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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Phil Fulton, Pastor, Union Hill Church, Peebles, Ohio, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, and all that is therein, we thank You for this great congressional body. I pray You would bless them with wisdom, knowledge, and that the spirit of bipartisanship would prevail in all their decisions for the inherent good of this great Nation.

I pray they would remember well the words of President Cleveland: ''That those who manage the affairs of government are by this means reminded that the law of God demands that they should be courageously true to the interests of the people, and that the Ruler of the Universe will require of them a strict account of their stewardship.''

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCHWARTZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1036. An act to amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to Copyright Royalty Judges, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 418. An act to protect members of the Armed Forces from unscrupulous practices regarding sales of insurance, financial, and investment products.

S. 3693. An act to make technical corrections to the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005.

WELCOMING REVEREND PHIL FULTON

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

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Reverend Phil Fulton, who is serving as guest chaplain for the House of Representatives today.

Reverend Fulton is from Adams County which is located in the district I represent. Reverend Fulton was born and raised in southern Ohio, and now serves our community daily.

For the last 30 years, he has worked as pastor of Union Hill Church, an independent community church which is located in Peebles, Ohio. He plays a very active role in our local area, helping those around him.

As vice president of Love, Incorporated, he has reached out to many folks by meeting their intimate needs in a very personal way. He is chairperson of the Ten Commandments Committee which is working on issues related to the display of the Ten Commandments in public places.

Reverend Fulton is not only an active member of our community, but he is also a devoted member of his family. He has been married to his lovely wife, Sharon, for 40 years, and they have two children and five very energetic grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in welcoming Reverend Phil Fulton to the House of Representatives as our guest chaplain.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 10 one-minute requests per side.

PROTECTING EMBRYOS RIGHT THING TO DO

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, constituents throughout my district have been contacting my office in opposition to using embryonic stem cells for research purposes. They join me today in applauding the President's veto of the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act.

As stewards of hardworking Americans' tax dollars, we cannot ask our constituents to fund the killing of human embryos. It is imperative that we do all we can to protect the most vulnerable members of our society, the unborn.

Embryonic stem cells have been available for research for nearly 5 years, and during that time research on those stem cells has produced nothing and cured no one. In the meantime, ethical biomedical treatment not derived from embryos, like that at the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine in my district, has helped cure over 70 diseases. In this time of incredible medical advances, unethical research is unnecessary and desecrates the sanctity of human life.

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