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House of Representatives

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BURGESS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 15, 2017.

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

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

PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, it is right for us to begin this session and all of our lives recognizing You, the source of all that is just and good.

Today, may we recognize the many ways we have failed to do what is just and good.

We implore Your divine mercy for ourselves and for our Nation.

May we return to Your ways; fervently seeking to do what is just and what is good, thus acting in conformity with You.

Thank you for hearing our prayer, You who are our merciful God.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 481, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore COMSTOCK on Friday, August 11, 2017:

H.R. 339, to amend Public Law 94-241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands;

H.R. 2288, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mrs. COMSTOCK, on Friday, August 11, 2017:

H.R. 339. An act to amend Public Law 94-241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands.

H.R. 2288. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 481, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, August 18, 2017.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the

House adjourned until Friday, August 18, 2017, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2221. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the 2017 Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Annual Reports, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2445b(a); Public Law 109-364, Sec. 816(a)(1); (120 Stat. 2323); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2222. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Captain Thomas J. Moreau, United States Navy, to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2223. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Brigadier General James B. Jarrard, United States Army, to wear the insignia of the grade of major general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2224. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a 7-Year Update on the Longitudinal Study on Traumatic Brain Injury Incurred by Members of the Armed Forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1074 note; Public Law 109-364, Sec. 721(e); (120 Stat. 2295); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2225. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Infrastructure Requirement for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R01-OAR-2015-0198; A-1-FRL-9965-52-Region 1] received August 1, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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2226. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Georgia: New Source Review and Permitting Updates [EPA-R04-OAR-2017-0078; FRL-9965-60-Region 4] received August 1, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2227. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R04-OAR-2016-0213; FRL-9965-56-Region 4] received August 1, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2228. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Nevada; Regional Haze Progress Report [EPA-R09-OAR-2015-0316; FRL-9964-74-Region 9] received August 1, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2229. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming; Negative Declarations [EPA-R08-OAR-2017-0171; FRL-9965-78-Region 8] received August 1, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2230. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming; Negative Declarations; Correction [EPA-R08-OAR-2017-0171; FRL-9965-11-Region 8] received August 1, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2231. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2017-0034; FRL-9965-26-Region 9] received August 1, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2232. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Beta cyclodextrin, methyl ethers; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0507; FRL-9963-58] received August 1, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2233. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Cyclaniliprole; Pesticide Tolerances and Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0679; FRL-9963-02] received August 1, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2234. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Ethaboxam; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0676; FRL-9961-69] received August 1, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2235. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to Test Methods, Performance Specifications, and Testing Regulations for Air Emission Sources; Technical Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0292; FRL-9965-63-OAR] received August 1, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2236. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report certifying that the export of the listed items to the People's Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2778 note; Public Law 105-261, Sec. 1512 (as amended by Public Law 105-277, Sec. 146); (112 Stat. 2174); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2237. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 16-55, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2238. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 17-38, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2239. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 17-30, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2240. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's report on Federal agencies' use of the Physicians' Comparability Allowance (PCA) program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5948(j); Public Law 103-114, Sec. 2(a); (107 Stat. 1116); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2241. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting the Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States for the March 2017 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2242. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the 2016 National Security Education Program (NSEP) annual report, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1906(a); jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Intelligence (Permanent Select).

2243. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting notification of the Secretary's determination that, by reason of the statutory debt limit, the Secretary will be unable to fully invest the portion of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (CSRDF) not immediately required to pay beneficiaries, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8348(l)(2); Public Law 89-554, Sec. 8348(l)(2) (as added by Public Law 99-509, Sec. 6002(c)); (100 Stat. 1933); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Oversight and Government Reform.

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. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1257. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the Securities Exchange Commission to refund or credit excess payments made to the Commission; with an amendment (Rept. 115-275). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1558. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to ensure community accountability for areas repetitively damaged by floods, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-276). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CROWLEY (for himself and Mr. ELLISON):

H.R. 3653. A bill to provide for MyRA accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 3654. A bill to limit the removal of a special counsel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. MACARTHUR, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LANCE, Mr. SIREN, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 3655. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Main Street in Belmar, New Jersey, as the "Dr. Walter S. McAfee Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. COHEN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. EVANS, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. BEYER, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. VARGAS):

H. Con. Res. 77. Concurrent resolution condemning fear-mongering, racism, anti-Semitism, bigotry, and violence perpetrated by hate groups; 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 Mr. CROWLEY:
H.R. 3653.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1, Section 8 of Article 1
By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 3654.

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 II, Section 2, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 3655.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3
Article I, Section 8, Clause 4
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 113: Mr. LYNCH, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. YODER, Mr. CONYERS, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.

H.R. 187: Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 529: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 564: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 669: Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. BONAMICI, and Mr. HUFFMAN.

H.R. 1057: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. PERRY, and Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia.

H.R. 1090: Mrs. BEATTY, Mrs. COMSTOCK, and Mr. CUMMINGS.

H.R. 1098: Ms. SHEA-PORTER.

H.R. 1155: Mrs. WALORSKI.

H.R. 1178: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 1179: Mr. GIANFORTE.

H.R. 1298: Mr. EMMER, Mr. FLORES, and Ms.

HERRERA BEUTLER.

H.R. 1314: Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER.

H.R. 1315: Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

H.R. 1322: Mr. SARBANES.

H.R. 1406: Mr. LOEBSACK.

H.R. 1437: Ms. MENG.

H.R. 1661: Mr. ENGEL, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa,

Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Ms. HANABUSA.

H.R. 1828: Mrs. WALORSKI.

H.R. 1880: Ms. MOORE.

H.R. 2396: Mr. ROTHFUS and Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas.

H.R. 2482: Mr. HIGGINS of New York.

H.R. 2505: Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 2589: Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 2821: Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 2840: Mr. LAWSON of Florida.

H.R. 3046: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3107: Mr. MCNERNEY.

H.R. 3174: Mr. SWALWELL of California.

H.R. 3197: Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. CÁRDENAS.

H.R. 3222: Mrs. BEATTY and Ms. ROSEN.

H.R. 3332: Mr. CHABOT.

H.R. 3333: Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia.

H.R. 3393: Mrs. TORRES, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Ms. ROSEN.

H.R. 3402: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.

H.R. 3513: Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H.R. 3529: Mr. GROTHMAN.

H.R. 3545: Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 3650: Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. WALKER, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

H. Con. Res. 63: Mr. TONKO.

H. Res. 129: Mr. BRADY of Texas.

H. Res. 257: Mrs. LAWRENCE.



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Senate

The Senate met at 4:30 and 6 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN KENNEDY, a Senator from the State of Louisiana.

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 assistant bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 15, 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 KENNEDY, a Senator from the State of Louisiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,
AUGUST 18, 2017, AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, August 18, 2017.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 4:30 and 39 seconds p.m., adjourned until Friday, August 18, 2017, at 10 a.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ROSELLE KINMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Roselle Kinman of Corning, Iowa for being honored with the 100 Great Nurses of Iowa Award.

On the Great Nurses of Iowa website it states, "We have all met at least one outstanding nurse whose courage, competence, and commitment to patients and the nursing profession stand out above all others. Each year, the 100 Great Iowa Nurses program asks for patients, coworkers, friends, and family members to nominate an outstanding nurse for recognition." Roselle was chosen because of her compassionate service to her patients. She strives for quality care and encourages other members of her team to do the same. She is a dedicated, well-respected, and valued employee in Catholic Health Initiatives surgical department.

Mr. Speaker, Roselle's efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her and Iowans like her, in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Roselle for her achievements and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, For 125 years, the city of Buena Vista, Virginia, has stood at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains by the Maury River. Though Buena Vista has seen many changes during this time, I have always known this community to be home to hardworking people who are eager to welcome a neighbor and lend a helping hand.

The city's origins can be traced back to the opening of a simple tannery by Benjamin Moomaw. In the early days, the community was known by several names, including Green Forest—a fitting name given the beautiful surrounding landscape. On February 15, 1892, Buena Vista was granted its city charter.

Buena Vista is well-known for a number of outdoor recreation opportunities, like the 315-acre Glen Maury Park. Glen Maury Park hosts numerous music events each year, including the Maury River Fiddlers' Convention and the annual Beach Music Festival. Buena Vista is also an Appalachian Trail community and a welcome respite for many through hikers. Whether giving a lift to an AT hiker or welcoming fiddlers to the competition stage, Buena Vista residents take pride in their city.

Community is built and evidenced by the spirit of volunteerism which reigns across many projects and programs that benefit both residents and visitors, like arts promotions, beautification efforts, and local endeavors to protect historic structures.

Education has long been a hallmark of life in Buena Vista. The campus of Southern Virginia University, a private, 4-year liberal arts college, is located in the city. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Buena Vista is also home to Parry McCluer High School, the Fighting Blues! Generations of former students come together during each sports season to support their team with resounding, "Go, Blue" cheers. Academic success is celebrated as well, not only by parents but by the community, witnessed by the multitude of academic scholarships presented to PMHS graduates each year.

The annual Labor Day Parade is a true Buena Vista tradition. Since the initial Labor Day Parade held in the early 1970s, folks from across the Commonwealth have gathered to watch as the parade marched down Magnolia Avenue from downtown Buena Vista to Glen Maury Park. It's traditionally known as the kickoff to the political season leading up to the November elections, and I always look forward to the parade and the many friends I see along the way.

The city of Buena Vista is a special place to me. After marrying my wife of more than 40 years, Maryellen, we both worked in the Buena Vista community. Maryellen was a secretary at First National Exchange Bank, and I painted school buses at the Bluebird Factory. We will never forget our experiences there.

The city has also endured several horrific flooding events over the years. Working with its partners, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Buena Vista implemented the James R. Olin Flood Control Project, and it was my pleasure to lend a hand in that effort.

Through it all, the city of Buena Vista has remained steadfast for 125 years. I am proud to represent Buena Vista. I congratulate the city and its people on this milestone, and I wish them great prosperity for the future.

HONORING THE 377TH AIR BASE WING, AIR FORCE GLOBAL STRIKE COMMAND, KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 377th Air Base Wing, Air Force Global Strike Command, Kirtland Airforce Base, for earning the 2016 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. The award recognizes the exceptional service of the 377th Air Base Wing from January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016.

The 377th Air Base Wing accomplished a number of achievements during 2016. The air base wing provided comprehensive combat preparedness and superior installation support to 22,000 airmen and more than 110 mission partners. The airmen executed 71 ground missions, moving 765 assets and ensuring global strategic deterrence.

The air base wing made progress to mitigate a 40-year-old environmental calamity by installing the first extraction well in December of 2016. The temporary treatment system was implemented in June 2016 and treated 17 million gallons of contaminated water, removed nearly seven grams of ethylene dibromide (EDB), and protected 36.7 million gallons of water. The permanent treatment system has treated 235.5 million gallons of water and removed 69.1 grams EDB as of July 31, 2017.

The air base wing also developed a 25-year strategic roadmap that included \$110 million in upgrades to the Kirtland Underground Munitions Maintenance and Storage Complex that houses the Department of Defense's largest stockpile of Protection Level One assets.

In addition, the air base wing expanded its tribal relations program. Air base leaders worked in collaboration with state Native American tribes to create a Memorandum of Understanding which protects tribal cultures by allowing tribes to request that the military air crews avoid low-level flights above sacred areas or religious events.

The air base wing was active in assisting local fire departments fight the Dog Head Fire that burned 17,000 acres of land and threatened four communities. With Kirtland Air Force Base's help, they saved approximately 37,000 homes.

Last, in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Kirtland Air Force Base, the air base wing hosted an air show for the first time in five years to commemorate the occasion. The air show was hosted in coordination with more than 20 organizations, 1,200 volunteers, and more than 50,000 spectators in the audience. Additionally, service members visited elementary schools to discuss the air base wing's history and the military's commitment to the country and local surrounding community of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Those are only a few of the achievements that prove the excellence of the 377th Air Base Wing. I am confident that the achievements of the 377th Air Base Wing will be a lasting positive impact in our community.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2017 JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Johnston High School Baseball team for winning for the Iowa 4A High School State Baseball Tournament.

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I would like to congratulate each member of the team including Nathan Buckallew, Nathan Blanchard, Jackson Vines, Jack Dreyer, Derek Friestad, Andrew Nord, Adam Stiles, Noah Hogge, Derek Hackman, Caleb Kuennen, Keaton Duckett, Noah Janssen, Jacob Tobey, Peter Johnson, Drew Beazley, Brock Studer, Nick Yeast, Cade Moss, Andrew Zimmerman, Sean Meyer, Peyton Williams, Alex MacGregor, Jack Burger, and Evan Salmon; their head coach Michael Barta; the assistant coaches Tom Steffes, Quinn O'Brien, Jake Ernd, Adam Richman, James Stone, and Mitch Gearhart; and the student managers Cole Borwick and Nathan Olive.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these students and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating these young men for their achievements in this rigorous competition and wishing them all nothing but continued success.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF MI SUEÑO WINERY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mi Sueño Winery and owners Rolando Herrera and Lorena Robledo Herrera upon the occasion of their twentieth Anniversary of producing excellent wines.

Rolando Herrera and Lorena Robledo were both born in Mexico. Their families immigrated to the Napa Valley to seek better lives and opportunities for their children. Lorena's family taught her to tend vines and grow grapes, and Rolando was able to study enology and viticulture at UC Davis. When the couple met, "it seemed like fate."

Rolando and Lorena founded Mi Sueño Winery in 1997, the same year that they were married. Together they have built their dream winery with love, passion and deep understanding of the art of growing exceptional grapes and creating award-winning wines. As Rolando says, "farming and making wine is not science, it's experience."

Rolando and Lorena believe that creating truly unique wines requires careful attention to every stage of the winemaking process, from start to finish. From choosing the right plot of earth, to personally planting the vineyards and selecting the most attentive distributors, Rolando and Lorena have created a truly exceptional business and product. The White House recognized the quality of their wines by pouring three different Mi Sueño wines at state dinners. Earlier this year, the Smithsonian Institution honored them at their Fifth Annual Winemakers' Dinner.

This month Rolando, Lorena and all their children will gather to celebrate their twentieth Anniversary. Rolando and Lorena have developed different single-vineyard, barrel-selected wines named after each of their six children. Their brave story of immigration, incredible hard work and passion is a perfect example of what it means to live the American Dream.

Mr. Speaker, Mi Sueño Winery has been producing quality wine for the past 20 years.

I am proud to have such a hardworking family living in our community. It is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

H.R. 339, THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ECONOMIC EXPANSION ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for understanding that my bill, H.R. 339, as amended by the Senate, was time-critical and for acting swiftly upon this measure on Friday, August 11.

H.R. 339, the Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act, was intended to provide one-time relief to the economic disruption that occurred in my district, when a surge of Chinese construction workers used up one-third of the available Commonwealth-only Transitional Worker permits for fiscal year 2017. This left many of our local businesses, small and large, in the lurch. These businesses have foreign workers on their staff, who know the business and upon whom employers rely, for whom fiscal year 2017 permits became unavailable as a result of the Chinese surge. There is an annual limit on the number of these Commonwealth-only Transitional Worker, or CW-1, permits, which are specific and unique to the Marianas. For fiscal 2017, 12,998 were available. H.R. 339 provides 350 more to help out the businesses caught in this bind.

Had the Senate acted more quickly and had the Senate not decided to reduce the number of additional permits to 350, more local businesses could have been assisted. But the legislative process is collaborative and deliberative; and I respect that.

I can say that there are 306 permits that were scheduled to expire in August and September. So by providing an additional 350 permits, H.R. 339, as amended, matches up against that remaining need.

I also note that the Senate amendment takes the current permit system in a new direction by designating that at least 60 of the additional permits for fiscal 2017 must be used for workers in healthcare and at least 10 for power plant operators. These occupational categories are critical to public health and safety. It well may be that in the future any foreign worker permits, specific to the Marianas, will also have to begin to be prioritized to ensure that the most value is added to the Marianas economy by the permitted workers.

Although H.R. 339 provides one-time relief to an immediate shortage of permits, there is further intent. The bill contains two provisions that will make the problem we are fixing now less likely to recur in future.

First, and most importantly, the bill increases the fee that employers pay, as part of the permit process, that goes to training U.S. workers to fill the jobs currently held by foreign workers in the Marianas. Had the Marianas been less dependent on foreign workers, this year's crisis would have been proportionally less intense. So, we must continue to focus on adding U.S. workers to the economy.

The fee increase is from \$150 per annual permit to \$200. And the increase is perma-

nent. It does not apply solely to fiscal 2017, as is the case with the extra permits. It is the intention of the legislation that the fee increase apply to petitions filed on or after the date of enactment, not to petitions previously filed.

Since the beginning of the transitional worker program, these fees have provided about \$10 million to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands government and been distributed to educational institutions. Over the same period of time, about 1,200 U.S. workers have been added to the local labor force. I understand from testimony of the Government Accountability Office to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in April of this year, that some \$3 million of the collected fees remain unused.

Effective and prompt use of the U.S. worker training funds are goals I believe should be part of the consideration for future legislation. I introduced in the 113th Congress, H.R. 2200, a bill that would have required the Commonwealth provide to the Secretary of Homeland Security a plan for the expenditure of these funds with a specific, numerical goal for job placement of U.S. workers. My legislation also required a biennial report by the Comptroller General on whether this goal had been met. That legislation did not make it to the finish line here in Congress; however, along with the allocation of permits for specific, high-value occupations, setting performance goals for the U.S. worker training fund is a policy I believe should be a part of our future considerations.

The second provision intended to prevent a recurrence of the current crisis bars the use of the CW-1 permit for new workers in construction occupations. Existing construction companies with foreign workers, who have been in their employ prior to fiscal year 2016, will be able to continue renewing the CW-1 permits of those specific individual workers. There are between 1,000 and 1,500 such individuals, I understand. Approval for a CW-1 permit for an individual in a construction occupation may not be granted, if the individual was not previously approved for a CW-1 permit before October 1, 2015. And no approvals for initial grant of CW-1 status to individuals in construction occupations, as defined in H.R. 339, may be issued, regardless of whether the employer previously petitioned for an employee in such occupation or whether that petition had been approved. This provision, too, is to be continuously effective beyond fiscal year 2017. To avoid unnecessary economic disruption, implementation of the provision barring use of CW-1 permits for construction occupations is intended to apply to pending petitions and to petitions filed on or after the date of enactment.

This division created by H.R. 339 between legacy and new workers will allow our existing construction companies to continue meeting the demand for housing and other buildings that still remains because of the destruction caused by Typhoon Soudelor in 2015 and, also, results from the overall improvement in the Marianas economy.

Enactment of H.R. 339 does not mean, however, that the Marianas economy will not have access to construction workers to supplement the local labor force. New hires for construction of developments such as the hotels and resorts now on the drawing boards in the Marianas will be—preferably—local, U.S. workers. Alternatively, however, these developments may use visa categories other than

the CW-1 to supply foreign workers. In U.S. Public Law 113-235 Congress provided the Marianas with access to an unlimited number of H-2B visas, which are specifically intended to address any temporary need for workers, such as occurs when a new hotel is built.

In fact, in order to be eligible to apply for the CW-1 permit, applicant businesses must attest that no other visa category is available. In light of the unlimited number of H-2B visas available and because the current problem stems from the use of CW-1 permits for temporary construction workers, I have on numerous occasions requested that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services confirm that these attestations are accurate. Enactment of H.R. 339 makes matters simpler: construction occupations are no longer eligible for CW-1 permits with the exception of renewals of permits first issued prior to fiscal 2016.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to provide this statement of legislative intent today to the record on H.R. 339. And thanks, again, to all my colleagues who made it possible to move forward with the Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act.

TRIBUTE TO MARY CAMPOS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mary Campos of Des Moines, Iowa, for being inducted into the 2017 Class of the Iowa Latino Hall of Fame.

The enduring qualities of Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Inductees include: significant contributions to their respective field of work, impactful changes in the social, cultural, economic or political well-being of the community, and inspiring others through their efforts. Mary is the embodiment of these qualities. She has dedicated her life to uplifting others and making sure they have the same opportunities she has had to make an impact on her community. She was also the first Latina to be appointed to the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Mary in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today for receiving this esteemed designation. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her on receiving this award, and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, the day of July 27, 2017, I am wrongly recorded on the Cartwright Amendment No. 43 to H.R. 3219. I intended to oppose this amendment.

HONORING SHERIFF STEVE
FREITAS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sheriff Steve Freitas upon the occasion of his retirement from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Freitas has dedicated 32 years to serving our community in law enforcement.

A native of San Jose, California, Sheriff Freitas moved to Sonoma County in 1988. He attended DeAnza Community College and graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in Administration Justice. He and his wife, Michelle have two sons, Michael and Zachary.

Sheriff Freitas began his career in 1985 with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. In 1988, He joined the Novato Police Department. He joined the Sonoma County Sheriff's office in 1991 where he worked in several different assignments, including Detention, Courts, Patrol, Investigations and Administration. The City of Windsor selected him to be Chief of Police in 2005.

The people of Sonoma County elected and reelected Sheriff Freitas in 2010 and 2014. While serving as Sheriff, he created the Latino Advisory Committee to ensure quality communication and closer relationships with the Latino Community. He successfully guided the Office through necessary budget cuts during the recession. His hard work with Sonoma County's new law enforcement oversight agency is admirable. Sheriff Freitas will be remembered for leading the Sheriff's office to maintain the safety and security of the people of Sonoma County.

In addition to his service in law enforcement, Sheriff Freitas serves on the Boys and Girls Club of Marin and Southern Sonoma County's Leadership Council. He is a member of the Verity advisory board, the California Parenting Institute executive board and the Sonoma County Alliance.

Sheriff Freitas supports the Future Farmers of America and 4-H students at the Sonoma County Fair. He is an active Member of his church, a longtime fan of the San Jose Sharks and an avid camper. He is a valuable member of our community.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Freitas has led a long and distinguished career serving the people of Sonoma County. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

TRIBUTE TO ILLA PLASENCIA

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Illa Plasencia of West Des Moines, Iowa for being inducted into the 2017 Class of the Iowa Latino Hall of Fame.

The enduring qualities of Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Inductees include: significant contributions to their respective field of work, impactful

changes in the social, cultural, economic or political well-being of the community, and inspiring others through their efforts. Illa is the embodiment of these qualities. She has dedicated her life to uplifting others and making sure they have the same opportunities she has had to make an impact on her community. Illa served on the first Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs, the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Iowa Commission on the Status of Women and many more.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Illa in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today for receiving this esteemed designation. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her on receiving this award, and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF JOSEPH DALY OF THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT IN DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Chief Joseph Daly of the Springfield Township Police Department in Delaware County, PA. Chief Daly has honorably served his country and the public his entire adult life. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, served two tours of duty in Vietnam, and then began a forty-plus year law enforcement career. In 2009, Chief Daly became Springfield Township's Chief of Police following his stint as Chief of Police for Lower Merion Township.

The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce has rightly honored Chief Daly with their Hometown Hero award. He works tirelessly to ensure the safety of Delaware County residents and has earned the respect of his colleagues and the public they serve. Under his leadership the Springfield Police Department received accreditation by the Pennsylvania Chiefs' of Police Association, a first for a Delaware County police department.

I commend Chief Daly for his passion and dedication to law enforcement in our community and I join the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce in calling him a Hometown Hero.

HONORING KATHERINE
AUGUSTINE

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Katherine Augustine's lifetime of achievements that have touched countless New Mexicans through her work as a nurse and advocate for Native American health. Fittingly, Katherine chronicled her amazing experiences in an autobiography that contributes to the history of New Mexico.

Katherine was born on September 30, 1929 in the Pueblo of Laguna. She went to Albuquerque Indian High School and attended Sage Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in neighboring state, Arizona. In 1951, she moved to California and started a family. She later moved back to New Mexico.

Katherine started her career at the Presbyterian Hospital Center, where she worked for 29 years. After retiring, she continued to work at the Indian Health Service at Acoma-Cañoncito-Laguna Hospital in San Fidel and the Albuquerque Indian Hospital. She also worked at the Albuquerque Tribune and the Roundhouse newspaper.

During the past 22 years, Katherine has volunteered her time with numerous organizations, helping neighbors and friends throughout the community.

She was on the Committee of the Ancient Living Village, Vice-President of the Laguna Colony of Albuquerque, served on the Council of Elders at the New Mexico Geriatric Education Center, and was a member of the Environmental Health Community Advisory Committee.

She traveled around the world to promote her favorite projects—Friendship Force of New Mexico and Sister Cities of Albuquerque.

I wish Katherine all the best with her future endeavors. Her work has and will continue to influence those in her community. Thank you and congratulations, Katherine.

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR AIRMAN
LACEY K. MILLER, THE UNITED
STATES AIR FORCE AIRMAN OF
THE YEAR

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, Senior Airman Lacey Miller's recognition stems from her dedication to her country. Airman Miller bravely enlisted into the United States Air Force Reserves in February 2012. While she was in the reserves, she was attending Materiel Management School. Upon completion of technical training, she was assigned to the 911th Airlift Wing in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. She was then assigned to the Logistics Readiness Squadron supporting the C-130 Hercules aircraft mission set. After a year of serving the squadron, she transitioned to her current position in the Florida National Guard as a Materiel Management Journeyman assigned to the 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron at MacDill Air Force Base. Airman Miller has deployed in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel where she was assigned as a logistics liaison for nine forward operating bases in Afghanistan areas of responsibility, directly supporting Special Operations Forces in combat operations.

Airman Miller can be described as a leader—considerate, courageous, and compassionate. At a young age, Lacey took part in helping her community, as a volunteer at a Young Life Group where she mentored troubled youth. She also cares profoundly for her planet and traveled to Sweden to promote eco-friendly farming. In the fall, Senior Airman Miller will be attending the University of Florida pursuing a bachelor's degree in forestry.

Airman Lacey Miller is a phenomenal example of service and sacrifice. She is truly deserving of the recognition that the United States Air Force has bestowed on her as Airman of the Year and we thank her for her service to our great nation.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY VARGAS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Henry Vargas of Davenport, Iowa for being inducted into the 2017 Class of the Iowa Latino Hall of Fame.

The enduring qualities of Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Inductees include: significant contributions to their respective field of work, impactful changes in the social, cultural, economic or political well-being of the community, and inspiring others through their efforts. Henry is the embodiment of these qualities. He has dedicated his life to uplifting others and making sure they have the same opportunities he has had to make an impact on his community. Henry is the founder of the Davenport Civil Rights Commission that is now called the Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs and the Office of Latino Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Henry in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize him today for receiving this esteemed designation. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on receiving this award, and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF UPPER
MERION SENIOR SERVICE CENTER
ON THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Upper Merion Senior Service Center of King of Prussia, PA for its twentieth anniversary. Caring for our senior citizens is a challenging yet immensely rewarding experience to which those at UMSSC have dedicated their lives.

The Center enables seniors in the Seventh District to live life to the fullest. They facilitate activities that allow seniors to engage in physical, educational, and recreational activities. This social environment and steadfast care helps seniors enjoy their retirement and stay healthy.

I hope UMSSC continues to provide their services for many years to come. The senior citizens of our district deserve the best care we can provide and UMSSC is a treasured place that does just that.

I congratulate UMSSC for their twenty years of service to our community and I wish them well in their efforts to provide top quality care for Philadelphia area seniors.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS TEACHOUT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chris Teachout of Shenandoah, Iowa for receiving the 2017 Iowa Conservation Farmer of the Year Award. The award is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation. Chris is a 5th generation Iowa farmer.

Chris received this award for his use of cover crops on his farm. The cover crop practice is a popular conservation technique which reduces erosion and improves soil and water quality. Chris is always willing to learn something new and has a proven track record of experimenting with different ideas to continuously improve the soil and water on his farm. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey said, "Iowa farmers continue to take on the challenge of better protecting their soil and improving water quality. This award is an opportunity to highlight and recognize a farmer that has gone above and beyond in their conservation efforts and serves as a model of land stewardship."

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Chris for earning this award. He is a shining example of how hard work and dedication can have a positive impact on the land. It is with great pride that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF BARBARA
JONES, CONSUL GENERAL OF
IRELAND

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Consul General of Ireland Barbara Jones. Barbara has a long history of service to the Irish people. Her career as an Irish diplomat began in 1983 after receiving a graduate degree in education from University College, Dublin as well as a graduate degree in computer science from the National Institute of Higher Education at the University of Limerick.

Her posting as Consul General for the New York Consulate of Ireland concludes this month after three years of promoting Irish-American relations. I also thank the Irish Immigration Center of Philadelphia for working closely with Barbara during her tenure to ensure a positive and productive relationship between Ireland and the Philadelphia region.

Irish-American relations have never been stronger. This bond is due in no small part to Barbara's tireless efforts to foster meaningful connections between U.S. localities and Ireland. I hope she leaves the United States with fond memories, as I know she leaves her many friends and colleagues with their own fond memories of Barbara. I wish her well as she returns home and moves on to her next venture.

TRIBUTE TO PAULINE JONES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Pauline Jones on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Pauline's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Pauline has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-three Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the

population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Pauline in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Pauline on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 4:30:06 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 4:30:39 p.m. until 10 a.m., on Friday, August 18, 2017.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 3653–3655; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 77 were introduced. **Page H6606**

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 1257, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Commission to refund or credit excess payments made to the Commission, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–275) and, H.R. 1558, a bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to ensure community accountability for areas repetitively damaged by floods, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–276). **Page H6606**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Burgess to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6605**

Chaplain: The Prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Monsignor Stephen Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. **Page H6605**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, August 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, August 18

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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