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The House met at 9 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,
October 1, 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 10:50 a.m.

HONORING KATIE DORSETT AND MARY MCALLISTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ADAMS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to honor two exceptional North Carolina women who left us this year, former Senator Dr. Katie Dorsett and former Representative Mary McAllister. I admired and was friends with both of them.

They were both educators who went into public service, proud products of

historically Black colleges and universities. Both advocates on behalf of African Americans, they founded and led organizations to combat sickle cell anemia.

They both knew the highs of winning elected office and doing exceptional work for their constituents and the lows of personal tragedy. Both women were predeceased by a child they loved like a best friend.

They were both county commissioners and State legislators and, most of all, trailblazers.

Katie Dorsett was the first Black woman on the Greensboro City Council, and I was proud to follow in her footsteps. After serving on the city board of commissioners and went on to serve in Governor Hunt's administration and the North Carolina State Senate. We served together in the General Assembly, and Katie was a longtime friend and mentor whose friendship I cherished.

When the Greensboro News and RECORD remembered her in July, they wrote: "She carried herself with dignity and always spoke her mind."

That was Katie. She was a great leader and a strong advocate for her community, and the State of North Carolina is poorer without her.

Mary McAllister was also a legislator, a county commissioner who broke barriers for Black women. She was the first Black woman to win a countywide election in Cumberland County, North Carolina. She changed the way the county commission elected commissioners so she wouldn't be the last.

A fountain of confidence, Mary had a sense of humor, and she could build relationships with anyone. She wasn't afraid to stand up to the good ol' boys club in the legislature, and we became fast friends. It is no surprise that her first campaign slogan was "Mary Has Moxie."

I am humbled to have the opportunity to honor these strong, phenomenal women on the floor today.

Thank you, Mary, and thank you, Katie, for opening doors for the next generation of Black women leaders. I am here on the floor of the U.S. House today because you crossed the threshold first.

COUNTERING THREAT OF CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, after months of hard work and collaboration, the China Task Force has released our final report, which includes more than 400 solutions to counter the growing threat of the Chinese Communist Party. This report is the framework for combating the aggressive Chinese Communist regime.

After meeting with more than 130 experts, we developed realistic and achievable solutions that take a comprehensive approach to strengthening America's national security and holding the Chinese Government accountable.

We realized that out of our 400 recommendations, 180 are legislative solutions, of which 64 percent are bipartisan and one-third have already passed either the House or the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, these are commonsense solutions that we can vote on today to strengthen our strategic position for tomorrow.

As the only physician serving on the China Task Force, it was my privilege to delve into opportunities to strengthen our supply chains and ensure that Americans are never again beholden to the Chinese Government for key medicines or healthcare supplies.

On the Health and Technology Subcommittee, I led efforts to strengthen

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