

medical school, but to raise a wonderful family and enjoy a successful career practicing medicine, serving in our Nation's military, and, now, serving our Nation and my hometown and my home State in our Capitol. America is a country of opportunity, self-determination, and the freedom to choose your own path.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO A GROUP OF HEROES

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

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of heroes who went above and beyond to save the life of one of my district office staff. It is important to note that my district office is located at the Corona City Hall, a detail that was vital in the events that transpired.

On November 4, 2019, at 1:50 p.m., a member of my staff experienced a medical event that required immediate attention. Jackie Lansing noticed the event and brought it to the attention of the other district staff, who responded quickly and calmly.

While Jackie provided immediate assistance to the staffer, Kathleen McGravan called 911. Danielle Shade hurried to a number of offices in city hall to find on-site medical personnel. At the same time, Shawna Rimke directed our intern, Noah Ritter, who had previously received CPR training, to administer chest compressions.

Shawna then ran to retrieve Cari Lee Smith, a volunteer at city hall who Shawna knew was also a Corona Fire Department volunteer. Cari assisted Noah in CPR compressions but quickly realized that she needed a defibrillator. She sprinted off to secure one of city hall's AEDs.

While this was taking place, Ryan Cortez, a Corona city employee and an off-duty EMT, was in a meeting with the City Manager's Office when he received an alert on the PulsePoint Respond app. This app notifies certified personnel of a medical emergency near them.

While Ryan rushed downstairs to respond, Cari and Noah administered the first AED shock. Upon revival, Ryan administered the second AED shock, which stabilized the staff member.

At 1:56 p.m. the firemen arrived. Ryan was able to explain to the firemen exactly what transpired as well as brief them on the AED readings.

I am very grateful to say that this member of my staff, who has been a dedicated and instrumental part of my team for many years, is recovering and doing well.

That day may have ended very differently if not for the quick actions of my staff and the lifesaving techniques administered by Noah Ritter, Cari Lee Smith, and Ryan Cortez. To those three individuals, the entire Calvert team sends their heartfelt gratitude.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 18 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. SHALALA) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Send Your spirit of peace and calm, that all might have confidence in Your faithfulness to us, and that no matter what lies ahead, Your grace is abundantly available.

The issues of this day call upon all Americans to be mindful of the institutions of our government and their respective places in the experiment of constitutional democracy.

Bless the Members of this assembly that they would be mindful of the oath each has taken to uphold the Constitution and worthy of the call they have been given as Members of Congress. Their responsibilities are monumental; bless them with a surfeit of courage as their deliberations proceed.

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 her approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

STOCKS AND JOBS SOAR

(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. Madam Speaker, the October jobs report was strong. The unemployment rate remains near a 50-year low, at 3.6

percent, and 128,000 jobs were added. Employment of African Americans, Asian Americans, and Hispanics are at record highs.

I am grateful for President Donald Trump's actions to create jobs by reducing taxes and regulations. All Americans have benefited, with stocks achieving an all-time record high. The Dow Jones Average has risen to over 28,000, for the first time in history, on Friday.

With increased liquidity, jobs are created for small businesses and retirement accounts. The stock market, under President Donald Trump, has soared from 18,000 on election day to, now, over 28,000.

By creating jobs, lowering unemployment, and consistently working to promote opportunities, President Trump is continuing his record of keeping his promises. Baseless attacks on the President by Democrats and fake news try to conceal these successes, but President Trump is focused to work for American families and jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 18, 2019.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 18, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2099.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3889.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4:15 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1617

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR) at 4 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair