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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Long).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, August 8, 2017.
I hereby appoint the Honorable BILLY LONG to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.
PAUL D. RYAN, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

COMUNICATION 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:

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

DEAR MR. 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 August 4, 2017, at 3:15 p.m.:
That the Senate passed H.J. Res. 76.

With best wishes, I am.
Sincerely,
ROBERT F. REEVES, Deputy Clerk.

SENATE BILL REFERRED
A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker’s table and, under the rule, referred as follows:
S. 456. An act to reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and certain wildlife conservation funds, to establish prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, wildlife conservation, the management of invasive species, and the protection of endangered species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture; in addition, to the Committee on Natural Resources; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and to the Committee on Science, Space and Technology for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT
Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on August 7, 2017, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:
H.R. 2499. To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes.
H.R. 3218. To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
H.R. 1373. To authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial and a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.
H.R. 374. To remove the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105–384, and for other purposes.
H.R. 510. To establish a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog.
H.R. 2210. To designate the community living center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Butte Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Joseph George Kusick VA Community Living Center”.

ADJOURNMENT
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 481, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Friday, August 11, 2017.

Thereupon (at 11 o’clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, August 11, 2017, at 9 a.m.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.
Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

H6591
Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System — Rate Update (CMS-1673-NC) (RIN: 0938-AS97) received August 3, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

2194. A letter from the Correspondence and Regulation Specialist, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department’s Major final rule — Medicare Program; FY 2018 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements (CMS-1675-F) (RIN: 0938-AT00) received August 2, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

2195. A letter from the Correspondence and Regulation Specialist, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Fiscal Year 2018 (CMS-1671-F) (RIN: 0938-AS99) received August 2, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

2196. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department’s Final rule — Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2018, SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program, SNF Quality Reporting Program, Survey Team, and Correction of the Performance Period for the NHSN HCP Influenza Vaccination Immunization Reporting Measure in the ESRD QIP for FY 2020 (CMS-1679-F) (RIN: 0938-AS89) received August 2, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. McCaul: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 3626. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve visa security, visa applicant vetting, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-273, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McCaul: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 2805. A bill to permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program; with an amendment (Rept. 115-274). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. Jackson Lee introduced a bill (H.R. 3647) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act comprehensively to reform immigration law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

66. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 14, requesting the Congress of the United States call a convention of the states to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

100. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 210, opposing any action by President Donald Trump to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

101. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, relative to House Joint Resolution 18, rescinding all previous requests that the Congress of the United States call a convention of the states to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:
H.R. 3647. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 4 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 36: Mrs. Hnsarling and Mr. Brooks of Alabama.
H.R. 38: Mrs. Handel.
H.R. 60: Mr. Gottheimer.
H.R. 113: Mr. Donovan.
H.R. 448: Ms. Rosen.
H.R. 506: Mr. Brady of Pennsylvania and Mr. Coffman.
H.R. 535: Mr. Mast.
H.R. 620: Mr. Costa and Mr. Smith of Texas.
H.R. 681: Mr. Barr.
H.R. 878: Mrs. Comstock.
H.R. 997: Mr. Kihuen.
H.R. 1225: Mr. Flors.
H.R. 1386: Mr. Carter of Georgia.
H.R. 1444: Mrs. Brat.
H.R. 1515: Mr. Hanna.
H.R. 1554: Mr. Mehian.
H.R. 1626: Miss Wagner and Ms. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico.
H.R. 1697: Mr. Curbelo of Florida, Ms. Frankel of Florida, and Mr. R. Rush.
H.R. 1748: Mr. Cohen.
H.R. 1861: Mr. Rush.
H.R. 2122: Mrs. Radewagen.
H.R. 2134: Mr. Rokita.
H.R. 1638: Mr. Neal.
H.R. 2259: Ms. Kuster of New Hampshire, Ms. Delauro, Ms. Lofgren, Mr. Connolly, Ms. Shera-Poenter, Mr. Pallone, Ms. Espro, Mr. Pocan, and Ms. Zeldin.
H.R. 2258: Mr. Kennedy.
H.R. 2313: Miss Gonzalez-Colon of Puerto Rico, Mr. Brady of Pennsylvania, Mr. Chaffetz, Ms. Jackson Lee, and Mr. Cobin.
H.R. 2356: Mr. Lipinski.
H.R. 2359: Mr. Hultenga.
H.R. 2408: Mr. Delaney.
H.R. 2519: Mr. Gotthimer, Mr. Woodall, Mr. Kildey, Mr. Cicilline, Mrs. Lowey, Mr. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico, Mr. Tonko, Mr. Rangel, Mr. Castor of Florida, Mr. Keating, Mr. Michael F. Doyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. Beyer, Mr. Gartt, Mr. Ruppersberger, and Mr. Rogers of Alabama.
H.R. 2585: Ms. Lee and Ms. Tsongas.
H.R. 2584: Mr. Cohen.
H.R. 2588: Mr. Hurd.
H.R. 2913: Ms. Speier.
H.R. 3062: Mr. Hultgren.
H.R. 3139: Mr. Aderholt.
H.R. 3225: Mrs. Handel.
H.R. 3442: Mr. Lewis of Georgia and Ms. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico.
H.R. 3478: Mr. DeSaulnier.
H.R. 3509: Mr. Cuellar, Mr. Ross, Mr. Soto, Mr. Posey, Mr. Diaz-Balart, and Mr. Gonzalez of Texas.
H.R. 3541: Ms. Moore.
H.R. 3594: Ms. Wasserman Schultz and Mrs. Lawrence.
H. Con. Res. 28: Mr. Buck.
H. Res. 73: Mr. Lawson of Florida.
H. Res. 397: Mr. McClintock and Mrs. Handel.
H. Res. 401: Mr. Costello of Pennsylvania.
H. Res. 443: Mr. Kind.
H. Res. 486: Mr. McCintock.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII.

61. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Municipal Council of Clifton, NJ, relative to Resolution No. 17-17, strongly opposing the proposed elimination of the Community Development Block Grant Program in the Federal FY 2018 Budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services.
The Senate met at 12:30 and 31 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN CORNYN, a Senator from the State of Texas.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 8, 2017.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN CORNYN, a Senator from the State of Texas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

Orrin G. Hatch,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CORNYN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017, AT 3:30 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 3:30 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2017.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:31 p.m., adjourned until Friday, August 11, 2017, at 3:30 p.m.
TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. W.B. LEWIS

HON. DAVID E. PRICE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Reverend Dr. W.B. Lewis who is retiring after fifty-three years as the Pastor of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina.

I have come to appreciate over many years the gracious hospitality and faithful witness of Rev. Lewis and this congregation. Early in my term of service—well but in his—we worked together to help land a so-called “section 202” Housing and Urban Development grant to construct rental housing for the elderly under First Cosmopolitan’s sponsorship. Those apartments stand as a symbol of Rev. Lewis’s leadership and the church’s understanding of its ministry.

Under Rev. Lewis’s leadership, First Cosmopolitan has grown into a powerful pillar of the Raleigh community. Dr. Lewis himself has become an institution of sorts within North Carolina. For four years, he served as the President of the General Baptist State Convention. He was appointed by North Carolina Governor James Hunt to serve on the board for Smart Start. His service has also included the Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Raleigh Interracial Ministerial Association, the Raleigh YMCA Board of Directors, the State Board of Chaplaincy, the Rich Park Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees at Shaw University, Prince Hall Lodge, the Masonic Order of Raleigh, Wake and Johnston Missionary Baptist Association, Wake Baptists Association Ministers, and the Deacons Union.

Reverend Lewis has rightfully been recognized on numerous occasions for his roles as a pastor, builder, teacher, mentor, spiritual and community leader, and friend to many. In 2013, he was inducted into the Wake Baptist Association “Hall of Fame”. In 2017, he was presented with the “Loving Cup”, the highest award that can be presented to an individual minister or pastor who has served with distinction, from the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

During his tenure he was also instrumental in the planning and execution of two projects critical to the South East Raleigh Community: the Willie B. Lewis Family Center, and Rich Park, a 100 unit apartment complex that serves the elderly and handicapped. Reverend Lewis also co-authored “A Splendid Enterprise,” a history of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Having an artistic eye, he was also instrumental in the design of the beautiful Martin Luther King Jr. Park in Raleigh.

In celebration of his great accomplishments, Rev. Lewis will be the recipient of the order of the Long Leaf Pine, which is the highest honor bestowed upon a citizen by the Governor of the State of North Carolina, I am pleased to join the State of North Carolina and the Raleigh community in celebrating this remarkable man, whom I and many others regard as a mentor and friend. We thank Rev. Lewis for a legacy of lives touched and a community made more welcoming and just, and we wish him the very best in retirement.

CONGRATULATING ADAM GAUZY
OF THE WASHINGTON BLUE JAYS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Adam Gauzy of the Washington Blue Jays for his first place win in the 400 meter dash at the 2017 Missouri Class 4 Boys Track and Field State Championship.

Adam and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Adam Gauzy for a job well done.

HONORING MICHAEL JOSE ZELAYA
OF NEW MEXICO

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Ms. LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional young person from my district. Michael Jose Zelaya, a member of Boy Scout Troop 220 in Albuquerque, NM. Michael recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout following 12 years in scouting. Michael’s perseverance and dedication in the Boy Scouting program has helped shape his desire to be a leader in his community.

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Michael constructed several large barriers at the Albuquerque Bio Park. This was designed to deter aggressive gorilla behavior, enhancing both the experience for the patrons as well as the safety of the animals.

Through scouting Michael has grown as an individual and as a member of his community. With Boy Scout Troop 220, Michael and many of his fellow boy scouts have volunteered countless hours of community service. Land-scape projects, food banks, trail preservation, awareness walks, tree and garden restoration, and several improvement projects at his church that kindly host the troop are just a small representation of Michael’s character and work ethic.

Over the last 12 years in scouting, Michael has hiked hundreds of miles, learned lifesaving first aid and CPR, has visited the Federal Court and U.S. Marshall Facility, also learned auto mechanic basics, practiced gun safety, rifle shooting, and many more experiences; but most importantly, he has built friendships and grown in the love he has for his country.

I am confident that Michael will continue to be a leader in our community and I look forward to hearing about his continued success. Congratulations, Michael.

CONGRATULATING ALICIA BURNETT OF THE FORT ZUMWALT SOUTH BULLDOGS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Alicia Burnett of the Fort Zumwalt South Bulldogs for her first place win in the 100, 200, and 400 meter dash at the 2017 Missouri Class 4 Girls Track and Field State Championship.

Alicia and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Alicia Burnett on a job well done.

HONORING BRIANNA HALLER OF THE FATIMA COMETS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Brianna Haller of the Fatima Comets for her first place win in the 1600 and 3200 meter run at the 2017 Missouri Class 3 Girls Track and Field State Championship.

Brianna and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Brianna Haller on a job well done.

RECOGNIZING AIXA TORRES

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of Aixa Torres on the occasion of her birthday and retirement. Ms. Torres was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico, to Domingo Arturo Torres and America Figueras. She moved with her parents and sisters to New York City in
1955, where she attended public schools. Ms. Torres graduated from the City University of New York and Lincoln University.

Among her many achievements, Ms. Torres was instrumental in working with local elected officials to push the New York City Housing Authority to fully repair old, faulty gas pipes at Smith Houses that sometimes forced residents to go without cooking gas for weeks or months at a time. Under this leadership and partnership, Smith residents can reliably use their ovens and stoves without having to worry about imposing gas cut-offs.

Ms. Torres’ leadership has also been put to the test by multiple natural disasters. Her efforts resulted in the successful evacuation of hundreds of Smith residents ahead of Hurricane Irene, and her advocacy during Hurricane Sandy demonstrated that an organized community can overcome the worst of disasters. On behalf of the residents of Alfred E. Smith Houses, she recently formed a Sandy Task Force for the purpose of overseeing the Sandy Recovery and Resiliency at Smith.

After decades of community work, serving on advisory councils and public school parent associations, Ms. Torres retired in 2014 from the Department of Education as the Upper East Side’s Family Advocate. In August 2004, she, along with Principal Santiago Tavares, instituted a Citywide High School Summer Graduation. In 2010, Torres also began serving as President of the Alfred E. Smith Resident Association, on Manhattan’s Lower East Side.

Ms. Torres married the late George Carmona, Jr. in 1971, and had two children, George III and Liza Noemi. For more than 50 years, she has resided on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, where she lives with her daughter and grandchildren, Mia and Elijah.

CONGRATULATING THE CAMDENTON LAKERS GIRLS RELAY TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Camdenton Lakers Girls Relay Team for their first place win in the 4x400 meter relay at the 2017 Missouri Class 4 Girls Track and Field State Championship.

This team and their coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Chloe Ramsey on a job well done.

RECOGNIZING DESIGN COLLABORATIVE

HON. JIM BANKS
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Design Collaborative, an architecture and engineering firm in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This year marks their 25th anniversary.

Since 1992, Design Collaborative, and its team of architects, engineers, interior designers, and graphic designers has created projects in northeast Indiana, with work focused on higher education, healthcare, and workplace design. Over the last few years, it has developed a strong portfolio in the design of spaces for financial, recreational, multi-family housing, and civic clients.

The company was founded by two architects and an engineer with dreams of improving people’s worlds through the design of people-first places. Today, Design Collaborative is dedicated to live, work, and play.

Over 25 years, Design Collaborative has designed thousands of projects in Fort Wayne and beyond, impacting clients in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Design Collaborative has earned multiple honors, including the 2011 American Institute of Architects Indiana Chapter Distinguished Firm of the Year, 2015 Indiana Office of Small Business Entrepreneurship Companies to Watch, 2017 Professional Services Management Journal Circle of Excellence, 7-time Best Places to Work in Indiana, and multiple local and national design awards from organizations like the American Institute of Architects, American School and University Magazine, and Illumination Engineering Society.

Since its beginning, Design Collaborative has always believed that the true measure of a project’s success is the positive impact it has on the lives of the people who use it. Design Collaborative truly believes in people-first places. Its goal is to make life better for the people who live, work, learn, or worship inside the spaces they design.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the entire team at Design Collaborative on 25 years of improving people’s worlds through design, and wish them another 25 years and more.

CONGRATULATING DEVIC PURNELL OF THE UNION WILDCATS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Deric Purnell of the Union Wildcats for his first place win in the 100 and 200 meter dash at the 2017 Missouri Class 4 Boys Track and Field State Championship.

Deric and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Deric Purnell on a job well done.

CONGRATULATING DEVON RIDENHOUR OF THE OWENSVILLE DUTCHMEN

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Devon Ridenhour from the Owensville Dutchmen for his first place win in the long jump at the 2017 Missouri Class 3 Boys Track and Field State Championship.

Devon and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Devon Ridenhour for a job well done.

HONORING CAPTAIN JEFF PAGANINI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Jeff Paganini upon his retirement after over forty years of firefighting in the Sonoma Valley. He has been serving as Captain at Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue since 1979.

Captain Paganini began his fire service as a work experience student at Sonoma Fire Department in 1975. Two years later, at the age of eighteen, he became a regular volunteer firefighter and spent his summer working the fire season with the California Division of Forestry. In 1978, he served as a reserve firefighter for the Napa Fire Department before joining Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue as a paid Engineer. The department promoted Captain Paganini to Lieutenant in 1990 and Captain in 1997.

Captain Paganini began his fire service as a work experience student at Sonoma Fire Department in 1975. Two years later, at the age of eighteen, he became a regular volunteer firefighter and spent his summer working the fire season with the California Division of Forestry. In 1978, he served as a reserve firefighter for the Napa Fire Department before joining Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue as a paid Engineer. The department promoted Captain Paganini to Lieutenant in 1990 and Captain in 1997.

In 1980, the Department recognized then Engineer Paganini as the Sonoma County Firefighter of the Year for his quick thinking during a house fire call. When he arrived to the scene with his crew, he witnessed a woman collapse and initiated CPR, an act that
saved her life. Captain Paganini touched many lives during his years of fighting fires, serving the public and mentoring other firefighters. Many buildings and programs stand as a testament Captain Paganini’s excellent career. He secured funding and helped design the museum at the Albert C. Mazza Fire Station in Sonoma. The museum shares the rich history of firefighting the Sonoma Valley and displays several original objects and photos. He played a major role in the design of a state of the art training tower that is still in use. In 2006, Captain Paganini started the “Every 15 Minutes” program at Sonoma Valley High School. This program demonstrates the fatal outcomes related to driving drunk or impaired. He used his experience and insight to set the specifications for the new ladder truck to service our communities.

Captain Paganini was instrumental in the formation and ultimate success of the Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority, which started as a Joint Powers Authority between City of Sonoma Fire and Valley of the Moon Fire District. Through skillful negotiating and compromising, he paved the way to establishing the great organization that our community enjoys today.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Jeff Paganini has led a long career serving the people of our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

CONGRATULATING EMMA ENGELBRECHT OF THE NEW HAVEN SHAMROCKS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Emma Engelbrecht of the New Haven Shamrocks for her first place win in the triple jump at the 2017 Missouri Class 1 Girls Track and Field State Championship.

Emma and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Emma Engelbrecht for a job well done.

CONGRATULATING THE EUREKA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Eureka Girls Soccer Team on their first place win in the 2017 Missouri Class 4 Girls Soccer State Championship.

This team should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Eureka Girls Soccer Team for a job well done.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MS. NELLIE CROWSTON

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY
OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ms. Nellie Crowston and her tireless work on behalf of students, teachers, and our entire community in Torrington, Connecticut. Nellie passed away on July 30, 2017, at the age of 79, but her contributions and legacy will live on in Torrington for many years to come.

Many in Torrington know Nellie for her decades of work as a public school teacher. She represented the best of what it means to be an educator. Nellie’s students remember her for her caring and encouraging nature. Nellie also possessed an astounding memory and regularly recognized her students around town years after they had left her classroom. Even after retiring, Nellie loved to return to the classroom as a substitute teacher and work with children. She was an inspiration to both her students and her fellow teachers.

Outside of her teaching career, Nellie was an active member of our community and contributed to a number of causes close to her heart. Her work was crucial in saving and expanding the Torrington Alpha Delta Kappa chapter, a society for women educators. She boosted the group’s membership and organized fundraisers and events that expanded its presence in our city. Her work allowed Alpha Delta Kappa to provide grants to local teachers and scholarships to high school students.

Nellie was also engaged in local and state politics and served on the Torrington Democratic Town Committee. She was instrumental in recruiting local candidates to run for office, organizing the Picnic Committee, and supporting voter outreach. What’s more, Nellie possessed an extensive knowledge of the issues facing Connecticut and her local community. Her enthusiasm for service inspired many of her fellow educators to become politically engaged and work to improve Connecticut’s schools. Nellie’s dedication to service should be a model for public servants everywhere.

Mr. Speaker, Nellie Crowston was a dedicated teacher and community leader who inspired countless students and made Torrington a better place to live. It is fitting and proper that we honor her legacy here today. All those who knew her will cherish her memory.

CONGRATULATING KATE RUEDIGER OF THE NEW HAVEN SHAMROCKS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kate Ruediger of the New Haven Shamrocks for her first place win in javelin at the 2017 Missouri Class 1 Girls Track and Field State Championship.

Kate and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Kate Ruediger on a job well done.

HONORING DANIEL SCHOELKOPF

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional young person from my district. Daniel Schoellkopf is an Albuquerque High School graduate who recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout following 11 years in scouting. Daniel’s dedication to his goal of reaching the highest rank in the Boy Scouting program helped shape his desire to be a leader in his community.

As part of his Eagle project, Daniel worked with the Drug Enforcement Agency on a program to encourage people to turn in unused prescription drugs at convenience centers. This effort is particularly important in New Mexico as we work to discourage the abuse of opioids, especially among young people.

During his senior year in high school, Daniel worked at Kirtland Air Force Base as a lifeguard, where he was awarded the Bright Star civilian award by the U.S. Air Force. He has also worked summers at Camp Gorham north of Santa Fe.

Daniel earned a ROTC scholarship to the University of New Mexico, where he would like to study political science and eventually become an officer in the military.

Daniel recently visited my office in Washington, D.C. to raise awareness for Multiple Sclerosis (M.S.) with the M.S. Society advocacy group. The M.S. Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people with M.S. by funding research, driving change through advocacy, facilitating professional education, and providing programs and services that help people with M.S. and their families.

I am confident that Daniel will continue to be a leader in our community and I look forward to hearing about his continued success. Congratulations, Daniel.
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Senate

Chamber Action
The Senate met at 12:30:31 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 12:31:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., on Friday, August 11, 2017.

Committee Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 3647 was introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 2626, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve visa security, visa applicant vetting, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–273, Part 1); and
H.R. 2805, to permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–274).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Long to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Scott W. Wilson, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC.

Senate Referral: S. 826 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House
No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENATE

3:30 p.m., Friday, August 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, August 11

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

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