Madam Speaker, I yield to my colleague from the Seventh District of Georgia, the Honorable ROB WOODALL.

Mr. WOODALL. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend from Georgia for yielding. And I want to welcome our new colleague to the Chamber. This isn't usually the way that it is, and nothing about the path you took to get here is usually the way that it is.

But so often, on this floor, we talk about giving a voice to the voiceless, and sometimes it seems as if it is a simple cliche. I wonder how many of my colleagues would put in the kind of time and effort that we all put in to get reelected to provide a voice, not for 2 years, not even for 12 months, but for the remainder of a cycle.

It speaks to the character of Mr. HALL, and it speaks to his commitment to the Fifth Congressional District of Georgia that he put himself out there and committed himself, as he did throughout that campaign cycle, to be that voice and to make sure that there was not a day that went by that the Fifth Congressional District of Georgia could have been represented but was not.

You are joining, certainly a very special seat, but you are joining a very special delegation here, and I want to, on behalf of all of the Republicans in the Georgia delegation, congratulate you and welcome you here today.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, as dean of the Georgia delegation, it is my pleasure to present and to welcome to this House and to yield to the gentleman from Georgia's Fifth Congressional District, the Honorable KWANZA HALL.

Mr. HALL. Madam Speaker, to my colleagues from Georgia, other colleagues in the House, I am KWANZA HALL and I am so thankful to be here today.

In July, just before Congressman Lewis passed away, I had COVID, and I spent about 3 weeks lying flat dealing with it, and I didn't know I would be here. So God blessed me with that time to think about what I would do next with my life at the same time Congressman LEWIS had passed away. He was a friend. He was a neighbor. He and my father served in the civil rights movement together. My father, Leon Hall, was in Montgomery at the same time, and Selma.

So I had to think about what was next for me. And God gave me a choice: Do you want to do your business, or do you want to do My business?

And I stepped up and answered the call, and He said: I have a mission for you. The mission is to run for that office and serve District Five.

We have a lot of things on the plate in front of us, and I just want to be a unifier, a person who can help us get some things done on behalf of the least of these, as Congressman Lewis would.

So thank you all for having me. Thank you to my mother, my father, who is not with us, to the Congressmen who have come before me, Wyche Fowler, and Ambassador Andrew Young.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentleman from Georgia, the whole number of the House is 431.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

LAST MINUTE COVID–19 RELIEF

(Ms. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, it has been 6 months since the President signed coronavirus relief legislation. Since then, the House has passed two comprehensive bills to deliver urgently needed relief. Senate Republicans and the Trump administration need to do the same.

Northern Illinoisans are doing everything they can to be safe and provide for their families, but this is a once-in-a-century pandemic and no community can weather this alone. We must come together.

America is nearing a million new cases a week. Families are struggling and facing an uncertain future. Small businesses are closing their doors. Children are going hungry.

If we, as a Congress do not act now, folks at home will be forced to face their toughest winter yet, without the support they need as human beings and deserve as Americans.

Our communities are working together to help mitigate the spread of this virus. Now Congress must work together to pass a robust, evidence-based relief package. The American people are doing everything they can. Congress must do so, too.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FRED RANDLE

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Fred Randle.

Mr. Randle was a longtime Hot Springs resident who was part of Merrill's Marauders during World War II. Merrill's Marauders were U.S. soldiers who fought in the Pacific Theater, using jungle warfare techniques to penetrate deep behind enemy lines. In just 5 months, the Marauders advanced 720 miles through some of the harshest jungle terrain in the world. Upon return, each man in the unit was awarded a Bronze Star.

Mr. Randle's book, ''Hell on Land, Disaster at Sea—the Story of Merrill's Marauders and the Sinking of the Rhona,'' described his experience watching the sinking of this ship in 1943. He was one of a handful of men with the Marauders who had been sworn to secrecy about the sinking for 57 years, since it was caused by the world's first guided missile.

Mr. Randle passed away at the age of 97 on November 23, 2020. But before he did, we were able to contact him and his family and let them know that a Congressional Gold Medal will be placed in the Smithsonian in his honor.

Perhaps there is no better tribute to his life than in the words of his family, He loved the Lord and he loved the United States flag.

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PROTECTING THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM ACT

(Ms. CRAIG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because COVID–19 is threatening the American Dream across Main Streets throughout Minnesota and this Nation. Small business relief is needed now more than ever.

Unfortunately, the support we have provided is poised to become a significant tax burden for some business owners due to a misguided interpretation by the Treasury Department. We cannot allow struggling businesses to be taxed on the aid we have provided to them as a lifeline.

Fortunately, there is a solution in place to rectify this mistake. In May, I joined Representatives LIZZIE FLETCHER and ANDY KIM to introduce H.R. 6574, the Protecting the Paycheck Protection Program Act, which would ensure that PPP loan recipients whose loans are forgiven are not required to treat the loan proceeds as taxable income.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in defending our Nation's small businesses by supporting this commonsense legislation.

REMEMBERING SENATOR TOM CASPERSON

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

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District in memory of a friend, devoted father and husband, and dedicated public servant, Senator Tom Casperson, who passed away on Sunday, November 29, after a hard-fought and courageous battle with cancer.

Senator Casperson served in the Michigan Legislature for 14 years and