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

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 8, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR 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 7, 2020, 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, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

### AIRSTRIKE AGAINST GENERAL SOLEIMANI

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, in response to a successful, precise United States airstrike against Iranian terrorist General Soleimani, a strike that was carefully thought out, that was vetted, that was carefully planned by our President, the Secretary of State, White House leadership, and the Pentagon, my Democrat colleagues are threatening to force a vote to restrict

our President's ability to exercise his constitutional powers as Commander in Chief and, thus, place more American lives at risk.

Listen, I don't want a war. The President doesn't want a war. Many, many Kansans I have talked to, they don't want any more American lives lost in an endless war in the Middle East. But what Kansans do want is a President who draws a red line and actually means it, that if you harm an American or any American interests, we will respond swiftly, decisively, and, yes, disproportionately.

For Kansans, it is pure and simple common sense that the American President protect our country, protect our people from imminent threats posed by those who seek to do us harm. If you are a known terrorist who has brutality murdered hundreds of American soldiers and is actively planning to kill more Americans, our leaders, our President has the authority to quickly stop that threat by any means necessary. This power is a core executive function of the Commander in Chief under Article II of the Constitution.

This resolution that may be offered by Democrats today—and I say “may.” It sounds like now they are back-walking it, that they have probably done some type of a polling or some type of a study group that says this is not going to poll very well. But they have been threatening to offer a resolution that would undermine the President's ability to swiftly respond to Iran and its proxies' acts of aggression against our Nation and our interests. In other words, it would undermine the President's ability to protect our homeland and protect the American people.

By eliminating Soleimani, President Trump took decisive action to protect Americans and to rid the world of an evil terrorist who was actively planning more death and destruction. The President was doing his job to deesca-

late a very tense situation, to save American lives, and was damn right to do so. We are all safer today.

### SPEAKER PELOSI'S REFUSAL TO TRANSMIT ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, after the unprecedented impeachment witch hunt conducted in the Chamber this past year, Speaker PELOSI has still not transmitted the sham Articles of Impeachment to the Senate. This would seem to fly in the face of common sense, the Constitution, and precedent.

It is not just Republicans who have been saying how ridiculous this is. Speaker PELOSI's refusal to transmit the articles is now coming under scrutiny from her own fellow Democrats in the Senate. One Senator said, “She should send the articles over”; another, “Let us do what we have to do over here”; and, finally, a third Democratic Senator, “I'm hoping they will come over here soon. I think most people are ready to get this moving on.”

The only thing that Speaker PELOSI's 3-week charade has done is show the public the weakness of Democrats' case and show, indeed, he has not been given a safe political process and it is all for theater.

Please, Ms. PELOSI, please, Speaker PELOSI, allow the Senate to get on with the people's work: to pass USMCA, to lower healthcare costs, and to improve our infrastructure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

### IMPROVING EFFORTS TO ATTACK SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

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

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, today marks a sobering anniversary. Three years ago today, Scarlett Lillian Pauley, a magnetic, vibrant, 16-month-

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old died suddenly and unexpectedly. She was born at 11:25 a.m. on August 31, 2015, a happy and healthy 6-pound, 4-ounce, 20-inch-long baby.

This vibrant little girl loved her mama and her dada and her pets. Scarlett loved books. She could read for hours. Her favorite book was “Barnyard Dance!” by Sandra Boynton. She loved and she was loved.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated story. Each year, hundreds of children die unexpectedly and their deaths go unexplained, even after an investigation. Each year, nearly 3,500 children up to age 1 die suddenly. Among infants, my colleagues may have heard of the leading cause being SIDS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

These devastated families want answers which, unfortunately, don’t come. One reason is that States and municipalities all over the country collect inconsistent and often incomplete data on these unexplained sudden deaths; and, even with these efforts, they are irreconcilable.

If we can’t even collect good and consistent data, how can we expect to reverse this trend or even prevent it?

Mr. Speaker, I can and we must do more to save the lives of our most vulnerable, which is why I introduced the Scarlett’s Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act, H.R. 2271, named in honor of little Scarlett. This bill would authorize efforts to improve the investigation of these deaths nationwide to help find answers that can guide prevention efforts.

It would also support better data initiatives of safe sleep education and other efforts to prevent such deaths and support for grieving families, among other provisions.

Mr. Speaker, I was so inspired to do this because I have, in fact, been to the homes of grieving parents who have lost their child to sudden infant death.

I am so grateful that this is bipartisan legislation. There are 62 bipartisan sponsors, and I just want to name a few of them on the other side.

TOM COLE is the cosponsor on the Republican side, along with JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER, who has given birth to three children since she has become a Member of this body, and CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS, who is on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

This bipartisan legislation has also been endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the March of Dimes, Children’s Hospital Association, Cribs for Kids, First Candle, SUDC Foundation, Aaron Matthew SIDS Research Guild of Seattle Children’s Hospital, the Mackenzie Blair Foundation of New Jersey, Jaxin’s Cause in Ohio, the Scarlett Lillian Pauley Foundation, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, and Safe Kids Worldwide.

Today, the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold hearings on this legislation, bringing it one step closer to law. One of the witnesses will be

Scarlett’s mom, someone who took her grief and turned it into activism, and I believe she is going to speak eloquently of the challenges that families across our country who experience such a tragedy face.

Though Scarlett is gone, she is not forgotten. Passing this bipartisan bill is one way we can honor her and save lives. If this bill helps save one life—and I am confident that it will do more than that—it is worth it.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation.

#### CONGRATULATING REESE DEHEN ON HER OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding athlete from Anoka, Minnesota.

Reese Dehen, this year, became a repeat State champion in swimming. She won the State swimming title in the Class AA 200 individual medley, and then the sophomore from Anoka continued to add a second State championship in the 100 breaststroke during the swimming State championships at the University of Minnesota.

Reese is an outstanding young talent and one of Minnesota’s premier athletes. She is also a role model for thousands of young swimmers and student athletes who make the sacrifice to achieve the best they can be.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Reese and thank her for being a great role model. Our entire community is proud of her.

#### HONORING CHRISTOPHER STEWART, AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Christopher Stewart of North Lakes Academy charter school in Forest Lake, Minnesota. Mr. Stewart took learning to a new level this past year, participating in a program designed to preserve and amplify the history of fallen U.S. service personnel.

For an entire year, Mr. Stewart researched the life and service of Richard Willard Moody, a fallen World War II hero of the United States Army’s 129th Aero Squadron assigned to the French Escadrille Br. 129. Mr. Moody was from Minneapolis, Minnesota, and he fought bravely on behalf of the United States before making the ultimate sacrifice in France.

Sponsored by National History Day, in conjunction with the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission and the Pritzker Military Museum and Library, Mr. Stewart brought history to life and revived and preserved the memory of Richard Willard Moody. In fact, he even traveled to France to give a graveside eulogy and, when he returned to the United States, used this experience to teach his students.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Stewart for remembering a fallen hero and preserving his legacy. His students are

lucky to have him and so is Minnesota’s Sixth Congressional District.

HONORING STAN NELSON, A MINNESOTA HERO  
Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stan Nelson for his decades of service to the United States and to the city of Anoka, Minnesota.

Stan is well known throughout his community as a man of faith, family, and football. Some know Stan as “Coach.” Others know him as “Lieutenant Junior Grade.” Others know Stan as a Minnesota Senior Olympic gold medalist. Today, we add “Hero” to the list of titles that accompany his name.

Stan was a student and football player at Augsburg College who went on to enlist in the Navy following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Stan operated one of the first boats to land on Omaha Beach on D-day.

Following his service in World War II, Stan went on to coach the Anoka High School football team for 26 years, becoming a legend in Anoka and a mentor for generations of players. In honor of his repeated sacrifices, Haven for Heroes, a local nonprofit that provides transitional housing for veterans, recently dedicated their auditorium in honor of Stan.

Men like Stan deserve to be honored. He has lived a life as a servant leader. And at age 99, he hasn’t slowed down.

Mr. Speaker, we are honored that Stan’s name will forever adorn the Haven for Heroes auditorium, and I thank him for his service to Anoka and to his country.

#### RECOGNIZING STARKEY HEARING TECHNOLOGIES

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Starkey Hearing Technologies, a Minnesota-based manufacturer of hearing aids, for earning a place on Time magazine’s list of Best 2019 Inventions.

Starkey’s invention of the Livio AI hearing aid not only provides users with improved hearing quality, but it also tracks an individual’s body and brain health.

This device, in addition, has several features that apply to our fast-paced world: It can stream music; it can act like a smart assistant; and it can even translate languages.

Minnesota is proud of its many innovators and inventors. From Medtronic’s pacemaker to Starkey’s cutting-edge hearing devices, Minnesota remains one of our country’s premier medtech hubs.

I congratulate Starkey for its amazing contribution to hearing health for patients across the country. Minnesotans are proud that they call our great State home.

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#### ADDRESSING WORKFORCE SHORTAGES FOR AMERICAN FARMS

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the recent passage of the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, H.R. 5038.

I want to thank my colleague from the State of Washington, Mr. DAN