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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. GREENE of Georgia).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 8, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JACK VANIER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a great Kansan, Jack Vanier, who died at the age of 94 last month, as well as his late wife, Donna.

Jack was born in Salina, where he was raised to love agriculture and the conservative Kansas values of faith, hard work, freedom, integrity, family, and personal responsibility. These are

the values that make our State so special, and Jack embodied them. He was an unassuming and humble servant leader with a long list of accomplishments, but he didn't make his life about himself; he made his life about others.

Jack had a larger-than-life personality, but he didn't want the spotlight. He wanted to make a difference in his community, his alma mater K-State, and the lives of the people around him.

Jack was a hero of Kansas agriculture. He painstakingly operated the CK Ranch in Brookville, Kansas, once the largest producer of purebred Hereford cattle in the United States. He brought commonsense leadership to the American Hereford Association, Kansas Livestock Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and Archer-Daniels-Midland.

He was a generous, philanthropic visionary for Kansas State University.

Most importantly, alongside his late wife, Donna, he raised his family on faith.

Jack's wife, Donna, who passed away on May 23, 2020, was larger than life in her own right. Donna was a generous and hardworking philanthropist who always put her family first. She was the driving force behind the Donna L. Vanier Children's Center in Salina, which has now been open for 11 years, and she was a proud K-State supporter who built deep, long-lasting relationships with athletic directors and students alike.

Donna and Jack were servant leaders through and through, and they were recognized together as a couple as the Kansan Humanitarians of the Year in 2018.

What a legacy this great couple leaves behind for their children and grandchildren to emulate and remember them by, and what a blessing for Jack to join his wife, Donna, to rest with our Lord.

To Mary, Marty, John, and their children, and to all of Jack and Don-

na's family who were blessed by the love of this great couple, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARK FOWLER

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a great Kansan, Mark Fowler, and to mourn his untimely passing at the age of 52 at his home in Manhattan on February 20.

Mark grew up on his family's farm near Emporia, Kansas. He earned a bachelor's degree in Milling Science and Management from Kansas State University, and later returned to complete a master's degree in agricultural economics. He began his career as a flour miller, first for Cargill, and then Seaboard.

In those roles, Mark ran flour mills, which worked on projects in several developing countries, including Ecuador, Guyana, and Haiti, and worked as a technical director of the African Division within Seaboard's Overseas Group in Durban, South Africa.

Mark was the president and CEO of Farmer Direct Foods, a farmer-owned, flour milling company in New Cambria, Kansas, after which he moved into his most recent role at U.S. Wheat, where he originally served as vice president of overseas operations.

Mark once said that he wanted to advance the U.S. wheat export market development mission because, through his work overseas, he experienced the global impact of wheat milling.

Mark's dedicated service helped hungry people all over the world, and he will be sorely missed.

To his colleagues and friends, his widow, Courtney, his daughters Piper and Paige, his mother Ruth Fowler, and his sisters Rhonda and Amy, you are in my thoughts and prayers as you mourn Mark's passing.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ANDY MCCURRY

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a

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of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 140) to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF OLA COX

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Ola Cox.

Ola is a lifelong resident of Venango County, Pennsylvania, where she continues to make history in her own right over the last century. She has broken gender barriers, supported community endeavors, and brought a global perspective home.

Born in Pittsville, Pennsylvania, Ola graduated high school at 16 years old and enlisted in the Navy WAVES. After returning from naval service during World War II, she married Lester "Boone" Cox and started a family.

Ola continued to break gender barriers as a working mom beside her husband at their Franklin Print Shop. In Ola's 100 years of life, she has countless stories, from their working farm to raising four children.

Following her time in the print shop, she worked at Oakwood Rose Gardens, served as the township tax collector, and frequently volunteered in her community and with her church, the Rockland Methodist Church. She also traveled the world.

Mr. Speaker, Ola is a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She cared for her dear husband and spent countless hours with her children and great-grandchildren so they could learn and understand the importance of family, community, and the world.

I thank Ola for her service to our country and her dedication to our community.

CELEBRATING COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate March as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths nationwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This year, more than 153,000 Americans will be diagnosed with the disease, and more than 51,000 people will die from it. Yet, if we catch it early, 90 percent of patients can survive within 5 years.

The key is awareness and education. If we can educate more Americans

about colorectal cancer, we can limit the number of deaths from it. We can remove the fears and stigmas that prevent people from getting screenings.

It is 11 years, 2 days ago, on March 6, that I lost my father, Congressman Donald Payne, Sr., to colorectal cancer.

If more people get screened, we can prevent more families, more fathers, more mothers, more sisters, and more brothers from succumbing from the dreaded disease.

PARENTS HAVE SACRED ROLE IN RAISING THEIR CHILDREN

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, parents have a God-given right and role in the raising of their children.

When they send their kids to the public schools, they expect the schools to deliver a quality education to their children in order to prepare them for success in the future. Unfortunately, government schools have abused this trust and have been indoctrinating children with far-left lies and poisoning their minds with woke gender ideology.

School administrators and teachers unions seem to think they own America's children, that they alone have the right to decide what these children think and believe, and that they alone should be the sole authority in a child's life.

Schools across this country have been caught trying to convince vulnerable teenagers that their bodies are wrong, filling their heads with lies and convincing them to see their parents as enemies. This line of thinking is morally wrong.

In my own district, a school district is being sued by a parent for secretly changing her daughter's pronouns and identity without her parent's knowledge or consent. Woke administrators have no moral authority to experiment with children's minds in this way.

Parents have a moral right to be involved in their children's education and should never be kept in the dark about issues that their child is going through at school.

Congress must take action to enshrine parental rights over their children.

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CONGRATULATING EWING TOWNSHIP GIRLS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my alma mater, Ewing High School, on winning the NJSIAA 2022-2023 Group 3 girls' basketball championship—and their first State title in 24 years.

Their hard-fought victory comes after months of diligent work, consistent growth, and exceptional achievement.

I hope this big win instills in them the confidence and determination to succeed in any challenge that comes their way. There is no obstacle that these young women cannot overcome.

I hope head coach Dan Montferrat and the girls' basketball team are celebrating their accomplishment and enjoying this exciting time.

I wish Ewing High School all the best, and, as always, go Blue Devils.

OUR SOUTHERN BORDER

(Mr. BEAN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, over the weekend, I had the chance to visit the southern border for the very first time. It was truly educational.

I thank the people of southeast Texas who showed me the true impact of what it means to have an open border.

President Biden and his administration officials continue to tell the American people that the border is secure.

Tell that to the families of two Americans who were killed this week by a Mexican cartel.

Tell that to the record number of parents who have lost kids to fentanyl that was brought over the border.

Tell that to the countless public officials we met on that trip who were pleading with us to say that they are just overloaded. Their facilities are overcapacity, and they need help.

Mr. Speaker, I have been to the border, and tonight I am here to tell you that it is not secure.

Mr. Speaker, you know that it is not just a Texas problem; it is America's problem. We need to secure the border. Our national security depends on it.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY TRAILBLAZER: BESSIE COLEMAN

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on International Women's Day to honor a trailblazer.

Mr. Speaker, Bessie Coleman inspired women to reach for their dreams just as she did soaring through the skies as the first African-American and first Native-American woman pilot. She continued to follow her dreams no matter how often those around her told her not to or to find a different path.

She wanted to be a role model so that future generations of women are inspired to accomplish whatever they set their minds to accomplish.

Because of Ms. Coleman, 21 women at Elizabeth City State University, located in my district, now have hands-on flight simulation, interactive panel