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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 7, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: This is the day, Lord, You have made. We are glad and rejoice in it.

This morning, Lord, at the National Prayer Breakfast, President George W. Bush and many Members of Congress, with over 3,800 individuals from all walks of life, representing over 170 nations, joined in prayer and fellowship to Your honor and glory.

How inspiring it is, Lord, for people of faith to gather and manifest again the rich heritage of America's commitment to religious freedom.

We praise You, Lord God, and we thank You, for You continue to inspire people to build a truly better world, a world in which freedom is ordered to truth and goodness, while religion is celebrated openly with a wide expression of faith perspective. Rooted in various religious traditions, Your people give You glory because moral norms give them life, direction and great fruitfulness in works of justice and service.

This prayer breakfast was a vision of the globalized world come together for prayer. Government leaders confessing their human limitations, looking to

You, Almighty God, for strength and guidance to bring peace to the world.

Continue to bless the work begun by the National Prayer Breakfast, because it brings to life the prayer and vision of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCNULTY 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.

### CONGRATULATING DR. MICHAEL ALESSANDRI FOR HIS WORK WITH AUTISTIC INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES

(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 have often spoken about the importance of funding research for autism and its related spectrum disorders. Today I congratulate a scholar who for over 20 years has been dedicated to working with individuals who have autism and their families, Dr. Michael Alessandri. Michael has consulted nationally and abroad on developing educational programs on autism spectrum disorder. But perhaps it is Dr. Alessandri's inherent commitment to educating individuals with autism that has enabled him to touch the lives of so many, especially in my congressional district. South Florida families living with autism are fortunate to have Michael leading the battle at the University of Miami Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, which under his direction was named the National Autism Program of the Year in 1999 by the Autism Society of America.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Michael Alessandri and the University of Miami's CARD for their contributions to the field of autism research.

### BRING OUR CHILDREN HOME

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, as of today, Jeff Koons, a custodial parent in New York, has not spoken with his son Ludwig for 2 months. Jeff and Ludwig were supposed to spend the holidays together in Rome. Jeff went to Rome, but was denied access to his son by the noncustodial mother, Ilona Staller. He

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