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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, ever-attentive to our deepest needs, answer the prayers of the Members of Congress and bring them closer and closer to You.

Lord, once you draw souls close to You, people desire to hold on to Your presence, and so they pray. Then to give flesh and blood to prayerful sentiments and words they enter into the realm of self-denial. Finally, personal sacrifice, Lord, never seems worthwhile until it benefits another. So there are these three practices: prayer, fasting and acts of charity. The three are really one, giving life to each other as they bring us closer to You, O Lord.

When we deny ourselves food, drink and any portion of daily life, we gain an inner reminder of being poor and in need. To sincerely petition You, Lord, one needs to first have listened to the pleas of another. Once in the simplicity of heart a person can admit the little they have and still deny self just a portion, then that person has something to offer another from the heart, be that time or a cup of water.

Transform hearts, O Lord, by the Spirit of freedom and peace, then we will have something to offer the world, now and forever. 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 gentleman from Kansas (Mr. TIAHRT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TIAHRT 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 Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 217

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Howard W. Cannon, formerly a Senator from the State of Nevada.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator.

The message also announced, that the Senate has passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 305. Concurrent Resolution permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present a gold medal on behalf of Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, appoints the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, vice the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT)

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 68-541, as amended by Public Law 102-246, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, reappoints Bernard Rapoport of Texas as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a term

of five years, upon the expiration of his current term on March 10, 2002.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO MIAMI DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(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 congratulate a special educational center located in my congressional district, Miami Dade Community College, which confers more degrees than any other college in the country. Run by Dr. Eduardo Padron, the college includes the much-acclaimed School of Aviation and Visitor Services.

The School of Aviation and Visitor Services provides three Associate in Science degrees: professional pilot technology, aviation administration, and aviation maintenance management. The school's programs provides workforce development, education, and training for South Florida's number one industry, travel and tourism.

The program is growing under the leadership of Harry Hoffman, the interim campus president; Dr. Joyce Crawford-Martinez, academic and student dean; Mario Guerrier, school director; and Marjan Mazza, the chairperson of the Eig-Watson School of Aviation.

Please join me in recognizing Miami Dade Community College's School of Aviation and Visitor Services, and especially Lois and Harvey Watson for their generous donation to the school, and Dr. Eduardo Padron for his unwavering dedication to academic excellence.

### MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

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