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The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. DICKEY].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 28, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable JAY DICK-
EY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this
day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 1995, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member except the majority and minority leader limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] for 5 minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTRODUCTION OF FLAG AMENDMENT

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, today marks the beginning of a grassroots movement to end the despicable acts of desecration to our national symbol, the American flag. On the west steps of the Capitol, a bipartisan group of Congressmen from the House and Senate will indicate their support for an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting such destruction of our flag. This announcement comes in conjunction with the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition of 89 civic and veterans organizations who

have been pursuing this legislation for over 2 years.

In that regard, Mr. Speaker, allow me to emphasize that the introduction of this resolution is not in response to changes that have occurred within Washington. However, it is in response to a massive surge from outside the beltway among concerned Americans who wanted to effect this change for some time. As evidence of the effect of this movement, 46 State legislatures have passed memorializing resolutions calling on Congress to pass this amendment protecting the flag.

Mr. Speaker, we have a duty to respond to this overwhelming public outcry to protect our flag. To that end, today I will join with over 150 of my colleagues in the House and nearly 30 Senators, in introducing legislation which does just that. At this time, I would like to invite those colleagues interested in backing this historic and long overdue resolution to join these cosponsors and thousands of veterans and other supporters at 10:30 this morning on the west terrace of the Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, today marks the beginning of the grassroots movement which will ultimately put an end to the destruction of Old Glory.

In those 89 organizations that I have mentioned, they cover, of course, every major veterans organization in this Nation. It includes others from the private sector such as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Grand Lodge of Fraternal Order of Police, the Grand Lodge of Masons, the Knights of Columbus, union organizations such as the Laborers' International Union of North America, the National Alliance of Families, and the National Grange.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on and on listing all 89, but time will not allow that.

Again, I would just call attention to the membership that we are having this rally on the Capitol steps, the west terrace, at 10:30 this morning. I invite

you all to come and join this historic effort.

Mr. Speaker, I submit for the RECORD the complete list of the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc. member organizations.

CITIZENS FLAG ALLIANCE, INC. MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

AMVETS (American Veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam); African-American Women's Clergy Association; Air Force Association; Air Force Sergeants Association; Alliance of Women Veterans; American GI Forum of the US, Founding Chapter; The American Legion; American Legion Auxiliary; American Merchant Marine Veterans; American War Mothers; Ancient Order of Hibernians; Association of the U.S. Army; Baltic Women's Council; Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks; Congressional Medal of Honor Society of the USA.

Croatian American Association; Croatian Catholic Union; Czech Catholic Union; Czechoslovak Christian Democracy in the U.S.A.; Enlisted Association National Guard of the U.S.; Fleet Reserve Association; Forty and Eight; Fox Associates, Inc.; Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.; Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police; Grand Lodge of Masons of Oklahoma; Hungarian Association; Hungarian Reformed Federation of America; Italian Sons and Daughters of America; Knights of Columbus; Korean American Association of Greater Washington; Laborers' International Union of N.A.; MBNA America.

Marine Corps League; Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association; Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA; Moose International; National Alliance of Families; National Association for Uniformed Services; National Center for Public Policy Research; National Cosmetology Association; National Federation of Hungarian-Americans; National Federation of State High School Associations; National Flag Foundation; National Grange; National Guard Association of the U.S.; National League of Families of Am. Prisoners and Missing in SE Asia; National Officers Association (NOA); National Organization of World War Nurses; National Service Star Legion; National Vietnam Veterans Coalition; and Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Native Sons of the Golden West; Navy League of the U.S.; Navy Seabee Veterans of America; Navy Seabee Veterans of America

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