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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 4, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable WM. LACY CLAY 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 would now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

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 noon), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, thank You for giving us another day.

The people's House prepares to welcome the President of the United

States this day, and other governmental, judicial, and military leadership of our Nation. The world watches as America's great experiment in civilian self-government is in high relief.

May all who populate these hallways this day be possessed of good will and a shared commitment to guarantee the freedoms and responsibilities inspired by the soaring rhetoric and subsequent actions of our American ancestors.

May all that is said and done in this Chamber today redound to the benefit of our Nation and the glory of Your Holy Name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. LOWENTHAL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LOWENTHAL 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.

RECOGNITION OF GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS' WEEK

(Mr. LOWENTHAL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise in observance of Gun Violence Survivors' Week.

For all those who have lost their lives due to gun violence, there are

thousands more who experience trauma, loss, and suffering.

In a recent poll, 58 percent of American adults reported that they or someone that they care for have experienced gun violence. That statistic is shocking, and it is also shameful. No other wealthy country faces a gun violence epidemic on this scale.

The House has passed strong bipartisan bills to reduce gun violence. Majority Leader MCCONNELL and the gun lobby continue to block this legislation. The obstruction is outrageous. It fails to honor the legacy of the survivors that we honor this week.

I know we can do better. We simply must do better.

RECOGNIZING JESSIE CRAFT OF REAGAN HIGH SCHOOL

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jessie Craft, an exemplary Latin teacher at Reagan High School in Pfafftown, North Carolina.

Simply put, Jessie goes the extra mile to provide his students with a high-quality education. Instead of relying only on textbook instruction, he crafts lesson plans that meet the unique needs of his students. From creating online language tutorial videos to reading and speaking entirely in Latin, Jessie keeps his students engaged while unlocking new ways to help them learn pertinent material.

His novel approach serves as a reminder that when educational innovation is deliberately exercised, students succeed.

Reagan High School is fortunate to have Jessie Craft as a teacher, and I am confident that he will continue to impact the lives of students now and in the future.

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

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HONORING JERSEY CITY POLICE
DETECTIVE JOSEPH SEALS

(Mr. MALINOWSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, on December 10, armed extremists, targeting Jewish Americans and law enforcement, gunned down four people in Jersey City, including Jersey City Police Detective Joseph Seals.

Today, I am joined by his daughter, Hailey, as my State of the Union guest. I want to thank her for her commitment to her father's legacy and for joining us in honoring him.

Detective Seals was a veteran of the Jersey City police force and was a leading officer in the effort to get guns off the street. He was a good man and a good father. He worked every day trying to make New Jersey safer for all of us and I am glad we have a chance to recognize him.

But I also believe that we owe his family more than just recognition, more than just remembrance. We owe them a dedicated effort to confront domestic extremism as seriously as we have rightly confronted international terrorism, with more resources for law enforcement, stronger gun laws, greater scrutiny of social media companies that monetize hatred online, and zero tolerance for politicians who exploit that hatred for political ends.

RECOGNIZING THE DISABLED
AMERICAN VETERANS 100TH AN-
NIVERSARY

(Mr. HILL of Arkansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and thank the Disabled Veterans of the World War, now the Disabled Veterans of America, on its 100th anniversary.

It was founded in 1920 and headed by World War I veteran and Cincinnati Judge Robert S. Marx. The DAV has stood as an organization of disabled veterans serving veterans as they make that critical transition from military life to civilian life.

As Marx said of the need of the DAV, "We had a common experience which bound us together, and we ought to continue through an organization of our own . . . an organization of us, by us, and for us."

With 1.2 million members, the DAV has grown into one of the foremost veterans' service organizations in our country.

Arkansas DAV Commander Charlie Brown, who served for more than 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, in both Desert Storm and in Vietnam, has helped lead our State's fight in support of America's injured veterans and their families.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the entire Disabled American Veterans family and wish them

continued success for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING TELEMACHUS
ORFANOS WHO WAS KILLED IN
THE BORDERLINE SHOOTING

(Ms. BROWNLEY of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, during National Gun Violence Survivors' Week, I stand before you to call attention to the tragic impact of gun violence on our Nation.

On November 7, 2018, Ventura County was forever altered by the Borderline shooting, which took the lives of 12 individuals.

Telemachus Orfanos, a U.S. Navy veteran, survived the Las Vegas shooting only to be killed 1 year later at Borderline. Tel died a hero, rushing to save others when gunfire erupted.

Today, I am joined by his mother, Susan, whose presence is a reminder of the far too many families grieving the loss of their loved ones.

Since the Borderline shooting, an estimated 45,000 people have died from gun violence, and the Senate still refuses to act. Tel and all victims of gun violence deserve better. They deserve much better.

The Senate must act. The lives of every American depend upon it.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PRESI-
DENT FROM THE VANTAGE
POINT OF THE WHITE HOUSE

(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. Mr. Speaker, as the President in the State of the Union reviews his achievements from the vantage point of the White House, I have lived his successes on the ground level, in South Carolina and overseas.

In Orangeburg, his Opportunity Zone legislation with Senator TIM SCOTT has prompted a \$20 million spec building for jobs.

In Munich, Germany, with Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM, I saw his urging NATO defense spending.

In Aiken, Chancellor Sandra Jordan has achieved the funding for the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative in USC-Aiken.

In New Delhi, India, and also in Houston, Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured his alliance with President Trump.

In Cayce, Lou Kennedy of Nephron Pharmaceuticals continues her success, growing over 2,000 jobs.

And in Manama, Bahrain, it was heartwarming to see our Arab allies appreciate peace through strength.

In Columbia, I joined Governor Henry McMaster to visit Fort Jackson to meet our reinforced troops.

In Krakow, Poland, our allies appreciate the 5,000 U.S. troops to stop Putin aggression.

In Barnwell, foreign investments at Swiss Krono have reached half a billion dollars.

In Israel, citizens are more grateful for the President's moving of the Embassy to Jerusalem.

Our prayers for Rush Limbaugh, an American icon of truth telling.

JOIN US TO IMPROVE THE STATE
OF HEALTHCARE

(Mrs. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, as I walked over to the floor, I left a group of workers in my office who were scared to death that we were going back to the days that people with diabetes, high blood pressure, or heart issues, must fear being denied coverage, or have premiums too high that they could not afford.

Tonight, House Democrats are bringing more than 80 patients, doctors, and healthcare advocates from across the country as guests to the State of the Union to shine a light on our fight to improve the "State of Healthcare."

We must stop this disastrous lawsuit that strikes down protections for people with pre-existing conditions, but also would eliminate every last protection and benefit provided by the Affordable Care Act.

At the same time, House Democrats have passed 11 bills to lower prescription drug prices, protect people with pre-existing conditions, and strengthen Medicare and Medicaid.

We are ready and willing to work with anyone who will come to the table. Please work with us to improve the State of Healthcare in this country.

HONORING OFFICER JASON
DOBBINS

(Mr. BANKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Police Officer Jason Dobbins.

Sixteen years ago, Officer Dobbins began working in law enforcement. In 2012, he transferred to the Warsaw Police Department, where he followed in the footsteps of his father, Ted, who also served as a police officer in the City of Warsaw for 20 years.

In the wake of his tragic passing last Saturday, Officer Dobbins is mourned by the Warsaw Police Department, and by the whole of Warsaw, who remember him as a great leader, father, and friend.

And as Warsaw Mayor Joe Thallemer told me just earlier today in a text message, he said, "The overwhelming, immediate outpouring of support is testimony to his commitment to the well-being of the Warsaw community. His legacy of service lives on."

It is people like Jason Dobbins who embody the very best of what our Nation has to offer.