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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 13, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY C. JOHNSON, Jr. 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 1:50 p.m.

COMMEMORATING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

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

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Korean American Day, January 13.

I proudly represent Los Angeles and its Koreatown. It is the largest Korean population of any congressional district in the country.

My legislation, H. Res. 38, supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day, gives us an opportunity to

appreciate the countless contributions Korean Americans have made to this country.

On this occasion, we pay tribute to the influence Korean Americans have had on all facets of American life, from the private and public sectors to the world of art, food, education, and entrepreneurship.

Mr. Speaker, 117 years after the first Korean immigrants came to the United States, the story of the Korean American community is one of honor, inspiration, and resolve. Like other immigrant communities across the country, they have thrived through their strong work ethic, family bonds, and unbreakable spirit. I would like to thank them for entrusting me with the honor of representing them in Congress.

I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 38, commemorating Korean American Day.

REDUCING ANTI-SEMITISM THROUGH INCREASED EDUCATION

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

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, on December 28, 2019, the Jewish community in Monsey, New York, gathered together to celebrate Hanukkah. That celebration was cut short due to a vile, anti-Semitic attack leaving five people wounded and an entire nation in shock.

Anti-Semitism is on the rise, and it is important that younger generations understand where this hate stems from and why we need to combat it. H. Res. 782 does just that.

This important resolution encourages schools to teach the history of anti-Semitism and the Holocaust and calls on law enforcement to bring the perpetrators of these attacks to justice.

We must stop these senseless acts of hate, and I encourage my colleagues on

both sides of the aisle to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I do want to thank my colleagues, Congressmen TED BUDD and LEE ZELDIN, for their leadership in introducing this vital legislation with me.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SHEETZ FAMILY

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the many accomplishments of the Sheetz family. Their family-owned chain of convenience stores, which began as a single storefront in Altoona, Pennsylvania, in 1952, has grown to include more than 600 stores.

This weekend, Sheetz was recognized as one of America's favorite restaurants. This business, which got its start in my hometown of Altoona more than six decades ago, has received significant national acclaim for its role as an American staple.

In addition to its business success, Sheetz is well-known for its commitment to local communities. As a team, Sheetz employees are marked by their commitment to community service and their dedication to local organizations, such as Special Olympics, youth sports groups, and its own employee-founded charity, For the Kidz.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to share a hometown with Sheetz, and I am honored to congratulate the Sheetz family and their incredibly hard-working team upon their achievement of being recognized as one of America's favorite restaurants.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

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