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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN of Maryland).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 11, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANTHONY G. BROWN 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: Loving God, thank You for giving us another day.

Numbers of infections and hospitalizations are again spiking in various sectors of our Nation as we continue to consider social concerns about peace and justice in our communities.

As it is a time of high feeling and reaction, we ask Your blessing of peace, patience, and good discernment in the days and weeks to come.

Opinions and positions of interested parties are heightened. Calm our passions, that those responsible for molding a future in the wake of such monumental shifts in our sense of what is normal or usual are taking place.

We thank You that we, as Americans, have faced such challenges in the past. Help us to have faith in You, and confidence in our constitutional way of proceeding, that we have good cause to have hope in what is to come.

Bless us all this day, and every day, and may all that we do be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina 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.

### APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO INDEPENDENT MEXICO LABOR EXPERT BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 732(a) of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act (P.L. 116-113), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Independent Mexico Labor Expert Board for a term of 6 years:

Ms. Catherine Feingold, Takoma Park, Maryland

Mr. Frederick Gibson Ross, Berkeley, California

### MARIA CARMEN CASTRO RAMIREZ AND J. REFUGIO CARRENO ROJAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the following bill (H.R. 1548) for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1548

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR MARIA CARMEN CASTRO RAMIREZ AND J. REFUGIO CARRENO ROJAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas shall each be eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident.

(b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez or J. Refugio Carreno Rojas enters the United States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (d), he or she shall be considered to have entered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) WAIVER OF GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL OR DENIAL OF ADMISSION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 212(a) and 237(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas may not be removed from the United States, denied admission to the United States, or considered ineligible for lawful permanent residence in the United States by reason of any ground for removal or denial of admission that is reflected in the records of the Department of Homeland Security or the Visa Office of the Department of State on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) RESCISSION OF OUTSTANDING ORDER OF REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall rescind any outstanding order of removal or deportation, or any finding of inadmissibility or deportability, that has been entered against Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez or J. Refugio Carreno Rojas by reason of any ground described in paragraph (1).

(d) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the application for issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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