

the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1888.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### HONORING COLONEL FRANCIS GABRESKI

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

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Colonel Francis "Gabby" Gabreski, our Nation's highest-ranking fighter ace, who passed away Thursday, January 31.

Gabby Gabreski amassed 28 downed German aircraft in World War II and 6.5 enemy MiG fighters in the Korean War, becoming America's greatest living ace.

Gabreski graduated in 1941 from Knoxville Army Air Field as a second lieutenant and was assigned to the 45th Fighter Squadron in Hawaii where he witnessed the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In June of 1944, Gabreski led his squadron in a long fighter sweep over the beaches of Normandy. Three weeks later he surpassed Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I record and on July 5 scored his 28th victory after 193 missions, making him America's leading ace, earning him a leave back to the United States.

After pleading with his superiors to forgo his leave and fly just one more final mission, Gabreski was shot down over Europe. He spent the final 8 months as a POW.

Gabreski once again took the skies during the Korean War as commander of the 51st Fighter Wing where he helped develop tactics for jet fighters.

He retired from the Air Force as a colonel in 1967 and spent the next 20 years working in the aviation industry. Gabreski was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame and later served as the president of the Long Island Railroad system.

I am proud that the home of the Air National Guards' 106th Rescue Wing in my congressional district bears his name.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a true American hero, Colonel Francis "Gabby" Gabreski.

#### HONORING ROSS BEACH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I am here tonight following the 141st anniversary of Kansas' entry into the Union to honor a great Kansan, Mr. Ross Beach. A business leader, philanthropist and lifelong Kansan, Mr. Beach was recognized on January 25 of this year as the Kansan of the Year. There is no one more deserving than Mr. Beach of this recognition.

In his lifetime, Mr. Beach has changed the Kansas landscape, helping to make the State an even better place to live. A pioneer and leader in the oil and gas industry, banking, radio and television, his work has brought economic progress and jobs to our State of Kansas. In recognition of this success, Mr. Beach has been inducted into the Kansas Business Hall of Fame. Today he continues to influence Kansas as president of the Kansas Natural Gas Corporation and as chairman of the Douglas County Bank.

In my hometown of Hays, where Mr. Beach resides, his generosity has made possible the creation of two of the community's most cherished assets, a world class performing arts center and museum of natural history. The philanthropic works of Mr. Beach and his talented and gracious wife, Marianna, extend far beyond our community of Hays, enhancing the lives of Kansans across our State through the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art at Kansas State University and the Beach Center on Disability at the University of Kansas. These are the gifts that Mr. Beach and Mrs. Beach have made known to our State. Many of his most important acts of generosity have been performed in anonymity.

It is with this spirit of commitment to unity and State that Ross Beach has lived his life. Not long after graduating from Kansas State University, he served in World War II as a naval aviator. Since that time Mr. Beach has repeatedly demonstrated his willingness to serve not only through his gifts but also with his time and talents, providing leadership to numerous organizations, including the Kansas 4-H and the Eisenhower Foundation. Mr. Beach has also chaired the Kansas Fish and

Game Commission and served as president of the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce.

Knowing Ross Beach as a businessman, it is clear to me why he has had such a successful career. Knowing him as a friend, it is no surprise that he has used his success to benefit his fellow Kansans. I commend Ross Beach for his many accomplishments, his philanthropy and his recent and most highly deserved recognition as Kansan of the Year.

#### CONGRATULATING NANCY PELOSI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. STARK) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, as dean of the California delegation, I often wonder what it gets one besides old age and the infirmities that come with that, but I must say that it is a great pleasure today as dean because I have the honor to recognize officially the true accomplishment of the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI) as she takes over the position of minority whip and becomes the highest-ranking woman ever in the U.S. House of Representatives. I offer my congratulations to her and her family on this tremendous achievement.

Our State is proud of NANCY, as are all the women and men throughout the country. NANCY's a trail blazer for women and for our State, but she is not the first. She joins a long line of women leaders from the State of California.

Throughout American history, California has sent more women to Congress than any other State. The first woman, Mae Ella Nolan, was elected to replace her late husband and sworn in January of 1923, shortly before I got here.

In 1925 California elected Florence Prag Kahn, the State's second woman to serve in the House. She served for 12 years in the House and was the first Jewish woman to serve in Congress.

In January of 1945, Helen Gahagan Douglas became the third California woman and, of course, as my colleagues know, set the foil for our former President, Mr. Nixon.

In 1972, the year that I was first elected, California elected its fourth woman member, Yvonne Brathwaite Burke. Congressman Brathwaite had her own couple of firsts. She was the first African American woman to represent California and also was the first woman to give birth to a child while serving in Congress.

So California has a rich tradition of sending women to Washington, D.C. In my 30 years I have been proud to serve with several women leaders from our great State. The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), however, has risen to the top, the best of the best.

The occasion we mark today raises the bar for women and men everywhere. She has succeeded through the