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The House met at 8 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DEMINGS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 5, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VAL BUTLER DEMINGS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Ph.D., D.Min., Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, You are the creator of all. May we see Your face in all of creation and protect it as Your sacred gift. Most of all, may we see Your face in our brothers and sisters across the globe and across the aisle. May we love them as You do, and thus, come to know Your divine and everlasting peace. We pray this in Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 656, 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 Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 1, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I write to inform you that I have notified California Governor Gavin Newsom of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives, effective November 3, 2019. I came to Congress as part of an unprecedented movement—one that proved the country was ready for a new kind of leader. As one of the youngest members of Congress, the first openly LGBTQ woman elected to Congress from California, and a first-time candidate with no family background in wealth or politics who rejected corporate PAC money to focus on the priorities of individual people, my goal was to show every constituent that they have a voice and a place in the halls of power. I could not be prouder of what we accomplished together and what it means for the future of our country.

Working tirelessly for the people of California's 25th Congressional District has been the honor of my lifetime, and my service to California and the nation does not end here. My decision to resign my post is guided by my commitment to doing the most good for the most people, no matter how hard it is. As I turn my attention to other battles for now, I leave with deep gratitude and commitment to the success and well-being of my wonderful community and my incredible colleagues, especially my fellow members of the freshman class who have brought unprecedented promise, vigor, and vision to Congress. I will continue to fight for them, for our ideals, and for a better America for all. I look forward to continuing our important work together long into the future, wherever the road may take us.

Sincerely,

KATIE HILL,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 1, 2019.

Hon. GAVIN NEWSOM,
Governor, State Capitol,
Sacramento, CA.

DEAR GOVERNOR NEWSOM: I write to inform you that I will resign my seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, effective November 3, 2019. I came to Congress as part of an unprecedented movement—one that proved the country was ready for a new kind of leader. As one of the youngest members of Congress, the first openly LGBTQ woman elected to Congress from California, and a first-time candidate with no family background in wealth or politics who rejected corporate PAC money to focus on the priorities of individual people, my goal was to show every constituent that they have a voice and a place in the halls of power. I could not be prouder of what we accomplished together and what it means for the future of our country.

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Member of Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentlewoman from California (Ms. HILL) the whole number of the House is 431.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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