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House of Representatives

The House met at 4 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROONEY of Florida).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 20, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS J. ROONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Charles Sikorsky, LC, Divine Mercy University, Arlington, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed on our Nation, and we ask You for Your continued providential care. May our citizens enjoy the blessings of freedom, peace, security, and brotherhood.

We pray for Your guidance and wisdom as we seek to build a more just and flourishing society and world founded on solidarity, subsidiarity, and the common good.

We ask You to bless this session and all of the important work that it entails. Help our legislators to proceed with concern for the dignity of every human person and respect for the responsibilities and obligations that come with the freedoms and the blessings that You have given us. May their work be motivated by the quest for justice and truth.

Finally, we pray for our citizens who are in distress and for the protection of the noble men and women of our military spread throughout the world.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 944, 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.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. MESSER, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 3084. An act to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 944, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 23, 2016.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, December 23, 2016, 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:

7927. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New

Qualifying Country-Estonia (DFARS Case 2017-D001) [Docket No.: DARS-2016-0048] (RIN: 0750-AJ18) received December 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7928. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contract Financing (DFARS Case 2015-D026) [Docket No.: DARS-2016-0009] (RIN: 0750-AI90) received December 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7929. A letter from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's report to Congress on college credit card agreements, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1637(r)(3); Public Law 90-321, Sec. 127 (as amended by Public Law 111-24, Sec. 305(a)); (123 Stat. 1750); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7930. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's 2015 Merger Decisions Report, pursuant to Sec. 18(c)(9) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act; to the Committee on Financial Services.

7931. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Federal Home Loan Bank New Business Activities (RIN: 2590-AA84) received December 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7932. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Enterprise Duty to Serve Underserved Markets (RIN: 2590-AA27) received December 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7933. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Department's final rule — Acquired Member Assets (RIN: 2590-AA69) received December 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

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7934. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Instituting Smoke-Free Public Housing [Docket No.: FR 5597-F-03] (RIN: 2577-AC97) received December 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7935. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final regulations — Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities; Preschool Grants for Children with Disabilities [Docket ID: ED-2015-OSERS-0132] (RIN: 1820-AB73) received December 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7936. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Services, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final regulations — Program Integrity and Improvement [Docket ID: ED-2016-OPE-0050] (RIN: 1840-AD20) received December 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7937. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Report on Notifications of Thefts, Losses, or Releases of Select Agents and Toxins for Calendar Year 2015, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 8401(k); Pub. L 107-188, Sec. 212(k); (116 Stat. 656); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7938. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — World Trade Center Health Program; Amendments to Definitions, Appeals, and Other Requirements [Docket No.: CDC-2016-0072; NIOSH-291] (RINs: 0920-AA56, 0920-AA44, 0920-AA48, 0920-AA50) received December 13, 2016, 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.

7939. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Uninterruptible Power Supplies [Docket No.: EERE-2016-BT-TP-0018] (RIN: 1904-AD68) received December 13, 2016, 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.

7940. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2018; Amendments to Special Enrollment Periods and the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program [CMS-9934-F] [CMS-9933-F] (RIN: 0938-AS95, 0938-AS87) received December 16, 2016, 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.

7941. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — World Trade Center Health Program; Amendments to Definitions, Appeals, and Other Requirements

[Docket No.: CDC-2016-0072; NIOSH-291] (RINs: 0920-AA48, 0920-AA56, 0920-AA44, 0920-AA50) received December 16, 2016, 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.

7942. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Agency, transmitting the Agency's final interim staff guidance — Assessing the Technical Adequacy of the Advanced Light-Water Reactor Probabilistic Risk Assessment for the Design Certification Application and Combined License Application [Design Certification/Combined License DC/COL-ISG-028] received December 13, 2016, 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.

7943. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Commercial Packaged Boilers [Docket No.: EERE-2014-BT-TP-0006] (RIN: 1904-AD16) received December 13, 2016, 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.

7944. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Dishwashers [Docket No.: EERE-2014-BT-STD-0021] (RIN: 1904-AD24) received December 13, 2016, 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.

7945. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Certification Related to Condition 7(C)(i) of Senate Executive Resolution 75 (1997) Concerning Advice and Consent to the Ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, and Statement of Justification for Certification Concerning the Continued Effectiveness of the Australia Group, consistent with Executive Order 13346 of July 8, 2004, and Delegation of Authority 304-1 of October 28, 2011; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7946. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Division of Grants, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Health and Human Services Grants Regulation (RIN: 0991-AC06) received December 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7947. A letter from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the Commission's Office of the Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period April 1, 2016, through September 30, 2016, 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) Sec. 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7948. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's Agency Financial Report for FY 2016, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7949. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the 2015 Information Collection Budget of the United States Government and the 2016 Information Collection Budget of the United States Government as required by the Paperwork Re-

duction Act, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, subchapter 1; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7950. A letter from the Librarian of Congress, Library of Congress, transmitting the Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for Fiscal Year 2015, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 139; to the Committee on House Administration.

7951. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Various Aircraft Equipped with BRP-Powertrain GmbH and Co KG 912 A Series Engine [Docket No.: FAA-2016-9000; Directorate Identifier 2016-CE-027-AD; Amendment 39-18713; AD 2016-23-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7952. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2015-7527; Directorate Identifier 2015-NM-094-AD; Amendment 39-18686; AD 2016-21-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7953. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-3701; Directorate Identifier 2015-NM-015-AD; Amendment 39-18689; AD 2016-21-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7954. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France) Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2016-9396; Directorate Identifier 2016-SW-034-AD; Amendment 39-18712; AD 2016-23-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7955. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-6895; Directorate Identifier 2015-NM-068-AD; Amendment 39-18673; AD 2016-20-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7956. A letter from the FMCSA Regulatory Ombudsman, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Minimum Training Requirements for Entry-Level Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators [FMCSA-2007-27748] (RIN: 2126-AB66) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7957. A letter from the Chief, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse [Docket No.: FMCSA-2011-0031] (RIN: 2126-AB18) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7958. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-5596; Directorate Identifier 2015-NM-121-AD; Amendment 39-18677; AD 2016-20-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7959. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-5044; Directorate Identifier 2014-NM-166-AD; Amendment 39-18718; AD 2016-24-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7960. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2016-9281; Directorate Identifier 2016-SW-033-AD; Amendment 39-18717; AD 2016-23-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7961. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2015-5809; Directorate Identifier 2015-NM-055-AD; Amendment 39-18709; AD 2016-23-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7962. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-5597; Directorate Identifier 2016-NM-009-AD; Amendment 39-18715; AD 2016-23-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7963. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-7427; Directorate Identifier 2016-NM-041-AD; Amendment 39-18714; AD 2016-23-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7964. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-6672; Directorate Identifier 2016-NM-022-AD; Amendment 39-18706; AD 2016-22-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7965. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Depart-

ment's final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Savannah, GA [Docket No.: FAA-2016-9101; Airspace Docket No.: 16-ASO-14] received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7966. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (RIN: 0970-AC47) received December 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7967. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final regulations — Issue Price Definition for Tax-Exempt Bonds [TD 9801] (RIN: 1545-BM46) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7968. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's temporary regulations — Disclosures of Return Information Reflected on Returns to Officers and Employees of the Department of Commerce for Certain Statistical Purposes and Related Activities [TD 9802] (RIN: 1545-BN64) received December 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7969. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Ensuring Program Uniformity at the Hearing and Appeals Council Levels of the Administrative Review Process [Docket No.: SSA-2014-0052] (RIN: 0960-AH71) received December 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7970. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major interim final rule — Medicare Program; Conditions for Coverage for End-Stage Renal Disease Facilities—Third Party Payment [CMS-3337-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AT11) received December 13, 2016, 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.

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. CHABOT: Committee on Small Business. Report on the Activities of the Committee on Small Business 114th Congress (Rept. 114-880). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. NUNES: Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Report on the Activity of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for the 114th Congress (Rept. 114-881). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BRADY of Texas: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5406. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to improve access to tribal health care by providing for systemic Indian Health Service

workforce and funding allocation reforms, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-882, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 5983. A bill to create hope and opportunity for consumers, investors, and entrepreneurs by ending bailouts and Too Big to Fail, holding Washington and Wall Street accountable, eliminating red tape to increase access to capital and credit, and repealing the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act that make America less prosperous, less stable, and less free, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-883 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Agriculture, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, Transportation and Infrastructure, Rules, the Budget, and Education and the Workforce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 5983 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. SMITH of Texas:

H.R. 6531. A bill to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Ms. LEE, and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H.R. 6532. A bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. SIRE, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. HIGGINS, Ms. BASS, Mr. KEATING, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. BERA, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MENG, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 6533. A bill to expose and deter unlawful and subversive foreign interference in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Financial Services, 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.

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 6534. A bill to require the creation and maintenance of a MadeInAmerica.gov website; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia:

H.J. Res. 107. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the Stream Protection Rule; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MESSER:

H.J. Res. 108. A joint resolution disapproving a rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to "Compliance with Title X Requirements by Project Recipients in Selecting Subrecipients"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HASTINGS (for himself, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H. Res. 956. A resolution honoring the Life and Legacy of Phil Smith; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

MEMORIALS

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

311. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Resolution No. 64, urging the US Air Force and Congress to place new KC-46A tanker planes at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst; to the Committee on Armed Services.

312. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Resolution No. 66, urging the President to establish a Presidential Youth Council; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

313. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Resolution No. 36, urging Congress to use reward money offered for capture of Osama bin Laden to establish a fund for the benefit of returning veterans of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Veterans' Affairs.

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. SMITH of Texas:

H.R. 6531.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:
The Congress shall have power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department of Officer thereof.

By Mr. ELLISON:

H.R. 6532.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 4 of the Constitution of the United States, which states that Congress shall have the power to "establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization."

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 6533.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution.

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 6534.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia:

H.J. Res. 107.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. MESSER:

H.J. Res. 108.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Tenth Amendment of the Constitution:
"Powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 3892: Mr. GROTHMAN.
H.R. 5067: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.
H.R. 5689: Mr. QUIGLEY.
H.R. 6474: Mr. LONG.
H.R. 6504: Mr. JONES.
H. Con. Res. 177: Mr. COHEN.
H. Res. 424: Mrs. MILLER of Michigan.
H. Res. 948: Ms. PELOSI.



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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 and 6 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHUCK GRASSLEY, a Senator from the State of Iowa.

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 senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 20, 2016.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the standing rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHUCK GRASSLEY, a Senator from the State of Iowa, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
President pro tempore.

Mr. GRASSLEY thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 23, 2016, AT 11:30 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 23, 2016.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9:30 and 35 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, December 23, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.

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CONGRATULATING CURTIS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Curtis High School football team for winning the Public Schools Athletic League city championship.

After steamrolling their opponents throughout the regular season and playoffs, the Warriors defeated Erasmus Hall High School 24–21 at Yankee Stadium to capture the championship title and finish the season ranked first overall in New York City. Closing out their season with an undefeated 12–0 record, these young athletes proved that hard work, dedication, and perseverance are the keys to victory. The Warriors never backed down from tough competition this past season, and they definitely won't back down next season.

Led by head coach Peter "Gambo" Gambardella, the Warriors demonstrated nothing but pure excellence on the field. Moreover, this team showed its dominance in the stats. Wide receiver Amad Anderson, Jr. finished the regular season tied first overall in touchdown receptions in the league; running back Ty'Son Lawton finished second in rushing yards and tied for first in rushing touchdowns; and quarterback Quincy Barnes finished second in passing yards and first in passing touchdowns. But as each of them knows, you always put your team before any personal glory. The Warriors exemplified teamwork and cooperation, so their championship should come as no surprise to their classmates, teachers, or parents.

Mr. Speaker, this team gave their time, effort, and sweat to be where they are today. Their championship was well-deserved and I wish them nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF CARLO SCISSURA CEO & PRESIDENT, BROOKLYN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Carlo Scissura, who is receiving Greenpoint YMCA's Spirit of Service Award, given in recognition of Mr. Scissura's efforts to better the community in which he lives and works. Mr. Scissura has worked to expand and strengthen the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, making it the largest and fastest-growing Chamber of Commerce in New York State.

In 2012, Mr. Scissura became President and CEO of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is one of New York's

premiere business advocacy and leadership organizations. Under Mr. Scissura's leadership, membership in the Chamber has grown by more than 200 percent. Mr. Scissura has launched a series of highly successful and innovative programs, including Explore Brooklyn, Brooklyn-Made and Chamber on the Go, leading to a historic period of growth and development in the Chamber. The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce has become a national model for business development, outreach and technical assistance, and regional branding.

Prior to joining the Chamber, Mr. Scissura served as both Chief of Staff and General Counsel to former Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz. In this role, Mr. Scissura focused on advancing the Borough's economic development agenda. Mr. Scissura worked alongside the Mayor's Office, Council, and Economic Development Corporation (EDC), and served on the boards of EDC, the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation and Brooklyn Public Library.

In addition to his professional success, Mr. Scissura has a long history of service to his community. This began nearly twenty years ago, when he was elected to Community School Board 20 in 1999. During his time on the Board, Mr. Scissura reinvigorated various Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Committees. In recognition of his outstanding dedication, Mr. Scissura was appointed to the Community Education Council in 2004, where he served as President and Chairman of the Legislative Committee. In this position, Mr. Scissura continued his advocacy for increased community and parental involvement. Today, Mr. Scissura serves as Vice President of the Federation of Italian-American Organizations, where he has led the construction of the new Italian Cultural and Community Center. Mr. Scissura has received numerous honors and awards for these contributions to his community.

Mr. Scissura was born and raised in Bensonhurst, and currently resides in Dyker Heights. As a lifetime Brooklyn resident, Mr. Scissura has been an advocate for Brooklyn throughout his career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Mr. Carlo Scissura for his continuous commitment to improving his community and his incredible leadership of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

HIGHLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER TOM HORST

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Highland County Commissioner Tom Horst on a distinguished career serving the residents of Highland County and Southern Ohio.

Tom has served our community for 40 years in a multitude of ways.

Tom has served in the Lynchburg and Hillsboro Police Departments and as Highland County Sheriff; he worked for the Ohio Attorney General in the Bureau of Criminal Investigations, and he has served as Highland County Commissioner.

In all aspects of his service, Tom has left an incredibly positive impact in our community. Highland County is truly a better place because of Tom Horst and his dedication and commitment to making it a better and safer place to live.

We are extremely fortunate to have had Tom's commitment and service in our community, and I wish him a very happy retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PAHOKEE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM WINNING ITS 7TH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pahokee Senior High School football team of Pahokee, Florida. On December 8, 2016, the Pahokee Blue Devils won their 7th state championship. They finished their season 14–0, defeating all of Florida's top rated teams in Class 1A. Along the way, the Blue Devils won the Muck Bowl, which annually pits them against the Raiders of Glades Central High School in Belle Glade, Florida, one of Florida's most well-known rivalries, for the first time in eight years.

First year coach Mr. Orson Walkes, who won four state titles with the team as an assistant, guided his very talented players to the peak of perfection. With their winning effort in 2016, they have shown the potential for future championships. While the seniors will be adding their skills to the football teams of some of America's finest colleges and universities next season, returning players will be joined by other talented players in what will surely be another exciting season for the Blue Devils.

Mr. Speaker, The Blue Devils of Pahokee, Florida are the only football team from Palm Beach County to win a state championship this year. I am delighted that such a fine coach and extremely talented group of players represent my Congressional district.

IN RECOGNITION OF BROOKLYN DEPUTY BOROUGH PRESIDENT DIANA REYNA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Deputy

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Borough President Diana Reyna, who is receiving Greenpoint YMCA's Spirit of Service Award, given in recognition of her efforts to better the community in which she lives and serves. Deputy Borough President Reyna has been a dynamic and effective leader who has worked for real change.

Deputy Borough President Reyna made history as the first Dominican-American woman elected to public office in New York State when she won her seat in the New York City Council in 2001. As a Councilwoman, she garnered praise as an advocate for affordable housing and economic development, and she pushed for funding for family literacy and youth programs. Additionally, she has been a tireless supporter of women and minority owned small businesses, supported high-tech innovation, and encouraged entrepreneurs and start-up companies. She also sought to fight crime in her district. She authored a bill that increased fines for illegal conversions from industrial to residential uses, which passed the Council in 2007 and was signed into law by Mayor Bloomberg.

Ms. Reyna became Deputy Brooklyn Borough President in 2014. As Deputy Borough President, Ms. Reyna has been a champion for the BQ Green Project, which would create a park that connects communities separated by the Brooklyn Queens Expressway, allowing for new open spaces, bolstering local businesses, and improving quality of life for thousands of residents in the community. She has also fought for zoning laws that would allow for affordable industrial spaces to remain in Brooklyn in an effort to keep industry and jobs in the borough.

In every position she has held, Deputy Borough President Reyna has demonstrated dedication to families and businesses in our great city. She is a tenacious and effective public servant who has instituted great changes to the borough of Brooklyn and New York City at large.

Deputy Borough President Reyna has lived in New York her whole life, growing up in Brooklyn. She attended Pace University in Pleasantville, New York. From there, she went on to work as Chief of Staff for a New York State Assembly member. Deputy Borough President Reyna is a proud resident of Brooklyn, NY, a place she believes "holds our future, our children, our neighbors, our artists, our entrepreneurs, our schools, and our businesses."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Brooklyn Deputy Borough President Diana Reyna for her continuous commitment to improving her community, city, and country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE W.J. "BILL" USERY

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late Honorable W.J. "Bill" Usery Jr., a man who left a legacy of service to our Nation and the Tenth Congressional District of Georgia, which I have the honor of representing. Mr. Usery was

a native of Baldwin County where he attended Georgia Military College. Shortly after, he proudly served in the United States Navy repairing warships as an underwater welder in the Pacific Fleet. In 1952, he started his career in labor activism when he joined the International Association of Machinists.

Following years of being the chief mediator in major labor-management disputes, President Gerald Ford appointed Mr. Usery as the United States Secretary of Labor, a post where he defined the modern era of labor-management and helped our Nation maintain its forward momentum and status as a global leader. During his tenure, our Nation witnessed better working conditions, better wages, better relations between labor and management, and an overall better way of life.

Mr. Speaker, his advice and counsel were valued by the Commander-in-Chiefs whom he served, including Presidents Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon, John F. Kennedy, and Bill Clinton. The Honorable Mr. Usery was born, raised, and spent the last years of his life in Milledgeville, Georgia, where he continued to serve, making generous donations to his alma mater.

Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege to meet this remarkable Georgian this spring during a ceremony that I held in my district to recognize our WWII veterans, and it is with pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable W.J. "Bill" Usery.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN CATSIMATIDIS JR.

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. John Catsimatidis Jr. who is receiving Greenpoint YMCA's Spirit of Service Award, given in recognition of Mr. Catsimatidis's efforts to better the city of New York. Mr. Catsimatidis is a driven and hard-working New Yorker who has shown dedication both to his business endeavors and philanthropic causes.

Mr. Catsimatidis serves as an executive of the Red Apple Group, where he is involved in all areas of the business, but focuses mainly on the energy resources, investment divisions, and job creation. In August, 2016, Mr. Catsimatidis was also appointed to the board of the Gold Coast Bank in Brooklyn, NY.

Mr. Catsimatidis has always been involved in various philanthropic activities. Mr. Catsimatidis supports the Catsimatidis Family Foundation, which makes generous donations to organizations including the Police Athletic League and the Alzheimer's Association. Mr. Catsimatidis also serves on the Emerging Leaders Council for the Federal Enforcement Homeland Security Foundation, which provides financial aid, scholarships, grants, and critical support to Federal Law Enforcement officers and their families in times of need. Mr. Catsimatidis's steadfast support of these families throughout New York City exemplifies his dedication to our community.

Mr. Catsimatidis graduated from New York University's Leonard Stern School of Business in 2015. While at NYU, Mr. Catsimatidis served as President of the NYU College Re-

publicans, a premier political organization on campus. This position gave Mr. Catsimatidis the opportunity to hold debates, host speakers, and cultivate informational political dialogues for the student body. Additionally, Mr. Catsimatidis was elected Chairman of the New York State Federation of College Republicans. In both of these positions, Mr. Catsimatidis sought not only to contribute to politically active student groups on campus, but more importantly to foster healthy, respectful, and bilateral political discussion. For his contributions to the NYU community, Mr. Catsimatidis was named one of NYU's Ten Most Influential Students of 2015, and received the Presidential Service Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Mr. John Catsimatidis Jr. for his contributions to New York's vibrant business community and dedication to local philanthropic causes.

CONGRATULATING THE KOREAN LANGUAGE NEWS SERVICE, WEEKLY FOCUS ON ITS 10TH AN- NIVERSARY

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Korean Language news service, Weekly Focus, on its 10th Anniversary, and by extension President Hyun Joo Kim, and her entire staff. I am proud to represent the largest Korean community in Colorado in my Congressional District. Throughout the ten years that Weekly Focus has been running, the service has worked tirelessly to not only represent their community, but to also connect Coloradans by offering a way to communicate and learn from each other.

Since its founding in 2006, Weekly Focus has grown to be the biggest and most influential Korean language newspaper in Colorado. Thanks to this tremendous news service, Korean-Americans and Coloradans have a dependable source of news that features a weekly publication of 128 pages.

Hyun Joo Kim's passion and diligence, as well as that of her staff, has allowed Weekly Focus to develop and become an important part of our community. By creating a reliable newspaper with quality articles, Weekly Focus has undoubtedly improved Korean-American representation within the media of Colorado as well as residents living in the 6th Congressional District.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Weekly Focus newspaper and its entire staff for their hard work and dedication these past 10 years.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN FOR ITS SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY BLEEDING DISORDERS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan for its efforts to provide services and support to individuals affected by bleeding disorders. HFM has played a key role in improving care and helping drive advancements in care for these diseases.

The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan was founded in 1956 to promote awareness and improve the welfare of individuals afflicted with bleeding disorders. The organization has expanded substantially from the original group of volunteers and now features a full-time staff that handles federal funding for treatment centers in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. HFM also offers a multitude of support services to help improve the quality of life of those suffering from bleeding disorders. HFM hosts camping programs and retreats for children and adults that educate individuals about their bleeding conditions and help provide a support network for individuals in need. The organization also provides subsidized dental insurance and financial assistance to help patients afford treatment for their diseases.

The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan plays a key role in bringing together researchers, patients and providers to facilitate effective and affordable care for those affected by bleeding disorders. This integrated care can have significant effects in improving quality of life and providing support that allows patients to better cope with these diseases. The commitment of the staff and volunteers for HFM has helped build a world-class organization that continues to effectively serve the Midwest and ensure that individuals with bleeding diseases receive the support they need. I am inspired by the activism and dedication of HFM to advocate on behalf of individuals with these diseases. Their work has impacted countless lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan for its outstanding work on behalf of the people of Michigan. It has been key to providing care and support services to individuals with bleeding disorders.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT SANCHO

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Robert Sancho, an experienced Urban Affairs Specialist and cultural activist who has dedicated his career to serving his community.

For the past forty-five years, Mr. Sancho has fought to improve the quality of education in New York City's public schools, and to make healthcare services more accessible in

New York City neighborhoods. Today, Mr. Sancho continues his fight as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Center of Educational Innovation, Icahn Charter Schools, and the Multicultural Committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Mr. Sancho was born and raised in the South Bronx. After completing his primary and secondary education in the New York City public schools, Mr. Sancho went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and Political Science at the Inter-American University in San German, Puerto Rico, where he was also offered a teaching fellowship. Later, Mr. Sancho was granted a scholarship to the reputable Graduate School of Urban Affairs at Hunter College, where he earned his Master of Science Degree.

Mr. Sancho was appointed to serve as Deputy Superintendent of Schools in Community School District 4 in East Harlem, which is responsible for roughly 24,000 students. During his time in office, the district rose from 32nd place in reading and math achievements among New York City public school districts, the lowest ranking at the time, to 13th place. This unprecedented rise is considered one of the most successful educational turnarounds in our nation. Thanks to Mr. Sancho's bold success, Community School District 4 was awarded national competitive grants under his leadership.

Mr. Sancho became a community activist in the late 1960s, when then-New York City Mayor John Lindsay tried to shut down the Metropolitan Hospital Center, a public hospital which provided low cost vital health services to the community in East Harlem. Mr. Sancho helped organize the East Harlem community to reject the proposed closure. After a two-year struggle, the city decided to keep the hospital open.

In 1981, Mr. Sancho was appointed Vice President of Development and External Affairs at the Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center, which is located in the poorest Congressional District in the nation. As Vice President, Mr. Sancho helped the hospital secure over \$240 million in funding, which helped to finance three new hospital buildings and repair existing buildings. Additionally, Mr. Sancho's department helped raise almost \$15 million in the past few years for various hospital programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary work of Robert Sancho has done for the great city of New York.

ROSS COUNTY COMMISSIONER JIM CALDWELL

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Ross County Commissioner Jim Caldwell on a distinguished career serving the residents of Ross County and southern Ohio.

Jim has served as Ross County Commissioner since 1977, making him the longest serving County Commissioner in the State of Ohio. During his 39 year tenure of serving our community, he has made an incredibly positive impact, serving in nearly every capacity imaginable.

From teaching our youth, to guiding our communities' finances, to leading the efforts of redevelopment and revitalization, Ross County is a better place because of Jim Caldwell.

We are certainly lucky to have had Jim's commitment and service in our community, and I wish him a very happy retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ANDREA P. THAU

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Dr. Andrea P. Thau, President-Elect of the American Optometric Association (AOA), who will be installed as its 95th President during the 119th Congress of the AOA's House of Delegates.

Dr. Thau, a native of the 12th Congressional District in New York, was first elected to the American Optometric Association Board of Trustees in 2007, and has served as its vice president, Speaker of the House Pro Tem, and Chair of the AOA Investment Committee. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, a Fellow of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, a Distinguished Practitioner on the National Academies of Practice, and a Diplomate of the American Board of Optometry. Dr. Thau is also a faculty member, associate clinical professor, and former chair of the Admissions Committee at SUNY College of Optometry, where she received her doctorate.

Prior to her election to the AOA Board, Dr. Thau broke new ground as the first woman president of the New York State Optometric Association, the New York Academy of Optometry, and the Optometric Society of the City of New York. She has continually used her expertise and success in her field to serve the public, especially children. She is a founding member of the New York Children's Vision Coalition as well as the AOA's InfantSEE committee, a national program that provides vision assessments to babies at no cost. She has advocated for children's vision at both the state and national level. Dr. Thau is also the owner of a private practice in Manhattan, Dr. Andrea P. Thau and Associates, which serves as a full-scope primary care practice with a special emphasis on children's vision and vision therapy.

Dr. Thau has been lauded by her peers for her excellence in optometry and has received numerous awards for her outstanding work, including the 2005 New York State Optometrist of the Year and SUNY Optometry Alumna of the Year. She has also been recognized twice as Vision Monday's 20 Most Influential Women in Optical.

Dr. Thau has long stood out as an example of extraordinary dedication and brilliance in her field. She was a stellar student at the Bronx High School of Science and completed her undergraduate studies at SUNY Albany before attending the SUNY College of Optometry. Since then, Dr. Thau has practiced optometry for nearly three decades, consistently providing first-rate eye care to her clients.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Andrea P. Thau for her outstanding work in the field of optometry and her

tireless efforts to provide accessible eye care and eye health education to her community and the general public.

HONORING NANCY VORHEES

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a good friend and community advocate, Nancy Vorhees, on her retirement as Chief Administrative Office (CAO) of Inland Northwest Health Services (INHS).

Nancy first started with Inland nearly two decades ago as Chief Operating Officer of Northwest Health Partners (NHP), which includes Northwest MedStar, Northwest Telehealth, Community Wellness, Health Training, INHS Foundation, and Children's Miracle Network Hospital. All of the divisions under Nancy's direction worked diligently to integrate the delivery of health care services throughout the Inland Northwest. Her work also focused on regional economic development, removal of barriers to health care, quality care, and customer satisfaction.

As a champion of rural medicine, Nancy provided leadership that connected our rural, and often times most vulnerable patients, to health care resources in urban settings. Nancy served on many regional and national boards including the American Telehealth Association, Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center, Mid-Valley Hospital, and Greater Spokane Incorporated's Health Industry Development Group. Nancy became Inland's CAO and a member of the Providence Health Care Senior Leadership Team in 2015.

In addition to her role at Inland, Nancy has served as interim Executive Director of the Spokane Teaching Health Clinic, a collaboration with Empire Health Foundation, Providence Health Care, and Washington State University. The goal of this partnership is to improve regional access to health care by increasing the number of medical residencies in the area. I am pleased that she will continue in this role after her retirement from Inland.

Mr. Speaker, Nancy is a tremendous asset to the Spokane community, Eastern Washington, and Inland Northwest. Her years of dedication and work have touched the lives of countless people in many positive ways. I look forward to her continued friendship and leadership to expand access to health care through her role at the Spokane Teaching Health Clinic.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MITTERSILL PROJECT RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cannon Mountain Ski Area for the completion of the Mittersill Improvement Project.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony marks the conclusion of a four-year project that has com-

pletely upgraded an integral part of New Hampshire's vibrant snow-sports economy into a world-class resort for both recreation and professional training. Included in the upgrades was a widening of the Taft trail, which is now the widest ski trail in New Hampshire, and facilities upgrades that culminated in Mittersill being named a US Ski Team training venue. The project also increased snowmaking capacity, improved public access, and made the resort a safer place to ski.

The project has been made possible by a collaboration of partners including, Cannon Mountain, the Holderness School, the Franconia Ski Club, and the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, in addition to generous contributions by many members of the ski and snowboard community.

As co-chairwoman of the Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus, I am an advocate on behalf of the winter recreation industry, including the many professionals whose hard work develops and supports the beautiful resorts we have in New Hampshire. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support, develop, and protect this industry.

I am pleased to congratulate all who worked on this project for their valuable contribution to the Granite State.

IN RECOGNITION OF GINA ARGENTO

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Gina Argento, who was honored for her achievements as part of Women's History Month. Ms. Argento is President of Broadway Stages, one of New York's largest film, television, and music production facilities which is located in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

Ms. Argento and her brother, Tony, opened Broadway Stages in 1983, turning a rundown movie theatre into a sound stage. Over the past 32 years, Broadway Stages has expanded both its physical size and capabilities. Broadway Stages now has over half a million square feet of space with 38 state-of-the-art stages and support facilities. Offering full service film, television, photography and music production facilities, Broadway Stages has served an extensive list of hit movies and television shows including "The Good Wife," "Blue Bloods," "Mr. Robot," "Madam Secretary," "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt," "Limitless," "Broad City," "Unforgettable," and "Master of None," in addition to commercials, print and music videos. Broadway Stages has facilities in Brooklyn and Queens and is currently in the process of building a 69 acre facility in Staten Island.

Under Ms. Argento's leadership, Broadway Stages has exhibited an unparalleled commitment towards the local community in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. In addition to creating hundreds of local jobs, Broadway Stages helps neighboring residents, small businesses, and community-based organizations. Broadway Stages has donated food, equipment, and additional resources to local soup kitchens, partnered with the McGolrick Park Neighbor-

hood Alliance to clean up the beloved park located in the center of Greenpoint and hosted family-friendly neighborhood block parties during the summer. Most recently, Broadway Stages joined the television show "Blue Bloods" and CBS to give \$25,000 to the families of NYPD officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu who were brutally murdered in Brooklyn.

Ms. Argento is also committed to supporting young people. Broadway Stages provided new audio equipment to St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Academy, sponsored a 5 Boro Basketball team for teens, created a "Green Science Week" at PS110, and partnered with community organizations to hold a local "Schoolfest" fair for students and their families. Broadway Stages also funded the SYSTEM Teen Summer Program, which provides high school students the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities focused on green technology, engineering, gardening, and community service.

Broadway Stages is an incredible community partner that is committed to building a strong and environmentally sustainable future. Under Ms. Argento's leadership, Broadway Stages has become a model of the way private industry can champion energy sustainability and environmentally-sound community development. By installing 50,000 square feet of solar photovoltaic systems on the roofs of 7 of its sound stages, Broadway Stages created the world's first solar powered sound stage and the largest private solar power installation in New York State. The solar roofs have offset 30 percent of Broadway Stage's annual electricity consumption. Broadway Stages also created an organic vegetable farm called "Eagle Street Rooftop," located on top of a warehouse in Greenpoint. The 6,000 square foot rooftop farm features a variety of educational and volunteer programs and a farmer's market during the growing season. Broadway Stages is also involved in cleaning up a Brownfield site at 359 Kingsland Avenue.

Ms. Argento has worked with YMCA Greenpoint, Boy Scouts of America, Kings County Democratic Club, Greenpoint Chamber of Commerce, Solar One, and EWVIDCO, an advocacy organization for industrial businesses in Greenpoint. Ms. Argento is a loving mother to her three sons, John, Anthony, and Paul. She and her husband, John Cifone, make an incredible team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the remarkable work of Gina Argento, a successful businesswoman, environmentalist, and fantastic neighbor.

ST. XAVIER GOLF TEAM

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cincinnati St. Xavier High School golf team on their state championship win this fall 2016 season.

With skill and precision, the Bombers' golf team won its second consecutive state championship, totaling 5 wins in team history.

While mostly considered an individual sport, the golf team exemplified St. X teamwork and brotherhood to win a high pressure, one-round

championship game on the Ohio State University Golf Course.

I would like to congratulate the players and Coach Alex Kempley on another win for the St. X Bombers and for representing St. X and our community well during their season.

It has been quite a season for Cincinnati sports, and St. Xavier has made its mark.

Go Bombers.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANA RODRIGUEZ

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Ana Rodriguez, Director of Community Relations and Volunteer Services at Mount Sinai Queens, who was honored for her achievements as part of Women's History Month. Ms. Rodriguez is a dedicated, compassionate, and beloved representative for the hospital. She attends countless community meetings and is always cheerful and well-informed.

In her role at Mount Sinai Queens, Ms. Rodriguez works with community organizations and community leaders to ensure that the hospital best serves its community. In addition, she coordinates educational health programs and events to promote awareness about health issues in the community. Ms. Rodriguez also works with people of all ages and all walks of life who are interested in volunteering, in order to ensure that the hospital's patients are served in the most meaningful way possible.

Ms. Rodriguez has also been an important advocate for children. From 1993 through 1999, she worked with Greater New York Councils, Boy Scouts of America. In her role as Associate Director, Ms. Rodriguez served youth in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx through the Urban Emphasis and Scoutreach Program. She collaborated with school principals, religious institutions, and community organizations to establish new scouting programs.

For six years, Ms. Rodriguez served adolescents, as well as adults, as a senior clinical social worker at the New York Presbyterian Hospital. Here, she provided mental health services, and worked with young men and women to empower them to reach their full potential.

Ms. Rodriguez has been celebrated by the community for her achievements. For example, Centro de Desarrollo de la Mujer (Center for Women Development) has presented her with a Woman of the Year Award for her community service. Her work has also been recognized by the Office of the Borough President of Manhattan, and she has received the Peter Vallone, Jr. Award from the 114th Precinct Civilian Observation Patrol for her dedication to the people of Astoria and Long Island City.

Ms. Rodriguez has a Bachelor of Science from Hunter College and a Master's degree in social work from Columbia University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the wonderful work of Ms. Rodriguez and her tireless service to her community.

IN RECOGNITION OF SABRA BRIERE AND HER YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ann Arbor City Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Sabra Briere for her record of service on behalf of the Ann Arbor community. For over 40 years, Mrs. Briere has served Ann Arbor with distinction in a variety of elected positions as well as through her involvement with local advocacy groups.

Mrs. Briere moved to Ann Arbor in 1973 and has been active in civic life over the years. She has been involved with the Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County Democratic parties, filling numerous positions from secretary to chairwoman of the Ann Arbor Democratic Party in the 1990s. In addition, Mrs. Briere has served as President of the American Civil Liberties Union's Washtenaw County chapter and volunteered with the Huron River Watershed Council. In 2007, she was elected to the Ann Arbor City Council and has been an effective advocate for Ann Arbor's residents in this capacity. Throughout her public service career, Mrs. Briere has promoted responsible city planning by spearheading measures to encourage better design and zoning in new building development. Additionally, she has supported strong environmental protections and public transportation initiatives that have contributed to the health and well-being of the community.

Mrs. Briere's service and dedication on behalf of the City of Ann Arbor and the surrounding community has resulted in a more livable city and better quality of life for its residents. She has been a constant presence at City Council hearings and community events, and her extensive knowledge of the issues facing Ann Arbor has made her an invaluable member of local government. Mrs. Briere has championed common sense reforms that have made a real difference in the lives of Ann Arbor residents. Her knowledge and dedication to the community will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sabra Briere and her years of service to the Ann Arbor community as a member of the Ann Arbor City Council. Her work on behalf of Ann Arbor has been instrumental in its growth and development.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND ANN KANSFIELD

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Rev. Ann Kansfield, FDNY Chaplain and Pastor at the Greenpoint Reformed Church in Brooklyn, who is being honored for her achievements as part of Women's History Month. The Church holds a special place as part of the Greenpoint Historic District. Under Rev. Kansfield's leader-

ship, the Church offers space for worship, is used by community groups like Alcoholics Anonymous and Nar-Anon, and has been featured in several film productions. It is also known for its 12-step recovery groups, children's music classes, and a hunger program that feeds over 300 people per week.

Rev. Kansfield has loved and served the people of North Brooklyn ever since the Greenpoint Reformed Church called her to be their pastor in 2003. Prior to her arrival, demographic shifts over the previous century had caused the once large Dutch Reformed congregation to dwindle to less than a dozen people. The remaining congregants believed that the church had a bright future in the community, and invited Rev. Kansfield to help revitalize their ministry. With energy and hopefulness, she has succeeded beyond anyone's fondest dreams, bringing new parishioners and their families to the church. Rev. Kansfield's work at the church includes worship, evangelism, theology, improving the church building, fundraising, as well as public and community relations.

Much of Rev. Kansfield's time is spent feeding the hungry. When an increasing number of people began coming to the church asking for food, the congregation began a soup kitchen and food pantry under Rev. Kansfield's guidance in October 2007. Rev. Kansfield works with caring volunteers, colleagues, and donors to ensure that the soup kitchen and food pantry are able to keep up with an unprecedented demand for emergency food. Today the soup kitchen regularly serves 90 people a day and hundreds more get food from the food pantry.

Rev. Kansfield holds degrees from Columbia University (BA, with honors) and New Brunswick Theological Seminary (MDiv, summa cum laude). Before her ordination, she built car batteries on an assembly line for AC Delco and punched in stock trades for TD Waterhouse. Nevertheless, Rev. Kansfield believes that a four-week long bartending course that she attended in college gave her the most useful skills in preparing to be a pastor.

Rev. Kansfield is married to Rev. Jennifer Aull, who also officiates at Greenpoint Reformed Church. They have a son, John, and a daughter, Grace. She is ordained in the United Church of Christ. In the spring of 2015, Rev. Kansfield was sworn in as an FDNY chaplain by Commissioner Daniel Nigro, fulfilling her lifelong dream. Rev. Kansfield is the first female and openly gay chaplain of the FDNY, and was voted the New York Times "New Yorker of the Year" in 2015.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary work of Rev. Ann Kansfield and her unwavering dedication to her community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PHIL SMITH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Phil Smith, a dear friend and philanthropist in South Florida, who touched the lives of countless people. Phil tragically passed away on December 14, 2016, after an 18 month battle with ALS.

Phil was born in New Jersey and moved to South Florida at the age of three. He attended Chaminade High School in Fort Lauderdale and was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Florida Atlantic University's (FAU) College of Business in 1969. During college, Phil began to work at a Ford dealership in Pompano Beach. He was so successful he stayed after graduation, was given the opportunity to open a dealership, and never looked back.

Phil went on to found Phil Smith Management, Inc., serving as President and CEO. He operated eleven automobile dealership locations representing 25 franchises in Florida and North Carolina. His company employs 780 people. He never forgot where he came from or the people who worked for him, and started an annual college scholarship program for the children of his employees.

Phil also served as the Co-Chair of the South Florida Super Bowl Host Committee and sat on the Boards of the Orange Bowl Committee and the Broward Workshop, a non-profit organization that represents the interests of 100 Broward businesses and professions. Because of his community involvement, Phil was awarded with the Florida Sun Sentinel Company's 2013 Excalibur Award for Business Leader of the Year in Broward County.

He always gave back and was well-known for his civic, charitable, and philanthropic involvement throughout South Florida. He was involved with a number of advocacy groups serving the public, including the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Humane Society of Broward County, the American Cancer Society, and the Make a Wish Foundation. His most recent donation was to Holy Cross Hospital—a gift of \$7 million to fund state-of-the-art neurological care.

Phil and his wife Susan also gave to his alma mater, and gifted Florida Atlantic University \$5 million to establish the Phil Smith Center for Free Enterprise. Supporting the strategic plan of the College of Business, the Center will add chaired professorships, support research and educational programs for faculty members and students, and support distinguished visiting faculty along with a lecture series and other educational programs focused on the principles of free enterprise.

After his diagnosis with ALS, Phil became more involved in efforts to fight this terrible disease. He worked with Holy Cross Hospital in South Florida to establish the Phil Smith ALS and Movement Disorders Clinic, which provides access to leading edge clinical trials and research through an expanded relationship with Massachusetts General Hospital.

After an 18 month battle with ALS, Phil tragically passed away at the age of 70 last week. He is survived by his wife of 30 years Susan, his sister Judy, his daughter Shawn, son-in-law Charlie, and three grandchildren James, Kaelin, and Cali.

Mr. Speaker, Phil was a dear friend and kind soul. He touched the lives of so many, and his philanthropic efforts in Florida will go on to touch the lives of many more. It is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor his life and accomplishments, but most of all, to honor our friendship. He will be so dearly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALICJA
WINNICKI

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Alicja Winnicki, Superintendent of the Community School District 14 in Brooklyn, who was honored for her achievements as part of Women's History Month.

Ms. Winnicki has been District 14's Superintendent for four years. Before that, she served as Principal at Oliver H. Perry Elementary PS 34 in Greenpoint. During her tenure in 2012, the school received the National Blue Ribbon Award for Academic Excellence. As a 2010 Cahn Fellow at Teachers College, Columbia University, Ms. Winnicki completed "action research" in collaboration with the teachers and staff at PS 34, on fostering academic rigor in instruction.

Ms. Winnicki began her career in education as an English as a Second Language teacher to both children and adults. Later, she became an ESL and bilingual staff developer for District 14 and conducted many workshops and training sessions for teachers, paraprofessionals, and parents. Working with bilingual student populations, Ms. Winnicki coordinated and supervised Saturday academies for children of recent Polish and Spanish speaking immigrants, organized and led conferences for educators focusing on the needs of Polish speaking students, and co-wrote a district bilingual/ESL curriculum.

Ms. Winnicki holds a Master's Degree in the Polish Language and Literature from Wroclaw University, a Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Adelphi University, and a Master of Science in Administration and Supervision from Baruch University, School of Public Affairs. She writes about instruction for the CAN-Tainer, Teachers College, Columbia University.

Ms. Winnicki has been celebrated by the community for her achievements. For example, she has been named a Williamsburg and Greenpoint Rising Star by St. Nicholas Neighborhood Preservation Corporation, received a City Council Citation for Outstanding Citizens from Councilwoman Diana Reyna, was presented with a Certificate of Recognition for community service by State Senator Martin Malavé Dilan, and was named Seneca Club's 2007 Principal of the Year.

Twenty years of experience in New York City's education system have allowed Ms. Winnicki to forge strong relationships with students, teachers, parents, and community leaders. She sets and achieves goals for high student performance, provides leadership and feedback to parents, teachers and principals, encourages and cultivates mentor educators for future leadership positions, and creates countless programs and opportunities for community and parent involvement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Winnicki's tireless work for the children of Brooklyn and our entire community.

ST. XAVIER WATER POLO

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cincinnati St. Xavier High School water polo team on their state championship win this fall 2016 season.

With hard work and dedication, the Bombers' water polo team won their second consecutive state championship, totaling three total state championship wins.

But what makes this truly meaningful is what the water polo team did with its win. This state championship was dedicated to a hero who cannot be with us here today.

The St. X water polo team dedicated its hard earned win to Charles Keating IV, a Navy SEAL who died in May in Iraq while fighting ISIS and protecting all of us here at home. Mr. Keating's father and grandfather were both outstanding swimmers and graduates of St. Xavier High School.

St. Xavier's dedication of its win in memory of Charles Keating exemplifies the spirit and strength of the St. X community and what it stands for.

On behalf of all St. X alumni and friends, I congratulate the St. Xavier Water Polo team on incredibly hard work and dedication. You have certainly embodied what it means to be a part of the Long Blue Line.

Go Bombers.

IN RECOGNITION OF EDDIE
PALMIERI

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Eddie Palmieri, a New Yorker, famed pianist and composer who has won nine Grammy Awards throughout his career. Mr. Palmieri has revolutionized Latin music, influenced many other musicians, and thrilled audiences with his unique sound. He is one of America's best jazz musicians and an icon in the music industry.

Mr. Palmieri was born in Harlem, New York to Puerto Rican immigrants on December 15, 1936. He was raised in the Bronx and learned to play the piano at an early age. Through his education in the city's public school system, he was exposed to jazz.

Mr. Palmieri was inspired to practice and perform publicly from watching his older brother, Charlie Palmieri, play with talented musicians. At the age of 11, Eddie Palmieri auditioned to perform classical piano at Carnegie Hall, and made his debut there in 1947.

Mr. Palmieri's professional career as a pianist took off as he played with various bands in the early 1950s including Eddie Forrester, Johnny Segui, and the popular Tito Rodriguez Orchestra. By late 1961, Eddie Palmieri started his own band, Conjunto La Perfecta, which featured a unique instrumentation of trombones and flutes instead of trumpets. Mr. Palmieri also experimented with the fusion of jazz and Latin-style music, adding a bassist as

well as a vocalist. The unusual mixture became Palmieri's signature sound.

After La Perfecta disbanded, Eddie began a new group with his brother Charlie, as well as musicians Victor Venegas, Andy Gonzales, Bernard "Pretty" Purdie, and Ronnie Cuber. Developing a new style together, this group further blended traditional Latin music with Afro-Cuban influences.

In 1974, Mr. Palmieri reached a career milestone with his release of *The Sun of Latin Music*. That year, he won his first Grammy Award, marking the first time that Latin music was recognized by the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (NARAS). He won

again the following year for *Unfinished Masterpiece* (1974).

Returning to Puerto Rico, Palmieri formed a band called the Eddie Palmieri Orchestra and recorded several Grammy-winning albums including *Palo Pa' Rumba* (1984), *Solito* (1985), and *La Verdad* (1987). In 1988, the Smithsonian Institution recorded two of Palmieri's performances for its catalog at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

In 1993, Mr. Palmieri was appointed to the board of governors at the New York chapter of the National Association of Recording Arts & Sciences (NARAS). In 1995, he helped institute the Latin/African-Caribbean Jazz category for the Grammys.

Mr. Palmieri has received many awards throughout his career including the Alice Tully African Heritage Award from City College, the Harlem Renaissance Award, Yale University's Chubb Fellowship, and the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Latin Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. In 2013, Eddie Palmieri was awarded the coveted Jazz Master award by the National Endowment of the Arts, the highest honor an American Jazz artist can receive.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary career of the exceptionally talented musician, Eddie Palmieri.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 9:30:06 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 9:30:35 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., on Friday, December 23, 2016.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Activities of the Committee on Small Business, 114th Congress (H. Rept. 114–880);

Report on the Activity of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for the 114th Congress (H. Rept. 114–881);

H.R. 5406, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to improve access to tribal health care by providing for systemic Indian Health Service workforce and funding allocation reforms, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–882, Part 1); and

H.R. 5983, to create hope and opportunity for consumers, investors, and entrepreneurs by ending bailouts and Too Big to Fail, holding Washington and Wall Street accountable, eliminating red tape to increase access to capital and credit, and repealing the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act that make America less prosperous, less stable, and less free, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–883, Part 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rooney (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Charles Sikorsky LC, Divine Mercy University, Arlington, VA.

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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 4 p.m. and adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11:30 a.m., Friday, December 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, December 23

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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