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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Saul Santos, Jr., Fountain of Truth Church, Fontana, California, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for being the God of all people, believers and non-believers. You are the God of all thrones, dominions and rulers. All authority in heaven and Earth are in Your hands. You are the founder of the Earth and established the heavens. You formed us from the dust of the ground and gave us the breath of life.

Today, I ask that You establish this House full of Your knowledge, Your wisdom, understanding and love.

As we pray, I ask that You extend Your hand of protection over each Representative and their families. Give them strength as they lead. Lord God, I know that You are never absent from them when they need You.

I thank You for freedom and America.

As we pray, this House is stronger; as we commit our work unto You, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

Mrs. MALONEY 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.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND SAUL SANTOS, JR.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from California (Mr. BACA) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I stand here today to recognize a charitable, compassionate young man from my Congressional district in California, Minister Saul Santos, Jr. Minister Santos blessed us with the wonderful prayer we just heard this morning. And while only 27 years of age, he is already a licensed minister at the Christian Life Center Apostolic Church in Ontario, California.

In a world where too many of us have turned a blind eye to the problems of our neighbors, Minister Santos has led a life filled with service to others. And I say service to others. He is the founder and president of Affirming Community Initiatives, a nonprofit organization that provides food, clothing and youth programs to the underserved in our Inland communities.

Let us thank Minister Santos for serving as our guest House Chaplain today, and recognize him for the example he has set for many others to follow. He is truly a role model for us. We should all strive to live our lives in such a selfless and truly Christian manner, as he has done.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER). The Chair will entertain up to 10 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

OVERRIDE PRESIDENT'S VETO OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, a new report by the Joint Economic Committee shows 1 million more children a year may need public health insurance due to the worsening economic conditions, even apart from the growing trend in coverage in our Nation. But State budgets are already strained by the weak national economy and the growing housing crisis.

This is a perfect storm that can be avoided, if Congress votes today to override the President's veto of legislation that would bring health care to 10 million children in need.

Over the next 5 years, our bill would preserve coverage for more than 6 million children currently covered by the Children's Health Insurance Program and extend coverage to nearly 4 million children who are currently uninsured.

I urge my colleagues today to vote to override the President's veto of children's health insurance.

IN MEMORY OF PRIME MINISTER BENAZIR BHUTTO

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, last week the House of Representatives passed unanimously a resolution condemning the assassination of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. Included in the resolution was a reaffirmation of our commitment to assist Pakistan in the global war on terrorism and to help promote democratic principles there, a cause for which Ms. Bhutto ultimately gave her life.

I had the honor with Congressman DAVID DREIER and Congressman DARRELL ISSA to have breakfast with Ms. Bhutto at her home in Islamabad just 4 weeks prior to her murder. I was tremendously impressed with her passion for the principles of democracy and

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