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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 12, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BLAKE FARENTHOLD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Dear Lord of mercy, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

At the beginning of a new work week, we use this moment to be reminded of Your presence, and to tap the resources needed by the Members of this people's House to do their work as well as it can be done.

We ask that You send Your Holy Spirit upon them, giving them the gifts of patience and diligence. With all the pressures, concerns, and worries that accompany their responsibilities, we pray that they might know Your peace, which surpasses all human understanding.

May Your voice speak to them in the depths of their hearts, illuminating their minds and spirits, thus enabling them to view the tasks of this day with confidence and hope. All this day, and through the week, may they do their best to find solutions to the pressing issues facing our Nation.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. COFFMAN 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.

KEVIN ALTICE'S STORY

(Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, the war on coal is a reality in West Virginia.

Let me introduce to you Kevin Altice of Mount Hope. He describes himself as a former coal miner. Why? Because he lost his job just a few months ago. He is now going back to school, but he worries about his fellow miners trying to find jobs.

Kevin is a West Virginia coal voice. Here is what he wrote to me:

"A lot of coworkers have had to move out of State for employment, a sad trend that needs to stop.

"Luckily, my wife is a schoolteacher, which helps on our income, but we have seen how the downturn in the coal industry has even impacted our education system.

"We, as West Virginians, are in dire times, and something needs done to protect our futures."

That is Kevin's story.

As we work to diversify our State's economy, we cannot forget about pro-

viding education and retraining for these miners. My bill, the Assisting America's Dislocated Miners Act, will help provide retraining opportunities for more miners like Kevin. Our coal miners are hardworking, determined, and proud to provide for their families. All they need is a chance.

EQUAL PAY DAY

(Ms. ADAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, more than five decades have passed since we signed the Equal Pay Act into law, but in 2016, women still make 79 cents to the dollar that their male counterparts make. And it is worse for women of color. African American women earn 60 cents and Latinas earn 55 for every dollar earned by men.

The Joint Economic Committee, which I am proud to serve on, found that women lose out on more than \$500,000 throughout their career. And this wage gap continues to hurt women when they retire. The median income for women 65 and older is 44 percent less than that of men in the same age group.

Every Congress, for nearly 20 years, Congresswoman ROSA DELAURO has introduced the Paycheck Fairness Act. I am thankful for her leadership, and I am proud to join her as a cosponsor of the bill, because I am not going to stand by while North Carolina women make just 82 cents for every dollar earned by men.

Today on Equal Pay Day, I call on my colleagues to stop shortchanging women and our families. Let's pass the Paycheck Fairness Act.

HONORING THE THUNDERRIDGE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. COFFMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

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minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the ThunderRidge High School girls varsity basketball team on their stunning 5A State Championship win over Highlands Ranch High School. ThunderRidge came out strong to clinch their fourth State championship in a dominating 47-32 victory.

It was a game of defensive tenacity. The score held strong at 6-4 in the sixth minute of the game, something that Head Coach Matthew Asik ingrained in his team's game plan, saying that, "If we play good defense, we can always be in a game."

Senior Jaz'myne Snipes put 16 points on the board and hustled for 8 rebounds in the final game, which earned her the well-deserved title of tournament MVP.

This was a thrilling game between two Highlands Ranch powerhouses. I am so proud of these two teams for representing the Sixth Congressional District of Colorado in the title game. Congratulations to both teams on a stellar season.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Library Week and to celebrate how local libraries continue to be a vital resource in communities across the Nation.

Libraries have evolved beyond buildings of quiet study into engaging community centers where people can gather to collaborate on projects, children can come to participate in educational activities, and job-seekers can use as a resource for help in finding connections with employers.

National Library Week is a perfect opportunity to highlight the services being provided in libraries by librarians and staff focused on creating environments where people can not only find the information they need, but use that information to better themselves and their communities.

Counting both public and private, there are nearly 120,000 libraries across the United States, which together employ more than 350,000 people and provide services to millions of Americans each year. In my district, I have seen this transformation taking place, where access to the latest technologies, like 3-D printers, laser cutters, and video editing centers, can often be found at the local library.

Libraries across the country continue to serve as centers of education, research, and community development, and I extend my thanks to the librarians and their staff.

RECOGNIZING O.C. WELCH

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. O.C. Welch for his success in business and his dedication to making the Savannah community a better place to live.

Mr. Welch is the definition of a self-made man, whose hard work and natural business sense launched a career in the car business that grew into a large and prominent enterprise.

Throughout his life, Mr. Welch has been committed to giving back. He is a devout Catholic who supports many projects in the Diocese of Savannah, not the least of which is his alma mater, Benedictine.

In 2012, Mr. Welch used a Super Bowl commercial to offer a reward for information regarding the unsolved murder of a volunteer firefighter. The commercial led to the arrest and conviction of the killer. In the years since, Mr. Welch has not wavered in his crusade against crime in our community.

More recently, Mr. Welch took up the cause of his beloved Bacon Park Golf Course, where he got his first job. After seeing the once pristine course fall into disrepair, he invested millions in restoring its historic Donald Ross design and rightful place in the community.

These are only a few examples of the incredible impact Mr. Welch has had. I rise today to thank him for his continued commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING DR. ANTHONY ATALA

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Dr. Anthony Atala, director of the Wake Forest Institute of Regenerative Medicine.

Dr. Atala is the leader of a team of scientists at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center who have proved the feasibility of using a sophisticated, custom-designed 3-D printer to create living tissue structures to replace injured or diseased tissue in patients.

The team has been able to print ear, bone, and muscle structures that, when implanted in animals, were able to mature into functional tissue and develop a system of blood vessels. Early results indicate that the structures have the right size, strength, and function for use in humans, and the team aims to implant bio-printed muscle, cartilage, and bone in patients in the future.

We are fortunate to have Dr. Atala and his team conducting this pioneering research that may change the face of modern medicine in North Carolina's Fifth District.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

ADDING ZIKA VIRUS TO THE FDA PRIORITY REVIEW VOUCHER PROGRAM ACT

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 2512) to expand the tropical disease product priority review voucher program to encourage treatments for Zika virus.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 2512

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Adding Zika Virus to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act".

SEC. 2. EXPANDING TROPICAL DISEASE PRODUCT PRIORITY REVIEW VOUCHER PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE TREATMENTS FOR ZIKA VIRUS DISEASE.

Section 524(a)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360n(a)(3)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraph (R) as subparagraph (S);

(2) in subparagraph (Q), by striking "Filoviruses" and inserting "Filovirus Diseases"; and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (Q) the following:

"(R) Zika Virus Disease."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. BROOKS) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GENE GREEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Indiana.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous materials in the RECORD on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 2512, which would add the Zika