

question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the Representatives-elect please present themselves in the well.

Ms. HANABUSA of Hawaii, Mr. COMER of Kentucky, and Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 114th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE COLLEEN HANABUSA TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. GABBARD) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to personally congratulate and welcome back to Congress my colleague from Hawaii, COLLEEN HANABUSA, as she is sworn in to the 114th Congress today to fill the remaining term of our dear friend MARK TAKAI.

COLLEEN has a decades-long history of service to the people of Hawaii. As a respected labor lawyer, COLLEEN was first elected to represent the leeward coast of Oahu in the Hawaii State Senate in 1998, where she served as the chairwoman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, majority leader, and eventually became the first female Senate president. She was elected to serve Hawaii's First Congressional District in 2010, serving in both the 112th and 113th Congress.

Most recently, COLLEEN served the community in many different capacities, including as the board chairwoman for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, overseeing the multibillion dollar rail project on the island of Oahu.

I had the pleasure of serving with COLLEEN during my first term in Congress, where we worked together to ensure Hawaii's voice was heard here in Washington, and I look forward to continuing that work to address the many important issues that lie before us to serve Hawaii once again.

Congratulations, COLLEEN, and welcome back.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HANABUSA).

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Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I thank Madam Minority Leader and, of course, my colleague from the Second Congressional District of the wonderful State of Hawaii.

Being here today among all of you, many of you welcoming me so warmly, is bittersweet. I am here because our good colleague and friend, Mark Takai, unfortunately, passed just too early. However, before he passed, he asked that I seek the election of my old seat again so that we can continue to do the work for the people of the State of Hawaii, and it is an honor to be here and to do that.

I can't end without saying I came in 2010, when we were the noble nine. My noble nine colleagues are here. I can't tell you how important it is for me to see them again. That is what it is all about: everyone in Congress. It is the relationships that we build, and it is the friendships that are there forever and ever. That is what makes this, the people's House, the greatest institution around.

So, as we say in Hawaii, mahalo for this wonderful opportunity to serve with all of you again. Mahalo and aloha.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE JAMES COMER TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, the Kentucky delegation and I have the distinct honor and great personal pleasure of introducing you to the newest First District Congressman in the U.S. Congress from Kentucky, JAMIE COMER.

JAMIE, but for the loss in the primary last year in the Governor's race by 93 votes, would be tonight sitting as the Governor of Kentucky. But their loss is our gain. He is bright. He is committed. He will be a great asset for this body, for the country, and for his home State.

JAMIE started a family farm after college. He served 11 years in the State legislature. He then served statewide as the elected agriculture commissioner, where he quickly got a reputation as the mortal enemy of waste, fraud, and abuse, and was a great success in that role.

But his resume only tells you half the story. He has got strong family values. That is obvious because his 9-year-old son, Harlan, and his beautiful daughter are here with him on the floor this evening. In fact, Harlan's namesake, JAMIE's grandfather, was a very close friend of mine. In fact, Harlan Comer was with us in this very Chamber when President Reagan delivered his final State of the Union address, and I was proud to call Harlan, Sr., a friend.

I am proud to call JAMIE a colleague. He will be a great asset to this body.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from the Third District of Kentucky (Mr. YARMUTH).

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to have won the arm wrestling match among Kentucky Democrats to welcome JAMIE COMER to the House tonight.

JAMIE and I have worked together on a number of issues through the years, and I can say without hesitation that, no matter what the issue is, JAMIE will work to put Kentucky interests and the interests of his citizens and constituents first. So I am proud to welcome him to the House of Representatives and look forward to working with him to move the Commonwealth and the country forward.

Welcome, JAMIE COMER.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER).

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Kentucky is recognized.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the dean of the majority party, the minority party, and the great State of Kentucky.

I want to begin by recognizing my guests from Kentucky. They are on each side of the gallery here today. I thank them for their support and friendship over the years and for making the long drive to D.C. tonight.

Next, I want to recognize my lovely wife, T.J., in the gallery and my daughter, Aniston. I am also blessed to have my two oldest children, Reagan and Harlan, here today.

It is the honor of a lifetime to join membership in this great legislative body, the greatest in the history of the world. Yet, at this particular time that I speak to this historic body, our Nation is deeply divided. We need statesmen. I pledge to be a statesman who wants to get things done.

I will work with any Member of this body to try to accomplish things, especially to create an environment where every American can have access to a good-paying job. I pledge to be a strong voice for rural Kentucky, rural America, and family farmers.

Thank you so much for this opportunity. I thank the people of the great State of Kentucky. And I believe with all my heart that we can work together and make America great again.

Thank you all very much.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE DWIGHT EVANS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would invite all of the Pennsylvania delegation to come forward.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome our newest colleague. DWIGHT