So it is remarkable that the NFL commissioners and owners continue to sanction the racist and shameful use of the term "redskin" to describe Native Americans and then profit from it.

There are millions of Native Americans in this country whose ancestors endured forced removal from their lands, suppression of their culture, and state-sponsored campaigns of ethnic cleansing.

The NFL racist mascot mocks this painful history.

Tomorrow night, the Washington team and its racist mascot will be in Minnesota, the home of 11 proud sovereign Tribal nations. I will be joining Tribal leaders, elected officials, and other Minnesotans gathering outside the stadium. We will be speaking out against racism and exploitation. We will stand proudly with our Native American brothers and sisters. With one voice, we will be calling on the NFL to end its racist exploitation of

Native Americans and to do one thing: Change the mascot.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THOMAS H. TRACY, JR.

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Tom Tracy, Jr., an active and beloved community member who passed away unexpectedly last month at the age of 47.

Tom grew up in Ivesdale, Illinois. After graduating from Bement High School, he went on to attend Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and earned his MBA from Eastern Illinois University.

He spent over two decades working in the banking industry before accepting the role of president and CEO of Farm Credit Illinois in 2015. In this position, he led an organization of 220 full-time employees and a multibillion-dollar loan portfolio for its farm owners.

Those who worked closely with him described Tom as an extraordinary executive with a kind and charitable heart.

Outside of work, Tom showed he grew up in Bement and learned how to actually get involved in his community to make it better. Tom gave generously to Parkland College. He gave generously to local charities, and he served on the board for Kirby Medical Center's Kirby Foundation in Monticello. Tom lived his entire life in humble service to his friends, to his neighbors, and to his family.

He was a kind young man. Tom's life was full of promise. He is truly going to be missed.

Shannon and I are deeply saddened by his passing, and our prayers are with all those who knew Tom, all those who worked with Tom, but especially

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