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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

March 12, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SUZAN K. DELBENE 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 mercy, thank You for giving us another day.

Bless the Members of the people's House today as they leave for a week of constituent visits in their home districts. Protect them and all whom they encounter from the dangers of coronavirus infection, and help them to be of comfort and encouragement for people back home.

Help them to withstand open criticism when they know what is right before You and conscience. Often, they are characterized by half-truths and attributed motives that are far beneath them. Uphold them at such times with personal integrity and compassion for those most in need.

Continue to bless those who suffer with the virus infection and those whose labor is in treating this illness and finding effective cure.

May all that is done 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.

Mr. VARGAS. 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.

Mr. VARGAS. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 gentleman from California (Mr. VARGAS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. VARGAS 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.

COMMEMORATING LEGACY OF HELEN FABELA CHAVEZ

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

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of International Women's Day.

Throughout our past, many men have been recognized for their impact on our society; however, it is extremely important that we recognize the many women who fueled social change.

Helen Fabela Chavez was one of these women.

Helen was born on January 21, 1928, in Brawley, California, a city in my district. Like many Chicano children in the early 20th century, Helen began working in the agricultural industry at the age of 7.

After marrying Cesar Chavez in 1948, Helen left the workforce to take care of her husband and their eight children.

However, after 10 years, Helen returned to the workforce as the breadwinner for the family while Cesar Chavez began to establish the National Farm Workers Association.

Helen and other Chicana members contributed greatly to the success of the union, and she later became the treasurer for what became the United Farm Workers.

I want to honor Helen Fabela Chavez, a woman who both raised and financially supported her family while also changing history from the grassroots up.

HONORING JACK CAMPBELL

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Jack Campbell, former commander of the Indian Trail VFW Post 2423. Sadly, Jack passed away March 10, 2020.

At 19 years old and weighing 100 pounds, Jack was too light to be drafted, but "things changed," in his words, and soon he was in Vietnam.

Jack's service to his country did not end abroad. Upon returning, he became

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