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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 11 a.m., e.s.t.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED

The SPEAKER. Since we last met, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a tragedy of unspoken evil and sadness occurred in our great Commonwealth. On October 27, 2018, at the Tree of Life Synagogue, which serves three communities, in the city of Pittsburgh, the Squirrel Hill neighborhood, 11 people were ruthlessly shot and killed, and 6 others, including 4 police officers, were wounded.

Members and guests, please rise for a moment of silence as a mark of respect for the fallen victims of this horrific massacre and for those that were injured, for their families, for the Pittsburgh Jewish community, for the Pittsburgh community, and for all of those in Pennsylvania who have suffered along with these victims.

Each and every individual is deserving of love and respect. There is no room for hate. Each and every individual matters. Each individual that lost his or her life will be sorely missed. There is no room for anti-Semitism nor any other kind of ism that throws hate towards another individual.

And to our brothers and sisters from the Jewish community in our Commonwealth and all throughout the world who had to live through, either personally or through memory, the Holocaust, this is certainly very, very difficult. Each and every one of us decries it; each and every one of us prays for the families and for the victims; and we each, each in our way solemnly stand here today in remembrance.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

The SPEAKER. May God bless.
I would ask all of you to please remain standing.

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. The prayer today will be offered by our friend and colleague, Representative Bryan Barbin.
Representative.

HON. BRYAN BARBIN, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As we close this the 336th year of Pennsylvania's General Assembly, let us give thanks for the religious liberty embodied in this Holy Experiment, where we have the choice to serve others. Help us to choose to believe the better way where ahavah, agape, brotherly love triumphs over selfishness. We are Your creation; help us to respect Your gift. Protect those who have risked life and limb to protect our Republic. Grant Your peace to all those who have served here – those whose lives have ended on this earth and those who are ending their public service. Bless Dan, Flo, Mike, and Sid's families with a special blessing. Strengthen all of our families of those of each of us who support this work. Bless Matt Gabler and all of the returning members of the 28th Division.

May God bless this body, this Commonwealth, and this nation. And all of God's children say, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and visitors.)

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, October 17, 2018, will be postponed until printed.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. However, the following 2018 Journals are in print and, without objection, will be approved:

Tuesday, March 13, 2018;
Wednesday, March 14, 2018;
Monday, April 9, 2018;
Tuesday, April 10, 2018; and
Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

Without objection, all Journals not now in print will be approved.

COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the Industrial Land Recycling Fund Annual Report, fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

(Copy of communication is on file with the Journal clerk.)

COMMUNICATION FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the financial statements for Temple University – of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education as of and for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

(Copy of communication is on file with the Journal clerk.)

The SPEAKER. The Sergeants at Arms will briefly open the doors of the House so that members can come onto the floor. I would ask all members to please come onto the floor. We are going to be closing the doors shortly. All members, please take your seats.

I am now going to ask that the doors of the House be closed as we take up condolence resolutions. Members, you may knock to come back onto the floor or to come onto the floor, but we are going to close the doors of the House at this time. All members, please come onto the House floor. To the members, please take your seats.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. We had the unfortunate sadness in this session, towards the end of it, to lose two outstanding colleagues and distinguished gentlemen, whom we are going to be honoring right now.

But before we begin, I want to extend my apologies personally – the buck stops here – for the delay. I will assume personal responsibility; I should, and I really am very apologetic. My understanding is that between the leadership elections, between the Republicans early in the morning and the Democrats in the afternoon, that that is when everybody was scheduled to be here, and I apologize personally.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HON. MICHAEL H. O'BRIEN AND HON. SID MICHAELS KAVULICH

The SPEAKER. The 175th Legislative District was represented by Michael H. O'Brien. I was blessed to be able to get to the visitation. I was not able to make the Mass celebrating his life. And the good gentleman from the 114th Legislative District, Sid Michaels Kavulich, I was blessed to be at the Mass and celebration of his life. You could not find two more honorable individuals, well loved in their respective

communities, and I must tell both families, well loved here in the House of Representatives. It is with sadness that they leave us.

One of the members was not seeking reelection, Representative Michael H. O'Brien. He would have had an opportunity to give retiring remarks. I am very saddened that he did not have the occasion to give those remarks. Representative Kavulich, as you know, was running for reelection. I am sure, for either of those individuals, they would have had celebratory victories on their election evenings, so it is sad to see them go. It is especially sad for the families.

As is our custom, we are now going to take time for those memorial services.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER. We are going to begin with the condolence resolution for Representative Michael H. O'Brien of the 175th District.

I would ask our Chief Clerk at this time to read that resolution.

The following resolution was read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania wishes to honor the memory of the Honorable Michael H. O'Brien, a member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania who served the 175th Legislative District with honor and distinction and passed away at the age of sixty-four on October 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Born in Philadelphia on July 24, 1954, Representative O'Brien graduated from Northeast Catholic High School for Boys and attended La Salle University. He served as Director of Operations for a meat house and as Chief of Staff for former Representative Marie Lederer before being elected to the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania in 2006. Re-elected to five additional terms, he was lauded as a leading advocate for women's health and working family issues, prioritizing affordable housing and education while championing progressive social causes. Representative O'Brien served as the Democratic Chair of the Urban Affairs Committee and was a member of the House Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, A beloved family member, avowed community steward and dedicated public servant, Representative O'Brien exemplified the best qualities of the human experience. He generously gave of his heart and time to enhance the quality of life of his family and community, and his loss will be felt by the many individuals who knew, admired and loved him; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proclaim with enduring sorrow the passing of the Honorable Michael O'Brien; and extend heartfelt condolences to his wife, Rita Kohler O'Brien; son, Michael; daughter, Bridget; and many other family members, coworkers and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by Representatives Mike Turzai, Dave Reed and Frank Dermody on October 23, 2018, be transmitted to Rita Kohler O'Brien.

Dave Reed, Sponsor

Frank Dermody, Sponsor

Mike Turzai, Speaker of the House

ATTEST:

David Reddecliff, Chief Clerk of the House

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Those – and we will be having remarks after the vote – but those in favor of the adoption of the resolution will rise as a mark of respect for our former colleague. Guests, I would ask you to please rise as able as well.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable Michael H. O'Brien.)

The SPEAKER. The resolution has been unanimously adopted.

Members and guests may be seated.

REMARKS BY MR. CONKLIN

The SPEAKER. Representative Conklin is recognized, followed by Representative Neilson.

Mr. CONKLIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Most of all I want to thank his wife, Rita; his daughter, Bridget; and his son, Michael. The honor to be able to speak on behalf of my good friend is one that is given to very few, and, Rita, Bridget, and Michael, I want to thank you for this. It means a lot to me.

One of things I was told as a young boy is that you should live your life how you want your eulogy to be read, and Michael O'Brien did that. See, I learned very quickly with Michael O'Brien what he was about, and many people said, he is either hot or cold. But one of the things I have learned about Michael is that Michael had to be a mentor – he had to be fair and he had to teach people.

The first time my wife got to meet Michael O'Brien, she fell in love with him immediately. See, my wife is from the southeast, and her family – she is Irish – her family is O'Brien as well, so very quickly it was no longer Michael; it was Uncle Mike to my wife when she spoke. And that tells you a great deal about Mike. Mike was someone that I still can see him back there sitting across from me today, before I would get up and speak, and he would say, "Scotty, come here." And he would wave me over, but he never got up out of his chair. He sat in his chair, which meant I had to bow at his feet and stare up, and he would give me a bit of advice. And in that bit of advice, he would always remind me of why I am here, and before I said something, remind me that what I am about to say does have consequences, that every word we spoke had a consequence.

It used to tickle me many times when people would be doing a procedural motion, and while Clancy was looking – and no offense to Clancy – Mike was telling me what the outcome would be, because he knew this institution. And that came from where Michael came from. Michael came from probably a part of this State that has more history than any place in the United States, and Michael loved that history. He loved the decor. He loved everything about being in step.

You can talk to those in security, that if Michael believed that even as a security officer that you were not following the exact rules of this House, he would have to tell you about it. And Michael always had a way of telling you, getting his point across; when he spoke, everybody would go quiet. One of my favorite speeches that I was reminded of today was during budget,

I believe it was around 2013-2014, and Michael, in a very quick speech, decided to stand up, and he liked to compare the House and the folks out behind the hall to the best little House in Texas, but he used Pennsylvania instead, which got a bit of a laugh, but he did that on purpose because he liked to be straight to the point.

One of the things that I enjoyed most about Michael was sitting down with him when he quit doing the Irish whiskey and changed over to those silly apple martinis. It became a bit of a shock to us Irishmen because it was a little bit of a downgrade, but after he explained to me again, like he would explain to anybody, why it was so much better, I understood. But normally when Michael and I sat down together, Mike would talk about two things more than anything to me. He would talk about his son, Michael, whom he had such pride for – although I, after talking to Mike, found out that we were talking about a car that he had bought his son, and I quickly found out that Michael's view of a luxury car and the actual reality of it may have been two different views of the ride. And the other thing he would talk about is his daughter, Bridget, of how proud he was of her. He continued to tell me every time we would get together of her latest accomplishment.

But most of all, Michael O'Brien made sure that I understood that nobody is beneath anyone else. If there has ever been an advocate for every individual who has lived and breathed on this earth, it was Michael O'Brien. As Michael would tell you, it does not matter who you love, it does not matter where you worship, it does not matter where you live, we are all equal.

He is probably one of the brightest and most sincere friends that I have ever had an opportunity in this life to have, and rather than being sad about his passing, I will be honest, I take joy in the moments we spent together and I take joy in knowing that his memory will live forever. God bless you, my friend.

REMARKS BY MR. NEILSON

The SPEAKER. Representative Ed Neilson.

Mr. NEILSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am honored to be able to say a few words on behalf of the family, and there are very few words that do not come to mind when I talk about Mike.

So first I would like to start out by thanking Rita, Michael, and Bridget for the sacrifices you made letting Mike serve the people of Pennsylvania and work by our side, because you suffered, but you gave your father and your husband to all of us and we are grateful for that.

Helping others was his life. I was honored to call him a friend and a mentor. From the first day I arrived, first day I arrived here in Harrisburg, I get ready to stand up, something was said, and he says, "Neilson, Neilson, Neilson, learn the darn rules." He threw the rule book. This is the rule book, okay? And he threw it at me. He says, "Look, you just can't get up whenever you want. Learn the rules before you get up. Learn the rules." He respected the rules of the House. He lived by the rules.

And you know, he always spoke about protecting the institution, because the institution is all bigger than all of us. When you walk in here for the first time getting elected, it is like, oh wow. Well, that is like that every single day we come, every single day we come. And he was old school, as many of us can attest to. When he shook your hand, that was as good as gold; you could take that to the bank. He gave his word. His word was as good as gold.

We all knew where Mike stood. Mike was not shy about that, that is for sure, especially when it came to casinos. We all know about the casino fights, right? He never budged. When he stood firm against something, he never wavered. And that is why, prior to starting the speech today, the Capitol Police indulged in a request that they leave the chambers, because most of us know how Mike felt about having a Capitol Police armed individual in the back of the hall of the House. All right? So they honored us today and helped honor Mike by stepping out.

He believed he was the luckiest man on earth – he was surrounded by a wonderful family and a community that embraced him – lucky he got sworn in to office, because many of us heard it, coming through the door on swearing-in day, we would say, "Hey, Mike, how you doing?" "Luckiest guy today, Ed. Way better than Uncle Harry is." If you do not know, in 1942 Mike's Uncle Harry was elected – as a Republican, I may add – out of Philadelphia to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Unfortunately, on his way over to the Capitol, he never made it across the street. He was hit by a car and passed. So Mike said every day he walked through was the luckiest day in his life, and that is how he felt.

So Friday before Mike passed, we had a great conversation and we are talking, and the first out the conversation is, "Hey, Mike, how you doing?" In so many words, in many words that we cannot say on TV, he would get me off that subject quick and he said, "Ed, I told you not to worry. You can start worrying when I call you and ask you to come down and bring a pack of cigarettes. I have a bottle hidden. We'll go out back. We'll smoke a couple packs of cigarettes and we'll finish this bottle. Rita will never find us."

So today you came in – and Mike was not a rule breaker, so I am not going to light up a cigarette – however, everybody found a bottle on their desk with a little note on it, and some of the people have them behind their chairs. Now, I am going to ask you to hold onto that bottle for a minute and help me honor, and all rise as I say a little poem to honor this Irishman from Fishtown, and a good Irishman he was.

So I ask that you all rise without the gavel. This poem is called "Remembered Joy."

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!
I follow the plan God laid for me.
I saw His face, I heard His call,
I took His hand and left it all...
I could not stay another day,
To love, to laugh, to work or play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
And if my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss...
Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.
My life's been full, I've savored much:
Good times, good friends, a loved-one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief –
Don't shorten yours with undue grief.
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,
Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow.

And that is how Mike would like it. To Mike.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Neilson.

REMARKS BY MINORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. I will be calling on the minority leader and the majority leader for remarks.

We will begin with the minority leader, Representative Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it has been about a month since Mike's passing and it was a Monday, and the next Tuesday he was scheduled to give his farewell speech – and that is a speech I think we all missed, because I was waiting to hear that one – but I think we all knew during the last few years that Michael was having some serious health issues. And I have to tell you, they were serious, but never once did I hear him complain – never once. He was at every session day. He was at every committee meeting. He worked harder than ever.

And if you know Mike, throughout that whole period and all the struggles he went through, he was still no shrinking violet. If you ever got into it with Michael, if you ever had a little disagreement with Michael on an issue or something he thought you were maybe on the wrong side of it, he would let you know, and usually in very colorful ways, too, that you were on the wrong side of the issue. However, you would have a knock-down-drag-out, there would be some hooting and hollering and screaming, and when he was done, it was done, and he was your best, most loyal friend.

He was so proud of his neighborhood, where Ben Franklin was the Representative. He loved his city of Philadelphia. And he had an incredibly sharp sense of humor. When I was first elected leader and we were downstairs – then I was in the whip's office – and it was the evening of the election, and it was about 7 o'clock at night and I was by myself. Door opens. It is Mike O'Brien. He comes in and I said, "Mike, what can I do for you?" He said, "I just wanted to come down and see Santa Claus." It is an inside joke but pretty funny. He is a character.

He was at his best, though – and I think we have already heard – he was at his best when he was working for and fighting for those folks who faced the greatest challenges in life. He absolutely cared. If you needed help, if you were in a jam, if you had a problem, if you were in his neighborhood and had some issues, he was there fighting for you all the time. He was at his best when he did that. He was like that. He did that all the way to the end.

It was an honor and a pleasure to call Michael my friend. And Rita and Bridget and Michael, I am so sorry. We mourn your loss, and we mourn it because it is our loss too.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Members, if you would like to, please take your seats.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. Representative Reed, the majority leader.

Mr. REED. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

It is truly a sad day in the hall of this House when we have to remember two of our friends, two of our colleagues, two public servants who served both their constituencies back home in their districts, but this entire State so very well.

Mike and I had the opportunity to work together on a number of issues over the years and interacted a great deal in recent years, particularly just from a scheduling vantage point. And Mike would try to keep me updated on when he had to go into treatments and I would try to keep him updated on what the scheduling looked like to try to make his life just a little bit easier, just like he tried to make his constituents' lives just a little bit easier.

Mike would also be one of those folks who – we all know we have our battles in the hall of this House, and, you know, Republican versus Democrat, east versus west; you know, sometimes leaders versus all – and he would always kind of be that person when, you know, I would be taking some on the chin from time to time, he would either walk past or I would walk past him and he would kind of give me a little nudge and he would be like, "Hey, Reed, don't let them get you down," except he filled an extra word in between those words. And it would always just make me smile and it would make me laugh just a little bit, and he would always bring it back to earth, to the realization that there are things that we discuss in this chamber that are very, very important, but there are a lot of important things outside this chamber too. Friends and family and neighbors and life in general are just so very precious, and Mike tried to remember and tried to help each of us remember that on a daily basis.

I am going to miss Mike as a friend, we are going to miss Mike as a colleague, and this State is going to miss Mike as a wonderful public servant.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Leader Reed.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. I would like to introduce at this time the family members of Representative Michael O'Brien. His wife, Rita – Rita, please stand, and, Rita, please remain standing – his daughter, Bridget, and his son, Michael. And if the others would please wave their hands: Kelly Schem is a niece; Charles Carlin, district staff; Jon Castelli, Urban Affairs Committee executive director; John McDermott, Harrisburg staff; Mary Isaacson – where is Mary? Mary is the member-elect for the 175th and was the chief of staff for our deceased member. Joe Hohenstein is member-elect for the 177th, and I believe also a very good friend. Thank you so much. Elliott Curson and Caitlin O'Dwyer, would you please raise your hands as well. Thank you for being here today.

Members, please take your seats. Our guests, take your seats. I just have a few additional words and then I would like to call Rita up.

The great thing about Mike, just salt of the earth, tough, fun, principled, caring. I think I am correct about this, to the O'Brien family, but I believe that Michael lived in his Philadelphia neighborhood northeast of center city for nearly his entire life, and he was part of the fabric of that community.

He pursued his college degree while he was working, as he described it, as I have been told, as a "humble butcher" in Philadelphia. And education was certainly important to Mike, and many of his remarks here were focused really on making sure that education was available for each and every person. And think

about this: his daughter, Bridget, is currently pursuing her Ph.D. (doctor of philosophy), her doctorate, at the University of Notre Dame, and Michael, a research scientist, earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Miami and a graduate degree from the University of Maryland. So he must have been talking education in that family.

He was also very proud of this district, this 175th District that is home to Independence Hall, Washington Square, Chinatown, and many other historical places of historical significance or importance. And I know that he eagerly anticipated the annual visit to the Capitol by the fourth grade students from St. Mary's Interparochial School, and he introduced them with a lot of zest for many years.

I have heard him use this word, but I know other people mentioned it more often than even I did, the term "moxie," a noun meaning force of character, determination, or nerve. Michael had moxie. And I think I have this correct, Kelly and I were checking, his first campaign slogan I believe was "The experience and the moxie to make things happen." I will have some more of that water, although we could add something to it if we wanted to for that slogan. That is a great one. And he knew how to make things happen.

The interesting thing about that 175th is it has some of the wealthiest people in our Commonwealth and some of the poorest, and he was a person that could really integrate and relate to every single constituent. That is quite a skill. And when he announced this summer that we would not seek another term, one of the things he said he wanted to do was to spend his retirement cuddling babies hospitalized at Jefferson University Hospital.

Well, we are proud to honor his memory today. To the family and friends gathered with us, I can assure you his presence in this chamber and his impact on the city of Philadelphia and on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will not long be forgotten.

COMMEMORATIVE GAVEL PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Because he was going to retire and we had a retirement speech planned, we have a gavel that we wanted to give to Mike. I am going to ask Rita if she will come up and take this gavel, and, Rita, we would just be very, very honored if you would not mind taking it for Michael. Thank you very, very much.

I think Michael would have loved to have had this opportunity, so Rita is going to give the official gavel here for today. Go right ahead. Thank you.

Please open the doors for a brief moment because then we are going to go right into our next condolence resolution. Members, please take your seats.

At this time I am going to do just a little bit of a seat transfer. We are going to ask, respectfully, we are going to have Representative O'Brien's family move towards the back seats, and Representative Kavulich's family, if you will come up to the front here to the left of the rostrum. Thank you.

All members, please take your seats. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER. We shall now consider the condolence resolution for Representative Sid Michaels Kavulich, who represented the 114th District.

The Chief Clerk will now read the official resolution.

The following resolution was read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania wishes to honor the memory of the Honorable Sid Michaels Kavulich, a member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania who served the 114th Legislative District with honor and distinction and passed away at the age of sixty-two on October 16, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Taylor, Representative Kavulich is a graduate of Riverside High School and earned an associate degree in broadcasting from Williamsport Area Community College. Upon graduation, he worked for several radio stations in northeastern Pennsylvania and, in 1981, he began a twenty-five-year career in television, working for WBRE-TV and WYOU-TV. Representative Kavulich wrote, edited and produced broadcast presentations which featured notable sports figures, including former heavyweight boxing champions Muhammad Ali and Mike Tyson, and he was widely recognized for his coverage of nearly every major sporting event in the world, including baseball's World Series, NASCAR's Daytona 500 and the PGA Championship. He also served as General Manager of Saint Ann's Media at Saint Ann's Basilica in Scranton and as a Communications Specialist for the Democratic Senate Communications Office before his election to the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania in 2010. Re-elected to serve three additional terms, Representative Kavulich served on the Gaming Oversight, Finance, Local Government, Tourism and Recreational Development and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committees and was appointed to the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee and to the Board of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proclaim with enduring sorrow the passing of the Honorable Sid Michaels Kavulich; and extend heartfelt condolences to his wife, Linda Kavulich; son, Zachary; daughters, Loni Kavulich-Loiselle and Ariel; and many other family members, friends and coworkers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by Representatives Mike Turzai, Dave Reed and Frank Dermody on October 23, 2018, be transmitted to Linda Kavulich.

Dave Reed, Sponsor
Frank Dermody, Sponsor
Mike Turzai, Speaker of the House
ATTEST:
David Reddecliff, Chief Clerk of the House

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Those in favor of the adoption of the resolution will rise as a mark of respect for our former colleague. Guests, we would ask that you please also rise as able.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable Sid Michaels Kavulich.)

The SPEAKER. This resolution has been unanimously adopted.

Members and guests, please be seated.

REMARKS BY MR. CARROLL

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon Representative Mike Carroll, followed by Representative Mullery.

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, because Sid was one of the most irreverent persons I ever met, this presentation, and I think the presentation from Representative Mullery, is going to be a little out of the ordinary. But I think that is what Sid would have wanted; in fact, I know that is what he would have wanted.

But I will start by simply saying that on October 16 we lost a wonderful colleague, Lackawanna County lost a passionate advocate, and I lost something irreplaceable, a dear friend.

Sid was, as Dave mentioned, born and raised in Taylor, Pennsylvania, in Lackawanna County, and was a proud graduate of Riverside High School. And in our neck of the woods, the high school that you graduate is probably as important as the higher ed institution that you attend. And no disrespect to the Williamsport Area Community College, but I know Sid was tremendously proud of his roots in Riverside, in Taylor, and a fixture in that community.

Sid was married to Linda for 38 years, and Linda is with us today. Linda. Sid's daughter, Loni, and her husband, John; daughter, Ariel, and Dave Gindle; and his son, Zachary. And I will forever remember as I sat behind Sid the FaceTime that he had with his granddaughters, Myah and McKenna. Every now and then as something very important – or as though many of us thinks to be important – is happening on the floor, I would hear a conversation that was out of the ordinary, and it was Sid with his granddaughter, and it was humbling and it was a reminder to all of us that some things are really important, and Sid's FaceTime with his granddaughters certainly was in that category.

As was mentioned, Sid had a lengthy career on the radio and on TV in northeastern Pennsylvania, and as was also mentioned, he covered many notable sporting events. What was not mentioned is Sid kept a list of people that he hated, teams that disrespected him and would not give him time. Jimmy Spencer, not a big fan of Sid's; Jimmy Steward, not a big fan; Penn State, not so much. In fact, the Pittsburgh Steelers were on his list because they treated him with a little bit of disrespect because he came from a place that they had never heard of, northeastern Pennsylvania, and they were not particularly rolling out the welcome wagon for Sid when he showed up with the WBRE camera crew in Pittsburgh. But nonetheless, Sid enjoyed sports. He enjoyed covering sports. And I think in my heart of hearts, even more than all the professional sports that he covered, he enjoyed covering high school sports in northeastern Pennsylvania more than a World Series, a Daytona 500, or a Major League All-Star game.

Sid was really active in his community, as was mentioned: St. Ann's Media and the Basilica in west Scranton – in our world, that is a big deal – Catholic Social Services, the Abington Rotary. Surprisingly for me, he was very active with the Broadway Theatre of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Sid was in plays in northeastern Pennsylvania and took it very seriously. And one time he took me to a play at the Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre, and at the intermission, I got up to leave – I thought it was over with – and Sid reminded that no, you have to stay for the second act.

Sid, beyond all of his usual qualities in the community, always believed that Jesus had his back – and I mean literally. For those that do not know, Sid had a full Jesus tattoo on his back, living color no less. Now, as you know, on the floor of the House we all sit behind somebody, and for me, the Irish Catholic from Pittston, I got to sit right behind Sid with the Jesus tattoo. Every now and then I would have to say, "Jesus, close your eyes. This one's going to be ugly." And then sometimes in the summer, Sid and Billy Keller and the Green Street crowd, on a Sunday when we were in session in July, and sometimes when we were in session on the weekends, Billy would say to Sid, "Take off your shirt, this counts for Mass." And he did. It was back on faster. We ran.

For those of us that lived at Green Street, and there are nine of us that are there, Sid was our movie guy. Little known fact: Sid had a vote with the motion picture actors guild; not true, but he had access to the movies and we had a chance to watch them. And I know I am speaking for Billy Keller and me, we were happy to have Sid around because we had a hard time turning the TV on and off – too many remotes with too many buttons.

I will always remember my time with Sid. He liked to go up to the casino in Grantville, liked to play the penny slots. I hate the penny slots. I cannot stand slot machines, so I would say to Sid, "How much time do you need before you lose your 100 bucks?" and he would say, "Give me 20 minutes." So I would go over to the craps table for a little while and then I would come back in 20 minutes and he would say, "Just another 5 more minutes." I am not sure, really, he knew exactly what he was rooting for with those penny slot machines, but he really liked them. Going to the Grantville casino with Sid was an experience, because in my opinion, he was the worst driver in the history of the world. We should have suspended his driver's license years ago for all sorts of motor vehicle code violations, but we did not.

As I think about Sid's passing, I wish I could go with Sid driving to that casino one more time, and then stop on the way home for a chicken sandwich – and every time he asked for the chicken sandwich, they always put cheese on it, and he never wanted the cheese but they put it on anyway – and then we could watch a movie at Green Street, at the hall of justice, and have Sid be the first one to go to bed so that we could cut through his bedroom to get to the refrigerator to get another beer.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS BY MR. MULLERY

The SPEAKER. Representative Mullery.

Mr. MULLERY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as Mike and I prepared to give remarks today, we were given only one piece of guidance, and it came directly from Sid's loving wife, and it was "no holds barred." So excuse me while I whip this out. For those of you who know Sid, you will know that he would have loved that opening. And he also

would have understood that the House rules prohibit any further references to "Blazing Saddles," but not "Good Will Hunting." And to paraphrase Robin Williams' character in "Good Will Hunting," Sid Michaels Kavulich had all sorts of wonderful idiosyncrasies, and much like the character in that movie, that will be the stuff that I, and I am sure you, remember about our friend, the things that only you or a select group of us knew and shared with him, because that is what friendships are all about.

How many of us listen to "The Howard Stern Show" on our way to the Capitol, laugh hysterically at the most incendiary and explicit bits, longing to share them, only to get here, walk up to the rostrum, and deliver an eloquent and reverent opening prayer? Sid did. How many of us would openly ask Harry Readshaw or our dearly departed friend, Flo Fabrizio, how much they paid for their wardrobe, only to immediately respond that their entire outfit, from shoes and socks to suit and tie and undertaker's shirt, cost less than \$14? Sid did. And if while at the Goodwill store picking out that outfit he came across one of our old campaign giveaways – whether it was a Kenny Smith T-shirt or a Mike Carroll polo – he would call first to make sure we were going to give him the 50 cents to buy it and take it out of circulation. How many of us have a photo album on our cell phones filled with pictures of colleagues and staff resting their eyes on the House floor, in caucus, or in committee? Sid did. How many of us, despite the fact that we have the world's largest refrigerator in the back of the room filled with every variety of name-brand refreshment you can imagine, would still dump some unidentifiable powder into a gallon jug and then drink from that warm jug throughout the entire session day? Sid did. How many of us would point to two members having a private conversation and then spontaneously and hilariously provide a translation as to what they might be saying? Sid did. And Patty Kim and Bob Freeman, you have no idea how often you two were the butt of that joke. How many of us get invited out to one of these five-star restaurants with steak and lobster and fish on the menu and order a beet salad? Sid did it almost every time.

These are all very silly things, but they are the things I will remember forever. They are the idiosyncrasies that to this day make me smile every time I think of my friend. And I know I am not alone. I sat two seats behind Jesus and I sat next to him in caucus every single day. I have watched countless colleagues and staff approach him to discuss issues with him, and I have seen their smiles – your smiles – always present. He was an unbelievable man who brought that out of each of us.

As I conclude, I want to thank Linda, Loni, Ariel, and Zach for sharing your husband and father with us for the past 8 years. I am not exaggerating one bit when I tell you that he made the trip to Harrisburg and our time here more enjoyable.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS BY MINORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. Leader Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As we have just heard, Sid was a wonderful man and everybody who met Sid became a friend. I first met Sid when he was a staffer with the Senate. Now, I knew he was a sports broadcaster back in northeastern Pennsylvania, and he knew that I played high school football back in northeastern Pennsylvania, but he was a little cold to me, because as Mike Carroll mentioned, the high schools where you went to back there are important, and

I went to Abington Heights. They played Riverside, or Taylor-Moosic and then Riverside, all the time, but then I told him that I played against one of his relatives named Tom Kavulich and we became friends.

But I want to tell you just a little story about another thing that Sid did. We live in Pittsburgh and my brothers and my sisters live – well, they are all over the country. And my mother lived alone in Clarks Summit, and when Sid was elected to the State House in the 114th District, he represented Clarks Summit, he still did. And when my mom got sick, it was hard sometimes for me to get back and forth – I was the closest – but Sid Kavulich made sure she had everything she needed. He went to see her constantly. He checked on her. And I would not have been able to do it without him.

So Sid was a good friend – quite a character, but he was one heck of a guy. And, Linda, thank you also for sharing Sid with us.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. The majority leader, Representative Dave Reed.

Mr. REED. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Sid was a true gentleman. From the very first time I met Sid in the Capitol to the very last time we talked on this House floor, Sid was always just a true gentleman who respected the institution, respected the legislative process, respected the results of elections, and respected his colleagues and friends.

I got to know Sid the most probably down in the gym. I would see him most mornings. He would be there a few more than me in recent years, but we would always have a discussion – never on policy but just on sports, just on life, on our families, on our districts, and just on things that make the world go by. He was always a smiling face. He was always so respectful. He was always so happy. And it was just great to see his smiling face even when I was still waking up in the morning and he was finishing his workout but to know how passionate Sid was about everything he did in life in serving his community, in loving his family, in respecting his colleagues, and serving in this great body.

Sid is going to be missed by all of us, his family, his district, and this entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. As guests here today with respect to the Kavulich family – Linda I know was introduced by Representative Carroll – we also have Mary Ann Sorokanich, who is a staff member, with her husband, Raymond. Would you please stand. Steve Armillay, if you will please stand. Steve is a staff member. And Ken Maciak, please stand. God bless each and every one of you. And also to the children of Linda and Sid, Loni, Ariel, and Zachary, who could not be with us today.

As befitting the remarks of my colleagues, Sid came to us really as a celebrity who was already well-established and well-known in the 114th District in Lackawanna County and beyond in the region. And it is so interesting that he was so well-known as a television broadcaster and respected by so many for his

passion and his professionalism in that endeavor. He was also significantly involved with the Catholic Church and the Catholic community. He was actually head of the diocese's Catholic Social Services, and in addition, had much to do with the media, and also was very involved at his parish, and I believe at the cathedral as well, with music and was actually a cantor. And clearly, just having been at the Mass, just a very beloved individual by his community. And he was a great supporter of his hometown of Taylor and was always happy to cover the sporting events for his alma mater, Riverside High School.

I want to give you a quote that we saw. The girls basketball coach at Riverside said this: "For every great moment our area went through, Sid was there. When he was a member of the media, he made high school playoffs feel like the NCAA tournament or the Super Bowl." You know, a reporter who was also a good friend of Sid's said this about him and his humility: "You could always count on Sid. He would do anything for anybody and often did. He was a professional as a sports reporter and he cared as a politician."

I must tell you that when I was up here and he was coming up to give the prayer for the day, I have to say I always had a great smile because it was always thoughtful, really meaningful, personal, and to the point. He was not a person that went on and on. He made his point in that prayer for the day and in his remarks on the House floor when he spoke. And he was a person that really believed, really believed and followed through with this notion that each and every person had dignity and respect by virtue of being here. It pervaded everything he did, I think, from my experience in relating to him as a legislator.

Sid was certainly principled, thoughtful, but he never was disrespectful, never disrespectful to those that took a different perspective. He always treated everybody with that dignity and respect that he so valued, I think, in all of us. I must say that we will miss him.

And as Speaker, one of the days that I definitely remember, and I am so glad we did and I have to thank the Democratic staff for calling it to our attention, we knew that he was in the hospital but we did not think, to be honest with you, that it was going to be in any way life-threatening; that was not our sense of it. And they said, "You know, Sid is not doing that well. Is there any opportunity that we might be able to say hello to him from this chamber?" I do not know if he got to see that or not or if the family did. I am glad we as a body, as his friends, were able to send out that message before his passing, because we all felt very, very special about him.

With that, I would invite the family up. Sid was not going to retire, as you know, so there was not a sense of any retiring remarks. He would have come back here with the same, really, zest and energy that he showed since he was first elected in 2010. May God bless each and every one of you. Thank you.

BENEDICTION

The SPEAKER. Just before we have them come up, I am going to close this memorial service for the two deceased members with a prayer offered by our good friend and colleague, Chair and Representative Harry Readshaw of Allegheny County.

Members and guests, please rise as able.

Representative Readshaw, please proceed.

Mr. READSHAW. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Let us pray:

Give comfort, O Lord, as we pray for all who mourn for the loss of Michael O'Brien and Sid Kavulich, as they were near and dear to them; be with them in their sorrow. Give them faith to look beyond the troubles of the present time and to know that neither life nor death can separate us from the love of God.

We give thanks, O God, for all the goodness and courage which has passed from the lives of these, Thy servants, Sid and Michael, into the life and lives of others, and have left the world richer for their presence – for their lives' task faithfully and honorably discharged, for good humor and gracious affection and kindly generosity, for sadness met without surrender, and weakness endured without defeat.

We thank You, Lord, for their service. And may the angels be at their shoulders and may heaven be in their hearts. May the memory of both be of happy times and deeds well done. Amen.

The SPEAKER. With that, we conclude our memorial service.

I would invite Representative Carroll, Representative Mullery, and Linda up to the rostrum to present the condolence resolution officially.

The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House.

We will be proceeding to retiring remarks, remarks from those members that are retiring, in just a moment. So I would ask everybody to, if you have to step off, now is the time, but we will begin with the retirement remarks shortly.

REMARKS BY MRS. KAVULICH

Mrs. KAVULICH. I just want to say that Speaker Turzai mentioned about the standing ovation you gave him when he was in the hospital. Well, my daughter sent it to me on my phone, and I played it for him every moment I had to play it for him. I said, "Look, your friends are clapping for you. Come on. Come on. You got to be okay." So I am hoping that he heard you. He was not awake, but I really hope that he heard you, and I really, really did appreciate that. That was such a nice thing to do. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. Members, we will be taking just a number of votes on House resolutions, but at this time I am going to call on Chairman Markosek. Chairman Joe Markosek, who has some guests here. It is HR 1184. Representative Markosek will outline to us the resolution, which we will be voting on later and introducing some guests, so I would ask everybody to please take their seats.

Members, please take your seats. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. This is on HR 1184. We will be taking that vote momentarily, but we have some guests that are here, and I would like Representative Markosek to speak on the resolution and honor the family.

After Representative Markosek, I will be calling upon Representative Dan Frankel with respect to a resolution honoring the victims at Tree of Life. So please, members, I am going to ask you to please take your seats. We have a lot of ground to cover.

STATEMENT BY MR. MARKOSEK

The SPEAKER. Representative Markosek, you may proceed.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

And, Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my gratitude to you for allowing today to have another memorial resolution. I know we had our two colleagues that passed away that they were very heartfelt and very moving. I had a gentleman who worked in my district office for a number of years who passed away about a month ago. His name is Kevin Keller. And Kevin was a mailman. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service. He used to deliver mail to our district office, and a number of years ago he came to us, when he knew that one of our people in the office was leaving, and said, "Hey, I got a son that just graduated from college and he's looking for a job, maybe he would be a good fit here." So he sent him in and we talked to him, and sure enough, we hired his son, Shaun Keller, who worked for me for about 5 years in the district office, did a really wonderful and great job and went on to bigger and better things down in Washington, DC. He got a job with Homeland Security and has been down there for a while, and we hired some other people to take his place.

In the meantime, his dad, Kevin, later retired from the post office, from the U.S. Postal Service after 32 years as a carrier, and he came to us one day and said, "Hey, I'm retiring, and if you have an opening, I'd like to do that same job my son did." And sure enough, things worked out the way that we hoped they would and we were able to hire Kevin. He worked for us for about 5 1/2 years. And you would have never known anything about his postal background because he really fell in love with being a State employee and working in our district office, and the main reason that he liked it so much was that he liked politics, he liked being around the political system and hearing stories about what was going on and watching it on PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network), but more than that, Kevin liked to help people. And we all know what that is like in our district offices. We all know that we like people in our district office who, when a constituent walks in that door, whatever their problem is, we treat it as the most important problem in the world that day because to that person walking in the door, that is exactly the way they feel. There is not anything more important. That is why they are there. And once we take care of it, they go on to all the other problems. But Kevin was that kind of an employee, that kind of a person, and that kind of a friend.

He and I would talk sports and about family and politics and all those kinds of things, but he just became a great friend of mine. He was, really, the same generation as I was. He was a lot better at a computer than I was, certainly – which I am not sure how he learned that; I guess from his son, Shaun – but nevertheless, Kevin did a wonderful job. And one of the things that Kevin did towards the end of his time that he worked for me, a couple of years ago, when we were talking about the unclaimed property that is out there for constituents, he really delved into it and he said, "You know what? I think there's a better way for us to outreach to people to find unclaimed property for our constituents." So he and the rest of our staff – and Kevin led the charge; he had spreadsheets and all those kinds of things – and we were able to find, the last 2 years, \$800,000 for our constituents from unclaimed property, and a lot of that was because of Kevin Keller.

So about a year and a half ago, Kevin had some illness issues that did not get better, and over time Kevin went through a lot and fought that illness and recently has succumbed, and it was very sad for all of us because we, obviously being close to him, and many of us here in the room have had relatives and friends in the same situation where we watched them fight the good fight but eventually lose.

Mr. Speaker, we have here with us today, and if you do not mind I will just introduce them very quickly here because I know time is of the issue, but we have Kevin's wife, Sue Keller, is here. Sue, if you could stand.

We have my former employee and Kevin's son, Shaun Keller, with his wife, Sabrina, and their two kids, Luca and Landon. And we have Kevin's daughter, Shannon Jeffries, who is here as well. Let me just end, as we say goodbye to Kevin here today in a formal way, with a little poem that I was able to find that goes like this:

God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put His arms around you
And whispered "Come to me."

With tearful eyes we watched you
Suffer and saw you fade away
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay

A golden heart stopped beating
Hardworking hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

God bless you, Kevin.

The SPEAKER. To Sue and Kevin's family, thank you so much for being here. Thank you for his service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. May God bless each and every one of you. It is an honor to have you here today. I am sure he takes great pride, in particular, in Luca and Landon, and they will take great pride in him as you continue to tell them about what a wonderful man this gentleman was. Thank you.

Representative Markosek, if you would like to come up to formally present the resolution, and family, please, come on up. Thank you. And then Representative Frankel, you will be next.

Representative Frankel, I misspoke. I thought it was on a resolution, but it is actually on unanimous consent. And members, I would ask you to please take your seats. If any of the members do knock to come on the floor, please let them on.

STATEMENT BY MR. FRANKEL

The SPEAKER. Representative Frankel, you may proceed.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

This is not a resolution, but we will be doing a resolution when we come back next year when we have the opportunity to have family members and representatives of the Jewish community in Pittsburgh join us in a more formal way.

As you know, I spent the week before the election attending the funerals of my constituents and friends who were murdered a little more than 2 weeks ago in a horrific mass shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill, my neighborhood in

Pittsburgh. It is the heart of the 23d Legislative District, which I have been proud to represent for 20 years. The day was horrific. It was unforgettable.

I got up that morning, went for my swim, came back to my house, and got in my car to drive to speak at a campaign event at a constituent's home. I drove five blocks past my house to where the synagogue is. It is 10 o'clock in the morning. I had no idea what was going on inside at that very moment. I parked my car a block and a half away, walked out of my car, and saw first responders flying down Shady Avenue as I entered this home and had no real idea – trying to get information about what was taking place there, and we were getting bits and pieces of information. And then shortly after, it really became clear that something horrific, unspeakable had taken place inside this house of worship. I had the opportunity then to go to a staging area where first responders, police, fire, and EMS (emergency medical services) from Pittsburgh and from all over Allegheny County came to stage what would be, you know, hopefully a way to rescue people and contain the situation.

I am grateful that Speaker Turzai came down and joined us there, as well as Governor Wolf, Senator Casey, Mayor Peduto, other elected officials, to be together as we kind of dissected what had just taken place. And I want to say that the first responders, the police officers who came to Tree of Life that morning exhibited enormous courage and bravery rushing into the synagogue, confronting the anti-Semitic gunman, and stopping further death in the synagogue and in the surrounding areas, because when he went back to his car, he was armed to the teeth – multiple automatic weapons, semiautomatic weapons – he clearly had more on his mind that day than just the Tree of Life congregation.

I would like to read the names of those 11 people who lost their life that fateful day, October 27, 2018. And I am grateful to have the opportunity to remember each one of them and I knew most of them:

Cecil and David Rosenthal, "the boys," as they were known in our neighborhood. They were intellectually disabled men, but they were boys. And they were the most lovely two human beings who would greet worshipers every Shabbat morning and hand them a prayer book, even though one of them could not even read; not an ounce, not ever a thought of hate ever crossed their minds. They were the brothers of my dear friend and first chief of staff, Michele Rosenthal.

Irving Younger, who convened the current events classes every month at the Jewish Community Center just a few blocks away and always recruited me once a month to come there and speak with seniors, and he was kind of the master of ceremonies there and an extraordinarily vital senior that was intellectually sharp and kept me on my toes, as most of the seniors did.

Jerry Rabinowitz, a loved and respected doctor who, among other things, treated men with HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) in the early eighties when other doctors refused to do so.

Bernice and Sylvan Simon, a beautiful couple who were married for 62 years.

Joyce Fienberg, who was a well-regarded researcher at the University of Pittsburgh for over 25 years.

Richard Gottfried, a beloved dentist who volunteered at the Squirrel Hill health clinic and was known for other acts of community service throughout our neighborhood.

Melvin Wax, an easygoing man who loved to tell jokes and spend time with his grandson, Matthew.

Daniel Stein, who only recently became a grandfather himself and loved to travel with his wife, Sharon.

And Rose Mallinger, or Bubby, as she was affectionately known, was 97 years old, 97 years old and was a fixture at the Tree of Life for nearly 60 of those years.

These are the people we lost on October 27, 2018. May their memory be a blessing.

Today I am wearing a T-shirt that you may have seen on the news or online. I hope you like it because I think the Republican Caucus has already received theirs, and others here in the Democratic Caucus will receive theirs shortly. The symbol on here is you probably recognize. It is the Steelers symbol with the hypocycloids, but one of the cycloids, the gold cycloid, has been replaced with a star. Many of you will say or think that that is the Star of David, as it is commonly known, but in Hebrew it is called the Magen David, the shield of David. And I think it is important to view it in that way because it is a time that my community came together in the most extraordinary way.

People throughout Pittsburgh convened that evening and flooded the corner of Forbes and Murray – thousands – to be with my neighbors and our friends and the families who suffered such a grievous loss. And while the Nazis forced Jews to wear the Magen David to identify them, it is used by Jews today, now proudly, to represent our identity and be the symbol of the State of Israel. I am so grateful for the outpouring of support that I and my community have received from all members of the Pennsylvania Legislature. People who have called with condolences and shared their grief, people who have called on to condemn violence, many of you went to Shabbat services to be with your Jewish constituents and neighbors. They are very grateful. This community across the State, the Jewish communities across the State, across the country, across the world, feel the embrace of so many people, and we here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Jews in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are so grateful for your embrace as well.

You know, some of the things, just incredible moments; before we had this, really, kind of candlelight vigil in the middle of my business district on the corner of Forbes and Murray with thousands of people, there was a service at the church on that corner, and I was struck by the head of the Islamic Center who came and spoke. Wasi Mohamed was his name, who spoke passionately about what he viewed as this – we all know it was an act of hate, of bigotry, of violence. And he, in just a few hours, had raised \$100,000 from the Muslim community to help pay for the funerals of these 11 Jewish victims. That is the kind of embrace, the kind of coming together that we saw take place that evening and throughout the week.

I attended most of the funerals, most of the shivas. We had numerous memorial services throughout the community, and while there really is no silver lining to something like this, it brought our community together with the world because the outpouring was so extraordinary. You know, incidents like this – we have had mass shootings, and they are all horrendous, but when mass shootings target a specific people, whether it is the AME (African Methodist Episcopal) Church in Charleston, South Carolina; the Sikh Temple in Wisconsin; or the Pulse nightclub that targeted LGBTQ people in Orlando, these are hateful crimes, and it is just really so disturbing and unnerving to have to experience something like this in a community where you feel that you are being targeted. You know, this incident took

place almost 80 years to the day of the first real terror, mass terror that was perpetrated against the Jewish people in Germany by the Nazis. This is the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the night of broken glass. The night when Jews were terrorized, their businesses were burned, they were murdered in the streets, hauled out of their homes, children watched their parents be slaughtered in the streets. It was a harbinger of much worse to come, but it was ironic that this 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht was marked by this horrific act of hate in my neighborhood, in my community.

I want to thank you all so deeply. I mean, I heard from so many of you and I know, again, that many of you went to observances and I think probably were heartened by what you saw as an outpouring of love and kindness that, really, was kind of the product of this, which was so, as I said, heartening to so many people in my community and throughout the world. The Jewish communities of Pittsburgh – of all Pennsylvania communities, the United States, and the world – are grateful for the embrace that you and so many others have provided us. And I hope you take your shirts, you wear them, and use it as a message for those in your community that you stood together with our Jewish community at this horrendous time, this horrendous moment in the history of our country, and helped to express and shield your community like the Magen David. Be that shield in your community, be that shield for your neighbor, and as legislators, let us be shields for our communities so that we never let something like this happen again.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Frankel.

Members, the Democratic Caucus will shortly be heading to do votes, and we have some farewell remarks. We are going to try to get some of those in. Representative Bill Keller I know has some family here. We are going to bring them down here to the left of the rostrum. So if we could clear these seats right here. We have these members – Representative Bill Keller, and then we will have Representative Ron Marsico next. Would all members please take their seats.

Members, this looks like what our schedule is going to be. We are going to be taking remarks from Representative Bill Keller and remarks from Representative Ron Marsico. We will do the master roll. We are going to break for the Democratic Caucus leadership elections. When they are completed, we will be returning to the floor for the remaining farewell remarks today.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. W. KELLER

The SPEAKER. So at this time we are going to call up Representative Bill Keller.

Mr. W. KELLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, members.

My goal here is for everyone to say, "I don't remember a word Keller said, but at least he said it quickly."

It is traditional that every farewell speech starts with members thanking their families. Every family has to put up with many inconveniences and numerous separations, but it was much more than that with our family. Let us just say, as the Irish call it, it was "the troubles." During the whole ordeal, my family never wavered in their support of me. I do not think I could have gotten through it without all of you. Thank you. You gave me strength.

Growing up, my family was a matriarchal family with my mother and grandmother, and they gave us direction and they shaped us. That continues in our family today with my sister, Kathleen. Kathleen. She is the boss of our family and everybody knows it, Kath. Her husband, Al Trainor, is the only family member who does not want me to retire – not for a good reason. He is afraid I will spend more time at our shore house and he does not like it when I am around. I will be there, Brushy. Stand up and sit down real quick.

Next, my brother, Fred, or as I like to call him, the real Fred Keller. And by the way, I am leaving my proxy with the Keller caucus with Mark Keller. You got it, cuz. The real Fred has always been there to support me in all of my crazy ideas, and there have been a ton of them, believe me. Freddy has always been there for me. But to set the record straight, I am the older brother, and please, please do not say we look alike because he gets very, very upset.

Now to my children. I do not think we can ever tell our children enough times how proud we are of them and how much we love them. So I am going to do it here in this public place, and I am going to do it and put it on the public record so you can always come back and check it out how proud and how much I love you guys. My daughter could not be here today, but just to point out how long I have been here, Lyndsay was in the third grade when I got sworn in the first time. She is teaching the third grade today. My son, Bill, and his wife, Ericka, one of the highest compliments you could give anyone, if not the highest compliment, is that they are great parents, and they are great parents. And I just got a surprise on my way down: They are going to be parents again. So you are the first to know.

I have been reflecting on signs that told me it was time to retire. Number one was an aortic valve replacement. That will do it. Number two, thanks to my son and Ericka, was the birth of my grandson, Will. There he is there with a blue pop. As we get older, there are fewer and fewer things that bring joy and happiness to us, but that is until you have grandchildren. I know grandchildren change you, but a quick story of how much my grandson has changed me. I think a lot of you know that I came up in a pretty, pretty rough neighborhood in south Philadelphia. I started working on the waterfront. I was 16 years old. I have been in union meetings where they had to call riot police. I have been on picket lines that I cannot tell you what happened because I do not think the statute of limitations has expired yet. That is where I came from, and now let me tell you where I am at now. I am playing with my grandson and every 10 minutes I say, "Stop that. Stop that. You're going to get me in trouble." I say that to a 2-year-old, so I guess I am losing my edge a little bit.

I have to spend some time, as a lot of people have, talking about the Green Street Gang. When you share a living space with these men as long as I have, they are not acquaintances, they are true friends. Sid Kavulich, we just did a memorial service for Sid, and it is true what you said. Sid had a tattoo of Jesus on his back. It looked like touchdown Jesus. It was unbelievable. So everybody heard how humorous Sid is. So I said to Sid, I said, "Sid, is your wife going to say anything about that tattoo?" He said, "That was my 60th birthday present from her." But the thing I think we have to remember about Sid, and we may have missed it, is he was a man of great humanity. Sid was a truly good person. He took care of everyone and a number of people that you would not even recognize, Sid took care of. So we are going to miss Sid a lot.

Although he was not a Green Streeter, I have to talk about Mike O'Brien. We all missed out on Mike's farewell speech. It would have been rip-roaring. I am sure quotes from Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin. But those of us that were able to go to Mike's funeral Mass, you heard his farewell speech. His daughter, Bridget, did an unbelievable job. It was amazing. Mike did give his farewell speech.

Harry Readshaw. I know everybody says Harry is the best dresser. I will tell you, growing up in the neighborhood, I was afraid when I first came and met Harry and lived with him. Everybody in the old neighborhood said never shake hands with an undertaker. Well, I have shaken hands with Harry about 10,000 times. I guess all those old Irish grandmothers were wrong. Well, maybe not in the end, Har. I am sure it will be proven right in the end someday.

Kenny Smith. What can I say about Kenny Smith? Kenny, look around. Everybody is saying, "Who?" Do not worry, they will be saying the same thing about me when I am done with this speech.

Mike Carroll. Mike did a good job talking about Sid. But mostly at Green Street it was me, Mike, and Sid on the first floor talking politics and policy all the time. Mike, I will miss that. I will be giving you a call.

Paulie Costa, lovingly known to everybody as Paulie. I cannot count the number of times I told Paulie what a good and effective legislator he is, and many members have mentioned the good job that Paul and John Taylor have done on the Liquor Committee. The Speaker mentioned Paulie's karaoke caucus and that everybody should stop by. You should stop by. I will give you another reason to stop by. You have to watch Paulie dance. It is something to behold. I said he is a good legislator; he is a very, very bad dancer, worse than that Elaine on "Seinfeld." Every time Paulie is out on karaoke and there is a doctor in the room, they run over to him because they think he is having a stroke. He has something going with his arm. I do not know what it is.

Now to the two Johnnies. First, Senator John Sabatina. The Transportation Committee worked for 5 years to get a bill passed. We sent it over to the Senate and we get the final count, right? Forty-nine yeses, one nay. So of course we think the nay is Scott Hutchinson; that is what everybody would think. No, it was John Sabatina. So I have one request for Mike Peifer. When the Senate comes over for joint session and the clerk of the Senate comes down, Mike always says, "Hutchinson, no." Now he has to add, "Sabatina, no." You have to do that for me, Mike. Next is Senator John Yudichak. Where is he at? There he is. Paul said in his speech that the Senator has a quick wit and is very funny. Yeah, that is unless it is directed at you. Being with John is like being in a Dean Martin roast. I have been the object of his humor more times than I can count. I will tell you one story and it is probably the only story I can tell in this setting. I buy a sport coat, right? He will tell everybody I bought it at the Salvation Army. That was not me, that was Sid. So I wear it to the House floor, and boy, do I think I look sharp. So he comes over and he says, "What are you doing with that on?" I said, "Why, you don't like it?" He says, "Yeah, it looks like you're going to take up the collection in church." Needless to say, that has not been out of my closet since.

I have to quickly mention, and I will do it as quickly as I can, a few Green Streeters that have retired that were instrumental in my development as a legislator. Gaynor Cawley. I do not how many people here served with Gaynor Cawley, but Gaynor was one of a kind, if you can remember Gaynor.

Alan Butkovitz. When I first got here, I will be honest, I had no idea what was going on, right? Papers are flying all over the place. Many people have mentioned that we did not have computers, but you know what we did have? Ashtrays. If you look on the top of your desk, there is a patch in there. We used to have ashtrays on the House floor. So for 2 weeks I watched Alan make all the right calls; every vote he made the right way. So I lean over and I tap him on his shoulder, I said, "Hey, Alan. I'm with you." He turns around and he looks at me – I think he had done this before – it looked like I asked him for his lunch money. I cannot get that look out of my head, but he did a good job for me.

Next is Tom Tighe. We have a number of Marine Corps veterans on the floor today. I will tell you, they will understand what I am saying. Tom Tighe was a combat Marine Corps platoon leader in Vietnam in 1968. He was part of the 9th Marines. Tom won – not won – he was awarded the Silver Star for his actions. He always was amazing. Tom was a good, good human being. He always did the right thing. He never made the convenient or the political easy vote. I think of Tom each time I have to make a tough decision, and the choice becomes crystal clear. Sadly, Tom passed away. I will miss his good counsel.

I will get in trouble for this. I want to mention one more person. He will get mad. He never wants to be recognized. Bill Rinaldi. Billy, thanks for taking time out of your busy schedule to be here today. I really appreciate it. You are part of the extended family.

When I sat down to think about all the people who helped me to get here, I start to feel like I was Forrest Gump. Most people will know, recognize all the names that I am about to mention but actually not know the real people. We just celebrated Veterans Day, but I will point out that the last time I stood at this podium was when Matt Ryan honored all the Pennsylvania veterans of the Band of Brothers. Matt let me be part of that celebration because I was actual friends, I knew – I mean I worked with them – Babe Heffron and Bill Guarnere. It is an honor for me to dedicate part of Delaware Avenue as the Bill Guarnere and Babe Heffron Highway. What an experience to actually be friends with those two American heroes.

The next name, I am sure you heard of it, but not many people know it was Senator Vince Fumo – I was actually elected because of Vince. A Republican won the South Philly seat and Vince could not stand him. Somehow I received a nod from Vince to run. Back then that is all you needed was a nod from Vince. I will tell you how powerful Vince was in those days. I do not tell this story very often, but Vince saved my life. I was walking down the street and three guys run out of a bar and they start to beat the heck out of me. Thank God Vince came out of the bar and said, "Okay, boys, that's enough." Vince was the reason I got elected, but the reason I stayed elected was John Dougherty. South Philly politics is like none other. Do not let people tell you otherwise; it is like none other. In South Philly it does not take long for the people who helped you get elected to start to unelect you. I never had to worry about that because Doc and Local 98 were always there for me. If there is anyone who is loyal to a fault, it is John Dougherty. I hope I repaid that loyalty in kind. I believe John is the best labor leader in the State – not only for his members, but for all working people. Please remember John's wife, Cecilia, in your prayers. She has a long road to recovery. Thanks, John, for everything.

The next two people who helped me when I first got here were Speaker Ryan and Leader John Perzel. Although they were Republicans, they helped me immensely. Speaker Ryan was the ultimate institution defender. It is not just the name on the building to me; he is the person who spent a lot of time and a lot of effort knocking the rough edges off of me. I do not know how good of a job he did, but he tried. John Perzel – I know we are electing more and more members and they do not remember these people – John Perzel was the most partisan and bipartisan person I ever met in Harrisburg. That might sound opposites, but it is true. My first election I said I had Vince Fumo and John Dougherty on my side, but on the other side, I had John Perzel. And John just did not want to leave that seat go. Even now, 26 years later, when I think of the negative ads that Perzel ran against me, my stomach starts to turn. They were horrible. One you opened up and some rat jumped out at you. I do not know what that was about. I will have to talk to him about that someday.

I have been very fortunate to serve as minority chair and willing to work on issues. On the Labor Committee, I served with Ron Miller and Mario Scavello. The problem we solved on the Labor Committee was the insolvency of the Unemployment Compensation Fund. In order to pay benefits to the workers, we had to borrow \$4 – \$4 – billion from the Feds. But the funny thing was about that that the Feds wanted their money back. We worked on a solution for a year. The only solution that worked was to bond the debt. Unfortunately, some people here vehemently opposed that solution; right, Mr. Speaker? We did what was necessary, and the fund is completely solvent and will withstand any future economic downturn.

Then I was lucky enough to serve as chairman of Transportation with John Taylor. I have given you two reasons why I knew it was time to retire, now I will give you the third. I refuse to serve in a legislature that does not have John Taylor as a member. I know the 4 o'clock club agrees with me. Plus, John, I do not want to be the last dinosaur in the park. The work we have accomplished in the committee cannot be overlooked. Pennsylvania roads will be much safer and fatalities will be greatly reduced in the future, and that is because of all the hard work that Chairman Taylor has put into all the issues. Let me explain how I think the committee worked. John would invite me to the meetings. People may not know this about me, but I am not as patient as J.T., so at a certain point in the meeting, I would start to lose it, and then John would grab my arm and say, "Easy, Daddy, easy." Then John would continue to work out the issues and it was good. I guess you could call it the good cop, crazy cop method of legislating. John and I will remain friends in the future, but I hope we will continue to see each other. Hopefully, on the golf course, John.

It has been a great ride for 26 years and I am very proud of what we have accomplished. Just to name a few: the Port of Philadelphia, which has always been my passion, is now ideally suited to take full advantage of the increase in world shipping and the thousands and thousands of jobs that will come with that. When we first took office, we had zero senior housing in the district. Now we have 150 units in 3 buildings. We sponsored five bills that became law, including the famous HB 666 – not bad since I spent about 80 percent of my time in the minority.

I say "we" because none of this could have been accomplished without my staff. I have been very lucky to have a dedicated and professional staff. When I first got elected, I had no office experience. I was lucky enough to be able to hire Lorraine

DiSpaldo. I think everyone would agree with me that as politicians we are good at getting elected, but in order to stay elected, you need the best district staff you can gather. Lorraine did that for me. She implemented the constituent service policies that we became known for, and it has lasted over 26 years. Thank you, Lorraine.

Bob Mulgrew. Bob is in the back. Bob knew everybody in the district – having 12 brothers and sisters I think helped him with that. I think everybody should have a staffer like Bob. We had many discussions over the years, and Bob is the one that could say to me, "No, you can't do that. You're crazy." It helps when you have a good friend on your staff. Thanks, Bob.

Joy Chern. Joy. I know everyone says that they have the hardest working staffer in the State, but Joy is definitely that person. For the last few years Joy has manned the district office by herself. Thank you, Joy.

The people of the 184th District will miss you more than they will miss me.

I could not have been successful on the Labor Committee without Joanne Manganello. In meetings, people thought I knew what I was talking about because I came from the labor community. Not true. It was because Joanne was so efficient in her work. Thank you, Joanne.

Eric Nelson worked for us in the Transportation Committee and also is a person who takes his work very seriously. Eric now works at PennDOT. Eric, tell everybody you were not trying to get away from me.

Kyle Wagonseller. If you need something done, give it to Kyle. He will get it done and you will not even know he was there. I do not know if he is just quiet naturally or it is because he witnessed me blowing up a couple times – just a few.

Now, the two women who have kept me straight. First, Meredith Biggica. I know every chairman thinks their executive director is the best E.D. in Harrisburg. Let me tell you something, they will have to go some to beat Meredith. I do not even try to fake that I am the smartest or know more about transportation than her. Before I go into a meeting, I will say, "Please, can we wait a minute? I have to wait for my brains to get in here." Then Meredith comes in. She is so good I have been trying to get her to go into private industry, but she will not listen to me. One of her many talents is that she gets along with other staffers on the committee, and that makes things go so much smoother.

I would also like to thank Chairman Taylor's staff for making our time on the committee so productive. Thank you Eric, Greg, Nancy, and Beth.

Lastly is Kelly Minito. Kelly is recovering from hip replacement surgery. There is a rumor circulating – it probably started where all rumors start, Eddie Neilson – that I tripped her. It is not true. The weeks Kelly spent recovering were the only weeks in 26 years that I was completely lost. I know how lucky I was to have Kelly assigned to our committee 26 years ago. Kelly is retiring in January after 38 years of service to the caucus. I guess the caucus did not care much about child labor laws back then. Kel, how old were you, 10, when you started? If my math is correct, you worked for 38 years, 26 with me, so that means you had 12 good years before I got here. Kel, in the short time we have left, will you help me figure out how to take care of myself? Kelly has done everything for me and I am sure I did not deserve it.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you. I remember our discussions over the years, that we should only have trouble solving three or four issues a session. I think my theory is correct but my math is way off.

Thank you to leaders Frank Dermody and Dave Reed. I have taken many issues to both of you over the years and both of you have always been very helpful to me. Thank you.

To the delegation chair, Maria Donatucci. You have taken care of the delegation in very difficult times. I have to compliment the delegation, the Philadelphia delegation. It is the best delegation I have been part of. Philly is full of young, smart, dedicated members. One regret I will have, and I hope there are not many, is that I will not be here to watch the delegation develop.

But now it is time for me to go. I am a firm believer in the phrase that "the only constant is change," so it is time for me to change. So like Forrest Gump, I am going to run, Keller, run – or in my case, walk, Keller, walk – into the future. Get a picture of Will. Hurry up. Will.

I want to thank all of you for being friends, and God bless all of you and good luck, because I think you are going to need it. Thank you, everybody.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Representative Keller has served the 184th District of Philadelphia for 25 years, first being elected in 1993. I have to say, this good gentleman was always willing to sit down, take on complicated issues, and find solutions. Bill, your friendships transcend party, transcend geography, transcend people's backgrounds. Thank you so much for your service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. You have been a leader on so many fronts, particularly, always focused on family-sustaining jobs. You have talked about it from the moment I have gotten to know you and you never let go of the notion of giving people an opportunity to make a good living. And I will tell you, you have served everybody so well in this Commonwealth. Thank you, my good friend.

Mr. W. KELLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

The SPEAKER. We are going to bring the family up, and then we are going to have Representative Marsico next, and then we are going to break for the caucus elections. The original two farewell remarks, of course, were Representative Bill Keller and Representative Ron Marsico, so we are going to do Representative Ron Marsico now. Other members that wish to give remarks today, and we will be doing this after the Democratic leadership elections, will be in alphabetical order: Representative Bryan Barbin, Representative Kate Harper, Representative Eric Roe, Representative Rick Saccone, and Representative Jamie Santora. There are members who will be retiring who will not be giving remarks and I will state their names when we return to the floor. But at this time I want to bring up Representative Marsico's family and friends up here to my left of the rostrum. Representative Marsico's family and friends, please come up to the left of the rostrum.

Members, right now we are going to be doing Chairman Marsico, and then I will give you an update just after that. But I would like to just make sure all of Representative Marsico's family and friends have seats. All members, please come on to the House floor. Let us open up the doors real briefly to get members on the floor, and then we are going to close the doors. Chairman Marsico will be our next member to give farewell remarks.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. MARSICO

The SPEAKER. Chairman Ron Marsico represents the 105th Legislative District right here in Dauphin County. He was first elected to the State House of Representatives in 1988. As you know, he currently serves as the majority chair of the House Judiciary Committee, and I must say, from my own perspective and service in this esteemed body, the most prolific and profound chair of the House Judiciary Committee, certainly in recent times.

And with that, I would like to call on my good friend and colleague, Chairman Ron Marsico, for his farewell remarks.

Mr. MARSICO. Thank you. That is very nice of you. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

You know, when I walked into this House, the hall of the House 30 years ago, I was awestruck at the beauty, the ornateness, the history, and the significance of being a member of this Pennsylvania House of Representatives, the first independent legislative body in this nation. It hit me that I had an awesome responsibility to my constituents and to the citizens of Pennsylvania. I have never lost sight of that responsibility.

I want to thank the residents of my district, the 105th Legislative District, for the opportunity to represent them for the last three decades in this Pennsylvania State House of Representatives. This has not only been a job for me, but it has been a way of life. I have always deeply cherished the many friendships I have made in my district and the support that I received along the way. It has truly been a great honor to serve the people of the community.

During my tenure I have always strived to represent all of my constituents with common sense, compassion, and integrity, and regardless of political affiliation. I have also been fortunate to have been part of great things in the legislature that would not have been possible without the support of members on both sides of the aisle.

The most effective governing comes as a result of reaching across party lines and working together to find ways to improve the lives of Pennsylvanians, and throughout my legislative career, I have tried to legislate in a way that would reflect the views of my district. I have done my best to listen, to learn, and to understand my constituents' concerns. You know, I was able to get here and stay here for 30 years with the help of so many, many, many people; first and foremost, my family. I would not be here if it were not for them. They were the heart and the soul of my campaigns. This job, as you know, has a tremendous impact on our families, and I do not have to tell you what they all go through.

My wife, Elaine, has been my inspiration, with me stride by stride. I am very blessed to have her love and her guidance, and I am grateful for the many sacrifices she made throughout. She took the lead in raising our children. She is a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother, and a great campaigner as well.

You know, being a member of this House has been a great accomplishment, but my greatest accomplishment was when I married my wife, Elaine. This November 30 will not only be my last day as a legislator, but it also marks our 50th wedding anniversary. Elaine, please stand. Please stand.

My children – daughter, Kelly, and son, Wayde – endured this political life. We all know the pressures that come with being the child of a political figure. I thank them for their love, their support, and their understanding.

Also my grandchildren: Kama, Elijah, Leah, Alyce, Angie, Angel, Grady, and Libby. My mother and father, I thank you very much. You put your hearts and your souls into my campaigns and instilled the family values that I have strived to achieve. Along with Elaine, you gave me purpose and meaning, and have been by my side step by step.

My mother, Mary, passed away 13 years ago, but I still feel her pride, her love, and her passion from above. My father, Sam "Rip" who is still with me at 91 – I am very fortunate to have him – has always had my back and been there for me. By the way, he has never been shy about offering advice and criticism. That is the Ripper.

I can always count on my brothers Sam, Tim, Frank, and Michael for their outstanding help. And as you know, there are many Marsicos in the south central area of Pennsylvania, many of which are my aunts, my uncles, and my cousins, and I thank all of them for their support, their sacrifices, and their help that they have provided me.

Over the years I have had the opportunity – I am very fortunate to have a very terrific campaign team that ran campaigns like no other. Their dedication, their hard work, their sacrifice and long hours throughout my campaigns were second to none.

There are so many to thank. I want to mention some of them now. President Judge Rich Lewis, who was a Dauphin County D.A. at the time, was my honorary campaign chair. David Dowling, campaign chair throughout; Marty Naugle, treasurer throughout. My advisory team: my cousin and godson, Judge Ed Marsico, when he was D.A. of Dauphin County; Vince Pinizzotto; Chad Saylor; John Hanks; Josh Wilson; Ed Marsico, Sr.; Ray Marsico; Kevin Busher; Dominic DeFrancesco; Dan Mosel; and Lowman Henry.

The many volunteers that provided the nuts and bolts were the backbone of my 16 elections. They always gave me so much of their time and their effort.

I have also been fortunate to always have the endorsement, the support, and the trust of the Republican committee people; along with the volunteers, they were the grass roots of 16 elections.

I want to thank my staff, all of my staff, for their outstanding service and dedication during my years. Without their support and public service, I would not have been able to effectively serve the citizens of my district and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mary Ellen Rutter, my first district office manager, always held everything together; Katherine Summers, the kindhearted and committed public servant who does an amazing job with constituent services; Norm Zoumas, the supervisor; Pat Herrigan; Vivian Mader; Inge Coulter; Dan Robinson; and Laura Stokes. And to my current Capitol staff, Michelle Moore and Courtney McKeal, and former Capitol staff, Lindsay Ewing, Anna Sgrignoli, and Kendall Bankert, you have my gratitude for your help to me and my constituents. Please stand, staff. Thank you very much. You should be acknowledged for your hard work and your dedication.

Michelle, I thank you for your 20 years of loyalty, dedication, hard work; and Courtney, for your thoroughness and always keeping me on track.

To my former chief of staff, Autumn Southard, who is now with the Department of Corrections, thank you for your loyalty and dedication and commitment.

And I have been fortunate to have – and you know the Judiciary staff – a very confident, dedicated, and accomplished Judiciary Committee staff: Executive Director and Chief Counsel Tom Dymek. Tom, please stand. Simply the best. Counsel Karen Dalton, Counsel Dalton. I describe her as tough and thorough. Counsel Mike Kane, Counsel Kane. And he certainly is a knowledgeable gentleman. Counsel Anna Malcein. Anna, thank you; always, always prepared. Thanks for a great job. Jen Duralja is not here – she had to leave – but I always called Jen the gatekeeper down at the Judiciary section of the Capitol; the gatekeeper Jen Duralja. Research Analyst Mike Fink and Research Analyst Kelly Zambito, please stand and be recognized, and thank you for your help along the way. And former Executive Directors Dana Alwine – Dana is here, Dana – Karen Coates, and Ryan Boop, who is now over working in the Senate. And former staff counsel, Attorneys Tammy Fox and Laura Evans. Also former administrative support staff Linda Householder and Jodi Marsico. To the entire Judiciary staff, I thank you for your years of service. You have made my job as committee chairman – a very demanding job – a lot easier. Thank you very much.

And the many executive directors in research that have given me help and support over the years: Eric Bugaile in Transportation, Rick O'Leary in Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, as well as Bruce Hanson and Susan Boyle.

I also want to recognize and thank the caucus legal staff: Rod Corey, Jim Mann, Jill Vecchio, Whitney Metzler, and Ashley Grimm.

And I cannot forget the help and counsel that the chief of staff, Tony Aliano, has given me over the years, and Parliamentarian and good friend, Clancy Myer.

My public relations coordinators from the beginning: John McCarthy, Jerry Feaser, Chad Saylor, Patti Hippler – Patti is here. Patti, thank you – and then Autumn Southard. Thank you for trying to make me look good. Thank you.

So for 12 years I have had the privilege to chair the House Judiciary Committee, a very busy standing committee. I have had the pleasure to work with Democrat chairs Tom Caltagirone and Joe Petrarca. I want to thank all the members of the committee, both current and former. We have dealt with some very tough, high-profile issues, and many times, as you know, it was not easy. I want to thank you for your respect, your work, your ideas, your opinions, and for your civil debate. Through our work together over the years, we have been able to make a positive impact on the lives of Pennsylvanians.

It was an honor and privilege to serve as a member, to be a member and dean of the South Central Caucus and also of the Dauphin County delegation. I just want to recognize the Dauphin County delegation and thank you for your help and work: Representative Sue Helm, Representative Tom Mehaffie, Representative Dave Hickernell, Representative Mike Tobash, and also, I do not want to forget Representative Patty Kim. I will miss the camaraderie, the purpose, and the fighting for the issues that are important to this region.

To my good friends and row mates: Chairman Mark Keller, the "Urban Cowboy." Chairman Keller was such a great friend. Then also next to Mark is Sheryl Delozier, a member of the committee. She remembers those "Delozier" moments. Representative Greg Rothman, whom I refer to as "Mr. Baseball." And former row mates Glen Grell – a good friend, Glen Grell – and also Mauree Gingrich.

I look forward to continuing the good times with my colleagues in the ICC: John Taylor, Bernie O'Neill, and Mark Keller, and previous members Dick Stevenson, Ron Miller, and I cannot forget my good friend, Lt. Gov. Jim Cawley.

To my golfing pals: former members Denny Leh, Roy Reinard, Rod Wilt, Billy Adolph, Jerry Nailor, and current member Brian Ellis. And do not forget this guy to the right of me, James Fata – where is James, Jimmy?

Thanks to Vince DeLiberato, a constituent, and his staff at the Legislative Reference Bureau for the help they have given me over the years. And I cannot forget my good friend, Senator Jeff Piccola, a member of this House and the Senate, for his help in my early years in the House. Dave Spizzirri and Lynn Bias in members' services. Spizz, "the ref," I will always remember our Monday morning quarterbacking. Lynn, the Packer man – and I understand he may be giving up on the Packers because they had two losses in the last few weeks – but thanks for always trying to make me look good, and I know that was a chore. And my cousin, Lisa Shenfeld, who always looked after me. Lisa, thank you.

And so in conclusion, I just want to say that, you know, back in 1988 – this is a tongue-in-cheek thank-you to the Harrisburg Patriot-News – in 1988 when I first had my first grueling 12-way – yeah, 12-way – primary, and then faced a tough rising star Democrat opponent in the general election, the Harrisburg Patriot-News, in their endorsement of my opponent, and then in their infinite wisdom, said I would be a back-bencher. Little did they know how much that motivated me. By the way, I went on to crush that opponent in the general election.

So I just want to say as I leave you, I want to say I owe so much to so many. I hope I have not missed anyone. But as I leave you, I want to mention a few thoughts as you move forward. We have a very diverse State; always search for common ground, be mindful, be civil, and respectful of each other's views and opinions for the sake of Pennsylvania.

I loved my job, and with the help of many, hope I have been able to make a difference. And let the record show, "I did it my way."

Thank you. God bless. Best wishes to all of you. I will always cherish our memories and our friendships.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Marsico and Elaine, such great friends to so many of us here and we are so honored that you and your family could be here, and your outstanding staff and good friends.

Many of you may know this; one, I just want to cover some substantive items, because the work that the good chair and his team and bipartisan support included some of the most far-reaching laws protecting children, crime victims, and the most vulnerable. The Task Force on Child Protection led to, I believe, Chairman, over 30 bills signed into law with respect to children and preventing – you covered prevention and prosecution in your far-reaching work with the good lady, Kathy Watson, amongst others; spearheaded legislation to improve Pennsylvania's sexual

offender registration statute known as Megan's Law, deterred cyberbullying of children, expanded the antihazing laws, authored legislation known as the Safe Haven Law to allow parents to relinquish newborns to hospitals without criminal charges, and created a protective order with respect to victims of sexual offenses.

I know that you were always focused on public safety. You spearheaded, with others, an increased number of cadets in the Pennsylvania State Police, strengthened laws with respect to punishing heroin dealers, modernized – I worked with you on this when I was majority leader – Pennsylvania's Wiretap Act so that police can better investigate and stop crime. I must say, it goes on and on. This good man served in the United States Army Reserves, was a graduate of Bishop McDevitt High School, and the Ohio State University – just an outstanding leader.

And in this anecdotal portion, I want to say, with respect to your successor's campaign, we were talking about an ad, and I said to the young man, I said, "Make sure you talk about being someone who served his country, your lovely family, small business owner, but for goodness' sakes, make sure that you have Ron Marsico endorse you in that ad." And I have to tell you, you are known well throughout the Commonwealth for your prodigious work, but here in Dauphin County, I know what a hero you are to so many.

May God bless you, Ron and Elaine, and your family and friends. Thank you very, very much for your service.

I have a gavel to present to the good chair, and thank you, members.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Members, at this time I am going to do the leaves of absence and we are going to take the master roll.

The majority whip requests leaves of absence for Representative Harold ENGLISH of Allegheny County for the day, Representative Tom MURT of Montgomery County for the day, Representative Duane MILNE of Chester County for the day, Representative Aaron BERNSTINE of Lawrence County for the day, Representative Kathy WATSON of Bucks County for the day, Representative Mike TOBASH of Schuylkill County for the day, and Representative John McGINNIS of Blair County for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

The minority whip requests leaves of absence for Representative Madeleine DEAN of Montgomery County for the day, and Representative Vanessa Lowery BROWN of Philadelphia County for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. All members, please proceed to vote on the master roll.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—189

Barbin	Emrick	Lawrence	Reed
Barrar	Evans	Lewis	Reese
Benninghoff	Everett	Longietti	Roae
Bizzarro	Farry	Mackenzie	Roe
Bloom	Fee	Madden	Roebuck
Boback	Fitzgerald	Maher	Rothman
Boyle	Flynn	Mako	Rozzi
Bradford	Frankel	Maloney	Ryan
Briggs	Freeman	Markosek	Saccone
Brown, R.	Fritz	Marshall	Sainato
Bullock	Gainey	Marsico	Samuelson
Burns	Galloway	Masser	Sankey
Caltagirone	Gillen	Matzie	Santora
Carroll	Gillespie	McCarter	Saylor
Causser	Godshall	McClinton	Schemel
Cephas	Goodman	McNeill	Schlossberg
Charlton	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schweyer
Christiana	Grove	Mentzer	Simmons
Comitta	Haggerty	Metcalfe	Sims
Conklin	Hahn	Metzgar	Snyder
Cook	Hanna	Miccarelli	Solomon
Corbin	Harkins	Millard	Sonney
Corr	Harper	Miller, B.	Staats
Costa, D.	Harris, A.	Miller, D.	Stephens
Costa, P.	Harris, J.	Moul	Sturla
Cox	Heffley	Mullery	Tai
Cruz	Helm	Mustio	Tallman
Culver	Hennessey	Neilson	Taylor
Cutler	Hickernell	Nelson	Thomas
Daley	Hill	Nesbit	Toepel
Davidson	Irvin	O'Neal	Toohil
Davis, A.	James	O'Neill	Topper
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Vazquez
Dawkins	Kampf	Ortitay	Vitali
Day	Kaufer	Owlett	Walsh
Deasy	Kauffman	Pashinski	Ward
DeLissio	Keefer	Peifer	Warner
Delozier	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Warren
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wentling
Dermody	Keller, W.	Pyle	Wheatley
Diamond	Kim	Quigley	Wheeland
DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Quinn, C.	White
Donatucci	Kirkland	Quinn, M.	Youngblood
Dowling	Klunk	Rabb	Zimmerman
Driscoll	Knowles	Rader	
Dunbar	Kortz	Rapp	Turzai,
Dush	Krueger	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Ellis	Kulik	Readshaw	

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Bernstine	English	Milne	Tobash
Brown, V.	Gabler	Murt	Watson
Dean	McGinnis		

LEAVES ADDED—1

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The SPEAKER. One hundred and eighty-nine members having voted on the master roll, a quorum is present.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. EVANS called up **HR 1169, PN 4262**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 15, 2018, as "The Great American Smokeout Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. MADDEN called up **HR 1170, PN 4263**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of November 2018 as "National Diabetes Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—189

Barbin	Emrick	Lawrence	Reed
Barrar	Evans	Lewis	Reese
Benninghoff	Everett	Longietti	Roae
Bizzarro	Farry	Mackenzie	Roe
Bloom	Fee	Madden	Roebuck
Boback	Fitzgerald	Maher	Rothman
Boyle	Flynn	Mako	Rozzi
Bradford	Frankel	Maloney	Ryan
Briggs	Freeman	Markosek	Saccone
Brown, R.	Fritz	Marshall	Sainato
Bullock	Gainey	Marsico	Samuelson
Burns	Galloway	Masser	Sankey
Caltagirone	Gillen	Matzie	Santora
Carroll	Gillespie	McCarter	Saylor
Causar	Godshall	McClinton	Schemel
Cephas	Goodman	McNeill	Schlossberg
Charlton	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schweyer
Christiana	Grove	Mentzer	Simmons
Comitta	Haggerty	Metcalfe	Sims
Conklin	Hahn	Metzgar	Snyder
Cook	Hanna	Miccarelli	Solomon
Corbin	Harkins	Millard	Sonney
Corr	Harper	Miller, B.	Staats
Costa, D.	Harris, A.	Miller, D.	Stephens
Costa, P.	Harris, J.	Moul	Sturla
Cox	Heffley	Mullery	Tai
Cruz	Helm	Mustio	Tallman
Culver	Hennessey	Neilson	Taylor
Cutler	Hickernell	Nelson	Thomas
Daley	Hill	Nesbit	Toepel
Davidson	Irvin	O'Neal	Toohil
Davis, A.	James	O'Neill	Topper
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Vazquez
Dawkins	Kampf	Ortitay	Vitali
Day	Kaufer	Owlett	Walsh
Deasy	Kauffman	Pashinski	Ward
DeLissio	Keefer	Peifer	Warner
Delozier	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Warren
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wentling
Dermody	Keller, W.	Pyle	Wheatley
Diamond	Kim	Quigley	Wheeland
DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Quinn, C.	White
Donatucci	Kirkland	Quinn, M.	Youngblood
Dowling	Klunk	Rabb	Zimmerman
Driscoll	Knowles	Rader	
Dunbar	Kortz	Rapp	Turzai,
Dush	Krueger	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Ellis	Kulik	Readshaw	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Bernstine	English	Milne	Tobash
Brown, V.	Gabler	Murt	Watson
Dean	McGinnis		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolutions were adopted.

The SPEAKER. We are going to have one other vote on the supplemental resolution calendar. It will not take long.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 1178 By Representatives BURNS, MURT, MILLARD, LONGIETTI, J. McNEILL, KINSEY, ROZZI, BRADFORD and HILL-EVANS

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification program and related State programs authorized by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to protect and support crime victims in this Commonwealth.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 18, 2018.

No. 1179 By Representatives DeLUCA, HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, DRISCOLL, YOUNGBLOOD, CALTAGIRONE, STURLA, VAZQUEZ, KORTZ, NEILSON, READSHAW and J. McNEILL

A Resolution honoring Amazon for raising its minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, November 2, 2018.

No. 1180 By Representative ROAE

A Resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives, further providing for members and employees' expenses.

Referred to Committee on RULES, November 2, 2018.

No. 1189 By Representative COX

A Resolution expelling a member.

Referred to Committee on RULES, November 13, 2018.

HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2740 By Representatives MEHAFFIE, KAUFER and HILL-EVANS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school directors, further providing for school director training programs.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 18, 2018.

No. 2741 By Representatives MEHAFFIE, PICKETT, CORBIN, LEWIS, CHARLTON, HILL-EVANS, KAUFFMAN, MILLARD, HENNESSEY, DiGIROLAMO, DALEY and BRADFORD

An Act designating the amethyst as the official State gemstone of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 18, 2018.

No. 2742 By Representatives McCARTER, READSHAW, DAVIS, HILL-EVANS, DRISCOLL, YOUNGBLOOD, DALEY, ENGLISH and BRADFORD

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, providing for the offense of sale of nicotine products and nicotine delivery products to persons under 21 years of age.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 18, 2018.

No. 2743 By Representatives KULIK, SOLOMON, YOUNGBLOOD, A. DAVIS, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW, NEILSON, HILL-EVANS, DeLUCA, D. COSTA and DEASY

An Act establishing the Landslide Insurance and Assistance Program within the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; providing for related powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; establishing and providing for the powers and duties of the Landslide Insurance and Assistance Board; providing for duties of the Auditor General; establishing the Landslide Insurance Fund and the Landslide Assistance Fund; imposing a penalty; and making appropriations.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, October 18, 2018.

No. 2744 By Representatives STURLA, McCARTER, SCHLOSSBERG, RABB, HILL-EVANS, J. McNEILL, DAVIS, BRIGGS, DRISCOLL, SIMS, DONATUCCI, COMMITTA, KINSEY, TAI, RAVENSTAHL and DEASY

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in inchoate crimes, further providing for prohibited offensive weapons; in assault, further providing for discharge of firearm into an occupied structure; in theft and related offenses, further providing for definitions; in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for prohibiting of paramilitary training; in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for definitions, for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms, for firearms not to be carried without a license, for prohibited conduct during emergency, providing for 3-D firearms, further providing for sale or transfer of firearms, for firearm sales surcharge, for registration of firearms and for licensing of dealers.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 18, 2018.

No. 2745 By Representatives STURLA, McCARTER, HILL-EVANS, DRISCOLL, SIMS, CHARLTON, PASHINSKI, DONATUCCI, KIRKLAND, THOMAS, KINSEY, J. McNEILL, FREEMAN, TAI, MURT, ROEBUCK and FRANKEL

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for the offense of undetectable firearms.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 18, 2018.

No. 2746 By Representatives COMMITTA, C. QUINN, KRUEGER-BRANEKY and HILL-EVANS

An Act amending Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in corporate powers, duties and safeguards, further providing for additional powers of certain public utility corporations.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, October 19, 2018.

No. 2747 By Representative DUSH

An Act amending the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the Public Employe Relations Act, in employee rights, providing for right to participate in elections or referendums, for right to assemble with members of employee organizations, for rate of dues or initiation fees, for right to initiate legal actions, for disciplinary measures imposed on members of employee organizations, for election officers in employee organizations, for remedial measures for invalid elections, for duties of members and agents of employee organizations, for constitution and bylaws and reports and for penalties.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, October 22, 2018.

No. 2748 By Representatives D. COSTA, READSHAW, J. McNEILL, WARD, KINSEY, ROEBUCK and HILL-EVANS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for emergency response drills.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 22, 2018.

No. 2749 By Representatives DAVIS, J. McNEILL, WARREN, TAI, KINSEY, HILL-EVANS, DRISCOLL, PASHINSKI, NEILSON, BRADFORD and DALEY

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sports wagering tax.

Referred to Committee on GAMING OVERSIGHT, October 24, 2018.

No. 2750 By Representative TALLMAN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in duties and powers of boards of school directors, providing for code of ethics and professional responsibility for teachers.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 31, 2018.

No. 2751 By Representatives MULLERY, READSHAW, MILLARD, BERNSTINE, CALTAGIRONE, SCHLOSSBERG, YOUNGBLOOD and KIRKLAND

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in public improvements, utilities and services, providing for burial grounds.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
November 2, 2018.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following bills for concurrence:

SB 1069, PN 1537

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
October 18, 2018.

SB 1157, PN 2099

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS
AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, October 18, 2018.

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 1181, PN 4319**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 7, 2018, as "International Stress Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 1182, PN 4320**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 15, 2018, as "Ohtahara Syndrome Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 1183, PN 4321**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 1, 2018, as "Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MARKOSEK called up **HR 1184, PN 4323**, entitled:

A Resolution remembering the life and service of Kevin L. Keller and extending condolences to his family and friends.

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Mrs. BULLOCK called up **HR 1185, PN 4324**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 1, 2018, as "National Family Literacy Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. BULLOCK called up **HR 1186, PN 4325**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of November 14 through 20, 2018, as "Home Care Aide Week" in Pennsylvania in appreciation of those part-time and full-time caregivers who provide assistive and personal in-home care.

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Mrs. BULLOCK called up **HR 1187, PN 4326**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of November 18 through 24, 2018, as "National Family Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. McCLINTON called up **HR 1188, PN 4327**, entitled:

A Resolution designating November 25, 2018, as "Elimination of Violence Against Women Day" in Pennsylvania to coincide with the United Nations' "International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women."

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolutions?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to have one more vote after this. I apologize.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—189

Barbin	Emrick	Lawrence	Reed
Barrar	Evans	Lewis	Reese
Benninghoff	Everett	Longietti	Roae
Bizzarro	Farry	Mackenzie	Roe
Bloom	Fee	Madden	Roebuck
Boback	Fitzgerald	Maher	Rothman
Boyle	Flynn	Mako	Rozzi
Bradford	Frankel	Maloney	Ryan
Briggs	Freeman	Markosek	Sacccone
Brown, R.	Fritz	Marshall	Sainato
Bullock	Gainey	Marsico	Samuelson
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Cox	Heffley	Mullery	Tai
Cruz	Helm	Mustio	Tallman
Culver	Hennessey	Neilson	Taylor
Cutler	Hickernell	Nelson	Thomas
Daley	Hill	Nesbit	Toepel
Davidson	Irvin	O'Neal	Toohil
Davis, A.	James	O'Neill	Topper
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Vazquez
Dawkins	Kampf	Ortitay	Vitali
Day	Kaufner	Owlett	Walsh
Deasy	Kauffman	Pashinski	Ward
DeLissio	Keefer	Peifer	Warner
Delozier	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Warren
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wentling
Dermody	Keller, W.	Pyle	Wheatley
Diamond	Kim	Quigley	Wheeland
DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Quinn, C.	White
Donatucci	Kirkland	Quinn, M.	Youngblood
Dowling	Klunk	Rabb	Zimmerman

Driscoll	Knowles	Rader	
Dunbar	Kortz	Rapp	Turzai,
Dush	Krueger	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Ellis	Kulik	Readshaw	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Bernstine	English	Milne	Tobash
Brown, V.	Gabler	Murt	Watson
Dean	McGinnis		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolutions were adopted.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER HR 1160

The SPEAKER. Members, both leaders have been informed of this motion to reconsider. It is a resolution that we are reconsidering. Representatives Rothman and Delozier have moved that the vote by which HR 1160 was passed on October 17 be reconsidered. Both Majority Leader Reed and Minority Leader Dermody are aware of the motion to reconsider.

Representative Rothman, we are going to move the motion to reconsider.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. Representative Rothman is going to go first; then you will go next, Representative Santora.

Representative Rothman, on the motion to reconsider on the resolution, HR 1160.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The resolution to be passed dealt with an incident in the country of India in 1982 following the assassination of Indira Gandhi and subsequent rioting. The resolution passed under rule 35, which was a noncontroversial resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I believe this is controversial and it should be debated as such.

The SPEAKER. Representative Santora, on that, sir.

Mr. SANTORA. Mr. Speaker, that resolution passed 190 to 0. There was no debate on it. We just spoke about what happened in our own State in Pittsburgh to those folks, and we talk about hate. What happened to the Sikh people was the biggest hate in their country's history and now we are going to undo a resolution to support them?

MOTION PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. Sir, please suspend.

We are going to go over this motion to reconsider. We are going to go over that.

At this time we are going to break for caucus elections for the Democratic Party, and members and staff can please discuss this.

At this time we are going to stand at ease. We are going to stand at ease. We are going to stand at ease while caucus elections proceed.

All members – I hope I have this right in speaking with staff – but my understanding is that they are going to continue, the Democratic leader has indicated that we could continue with some farewell remarks at this time for members of the majority caucus at this time. So if those members wish to be recognized even though we do not have a full House of Representatives, I am glad to do so. That will be up to them. They would include Representatives Harper, Roe, Saccone, and Santora, and it will be up to them if they want to continue at this time or if they want to wait until members of the other party are back from their caucus elections.

Members, please take your seats. I would ask all members to please come to the House floor. We will leave the doors open for a short period of time and then I am going to be closing them. We have some farewell remarks from some members so I would ask all members to please take their seats.

I would ask all members to please take their seats as I call up Representative Santora to give some farewell remarks. Please close the doors of the House. Any guests or friends of Representative Santora, if they are here, should be in the front row.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. SANTORA

The SPEAKER. Representative Santora has represented the 163d District in Delaware County since 2014. He and his lovely wife, Amy, are the proud parents of three children, Ryan, Tyler, and Kyra. He has served on the Appropriations Committee, Gaming Oversight, Professional Licensure, and Urban Affairs Committees. He is a graduate of St. Dorothy School, Cardinal O'Hara High School, and Cabrini College. He is a licensed real estate broker, formerly a councilman at large in Upper Darby Township. He has been a leader since he first came into office on so many important issues with respect to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but the number one thing that he never forgot was representing the constituents of the 163d District in Delaware County.

Representative Santora, the floor is yours.

Mr. SANTORA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

He probably should not have left this up here, because I have got a few bills I would like to call up. But it is all good, we will wait on those.

First and foremost I want to thank my constituents. Serving the 163d District has been one of the most fulfilling things in my life. I could not do it alone. I had an incredible staff. Linda, Diane, Cheryl, Jeanie, Denise, and Debbie up here in Harrisburg really fulfilled the mission that I put forth to represent our constituents to the best of our ability, and we did just that. No constituent's question, concern, or issue went unanswered. Alison from the Communications Department could speak a lot better than I could, and she put it on paper and she really understood what I was about. I think I drove her crazy, because I would send her about 10 to 12 pictures of my weekly activities and she would say, "Can we do 5 this week, because when people open them on their phones, it is not going to open?" And I would say, "No, because there are going to be 10 to 12 more next week," and there were, and that is something we were very proud of, our representation out in the community.

I want to thank some important folks back home. John McNichol, who was my leader when I first got into politics. He gave me my first shot to be able to run for Upper Darby Township Council. As you heard Bill Keller mention earlier, I got the nod, and John was larger than life in Pennsylvania and politics across the country for the GOP. His son, Paul, my current leader, has been my mentor, my friend, and he gave me my biggest shot to be able to run for this office and he was there with me each step of the way. And one of the best, hardworking mayors any town could have, Upper Darby mayor, Tom Micozzie; I cannot thank him enough for his leadership and his guidance.

When I first came here, Bill Adolph was the Appropriations chairman and the dean of the Delco Caucus or the dean of the Delco delegation. He gave me some advice. He said, "If you don't care who gets the credit, you can get a lot done up here," and I was able to do that with amendments. One of the first and biggest pieces of legislation that I was able to really have an impact on was with Neal Goodman. I took his one-sentence piece of legislation and turned it into such an impactful piece of legislation that helped home buyers and sellers across Pennsylvania be in charge of their contract instead of local municipalities dictating what needed to happen and who needed to do it, and now a buyer and seller can negotiate that amongst themselves.

I did things a little different up here than most. Some of you may not know this, but I had a Democrat as a roommate, Mike Driscoll. We worked in a bipartisan fashion. We got legislation done, and we need more of that. When you find that common ground that Ron Marsico just talked about, you get great legislation done. It is going to be a little more difficult to find that common ground, because a lot of those common-ground legislators will no longer be here, but I encourage you to work on it because that is the best that you can be. When you walk out of the room a little angry and you walk out of the room a little happy, you know that you got something done. The other side is the same way.

I want to thank the leadership team. They allowed me to be a part of some things. Dave Reed. The fact is – I am not going to work for Dave Reed as a teller at his bank, so I just want to put that on the table now – but Dave has been nothing but good to me, and, Dave, I thank you, and as I said, I did things a little different. Dave is 40 and I am 47, but Dave was a true mentor to me and I truly appreciate that, and I want to work in the fashion that you always worked in, because I felt that you were being honest and forthcoming as much as you possibly could, and I truly appreciate that.

Jimmy Christiana. There is a guy that fought for EITC (educational improvement tax credit) and OSTC (opportunity scholarship tax credit), alongside with the Speaker, and we got some great things accomplished. You can be a public school advocate and be a non-public school advocate at the same time, and the folks that fight for EITC and OSTC prove that each and every day. And I have said it once and I will say it a million times: back home in the southeast, if our Catholic schools fail, our public schools are in real trouble, and we need to make sure that there are opportunities, because one size does not fit all, and keep that fight up. I know Jim will not be here to carry it on, but I know the Speaker will.

To my Delco delegation – there were five, there are now two – but we were able to do a lot of good things. One thing we were pretty decent at was negotiating, and I know the leaders really did

not appreciate that all the time, but I think they liked the game, and we were able to get some great things done for back home.

A couple other things. I have got to talk about the Appropriations Committee and each of the chairpeople on the committees I served. Some of you, I apologize; others, you are welcome, and they each know what I mean by that. And on Approps, we did some pretty great work. Now, that final product was not always the great work we did, but we did some pretty great work, and the Approps Committee will understand that.

I live by a motto that I never knew that I lived by, and just the other night I was honored to receive the Churchill Award by the Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation – not for my political service, but for my community service and my civic engagement and my willingness to support many different charitable groups financially and with time. And the Churchill Award is based off of this motto, and I do truly believe that it is very impactful and it is who I am: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." And I make a living with what I get, but I truly do make a life with all that I give. Thank you.

I have loved every minute of being up here in Harrisburg, and I have loved every minute of being back home serving my constituents. And the best part of being able to say goodbye is that I now get to spend more time with Amy, Tyler, Kyra, Ryan, and our two dogs, and the entire family, who sacrificed so much for me. I love them very much. I am not closing this door, but I am moving on today. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Santora, thank you for your passion, your intelligence, your persistence. You came into the legislature already having a fair amount of knowledge with respect to this body, and certainly with respect to public service, by virtue of serving in Upper Darby. You knew what you wanted to accomplish each and every time, whether it be for the community or whether it be on good public policy. You always had a beeline and an objective in front of you and worked to get to that end. You accomplished much of that.

You are a young person. You are going to be involved with public service again in my lifetime, I am sure of that. I want to just congratulate you on a job well done, and to your family, please give them all our best. May God bless.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative ROAE has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. ROE

The SPEAKER. Representative Eric Roe.

Representative Eric Roe was elected in 2017 to serve the 158th Legislative District of Chester County. A graduate of West Chester Henderson High School, and then earning degrees from American University in Washington, DC, and the University College London in the United Kingdom. He was an administrative analyst for Chester County Commissioners, a fellow with the John Jay Institute, and a special assistant at the Chertoff Group. He served on Aging and Older Adult Services,

Finance, Human Services, and Urban Affairs Committees. The most amazing thing, this outstanding individual, he and his wife, Alice, have their twin boys, Ethan and Callum, and they are so cute, and such a lovely wife.

Eric, you are such a principled young man, really quite eloquent in your remarks, both on the floor and in caucus, and I, please, ask you to come to the rostrum for some farewell remarks at this time, although you have got a great future ahead of you, young man, and an outstanding legislator.

Sir, please proceed.

Mr. ROE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Members, this is a bittersweet moment for me. I stand before you and I wish you farewell. The past 2 years have been one of the greatest privileges I have ever experienced in my entire life. I will not lie to you: I wrote these remarks only this morning. I honestly thought I would be with you for another 2 years so I did not plan to give this speech for a while. Although there are many times in our lives when we cannot control our circumstances, we can control how we react to them. So instead of feeling sorry for myself, I will react by counting my blessings, and there are certainly too many to count.

If you have ever experienced the loss of something or someone that you love, you know that it is never easy to wake up the next morning and remember what just happened the day before. I was honestly dreading going to bed on Tuesday night after I got the results back and realized I had come up short. I was dreading going to bed that night because I did not want to wake up and remember that the next morning. But by the grace of God, when I woke up on Wednesday morning, I woke up to the sound of babies laughing, and in that moment, I remembered that the most important things in my life were just in the room next to me. While I might not be a State Representative anymore, I already have the best jobs that I am ever going to have as a husband and a father. I am blessed to have the most amazing, talented, godly, and beautiful wife that a man could ever ask for in Alice Roe. She loves me and our sons, Ethan and Callum, more than I deserve. I have got the best parents a guy could ask for. My dad, Mark, has more integrity than any man I will ever meet; and my mom, Mary Beth, is an inspiration to me every single day.

My legislative staff blew me away. They blew me away with their work ethics, their talents, and their service to our community. Matt Zaun, my chief of staff. Matt, thank you for being so trustworthy and capable. I do not think I have ever trusted a professional colleague quite as much as I trusted you, Matt. Thank you for never once betraying that trust. I consider you a dear friend. Jesse Stoecker and Nita Mattiola, you showed the love of Christ to each and every person that walked into our office. Thank you for how you treated every constituent with love and respect. Dixie, thank you for keeping me on track while I was here in the Capitol. I was so blessed to work with you over the past 2 years, and you never missed a thing. You are an extremely talented woman.

I am grateful for my amazing campaign team who worked so hard to get me here and to keep me here. Marian McGrath was my campaign manager for the past two elections, and to this day, she is still the only person who has ever literally taken the witness stand for me. Marian, you are more appreciated by me and my family than you will ever know. Thank you for your selfless service to me, our party, and our Commonwealth. Terri Clark, not only are you an excellent county register of wills, but I cannot thank you enough for being my events chair over the past 3 years. You are a dear friend of mine and I am so grateful for you.

Gwenne Alexander, thank you for getting me plugged into Chester County politics at an early age. I am sorry I was not in here longer, but your friendship over the past 10 years is what brought me to this place in the first place. Rob Brooks and Jeff Coleman, thank you for how hard you worked and thank you for your creativity. You kept my campaigns classy, and I am very grateful for that.

I would like to thank our leadership team here in the House. Speaker Turzai, Leader Reed, Whip Bryan Cutler, Caucus Chair Marcy Toepel, Caucus Secretary Donna Oberlander, Caucus Administrator Kurt Masser, and Appropriations Chairman Stan Saylor, I want to thank each of you for how you had my back every single time.

And to my friends who also propelled me and my campaign from the outside, I am grateful for your friendship too. Brian Rengert, Sheila Flickinger, Chad Weaver, and the rest of the gang at HRCC (House Republican Campaign Committee), thank you for your tremendous work for our party. Val DiGiorgio, thank you for helping me get here back in 2016 and for having my back. My dear friends Michael Geer, Randy Wenger, and Tom Shaheen over at the Pennsylvania Family Institute, thank you for your support and for fighting the good fight here in Harrisburg. And my dear friend, Matt Brouillette, from Commonwealth Partners, thank you for being a friend and a mentor to me. I appreciate the accountability you gave me – not just professionally, but also on a personal level too.

I am a truly blessed man and I have no regrets. I look back on the past 2 years and I marvel at the things we accomplished. We disarmed domestic abusers and invested more in our schools than at any other time in Pennsylvania's history. We reformed the State pension system and started making promises that we could actually keep. We passed bills to protect the smallest and most vulnerable among us, because every human being deserves to have human rights. We protected preserved land from eminent domain, and we passed State budgets without raising taxes. I am proud of that.

I could go on and on, but instead let me close with this. Members, I wish you well as you continue to serve the people of Pennsylvania. Consider these words from the great, late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who said the following, and I quote: "...when you discover what you will be in your life, set out to do it as if God Almighty called you at this particular moment in history to do it. Don't just set out to do a good job. Set out to do such a good job that the living, the dead or the unborn couldn't do it any better. If it falls your lot to be a street sweeper, sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures, sweep streets like Beethoven composed music, sweep streets like Leontyne Price sings before the Metropolitan Opera. Sweep streets like Shakespeare wrote poetry. Sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will have to pause and say: Here lived a great street sweeper who..." did "his job well," end quote.

Well, members, I, too, have a challenge for you. Now that you have discovered or rediscovered your lot as a State legislator, I challenge you with this: serve your constituents in need like Mother Teresa served the poor. Strive onward toward a unified citizenry, emancipate our burdened people, and proclaim freedom like Abraham Lincoln did. Work together to form a more perfect Union like our Founding Fathers and Founding Mothers did. Write legislation with attention to detail like Edwin Austin Abbey painted the murals above you. Serve with the humility of one who toils in the fields, fields whose ceilings are not painted in gold like these ceilings here, but instead, fields with ceilings

that shimmer with the glow of countless stars above. And then, run this race with the urgency of Paul Revere. Do all of this so well that the hosts of heaven and earth will have to pause and say, "Here lived a great Pennsylvania State legislator who did his job well."

May God continue to bless each of you, and may God continue to bless the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Roe, that was so eloquent. It will hold you in such great stead – not just the word choices, although they were magnificent, but also the meaning behind them. In 2 years you have made such a significant mark. How old are you? Thirty-one. He is going to have an outstanding career no matter what he pursues. And please give Alice and the twins our very, very best. You are a great friend. Stay in touch with all of us. You are always welcome here in the House of Representatives. Thank you for your, really, just eloquent words. God bless.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

The SPEAKER. Sergeants at Arms, please just let in anybody who wants to come onto the House floor. I would ask all members to please take your seats.

At this time, as we continue with farewell remarks, Chair Kate Harper was elected in 2000 to represent the citizens of the 61st Legislative District in Montgomery County. As you know, she is chair of the House Local Government Committee and also on the Transportation Committee. Some of the legislation passed by the Local Government Committee is the most far-reaching, far-reaching in the history of this body. I will discuss more of that after her remarks. She and her husband, Paul J. Kelly, who is a C.P.A. (certified public accountant), reside in Lower Gwynedd Township. They have had the honor of raising two great boys, Paul and Tom.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MS. HARPER

The SPEAKER. At this time I call up Chairperson Kate Harper of the 61st Legislative District.

Representative Harper.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And because he gets rebuttal after my remarks, this time at the mike I am going to behave. I just want you to know that, Mr. Speaker, okay?

It is traditional when a member retires for that person to offer thoughts on their career. I did prepare remarks. I do not always speak from prepared remarks, but I did prepare them because it is important. I promise to be brief and I promise not to be too boring.

First, let me say that the name of this speech is "No Regrets." Had I written this speech the day after the election, it would have been called "Give me that leftover Halloween candy. I think I just wasted 18 years of my life." But time gives one a little perspective, and I have had some perspective and I no longer feel that way.

So the first thing I want to do is to thank the voters of Lower Gwynedd; Upper Gwynedd; North Wales Borough; Towamencin Township; Whitpain Township, Blue Bell; and I guess Plymouth Township, which I did have for some time. Thank you for letting me be your voice here in the Pennsylvania General Assembly. It

was a great honor and I am so glad to have had that chance. How cool is it to be in a legislative body that is older than our country and where Benjamin Franklin once wielded the gavel? Admit it, everybody, that in and of itself is pretty cool, and I got to do it for 18 years.

So in my 18 years I learned a few things – probably not as many as I should have, but I did learn a few things. So I would like to pass them on for those of you who will be serving in the future.

First, people, we need to learn to listen to one another. We need to learn to listen. We need to understand that things look very different depending on your vantage point and where you are sitting. Something that is completely obvious if you are from the suburbs looks very different in rural Pennsylvania. So the first thing we need to do is learn to listen to one another so we can appreciate the different perspectives that each of us brings from home to this body.

Secondly – and this is a hope – we need to learn not to jam things through. Laws that are jammed through by one side or the other never really get the credibility they need and just furnish arguments going into the future. You know what I am talking about. I am sure you can each name things that either a Republican or a Democrat proposed and rammed through – not just here, but in the Congress – that are still a problem today. We do better when we do things by consensus, when we learn from the other guy's perspective and either add or subtract things here and there to try to get buy-in from all sides.

And do not be afraid to do the hard work of committees. In my time as Local Government chair – and here I am going to have to ask somebody to please tell Bob Freeman that I said this – I am really grateful to have been chairman with Bob Freeman. We did not always agree, but we both decided we wanted only bills that were ready for floor action to leave our committee, and we worked hard to make sure that that is what happened. And for the most part, I think we succeeded.

Of course, my thanks go to our respective staffs: Rob Gartner for me, John Fulton for him. They worked hard, and we were demanding bosses – me more so than Bob, but that is the way we are. I also want to thank Ashton Cassel, my legislative aide for the committee, who did a good job.

Finally, I would also like to thank the associations of the local governments, the townships, the boroughs, the counties, because they presented their perspectives and protected all of those who serve in our 2500 local government units here in Pennsylvania.

One more thing, a piece of advice. Do not be afraid of floor debate. I personally have witnessed hearts and minds changed during floor debate. We need to do more of it, not less. And remember this. Here in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, we actually do get a lot of good things done.

Teddy Roosevelt – a Republican Roosevelt, by the way – said, far and away the best thing that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at something worth doing. Here in the General Assembly we actually have that chance, and those of you going forward have it in the future – the chance to work hard at something worth doing. And it is worth doing. We balance a budget every year – Congress has not done that in decades, okay? – and it is hard, and you who have served here know that it is hard, but we do that.

Personally, I am proud of a few things that I have gotten done. Making trash pay, a tax on mostly out-of-State trash dumped at landfills, that is funding environmental programs even today.

Working across the aisle with Governor Ed Rendell, we did Growing Greener II, a program to fund trails, parks, watersheds, and open space so that each community can save those special places that matter to them. The voters approved that by a huge referendum; by the way, I never got that big of a referendum in any of my nine elections. It was huge. This session we stopped government land grab of public parkland. That is important work and we worked hard to get it done. I am also proud to say that I voted for Act 89, known to many of you as the gas tax. No legislator anywhere likes to vote for a gas tax, because it is sure to upset people everywhere. Everyone drives a car, everyone pays it. Under the Pennsylvania Constitution, that money is directed towards roads and bridges, and we needed it because we had the worst bridges in the country. Think about that: the worst bridges in the country. And now that money is working across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and at home to fix our infrastructure, and also to give good jobs to design professionals and road builders who lost jobs by the thousands before we passed that bill. It is important.

I am also proud to say that we amended the Pennsylvania Constitution to allow older, wiser judges to stay on the bench a little longer. Change in the Constitution is a heavy lift, but we got it done, and the voters approved that as well.

Kathy Watson and I can take credit for getting a road built, Route 202, from Route 63 in my district through New Britain in her district. We lobbied hard to get that road built and it was built. Former Secretary of Transportation Allen Biehler once told me that when he saw one of us in the Capitol, he could not remember our names. All he could think of was 202, and I said, "That's great. That's what I want you to think of. Get it done," and he did it. So that was important.

Far and away, though, I will miss being able to help my peeps, the constituents of the 61st Legislative District, whether we are talking about getting them unemployment benefits or a left-turn arrow at a busy intersection. And I could not have done it without my district office staff in Blue Bell. They were here earlier and had to go: Kathy Rusch, Karen Shaw, Mary Anne Noon, and Megan Diehl. Of Kathy Rusch, my office manager, I can say this: She ran my life, but she did such a darn good job of it, I let her, because clearly, I was not competent to do it on my own. So I will miss having her skill, and so will the residents of the 61st Legislative District.

Finally, I have to thank my family. They serve without compensation with all of us. My poor husband, whose name is Paul J. Kelly III; stand up, Kell. There he is. My husband has been called Mr. Harper thousands of times, and he takes it with good grace. That is not his name.

And here I am going to go off script just a little, because I just went through one of the nastiest campaigns of my career. But a low point was when somebody posted on Facebook that my son was a holy terror in the fourth grade at Gwynedd-Mercy Elementary, so I must be a very bad mother. Let me just say something to any women here – moms or dads, men who have children – let me tell you something. I do not know if it is because I made the big effort to drive back and forth on the turnpike, or in spite of that, but my kids turned out just fine. That holy terror in the fourth grade at the Catholic school serves in the United States Marines and is now a police officer still serving the public. Thank you. Clearly, clearly, he deserves that. But I want all of the parents here to know, you can raise great kids. You can raise great kids and do this job, although it is not easy to do. It is good work which is worth doing. My other son, Tom, is a lawyer.

Okay, come on; that gets applause. All right, thank you. And they did serve with me, and this was as hard on them as it was on me.

So I want to remind you all that this is work well worth doing, and I commend it to you, and I want to thank the voters of my district for sending me here to be their voice.

Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. Chairwoman Harper, we have a gavel for you. But no one, as you know – although when you said you had that message on Wednesday, I understand, but I am glad you rethought it – no one has done more on so many fronts to preserve the environment, improve transportation infrastructure, protect public safety, and to, really, move local government into the 21st century. On so many fronts, Chair Kate Harper has been the leader in this body with, as I might say, some very outstanding, cogent, passionate floor remarks on so many of these issues.

I might also just say that, amongst others, she did not mention legislation to help make counseling and mental health services more accessible to veterans and family members – really outstanding legislation. With respect to helping local government entities cope with a tough economy by expanding investment options, recently in really managing the compromise with respect to how we take the city of Harrisburg, our capital city, forward; authored legislation to help communities deal with flood concerns by authorizing new or existing municipal authorities to undertake storm water planning, management, and implementation. With respect to the environment, probably, if not the chief, certainly one of the chief defenders and protectors of the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, made sure that impact fee dollars went there and into Hazardous Sites Cleanup and Environmental Stewardship Funds. Also made sure that landfills paid that – I think it was 5 bucks or 2 bucks a ton – and that that money went to all environmental programs – correct? – if I am not mistaken. She has just been an outstanding leader on so many fronts. And with respect to infrastructure improvements, Representative Harper was without a doubt one of the most articulate advocates for making those changes and for investing those dollars.

In addition to her husband, Paul Kelly, if these staff members could stand: Kathy Rusch, Megan Diehl, Mary Anne Noon, and Karen Shaw. I do not know if they are still here, but if not, we will give them all the very, very best.

Thank you so much, Chair Harper, and I want to present you with this gavel.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

The SPEAKER. Please open up the doors of the House just to see if any other members want to come on the House floor at this time, and then I will close the doors of the House again. If all members could please take their seats.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. SACCONE

The SPEAKER. Representative Rick Saccone was first elected to serve the people of the 39th District in Allegheny and Washington Counties in November of 2010. He serves on the Judiciary, State Government, Children and Youth, and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committees. He was most recently a congressional candidate, and I was honored to be in support of that endeavor, as were so many here.

This good gentleman served our country for more than a decade as a United States Air Force Counterintelligence and Special Agent – I hope I am allowed to say that – returning to the United States to complete his Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh. Representative Saccone became a full-time professor at St. Vincent College. He also embarked on a Fulbright-Hays summer scholarship to Egypt, studying Islam, history, and politics, and most recently, an education and research scholarship to Africa. He also spent considerable time in North Korea.

There is so much more to say about this good gentleman, which I will say after his remarks, but most importantly, he and his lovely wife, Yong – Yong, please wave to everybody – married for 37 years. And here is the thing, and I do not think this got said often enough in his campaign, they are the proud parents of two adult sons whom I have met, many of you have met, Nick and Matthew, and both – both – are officers in the United States Air Force. Rick, please, I want to stand and thank you just for that, for your service and for their service to our country. Members, if you would, please, I think we should stand for that. Thank you, Rick.

Representative Saccone, the rostrum is yours.

Mr. SACCONI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It has been a remarkable experience serving in this beautiful Capitol. It has never stopped being an awesome privilege being here.

As does everyone, there are so many people to thank. First, I would like to thank my constituents, who in most cases have crossed party lines to elect me four times.

I want to thank my staff, both here in Harrisburg and back home in the district. They are the most caring and serving people, who have served our constituents far above and beyond the call of duty. My first secretary, Sue Peirson, Denise Dougherty, Patty Beecher, Chelsea Harlfinger, and Dawn Becher; and back home, Char Tibbitt, Lisa Gosliak, and Melissa Barclay – all just outstanding people and I cannot thank them enough. The staff up here as well and the staff on committees are also outstanding, all the way down to the unseen video staff. I do not know how much you have utilized the video staff here but I have made over 200 videos in my time here, and the work they did was over-the-top outstanding. They are incredible, and I want to give them appropriate recognition for that. I want to thank— Yes, please. They deserve it. They are outstanding. They are down in the bowels of the basement, and sometimes we do not get to see them or go down to visit them, but if you have a chance, go down and thank them for what they do. They do a lot for us.

I want to thank my family. Most of you know my wife of 39 years, Yong, as the Speaker has already mentioned. She has been with me everywhere along the way, at every door that we knock and every event that we went to, and she has never missed a day up here in Harrisburg. She has always been there. She is everything to me.

And as the Speaker mentioned, my two sons, Nick and Matt, both serving in the Air Force. Nick is serving in Korea right now. Matt serves in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. And their families and my grandchildren, whom I think about every day, have sacrificed so much to help me do this job.

I want to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, many who have become close friends. Unfortunately, some have passed away, as we honored them today. It has been an honor to know you and work on tough issues together with you all.

You know, most of us come up here with grand plans to accomplish and I have been blessed to have accomplished close to all of those legislative goals, from the Castle Doctrine to property tax reform to veterans legislation to government reform and fighting for the right to life. I am proudest of the bipartisan legislation that I have recently worked on, especially because it defies that stereotype that we do not work together up here.

Along the way, we also help many constituents back home and that is the most rewarding to me. From saving a family's home from mine subsidence to expanding a one-lane bridge in my community. We turned it into two lanes, and it had been a nuisance in a growing community that I serve and we were able to expand that and it meant a lot to the people back home.

While I was here I tried to celebrate our rich, godly heritage, which is well represented in this very building from the over 50 Biblical Scriptures in stone and paintings around our Capitol. In this very room, John 8:32 on the ceiling there, and many of you might not know because you cannot see it, but Deuteronomy 32:7 is right here on the Apotheosis behind me. If you have a chance, come up and take a look at it, and you can still read it. To our national motto, "In God We Trust," which started right here in Pennsylvania and is chiseled in granite on the front steps of this Capitol. In a time when our country appears in moral decline, I choose to celebrate this positive message at every opportunity. And yes, I like to emphasize "under God" when we say the Pledge of Allegiance, and I challenge someone to pick up that baton and carry on after I am gone.

My faith has been an important part of my life. It reminds me that I am far from perfect and I need to strive to love my country, to love my wife, love my family, work hard, defend the innocent – always defend the innocent – and help others.

One of the things that has been confirmed in my mind as a political scientist and a teacher is that when working on difficult issues, we need all our input. That does not mean we will agree, but we need to hear all the arguments. I have always tried to live by the old saying from Emerson that every man I meet is my superior in some way, in that I learn from him. Let me say, I have learned something from all of you.

There is a tension in politics today that is unhealthy for our environment and our country. People retreat to their parties, and the animosity between parties is dangerously high. It was a similar dynamic when I was in North Korea. Neither side would work with each other, a very confrontational environment, both sides demonizing the other. And I was determined to find common ground, and when I did, we were able to work successfully with the North Koreans. I wrote a couple of books about it when I came back. We need to instill that thinking once again here in America. It has been said a couple of times today about finding common ground and reaching across the aisle and working with each other. The people back home expect us to consider all sides of an issue and vigorously defend our position with sound logic and reason. I hope I have done so with passion but never animus toward any of you. I hope you will remember me as someone who listened to you. In fact, though we may have disagreed on many issues, I hope you remember me as a person who always met you with a smile and a positive greeting. Through fiery debate and passionate speeches, we have won and lost many battles in this chamber, but I always try to remember the old saying that it is an honor to win, but it is more important to win with honor.

People often ask, why do you go up to that crazy Harrisburg and how do you put up with all that stuff that goes on up there? In other words, why do you serve? And for that I refer to the words of George Washington, a personal hero of mine, who responded to that question in this way, he said, "I was summoned by my Country, whose voice I can never hear but with veneration and love."

I have done a few different things in life, from military service overseas to service in North Korea, author of 10 books, traveled around the world, to recently running for higher office and spending time with our President. My life has been full and richly blessed, but my experience here has been a fruitful one in so many ways. I gave it all I had while I was here. I will look back with fond memories of the successes and the camaraderie experienced here.

And I will end with my favorite quote from Abraham Lincoln, which may sound a little corny, but I actually have tried to live by it all these years. He said, "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him." I have always been proud of my country, my State, and my community, and I hope I have made you proud of me.

God bless you all and God bless our country. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. As you know, Representative Saccone was first elected to serve the people of Washington and Allegheny Counties in the 39th District in 2010, and they were certainly ably served. And I must say, you would have done a remarkable job serving in the United States Congress as well. You have years ahead of you. You will have other paths where you are going to continue to impact things so positively. But your experience on an international, national, and State level, I do not know who could match the resume, my friend. I am not sure who.

To Yong, God bless. To your two boys, please keep them safe. They will be in our prayers.

Chelsea Harlfinger, is she here? Did she have to go? And Dawn Becher? Please give them our best. They served you ably.

And, members, if we could, a final round of applause for Representative Rick Saccone.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

The SPEAKER. We will open the doors of the House briefly in case anybody wants to come on or off the floor. And then I will close them shortly; if anybody wishes to come on or off the floor at this time.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. BARBIN

The SPEAKER. Representative Bryan Barbin was first elected to the State House in 2008 to represent the 71st Legislative District of Cambria County. He is the Democratic chair of the Game and Fisheries Committee and also serves on the Judiciary and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committees. He holds a bachelor of arts in economics from the University of Richmond and a juris doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. And he resides in Johnstown with his wife, Tammy, and they have four children, Brad, Josh, Gap, and Mackenzie.

One of the really amazing things about this good gentleman's background is he has served in all three branches of State government. He began public service in 1982 as a clerk to Henry X. O'Brien, chief justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; that is really quite prestigious, folks. He continued public service as a Deputy Attorney General, and he also, obviously, served here in the legislature, but he has also had experience with respect to the executive branch. He had extensive experience in State government representing individuals and businesses in matters before all Pennsylvania State administrative agencies as well.

I would like to call up my colleague and yours, Representative Bryan Barbin, of Cambria County. Representative Barbin.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you.

I am going to be short and sweet here. I have had 10 wonderful years in this House and I have a couple thank-yous that I need to say, but I enjoyed every minute with all of you. And part of it is because you are part of history, part of it is because you do recognize that things that get done generally get done when you listen to people of all views and try to incorporate their views as much as possible to get something across the goal line. We have done that so many times here that I can really say, at the end of the 10 years, I am as proud of the work that I did with both sides of the aisle to get things done. So thank you.

This is where everybody always makes the mistake on the campaign trail. I am the worst offender of them all. I never thank my wife. But literally, I have the best campaigning wife that you could ever have. And, honey, if you are listening, you are hall of fame in my book.

I have an identical twin brother – and most of my family are Republicans – but my identical twin brother loved me enough that in every campaign, he was out there in the most important precincts pushing for my election. So I also got to thank – thank you, Brad.

My kids, they were all involved, and it is not easy for your kids to be involved in politics. You know, they were all in high school. The question was, is he making it back in time to see my game? And this is the one place that if you want to, you can. Two and a half hours can be pretty quick from Harrisburg to Johnstown, and I did not miss my kids' games – none of you should either.

I want to quickly thank the people that were – I have tremendous staff. George, Jackie, Alanna, Bernice. They were the district people who really made a difference, and I know you guys have the same sort of people. I have been here 10 years so we have had a lot of people, but they were exceptional. And here in Harrisburg, I have been blessed. I had a great executive director who brought me right along with Game and Fish, and I really appreciate it, Steve. Steve McMullen is beside me. And, Patty, you did a super job keeping me moving in the right direction.

And I discovered a little bit while I was here about all these Bible quotations, that the building is way more than Bible quotations; it is about an idea that happened when the Capitol burned down. They rebuilt it, and when they rebuilt it, they were not politically correct. And what they did was they said the truth, the truth about how our Commonwealth was formed in 1906, they were still close enough in time that they actually knew. And now it is a national treasure and they cannot do thing one about it. So this is going to be here forever and this is a memorial to religious liberty, because that is what we are.

And so I do not have any more remarks other than to say I really enjoyed my 10 years.

I will put on the record one more fact, and that is that we celebrate the wrong charter. Every year we celebrate the charter from Charles, and the only charter that ever mattered to Pennsylvania and the only one that mattered to the nation was the charter that Penn gave us. He stands there with it in his hand. It is called the Charter of Privileges. And the Charter of Privileges said that because you cannot be happy unless you have liberty of conscience and because God is the only judge of conscience, that is what is the unifying ingredient that made the Republic. And he also said one other thing, and he said you can never alter this. Our colony was the only one where they did not give it to some corporation because they wanted economic development. They owed a debt to Penn. They paid it back. It was his. He said, we are going to have religious liberty and it cannot be altered and my heirs cannot give it away. It is for the people's benefit. That is the Charter of Privileges. That is what we celebrated when we built the Liberty Bell and we have forgotten it. It is the key ingredient to the country. It is how everybody gets along. You have the right to agree to choose to believe or not. You have the right to accept the gift or respect it or not. But it is what pulls everybody together.

So I am just going to put this on the record.

Thank you again for a wonderful 10 years. I enjoyed every minute.

DOCUMENT SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mr. BARBIN submitted a document for the Legislative Journal.

(For document, see Appendix.)

The SPEAKER. Bryan, Representative Barbin, whenever you would speak on issues, you were so methodical, organized – and I say this as a real compliment – in a very cogent, lawyerly fashion and got right to the point, but they were very relevant points always whenever you would get up to speak. You have also been so out front regularly reminding us, myself as Speaker and others, about the Pennsylvania Charter of Privileges, from 1701, is it? And I was recently at Representative Michael O'Brien's visitation that was held at St. Joseph's Church there in Philadelphia, in his district – I think it may be the oldest Catholic church, I think, in the Commonwealth, if I am not mistaken – and it stated in there, one of the pamphlets, that when word had gotten around in the city of Philadelphia that they were going to build a Catholic church, certain people had objections to that, but that the Charter of Privileges prevailed and made sure that that church in fact got built like all the other churches, and why Philadelphia as a city was the most open to colonists of so many different faiths, and really, an amazing thing.

Representative Barbin, also, you have led on many, many issues, many that, you know, folks agreed and disagreed on, but also I might just point out your being cochair of the Pro-Life Caucus I think meant much to many of the members across both sides of the aisle, and you always did it in a dignified manner, that would try to bring people together and not push people away and I just applaud you for that effort. And all that you did for your hometown of Johnstown in Cambria County, people will not forget.

COMMEMORATIVE GAVEL PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Thank you for your service, and I would like have the honor of presenting you with a gavel.

The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House.

I know other members have chosen not to speak but they may be here. If they wanted to stop up to the rostrum, I would certainly welcome them. If any other retiring members at this time, we have gavels for each and every one of these retiring members. Members, I would ask you to please take your seats.

FAREWELL REMARKS BY MR. CHARLTON

The SPEAKER. I would like to call up from Delaware County, from the 165th District, Representative Alex Charlton. Representative Charlton.

Mr. CHARLTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I firmly believe that your time at this microphone should be commensurate with your time in the House, so I will simply say thank you all very much for this experience. I truly enjoyed it and I look forward to seeing you all again.

Thank you, and God bless.

The SPEAKER. Representative Charlton, please give your family our very, very best. Just a great family. Grayson, Isabella, and Mila, we extend you the very best. Dad is going to be home this evening. And just outstanding service. And please stay in touch, Alex. We will miss you, Representative Charlton.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

HR 1160 RECONSIDERED

The SPEAKER. We are doing a voice vote with respect to the motion to reconsider HR 1160. My understanding is, in talking to the makers of the resolution and the leaders of both sides, at this time a voice vote, that we just reconsider it. There is not a "yes" or "no"; it is just to reconsider.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

RESOLUTION REFERRED

The SPEAKER. It will be referred to the Rules Committee. So HR 1160 will go to the Rules Committee.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mrs. EVANS submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

According to the American Cancer Society, the statistics are startling as they declare nearly 38 million Americans still smoke cigarettes, and smoking remains the largest preventable cause of death and illness in the world. They further note smoking causes more than 480,000 deaths every year and more than 16 million Americans live with

a smoking-related disease. That is why I am introducing a resolution designating November 15, 2018, as "The Great American Smokeout Day" in Pennsylvania.

Nationally, the Great American Smokeout started from an event in 1970 that called for one day of no smoking and the funds used to buy cigarettes would be donated to a local high school scholarship fund in Massachusetts by Arthur P. Mullaney. From there, events throughout the nation began that included Minnesota and California. Then local communities led smoke-free advocacy efforts, and legislation through local governments started to take hold, placing smoking restrictions in certain public places such as the workplace.

This day will be an opportunity to bring awareness about this addiction, the challenges individuals face, and a possible plan to obtain support and quit smoking. Quitting this addiction may be a difficult battle, but the benefits are well worth it when smokers will be able to lower their risk for lung cancer and other diseases, lower their risk for respiratory issues, and eliminate secondhand smoke to family and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for their support and challenge smokers to quit smoking for one day in the hopes that this important decision will be a first step in a plan to discontinue smoking once and for all.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Ms. MADDEN submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

People prick their fingers and make themselves bleed day after day – today I will recognize those people who have been prodded and probed for their blood levels with a resolution recognizing November as "National Diabetes Month" in Pennsylvania.

HR 1170 calls attention to diabetes, which is a group of diseases characterized by high blood sugar that results from an insufficient production of insulin in the body.

Diabetes organizations in Stroudsburg, Monroe County, and across Pennsylvania raise thousands of dollars throughout the year to fight this deadly disease and to help local folks with programs who have been diagnosed with diabetes. But further research and greater awareness is still greatly needed. I am sure we all know someone who suffers from the disease, whether it is a family member, friend, or a coworker.

According to the American Diabetes Association of Eastern Pennsylvania, it is estimated that one in every three children born over the last 18 years in the United States will be directly affected by diabetes. Nearly 30.3 million Americans suffer from this disease and 1.5 million new cases are diagnosed in the United States every year, and it is currently the seventh leading cause of death in the country. This is one of the reasons my resolution calls for a heightened understanding of diabetes, which can lead to serious health complications including heart disease, limb amputation, and unfortunately, even death. Diabetes cannot be cured, but it can be controlled.

I hope now you know more about what diabetes is, how it can be diagnosed, and what treatment options are available.

Thank you for supporting my resolution designating November as Diabetes Awareness Month.

CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 257, PN 1907**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for quality eye care for insured Pennsylvanians.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 257 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 257 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MRS. CORBIN

The SPEAKER. Great friends of ours, Representative Becky Corbin from Chester County, I am going to call Becky up at this time to present a gavel to her for her outstanding service to the 155th District in Chester County. And she and her really great husband, Mike, have been good friends of mine. Representative Corbin, you have just been an outstanding legislator. Back home in Chester County I stood with you on the day we did our first bill towards privatization of the wine and spirits, and we celebrated the second-year anniversary of getting wine and beer into the grocery stores recently and you were there with me. Thank you so much. You have been a leader on so many issues with respect to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a great fiscal steward focused on good jobs, but also, you served running that particular district office for many years prior to actually being the State Representative, so you know a lot about the importance of constituent service too.

Representative Corbin, some farewell remarks.

Mrs. CORBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To my colleagues, to my friends, thank you very much. To my doppelganger, thank you very much. To my bridge caucus, I will miss you all terribly. But you all know that I am a woman of very few words. So I want to mention my staff, Dawn Pelletier, my dear friend and legislative aide in Harrisburg; and to my district office staff, Chris Mulhall, Amanda Ross, and Alex Thigpen, thank you for your loyalty and your hard work.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mrs. CORBIN. And with that, I will submit my written remarks for the record.

God bless you all, and thank you.

Mrs. CORBIN submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, constituents, and friends:

I would be less than honest if I said I was looking forward to giving this speech at this time and under these circumstances. Who would not prefer to go out on top rather than being swept over by a cresting wave? The tide of political change rises and falls in tandem, first left and then right, at times red and others blue. The southeast members on this side of the aisle today know all too well what our esteemed western PA colleagues on the other side of the aisle went through during the past few cycles. We have a newfound appreciation for their circumstances and plight. As the Good Book says, "To everything there is a season."

I am not here today as one who is sad or bitter or dwelling on the negative. I humbly accept the verdict of the people of the 155th District, and I thank them for the wonderful privilege of serving them for the past 28 years. It has been an honor and joy.

I wish to thank my staff members – Chris Mulhall, Amanda Ross, Alex Thigpen, Tracy Polovick, and Dawn Pelletier. In fact, Dawn and I worked together for many years prior to my first race, and she remains a dear and loyal friend.

The great American folk philosopher and humorist, Mark Twain, did not hold State legislators in high regard. He thought that no one who was competent or skilled enough to succeed in life would desire to run. Hence, he believed the people were stuck with crooks and fools possessing below average intelligence, if any intelligence at all. As much as I like Mark Twain, I take issue with his comical characterization, one shared by many cynical observers. I have come to know many wonderful, dedicated people while I have served, and a number of you have become not only beloved colleagues, but dear friends. I would like the general public to know that the vast majority of people serving in this body are honorable and do so from a desire to serve rather than for personal ambition or gain.

During my time in the legislature, my proudest work was that which I did on behalf of domestic violence survivors. Many of you may not be aware that I have a law enforcement background, first working in the State crime lab in Virginia, and later as a commissioner for a police department in Chester County. Working side by side with prosecutors and victim advocate organizations who help those trying to escape the destructive grasp of intimate partner violence has been my most rewarding and important work.

One of the positive trends I see in the General Assembly, and in society at large, is the increasing role women are playing in leadership. One of the most humbling things ever to happen in my life occurred during my tenure as a legislator: young women and girls coming up to me at events, such as the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) Academy, and telling me what an inspiration I have been to them as they plot their futures.

I mentioned I worked in a State Police crime lab. Way back then, fresh out of college with a degree in chemistry, I was the only woman in the agency. I had to work harder, longer, and better to prove myself. And while most of the guys I worked with were very respectful, I had to overcome chauvinism too.

When I was elected in 2012, I was the only woman in the Chester County legislative delegation. Come January, there will be six women. I am not the kind of person who says to go out and support women just because they are women. I believe you should support women who are talented, skilled, passionate, and qualified – as so many women rising in the ranks of leadership today indeed are. But there is more work we must do to help young women and girls step out onto a level playing field to give them the opportunity to succeed and bless us with their many talents.

In closing, let me say that I am more convinced than ever that we in this body owe it to our constituents, and to society at large, to make this a place where civility, respect, and tolerance thrives. Washington politics, distortions, and name-calling should have no place here. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I urge you with all my heart to stay focused

on issues, not personalities, and look for opportunities to work across the aisle. Pennsylvanians are not interested in Democrats versus Republicans, but in all of us coming together to achieve the common good for this Commonwealth.

Thank you, and God bless you.

COMMEMORATIVE GAVEL PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Corbin, please give your husband, Mike, our best, and to your constituents as well. Thank you so much.

I present this gavel to you for your service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thank you, Becky.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. KAMPF

The SPEAKER. I have the distinct honor of introducing Representative Warren Kampf, who so ably represented the 157th District from Chester County. Warren and I, Representative Kampf and I have been good friends for some time. His wife, Megan, and children, Drew and Julia, are going to get to see him a little bit more often back in Chester County as he completes his term.

Representative Kampf was one of the singular individuals who led on the issue of public pension reform. We would never have achieved public pension reform, moving us into the 21st century to a defined contribution plan for new hires, without his leadership and diligence, really from the day that he came into office. He also led, was on the Liquor Committee when privatization of the wine and spirits stores, when we were going to phase them out, he was on that committee that led the effort when we first did it and all the way through the wine and beer in grocery stores endeavor; in addition, was always a fiscal steward, always focused on environmental programs, always trying to bring people together to do better by Chester County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I call to the rostrum Representative Warren Kampf of the 157th District.

Mr. KAMPF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as you were talking I was reminded of how you and our leader, Mr. Reed, and a number of folks when I was first running for office took an interest in my race and supported my efforts to try to come here, and I cannot thank all of those people in this community here in the State Capitol who helped me achieve that first victory. This was for me a lifelong goal to serve in a legislative body and to wrestle with big problems, and everyone who helped me to do that I owe an enormous debt of gratitude to, and I thank all of you for that.

I thank the citizens of the 157th District for giving me this privilege for four terms. It certainly was my privilege to do work here on their behalf and back at home for them, and I am going miss my interaction with them as it was these last 8 years.

To my wife and my children, Drew and Julia, they sacrificed a great deal for me to serve here as, you know, anyone who served in this position knows that family is so a part of the work that we do, and they miss out on us being with them often. So I thank the three of them from the bottom of my heart.

The folks who served along with me in the district offices, Sean Dempsey and Colleen Eckman and Lyn Shine and Tiffany O'Neill and John Alexander and Leigh Kling and Bill Bradley;

they did such great work for the people of my district, and so I thank them for that.

And then for all the people back home who helped me every single time to get reelected, and even in this last one when it did not turn out my way or our way. I am so grateful that they were willing to give of their time and their resources so that I could serve the people of the 157th District. Thank you, everyone.

And thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. To my great friend, Representative Kampf, you always did an outstanding job here as a legislator. Thank you for your leadership. You profoundly changed the direction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in your four terms here. You are going to have an exceptionally bright future as you move forward. Please stay in touch with all of us. To Megan, Drew, and Julia, give them our best.

COMMEMORATIVE GAVEL PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. And I would be honored to present to you a gavel. Thank you very much, Representative Kampf, for your outstanding service.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, all remaining bills and resolutions on today's calendar will be passed over. The Chair hears no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to recess until the call of the Chair. There will be no further votes or remarks this evening, but we are going to recess to the call of the Chair. There are no further votes and there will be no further remarks; we are just standing in recess until the call of the Chair. As you know, some caucus elections are still proceeding, but there will be no further votes or further remarks at this time.

The House will stand in recess upon the call of the Chair.

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After the recess of the House, the following documents were received and are herewith made a part of the House Journal:

COMMUNICATION FROM INDEPENDENT FISCAL OFFICE

The Speaker acknowledged receipt of the Independent Fiscal Office's report, "Economic and Budget Outlook: Fiscal Years 2018-19 to 2023-24."

(Copy of communication is on file with the Journal clerk.)

COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Speaker acknowledged receipt of the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund Annual Report from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

(Copy of communication is on file with the Journal clerk.)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM GOVERNOR

VETO OF HOUSE BILLS

The Speaker laid before the House a communication in writing from the office of His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, advising that the following House bills had been vetoed by the Governor:

HB 83, PN 2769; HB 2138, PN 3328; and HB 2157, PN 3278.

Said bills having been returned with the following messages:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of the Governor
Harrisburg

October 24, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 83, Printer's Number 2769.

This legislation restricts the state's flexibility to restructure outstanding debt to reduce future liabilities for citizens of the Commonwealth. This lack of flexibility is especially troublesome given current forecasts of rising interest rates. Maximizing the Commonwealth's ability to secure the least costly interest rate and repayment terms is essential to enable the Commonwealth to reduce annual debt service payments whenever possible to enable savings to fund other essential Commonwealth programs.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 83, Printer's Number 2769.

Sincerely,
Tom Wolf
Governor

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of the Governor
Harrisburg

October 19, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 2138, Printer's Number 3328.

In February 2015, I expanded Medicaid to ensure that Pennsylvanians can receive affordable, straightforward, accessible healthcare without unnecessary delays and confusion. Because of this expansion, more people have access to health care, thousands of jobs were created, and billions of dollars were infused into the economy.

Medicaid has served as a critical resource for Pennsylvanians who are suffering from a substance use disorder as our Commonwealth battles an unprecedented prescription drug and heroin public health crisis. Through Medicaid expansion, almost 124,000 newly eligible Medicaid enrollees were able to access drug and alcohol treatment that is critical to helping patients recover from the disease of addiction.

This legislation does not promote health coverage, access and treatment. Instead, this legislation increases costs, creates unnecessary delays and confusion, penalizes individuals who need healthcare, and terminates health coverage for those who need it the most.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 2138, Printer's Number 3328.

Sincerely,
Tom Wolf
Governor

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of the Governor
Harrisburg

October 24, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 2157, Printer's Number 3278.

Career Technical Education is a critical pathway into viable, quality jobs across the Commonwealth. My administration and the Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence have been working to increase educational and workforce opportunities in the agricultural industry for the people of the Commonwealth. This legislation, however, reduces those efforts.

This legislation renders certain agricultural education programs ineligible for state and federal funding. Specifically, the Pennsylvania Department of Education is the single state agency that is federally authorized to approve these programs. Last year, my administration distributed approximately \$57,000,000 in state Career and Technical Education funding to schools across the Commonwealth. By removing program approval authority from the department, this bill would impair those schools' ability to receive this funding and would eliminate funding for agricultural education programs approved under this bill's provisions. In addition, the bill would require schools that currently receive Federal Perkins funding for Agriculture Education programs to forgo such funds, costing those schools \$6,345,299.

My administration proposed amendatory language that would have maintained this funding, and would have thus ensured that schools across the Commonwealth could continue to provide quality agricultural education programs; however, the General Assembly chose not to consider this proposal.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 2157, Printer's Number 3278.

Sincerely,
Tom Wolf
Governor

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The House of Representatives recessed on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, subject to being reconvened at the call of the Speaker of the House. The House was not reconvened, and the session of the General Assembly expired on November 30, 2018, in accordance with Article II, section 2, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.