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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,
March 11, 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.

COMMEMORATING TOWN OF RAYVILLE AND EULA D. BRITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the efforts of the town of Rayville, Louisiana, and the Eula D. Britton Alumni Association to preserve their community's heritage.

The only part of Eula D. Britton school still standing is its gymnasium,

but that didn't stop the 1960 graduate class from doing something good. Quincy Mason, who is in the audience today, and the rest of the alumni association purchased and turned it into a museum, showcasing the school's history.

First known as Rayville Colored School, its first class of 11 students graduated in 1939. It was renamed Rayville Rosenwald High School in 1949, and eventually Eula D. Britton High School in 1956 after its long-serving principal, Eula D. Britton.

In 2014, Quincy Mason, who is present here today in the House gallery, as I said, had the idea to petition for a historical marker to commemorate the school's history for generations to come. This year, on July 3, it will become a reality when the marker is dedicated by its alumni association.

The town of Rayville, Louisiana, is proud of Quincy Mason, who went on to play professional baseball for the Chicago Cubs organization and was inducted into the Southern University Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the town of Rayville and the Eula D. Britton Alumni Association for their efforts to preserve their community's rich history.

THANKING RONNIE ANDERSON

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mr. Ronnie Anderson for his 51 years of service to Louisiana farmers and ranchers.

After graduating from LSU in 1970 with a degree in animal science, Ronnie returned home to work on his family's farm. He quickly became involved in the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation and was elected president of his parish chapter shortly thereafter.

In 1989, he was elected president of the statewide farm bureau, and he has been elected an additional 31 times since.

I have known Ronnie personally for many, many years as a farmer myself,

and it has always been clear to me that he loves Louisiana agriculture. When I was elected to Congress, I came to rely on his counsel to advocate for our farmers and ranchers.

During his tenure, the Louisiana Farm Bureau has grown from 67,000 members to more than 148,000, and Ronnie still raises several hundred head of cattle, as well as horses, hay, and timber, on his farm in East and West Feliciana Parishes in my congressional district.

In addition to his work at home and with the farm bureau, Ronnie has served for all but 2 years since 1997 on the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Ronnie Anderson for his many, many years of service to Louisiana and wish him well as he retires after 31 years as president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.

HONORING ALVARO CIFUENTES

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

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life of my longtime friend and mentor, Alvaro Cifuentes.

On March 2, Puerto Rico suffered a tragic loss.

Born in Mayaguez, Alvaro graduated magna cum laude from the University of Puerto Rico in 1972, earning a bachelor's of business administration.

He then went on to graduate from law school from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, earning a J.D., again magna cum laude, in 1975.

He came from a long line of wise politicians from Puerto Rico who helped navigate the island over decades.

Alvaro practiced law for 17 years and became a managing partner at the law firm of Goldman Antonetti in San Juan.

In 1992, he managed Pedro Rosello's successful race for Governor of Puerto

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