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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 22, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MADELEINE DEAN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2021, 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 BOB STACEY'S DISTINGUISHED CAREER

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, Portland Metro Councilor Bob Stacey announced he is going to retire next month. To say Bob is an unsung hero is true only for those who were never privileged to work with Bob or watch him in action. He is a hero in every sense of the word and the quintessential champion for livability in our com-

munity—and not just for Oregon—because his long and distinguished career earned him a national reputation.

I have had the special privilege to work with Bob in every facet of his distinguished career. As a young legislator, he worked to enact Oregon's landmark land use legislation; and Bob, as a young attorney for the One Thousand Friends of Oregon, fought to establish and protect Oregon's iconic land use legislation with pioneers like Henry Richmond, Dick Benner, and Richard Whitman—true Oregon pioneers. His work put him into direct conflict with the cult, the Rajneeshees, who at that point had taken over the central Oregon town of Antelope. They actually tried to poison him as he had the courage to stand up for the integrity of local government and land use planning.

When I was elected to the Portland City Council and became the commissioner of public works, Bob was my chief of staff helping to manage a diverse portfolio of critical bureaus including planning, transportation, and environmental services. He was director of the Portland Planning Bureau for over 5 years with landmark achievements including the Central City Plan and the Albina Community Plan during a very challenging time for the city financially. And Bob was respected and beloved by the planning bureau staff. He was tireless and creative.

He spent a period of time in private practice I think just to figure out what it was like. He served as a special adviser to Governor Barbara Roberts. He was executive director at our regional transportation agency TriMet, director of planning and policy, and then he was executive director of the One Thousand Friends of Oregon, the watchdog group committed to protecting the integrity of our land use.

He barely lost a race for the metro council president but then went on to

serve three terms as a councilor where he was insightful and influential for our entire region. He has been a thought leader in all things that matter—environmental protection, land use, climate, traffic congestion, affordable housing, air quality, and economic development. He was always clear-eyed and visionary, but thoughtful, all while being one of the nicest people, Madam Speaker, you would ever want to meet.

He is stepping down in a few days to deal with some health issues, and while I will miss him, it is important that he take care of himself.

Oregon thanks Bob for an exemplary achievement in public service in his own quiet, thoughtful way. He has been a key part of all the important issues in our region for almost half a century, and I thank him for his lifetime of public service.

HIPPOCRATIC OATH: THE CONGRESS' COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as a physician, I took the Hippocratic oath to first do no harm. That means caring for the sick and protecting those who cannot protect themselves. That means fighting to protect the unborn.

Sadly, not all Members of Congress share that commitment. Right now, liberals in this body are attempting to repeal the Hyde amendment which prohibits tax dollars from funding abortions. Worse, they are attempting to legalize abortions on demand until the moment of birth. While science tells us that the unborn baby is a human life and deserves protection, our collective conscience should motivate us to protect these unborn children.

We owe it to the American people to defend the sanctity of life. We owe it to

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