SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE JOHN BOOZMAN, OF ARKANSAS, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the Members of the Arkansas delegation present themselves in the well. Will the Representative-elect from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) come forward and raise his right hand?

Mr. BOOZMAN appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are a Member of the 107th Congress.

INTRODUCTION OF REPRESENTATIVE JOHN BOOZMAN

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

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I consider it a distinct honor and privilege to be here this morning to present the newest member of the Arkansas delegation to this House. JOHN BOOZMAN has distinguished himself as a son, a husband, a father and a leader. He has meant a great deal to the community he comes from in northwest Arkansas.

He follows a long and distinguished group that have served in that capacity from the Third District of Arkansas, one of those being present this morning, John Paul Hammersmith, and we are pleased to have him.

JOHN BOOZMAN and his family worked together to make northwest Arkansas a better place to live and work and raise a family. He has distinguished himself in many ways and will continue to serve the Third District and do a great job for them.

All of the Arkansas delegation is very pleased today to be able to present to this Congress the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), and I think he represents a quote from one of my favorite books written by a fellow named William Alexander Percy.

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In that he talks about a letter that his father who was a United States Senator from Mississippi wrote to a friend and in it he says, ''I guess our job is to make the world a better place in as much as we are able, remembering that the results will be infinitesimal and then attend to our own soul.''

I think those are the values that JOHN BOOZMAN will represent as he serves in this House and as he serves his district, the Third District of Arkansas. And so now let me present to you JOHN BOOZMAN.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be here. I wish to thank the Members for their courtesy and warm welcome. I wish to take a moment to acknowledge my family, my wife, Cathy, of 29 years; my daughters Shannon, Kristen, and Lauren; and my mother, Marie Boozman; and my mother-in-law, Betty Marley. And then also all of the wonderful family and friends that have accompanied me to show support for me today.

I am also fortunate to be joined by two former Members of this illustrious body, Mr. John Paul Hammerschmidt and the senior Senator from Arkansas, Senator TIM HUTCHINSON.

For 26 years, Congressman Hammerschmidt served the Third District of Arkansas and set a standard of excellence and dedication that the people of the third district have come to expect from all that have succeeded him. I share Congressman Hammerschmidt's immense respect for this institution and for the good people that I have been elected to serve.

Senator HUTCHINSON continued the rich tradition of tireless service to the third district and is doing a wonderful job representing Arkansas in the United States Senate. I look forward to working with him and the rest of the delegation on behalf of our home State.

I also would like to take a moment to thank former Congressman Asa Hutchinson, who recently departed Congress to head the Drug Enforcement Administration. President Bush recognized Asa's talent and selected him to lead the Nation's efforts to eradicate illegal drug use. It is by no means an easy job, but if anyone is up to the task it is Asa Hutchinson.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to follow in the footsteps of these fine public servants. I am committed to keeping alive the tradition of service and conservative values that the people of the third district have come to expect from their representative in Congress. I look forward to my service in this body and again express my deep appreciation for the welcome I have received. Thank you very much.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The Chair will entertain 10 one-minute speeches per side.

HONORING ANN MILLER AND TED MALIARIS

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize two patriotic Americans from my congressional district today, Ann S. Miller and Ted Maliaris. They have written and produced ''A Tribute to America—a 21st Century Anthem.''

Ann Miller's song is delivered with love and compassion by her son Ted with the help of their publicist Angel Duke. Theirs is an anthem for all Americans, dedicated to our Armed Forces, to our men and women in uniform, risking their lives every day and for those who need to carry on in this time of crisis.

The lyrics are powerful and uplifting: ''Our tears may fall and our hearts may be shattered, but deep down in our souls we are strong. We are proud. We are bold. We have the strength. We have the power no terrorist could withstand. We will not hide. We will not cower. We will stand up for the rights of our land. We are America. We are America, America, you are grand.''

Please join me in congratulating Ann S. Miller and Ted Maliaris, two proud Americans, proud to be serving our country.

WORLD AIDS DAY

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, since AIDS was first recognized 20 years ago, 58 million people have been affected; and at the current rate of spread, the total will exceed 100 million by 2001.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, there are currently over 900,000 people infected and living with HIV and AIDS in the United States. There are approximately 40,000 Americans infected each year. Worldwide this year there were 5 million new cases, and of that, 800,000 were under the age of 15.

Worldwide there are over 40 million people currently living with HIV and AIDS; 18 million are women and 3 million are children.

AIDS kills more than 7,000 people in sub-Saharan Africa each day. President Bush this year has committed over $200 million to a global fund to fight HIV and AIDS. I have requested additional money along with other Members of Congress to pursue this very worthy goal.

Today we should reflect on those lost and use their memories to fuel our efforts to eradicate this pandemic.

REMEMBERING WORLD AIDS DAY

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

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge and commemorate World AIDS Day, which is