

APPOINTMENT AS PARLIAMEN-
TARIAN OF THE HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 287(a) of title 2, United States Code, the Chair appoints Thomas J. Wickham, Jr., as Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives to succeed John V. Sullivan, resigned.

WELCOMING REVEREND ADAM
MCHUGH

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, let me first extend my congratulations to John Sullivan for his extraordinary service to this institution over the last quarter century. We're going to have a chance to talk about one of the greatest, most incisive minds in this place—and the bar is not too high for that. He has been extraordinary. I want to congratulate Mr. Wickham as well, Mr. Speaker.

With that, I rise to say, on the 28th of June 1787, Benjamin Franklin, in the midst of the Constitutional Convention, said that they should call on the assistance of Heaven and have a prayer every day as the assembly began. That's a tradition that continues today, and it's one that has just been utilized by Reverend Adam McHugh, who is a very, very capable and thoughtful guy, who is from Upland, California. He is a prolific writer as well as serving as chaplain at the Vitas Hospice Center in Covina, California.

I've got to say also, Mr. Speaker, that I believe that we are making history here in that both the Chaplain of the United States House of Representatives—our dear friend, Father Patrick Conroy—and Reverend McHugh and Reverend McHugh's wife, Lindsay, and I are all graduates of a very small institution just to the east of Los Angeles known as Claremont McKenna College.

I believe that hearing from Reverend McHugh was wonderful, and I have a copy of his book that he has just given me here. I would like to enter into the RECORD, Mr. Speaker, a list of the publications that he has put forward and to say that he has one coming next year. We all look forward to that, and I hope I get an autographed copy of that one as well.

PUBLICATIONS
BOOKS

Introverts in the Church: Finding Our Place in an Extroverted Culture (InterVarsity Press, 2009)

The Listening Life (InterVarsity Press, 2013)

ARTICLES

"Profile of Father Patrick Conroy, Chaplain of the U.S. House," CMC Magazine, November '11.

"Hospitality for Those Who Would Rather Stay 'In,'" Conversations Journal, December 2011.

"The Introverted Leader," Leadership Journal, August 2011.

"The Phases of Writing," The Ooze, June 2011

"A Mere Lump of Humanity?" Internet Monk, June 2011

"Why Pastors Should Get Their Heads Examined," Patheos, May 2011

"The Introvert Brand," Patheos, March '11

"Why Most Pastors Won't Tell the Truth," Church Leaders, Mar '11

"The Writer as Madman and Mystic," Crosswalk, Dec '10

"Are Happy Churchgoers Good News? The Washington Post, Dec '10

A Counter-Cultural Quiet in Advent," Patheos Dec '10

"Meals that Change Your Life," Relevant Magazine Nov '10

"Introverts in Evangelical America," The Washington Post Sept '10

"Conversations with the Saints," Patheos Aug '10

"The Ancient Art of Listening," Patheos June '10

"Can Introverts Thrive in the Church?" Catalyst Space May '10

"Introverts in the Church," Ministry Today, January '10

"Can Introverts Lead? Breaking Down Stereotypes," The Christian Century Nov '09

SPEAKING HIGHLIGHTS

Westmont College Chapel, Santa Barbara, CA, April 2012.

Laity Lodge, Kearney, TX, July 2011.

Glenskirk Church, Glendora, CA, March 2011.

Irvine Presbyterian Church, Irvine, CA, September 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING MR. TROPHY

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a small business in my district, a business I was proud to give an Economic Excellence Award to last week.

Mr. Trophy, based in Red Bank, Tennessee, is a great small business which embodies the American values of hard work and success. Founded in 1972, Mr. Trophy is still a family business. It is currently owned by Dorris Prevou and is managed by her daughter Linda Herrmann.

A staple of the Chattanooga community, Mr. Trophy is well-known for both customer service and community involvement. Mr. Trophy has designed trophies, plaques, and custom awards for over 40 years, creating jobs while often weathering difficult times. Having run a business with my wife for 24 years, I can understand the challenges that have faced Mr. Trophy along the way.

Not only has Mr. Trophy met these challenges, but they have found success with their business and have become a pillar of their community. I hope that you will join me in honoring Mr. Tro-

phy for their well-earned Economic Excellence Award.

PASS H.R. 3826 AND PROTECT
COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

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

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, 124 days. That's how many days between today and July 1 when the interest rates for the Stafford Student Loan program are going to double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent unless Congress acts. I, Congressman PETERS, and Senator JACK REED in the Senate have filed legislation to lock in those rates at 3.4 percent. This Chamber must act.

Today, student loan debt now exceeds credit card debt in the United States of America—a milestone which is a disaster and a formula for failure in this country. We have fallen from number one in the world in terms of graduation rates to number 12, which is a threat in terms of our future economic vitality.

As young people will be all across this Capitol over the next 2 months or so, I hope Members of Congress will look those kids in the eyes and will do the right thing to protect college affordability. Pass H.R. 3826.

SOARING GAS PRICES

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. For 21 days in a row, gas prices have risen to average now \$3.70 per gallon—a 30-cent increase in only 1 month. At this rate, Americans could be forking over four bucks for a gallon of gas in no time. That's insane.

American families and businesses are already struggling in this economy, so I'm calling on the IRS to provide relief for businesses by increasing the standard mileage rate like it did after Hurricane Katrina and again in 2005 and 2011. With gas prices rising higher and faster than ever, the administration and Congress need to take action now: beginning with the Keystone XL pipeline, estimated to bring 830,000 barrels of oil every day to U.S. refineries, and Keystone would create nearly 20,000 new American jobs.

Let's pursue a real all-of-the-above energy strategy, and let's give Americans the security and relief that they want, need, and deserve.

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PREVENT CLOSING POSTAL
FACILITIES

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, like many Members of our body, I represent a community with a postal facility that has been slated for closure. In Buffalo, 700 workers stand to lose their