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John Lewis also a prisoner for the Lord many times, lived that model life worthy of his calling with humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with everyone through love, striving to preserve unity through the bond of peace.

John Lewis showed us that strength comes from humility and gentleness and patience and love, striving for unity through peace.

I know I need to be better. Thank you, John Lewis. Rest in peace, good and faithful servant.

The SPEAKER *pro tempore*. The time of the gentleman has expired.

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#### REFLECTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

The SPEAKER *pro tempore*. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. PANETTA).

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for having this Special Order in which we rise, remember, and recognize one of our country’s civil rights champions, one of America’s heroes, my friend, our colleague, and, yes, the conscience of Congress, Congressman John Robert Lewis.

Now, unlike some other Members that spoke earlier, even though John was a fellow Member of Congress, he was a fellow Member on the Ways and Means Committee, I have to say I never got used to having John Lewis as a fellow colleague.

As Mr. KELLY alluded to and said, I should say, we do have a family here on the Ways and Means Committee, but it was clear that John was that favorite child. All of us were in awe as to everything he did and everything that John stood for.

And that is part of the reason why my wife and I took our two daughters down to Selma, Alabama, this last March to walk arm in arm with John Lewis across the Edmund Pettus Bridge for the last time.

Now, obviously, with the ceremonies this week in John’s passing we have been thinking a lot about John, but this past weekend I could not get him out of my head. And it resonated with me the most when my wife and I took our two daughters up to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and we stood on the battlefield, in that cemetery and at that monument and read the speech that President Lincoln gave to consecrate that hallowed ground. And I can tell you it reminded me of the lifelong fight of John Lewis. It reminded me of

our Nation’s lifelong fight for equality. And it reminded me of our continued fight today. And you will see what I mean when I use some of that speech in my following remarks.

Although we are a Nation conceived in liberty and equality, it seems as if now our Nation is divided and being tested as to whether we can endure together. Now we gather here tonight to honor the death of a man who literally shed blood so that our Nation can live together. But in a larger sense what we say here tonight is nothing compared to what John Lewis did throughout his life.

See, as with most of our speeches on the House floor, the world will little note nor long remember what we say here tonight, but it can never forget what John did, not only in this Chamber, but also for civil rights and for this country.

So it is for us, from Congress Members to frontline workers to peaceful protestors to be dedicated to the unfinished work which John fought for and so nobly advanced. And with the passing of John Lewis let us be dedicated to the task remaining before us, that from John’s life we take increased devotion to the cause for which he gave full measure of devotion that we here highly resolve, that his actions, his service, his sacrifice shall never be in vain, that this Nation under God shall continue to have freedom and equality and that our government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall never perish from this Earth, but shall always live with the conscience of our country, John Robert Lewis.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. GOMEZ).

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for doing this Special Order hour to remember the life of John Lewis.

He called other people “brother.” He called me “young brother,” so I guess I was the little guy.

He was such an amazing man. He had a huge character. He was a civil rights giant who amplified the voices of a generation. His commitment to dismantling hatred and oppression in whatever its form was something that inspired generations, and it is something that we all know that we stand on his shoulders on for our own fights for greater equality in this country.

His strength and resolve, showcased during the Nashville sit-in movement, the Freedom Riders, and the March on Washington gave us the momentum to carry on through adversity and taught us what it means to get into some “good trouble.”

And those who knew John and marched with him, whether it was to protest the detention of immigrant children, as I did a few years ago, or to speak out against racial injustice, always felt a little bit more hopeful when he was around. It created that little bit of a ripple of hope from person to person when he was marching with you.

I believe he also created a little bit of a ripple of change in every single person he met that transformed and empowered communities and for future generations still unborn. That is the kind of legacy he left.

But I also got to see him as just a humble person, a regular person. And I noticed when we would walk from the Ways and Means Committee room back here to vote, I would always kind of walk with him, and people would come up and ask for a photograph, you know, school children and adults alike. And they would get around him and, you know, I was pushed aside, and I took the phone and I was proud to take the photographs. He would always say: Hi, I am John Lewis. What is your name and where are you from? And he took that moment to make it about them, not about him.

Imagine if we were all like that, where we just paused a little bit and took the moment to make it about the other person, the other party, the other State, the other person from a different country. Imagine what this country would be like. It would be a lot better. It would be a lot more hopeful and would create that ripple of change that we all desire.

I know John is getting up to the pearly gates of Heaven with Saint Peter, who is the guardian of those gates, and John is going to say: Hi, I am John Lewis, nice to meet you.

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Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his comments.

Madam Speaker, the Nation had a chance tonight to hear about the affection and regard that we held for a very important member of the Ways and Means family, John Lewis.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. KELLY for yielding me the time. He did urge at a moment last week: I hope that we will be able to do a bipartisan tribute to John.

I said we planned one, and we want to make sure both sides are involved.

I just want to close on this note, as we travel to Atlanta tomorrow to say good-bye to John. At a Committee on Ways and Means Democratic retreat in New York about 2 years ago, with a very distinguished alumnus of the Democratic Party as well, Charlie Rangel came over to the dinner. John, myself, and former Chairman Rangel, we were sitting and just talking at the end of the night. After the conversation, when John got up and left, Charlie Rangel said to me: You know, Rich, there were many of us who did the right thing along the way. Many of us participated fully in the civil rights movement. But John Lewis would have died for the cause.

Pretty remarkable: John Lewis would have died for the cause.

Tonight, Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Members of the House, both political parties, and the Ways and Means family for a nice tribute to our friend, John Lewis.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Chair, I thank Chairman NEAL so much for hosting this Special Order.

We truly are a family, and at times like this, that really comes out.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor my friend John Lewis. A giant of the civil rights movement in life, John Lewis' legacy now transcends his death. Nearly two hundred years after our Founders dedicated our nation to the proposition that all men are created equal, John Lewis worked to secure that precious truth. He did so with a warm heart and a smile on his face. He brought that same spirit to Congress, where we served on the Ways and Means Committee together and his presence was always uplifting.

Facing racial segregation and violence, Congressman Lewis held an unwavering conviction in the ability of nonviolence to deliver equality to all Americans.

His tireless and bold efforts were met with determined resistance and brutality. He suffered vicious beatings and unwarranted arrests. Through all strife and opposition, he stood bloody but unbowed.

John Lewis helped move our nation, and he will be dearly missed in this House.

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HONORING DR. HAFEEZ MALIK  
AND DR. LYNDA MALIK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 30 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to a man whose life not only stands as a testament to his own achievements but also as an illustration of the greatness of the United States of America and as an embodiment of the American Dream.

Dr. Hafeez Malik, whose son Dean Malik has resided in Bucks County with his family for almost 20 years, passed away on April 20, 2020, at the age of 90 years old.

Dr. Malik was a professor at Villanova University for over 50 years, teaching undergraduate and graduate-level courses in political science, international relations, American history, and American government.

Dr. Malik was a world-renowned scholar who dedicated much of his life to strengthening the relationship between Pakistan, the country from which he emigrated, and the United States.

Dr. Malik provided lectures to American diplomats and senior military officers on multiple occasions at the U.S. State Department, while also forming the Pakistani American Congress in the 1990s.

Dr. Malik's scholarship has become an invaluable contribution, enabling the United States to understand the nuances of diplomacy throughout the Muslim world and has guided American foreign policy for nearly half a century.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Malik's success and acclaim would not have been pos-

sible without the love and support of the love of his life, his wife of 64 years, fellow Villanova professor Dr. Lynda Malik.

Hafeez and Lynda met as students at Syracuse University in the early 1950s. They got married in 1956.

These two amazing people embarked upon an amazing, productive, and renowned public partnership grounded in the bonds of everlasting marriage, ending only with Hafeez's recent death.

Throughout the Villanova University community, in the international world of academia, as well as in their social circles in southeastern Pennsylvania, where I represent, and elsewhere in the United States and in their home country of Pakistan, Hafeez and Lynda were known as a married power couple.

Throughout the years, they shared in each other's successes as well as each other's hardships and served as productive, upstanding members of our community.

Hafeez and Lynda were also proud, patriotic Americans. Their son Dean, who is a friend of mine, is a former Marine officer, a former criminal prosecutor, a practicing attorney, and a proud Iraq war veteran.

Madam Speaker, in death, Dr. Malik leaves behind his lifelong spouse and partner, who is suffering from dementia, and a disabled older son. Nevertheless, it is a comfort to all who know them that the success earned by this couple throughout their lifetime shall go to support these family members now in their time of vulnerability and their time of need, and that their son is to carry on Hafeez's legacy of public service in this life.

Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to a man and his wife whose life not only stands as a testament to his own achievements but also as an illustration of the greatness of the United States of America and as an embodiment of the American Dream itself.

Madam Speaker, let us honor not only the life of Hafeez Malik and his wife, Lynda, but also his lifelong partnership with his wife, Lynda; their amazing family; all they have done for the community of Pennsylvania; all they have done for Villanova University as a couple; and all they have done for the United States of America as a couple.

They are a great family. They were a very, very special couple, and I wanted to honor them on the floor of the House of Representatives tonight.

Madam Speaker, I ask to have this speech and the life of Hafeez and his wife, Lynda, permanently entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LETTER SUBMITTED PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 4(b) OF HOUSE RES-  
OLUTION 965, 116TH CONGRESS

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,

Washington, DC, July 27, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 965, we are writing to inform you that the Committee on Natural Resources has met the requirements for conducting a business meeting outlined in regulation E.1 of the remote committee proceedings regulations, inserted into the Congressional Record on May 15, 2020, and that the Committee is prepared to conduct a remote meeting and permit remote participation.

In meeting these requirements, the Committee held a non-public business meeting rehearsal on July 27, 2020; a public full committee hearing with remote participation on June 11, 2020; and a public subcommittee hearing with remote participation on June 18, 2020.

Sincerely,

Raúl M. Grijalva, Chair, Committee on Natural Resources; Debra Haaland, Member of Congress; Jared Huffman, Member of Congress; Ruben Gallego, Member of Congress; Alan Lowenthal, Member of Congress; Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, Member of Congress; Nydia M. Velázquez, Member of Congress; Grace Napolitano, Member of Congress; Matt Cartwright, Member of Congress; Darren Soto, Member of Congress; Paul D. Tonko, Member of Congress; TJ Cox, Member of Congress; Mike Levin, Member of Congress; Diana DeGette, Member of Congress; Ed Case, Member of Congress; Jesús G. "Chuy" Garcia, Member of Congress; Steven Horsford, Member of Congress; A. Donald McEachin, Member of Congress; Anthony G. Brown, Member of Congress; Debbie Dingell, Member of Congress; Wm. Lacy Clay, Member of Congress; Jim Costa, Member of Congress; Joe Neguse, Member of Congress.

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COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS,

Washington, DC, July 29, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 965, we are writing to inform you that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs has met the requirements for conducting a business meeting outlined in regulation E.1 of the remote committee proceedings regulations, inserted into the Congressional Record on May 15, 2020, and that the Committee is prepared to conduct a remote meeting and permit remote participation.

In meeting these requirements, the committee held a non-public business meeting rehearsal on July 28, 2020, a public full committee hearing with remote participation on June 11, 2020, and a public subcommittee hearing with remote participation on June 3, 2020.

Sincerely,

Mark Takano, Chairman; Kathleen Rice,  
Member of Congress; Mike Levin,