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The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC.
July 20, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes and each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

CONGRATULATING ANA SOTORRIO ON RETIRING AS ASSOCIATE AVIATION DIRECTOR FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding constituent and a dedicated public servant, Ana Sotorrio, who will be retiring after 30 years of public service.

As the associate aviation director for Miami-Dade County, Ana has worked tirelessly to ensure that Miami International Airport remains one of the finest airports in the world.

As a recipient of the International Women in Business award, Ana must be commended for receiving this distinguished and prestigious award last year. Her exceptional leadership in promoting and enhancing trade and international business between Miami International Airport and the Americas is truly inspiring.

In addition, Ana's advocacy on Capitol Hill helped Miami International Airport become the Nation's number one international cargo airport and the number two international passenger airport.

Ana, enjoy your well-deserved retirement and your extra time with family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, speaking of wonderful people who deserve our congratulations, I would like to recognize all of the caring teachers in my South Florida community and commend them for their wonderful contributions to the development of our children.

As a woman who has been on all sides of our education system, as a student, as a former Florida certified teacher, as a recipient of a doctorate from the University of Miami in education, and as a proud parent and grandmother, I truly know how instrumental and exceptional a teacher can be.

Teachers have the power to intrigue and open whole new horizons and vistas for our youth, setting them on a positive path with high hopes and expectations for the future. A teacher can inspire a child in a specific subject matter such as math, science, art, or history, and fundamentally alter, often focusing, their enthusiasm. And there are few greater rewards than the satisfaction gained from instilling a lifelong love of learning in a child.

Fulfilling this great responsibility takes a tremendous degree of perseverance and commitment from our teachers. Our educators' unwavering dedication gives our students the ambition to achieve one of the most important aspects of life's endeavors: love of learning. These teachers are driven to present each and every child with the opportunities that they so rightfully deserve.

Certainly South Florida and the Keys, areas that I represent, are fortunate to have many outstanding educators such as the ones that I have described. Educators who are willing to do everything possible to ensure that our students are the best in our great Nation. Their commitment to our community and to our students is exemplary, and we are forever grateful for their services.

It was our teachers many years ago who gave us, the legislators, the foundations and the directions that we needed to get ahead. Each person in this great elected body is testimony to the talent and commitment of their hardworking teachers along the way. I am certainly grateful for the support I received while in school, and I'm sure that I would not be the same person without it. And I will forever be a product of the Florida public education system.

I graduated from West Miami Middle School, Southwest Miami Senior High School. I have an associate of arts degree from Miami-Dade College, a master's and a bachelor's degree from Florida International University in education—all public institutions.

As an older adult, as I mentioned, I completed a doctorate in education from the University of Miami. But even if I had finished my education at the high school level, other than family, there has been no greater influence on who all of us are than our teachers.

Through the mentoring of our teachers, students are provided with near limitless potential and possibilities. Teachers make sure that children can be creative with their minds. They get their minds on a task. And this education will allow them to accomplish the many great things that they want

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