the island has probably sustained a great deal of structural damage in its water system, collectively, and for some of our families, damages to their homes; I am extremely thankful that there were no fatalities or injuries.

This is the strongest earthquake to hit the island since the 8.0 rated earthquake in August of 1993. I am proud to say that Guam's building codes are one of the most stringent; and as a result, we were spared the tragedy of the loss of human life. I hope that once a complete and thorough assessment of the damage has been completed, I know that we can count on FEMA. I know we can count on the rest of the Federal Government to help the people of Guam and this body to help the people of Guam as well.

HONORING CAPTAIN JAY P. JAHNKE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BENTSEN) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a brave Houston firefighter who lost his life this weekend while battling a fire in a Houston high-rise condominium. Like firefighters in New York and Northern Virginia, who willingly put their lives on the line on September 11, 2001, Captain Jay P. Jahnke of the Houston Fire Department died this weekend while living his lifelong dream of becoming a firefighter. He entered a blazing building to do his job, regardless of personal risk and as firefighters always do.

Captain Jahnke led the first team to arrive on the scene of an early morning fire this past Saturday in West Houston. The burning 40-story condominium complex houses hundreds of individuals. His courageous and valiant efforts, for which he gave his life, saved many lives of people he never even knew.

Captain Jahnke leaves behind a legacy of valor and unyielding commitment to the common good. My thoughts and prayers are with Captain Jahnke's family; his wife, Dawn; his 11-year-old daughter, Jayne; his 8-year-old son Hunter; his mother, Katherine; brother, Jeff; and sisters, Karen and Mary Ann. I offer my sincere condolences to his more than 3,200 brothers and sisters in the Houston Fire Department, especially those at Fire Station No. 2.

The Jahnke family has deep roots and a proud tradition in the Houston Fire Department. Captain Jahnke's father, Claude, was a district fire chief, and he is related to more than a dozen current firefighters. Every day at Houston's 87 fire stations and at fire stations across the Nation, thousands of men and women shelve fear and self-interest to form our front line of homeland defense. They enter blazing buildings and risk their lives to save strangers.

Captain Jay Jahnke's selflessness, compassion, and concern for others is yet another example of how firefighters, police, and other rescue personnel show us how good people can be. We are in his debt and that of firefighters throughout the land.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

His Eminence, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, our God, once again we come before You in a troubled time, grateful for Your presence in our lives and for the love with which You continue to bless us.

Today in a special way we ask You to bless this House of the people. Keep its Members safe and strong so that they may lead this Nation forward along the road of peace and justice in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness for all.

Let not fear or anxiety ever rule us but let us find strength and purpose in our trust in You.

From the beginning of our history You have carried us in Your hands. Accompany us now in the difficult journey of these days so that we may accomplish all that which You desire in the power of Your Holy Name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

> I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HIS EMINENCE, THEODORE CARDINAL MCCARRICK, ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON

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

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and privilege this afternoon to welcome His Eminence, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington. I want to thank him for offering the opening prayer.

Cardinal McCarrick has a long and distinguished record of service to the Church in New York, Puerto Rico, New Jersey, and now here in Washington, which includes my district of Montgomery County, Maryland. He certainly is a gift to the Archdiocese of Washington. The Archdiocese is very diverse with a population that has both common and also specific needs. Upon being named to the College of Cardinals this year, he said that his new responsibilities will not change his pledge to reach out ''to serve the poor and the stranger among us with all my heart and strength.'' And he has been doing just that.

Ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of New York in 1958, Cardinal McCarrick received a Ph.D. from and held several posts at the Catholic University of America here in Washington. He has served as the President of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, auxiliary bishop of New York, the first Bishop of Metuchen, New Jersey, and Archbishop of Newark.

He was installed as Archbishop of Washington on January 3, 2001; and 7 weeks later, he was elevated to the College of Cardinals by Pope John Paul II. He is known for his efforts on behalf of international human rights, religious freedom and migration, and serves on the U.S. Commission for International Religious Freedom. He also speaks many languages.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues, I thank Cardinal McCarrick for leading us in prayer today. I welcome him to the United States House of Representatives. We appreciate his presence, his guidance and his blessing on this House as we begin our critical work today.

DISPENSING WITH CALL OF PRIVATE CALENDAR ON TODAY

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the call of the Private Calendar be dispensed with today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Delaware?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2904, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. HOBSON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight, October 16, 2001, to file a conference report on the bill (H.R. 2904) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base