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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 28, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DWIGHT EVANS 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 1:50 p.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

RECOGNIZING DR. DANIEL P. KING

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

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Daniel P. King for his service to the Rio Grande Valley in the State of Texas.

Dr. King is a proven leader in the 34th Congressional District of Texas. As a public school superintendent for the last 14 years, he has guided district-wide initiatives to improve student performance and graduation rates across south Texas. Under his leader-

ship as superintendent at Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District, the annual dropout rate has been reduced by more than 90 percent, and the overall high school completion rate now surpasses the State average. He also helped establish the College 3 program which aims to offer every single student the opportunity to earn at least 12 college hours before high school graduation.

This year PSJA named its newest early college campus the Dr. Daniel P. King College & University Center in recognition of his accomplishments.

Prior to his role at PSJA ISD, Dr. King was superintendent at Hidalgo Independent School District where he led the development of the first early college school district in the Nation. In 2006, Hidalgo ISD earned the H-E-B Excellence in Education Award. And in 2007 U.S. News & World Report named Hidalgo High the 11th best high school in the Nation and number one in Texas. He also earned the State Superintendent of the Year Award in 2006 by the Texas Association of School Boards.

Dr. King is an influential educator, and his numerous accomplishments have paved the way for continued student success in south Texas. Our community is thankful for his contributions, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with him.

As we honor Dr. Daniel P. King, I also want to acknowledge his wife, Sara, who is a PSJA faculty member, and their six children who have supported Dr. King in achieving his professional goals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join his family, our community, and me in wishing him a happy retirement and thanking him for his service.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, last week the biggest news in Congress was overshadowed by an impeachment circus. The Republican Study Committee and our task force introduced a framework for personalized, affordable healthcare.

Mr. Speaker, our current healthcare system is broken. It is simply not working. Healthcare costs are out of control, and it is time we modernize it.

We promise to all of America that we will deliver personalized healthcare where you and your doctor will remain in control of your healthcare. This is phase one of a two-phase plan which will protect vulnerable Americans with preexisting conditions, chronic illnesses, and serious health issues while reducing premiums, deductibles, and overall healthcare costs.

Personally, I can't wait to continue working on these important issues to improve the lives of Kansans and deliver for America.

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, today dozens of Kansas FFA members, Future Farmers of America, are in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the start of the 2019 National FFA Convention. They will be joining students from Pennsylvania to California and more than a dozen high school students from my own district will be competing in various competitions, including Clay Center, Kansas, FFA member Garrett Craig who will be competing for a position as a national FFA officer.

Good luck to you, Garrett.

While it is known for agriculture education, Kansas FFA chapters are thriving in rural America as well as urban school districts and have introduced thousands of new students to agriculture and ag-related career opportunities.

I want to wish all Kansas FFA students participating in Indianapolis this week the best of luck and trust that Kansas will continue its long legacy of

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