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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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