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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YOUNG of Indiana).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 7, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TODD C. YOUNG to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 17, 2012, 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 each party limited to 1 hour and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes each, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN JIM LLOYD

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, it was very sad to get the news last Friday of the passing of our former colleague, Congressman Jim Lloyd. Jim Lloyd and I began as political adversaries in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and we ended up as great friends and allies on a wide range of issues.

Jim was a dedicated patriot. He was a public servant and had a very distin-

guished military record as well. Politically, he began as the mayor of West Covina, California, and many have said that he indicated right then that he wanted to have an opportunity to serve in the United States House of Representatives. He also had served as a Navy fighter pilot.

Mr. Speaker, I had a conversation with his son, Brian, last night and his grandson, Seth, and Jim was able to spend his last moments on this Earth with his grandson, who was following in his footsteps. His grandson, Seth, is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, and is now training at Pensacola, Florida. Jim had driven across the country and was visiting Seth, and had just been with him before he suffered a massive stroke and drove off the road, ending his life as a hero. His son, Brian, told me last night that there was a woman who was in the way of the car, and even though his foot had gone to the accelerator and he suffered a stroke, he was still a hero in that he was able to steer the car away from hitting this woman before it went into a ravine.

Last summer, his wife of 63 years, Jackie, his great ally, passed away. Jim told me during a lengthy conversation following her passing that it was as if half of him was gone.

So, Mr. Speaker, I have to say that Jim lived a very full 89 years. He was a very distinguished Member of this institution, serving on the Armed Services Committee and as a member of the Science and Technology Committee, where he chaired a subcommittee. He made a great mark on many very, very important questions that we faced.

I have to say, it was a privilege for me, again, having begun as an adversary of his, to have ended as a very close and dear friend and political ally. I have to say also that there are many people here in this Capitol who knew him and worked with him even though he left more than three decades ago. I

have to say to Mary Klappa, who now works for our colleague JOHN MICA, who was the one who informed me of this sad news, and the many others who worked with Jim Lloyd, who was so dedicated to constituent service and provided an example and model for me, that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

STOP STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RATES FROM DOUBLING

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

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, 2011 marked an unfortunate milestone in our country's financial picture when, for the first time in American history, student loan debt actually exceeded credit card debt, which again by itself is just a huge statement in terms of the challenges that families, middle class families and working families, are facing today in terms of trying to deal with the cost of higher education.

The value of a higher education degree or post-high school degree, which is sometimes debated in the media, still I believe is indisputable, and the statistics certainly demonstrate that. At a time when our national unemployment rate is 8.3 percent, if you drill down deeper you'll learn that for those with less than a high school degree, the unemployment rate is 16.5 percent. Those with a high school degree, it's 10.7 percent. Those with some college is 8.5 percent, and those with a bachelor's degree or higher is 4.5 percent.

So the stakes could not be higher for young people all across our country that we must deal with the mounting cost of higher education and provide mechanisms for them and their families to actually finance it and pay for it.

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