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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MCBATH).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 28, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUCY MCBATH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

We pray that You bless this country we love with all our hearts. We thank You for those who founded this Republic upon faith, respect for law, and constitutional rights of individuals and the common good of the Nation.

Fan the flames of freedom in hearts of all Americans, and especially those who serve in the Armed Forces. Strengthen the resolve of all Members of this people's House, that they be attentive to Your commands, follow their consciences, and always do what is right as they wrestle with the complex issues of the day.

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.

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. BEATTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. BEATTY 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

OBSERVING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to observe Black History Month, remembering a few legends whom we lost this past year—for them, we unite and celebrate our shared history—to build a more perfect Union for all Americans. Standing on the shoulders of:

Ohio's Toni Morrison, poet laureate, who voiced the struggle for justice and equality for all Americans;

Congressman Elijah Cummings, sharecroppers' son, friend, mentor, civil rights giant, and first African American male to have a committee room named after him;

Katherine Johnson, the famed NASA "Hidden Figure," who was behind Ohio's John Glenn's orbit of the Earth and putting a man on the Moon.

Standing on their shoulders, I empower the next generation of leaders, like this third grader, Paris, who dressed up as me for her Black History project.

Madam Speaker, we thank Paris. We fight every day for her future. Paris is brave and talented. She is our future.

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