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## House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GOMEZ).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 2, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JIMMY GOMEZ to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Blessed are those whose strength is in You, O God, whose hearts are set on a pilgrimage.

Speak into the innermost chambers of our hearts, God, and into the heart of these Chambers. Bless our pilgrimage as we labor to preserve democracy, uphold liberty, and serve the American people faithfully. Grant us the insight of Your wisdom and the shield of Your truth and righteousness.

Strengthen our resolve to serve responsibly in the courts of Your kingdom.

Strengthen our will that our service to You will not falter.

Strengthen our hearts that we will show forbearance to each other.

Remind us then that our strength is found only in You, and may we go from strength to strength as Your people and as a country.

We offer this prayer to You in Your strong and holy name.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Reso-

lution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. FOSTER 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.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 2, 2021.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 2, 2021, at 9:47 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 10.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk.*

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### HONORING MARIA MANZO

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maria Manzo for 10 years of service to our office, to the communities that we represent in Illinois, and to our country.

Maria was one of the first people who we hired back in the spring of 2008 when I left the crazy business of science to enter the sane and steady business of the United States Congress.

Maria began as our ambassador to the Hispanic communities in Aurora, the second largest city of Illinois, and she now coordinates outreach to all citizens of Illinois' 11th District.

Maria was with me during the terror of the economic collapse, the historic victories of ObamaCare, and the political firestorm that accompanied it. She was with us during the electoral defeats of the Tea Party wave and the electoral victories of our subsequent return to office. Maria is now a steady and trusted voice in our community as we navigate the coronavirus crisis.

During those 10 years, I had the chance to watch Maria's wonderful children, Elijah and Sophia, progress from early childhood to becoming enchanting adults.

Maria Manzo, it has been a great 10 years.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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