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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Ronald J. Jansen, Pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Collinsville, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

O Almighty God, You have given us this good land as a place for us to live and serve You. We ask, Lord, that as You concern Yourself with the busyness of Your universe, You would also give Your attention to the business of this place, the House of Representatives. May Your spirit so guide the Members of this chamber that they remember they are representing the people of the United States of America. Bless them also with the knowledge that they govern as Your representatives to the people.

Be with the Members in their conversation, their deliberations, and their votes, that they may serve You and be a blessing to the people who dwell in this land.

In the name of the Risen Redeemer. 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 Indiana (Ms. CARSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana 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 REVEREND RONALD A. JANSEN, HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome my Pastor, Pastor Ronald Jansen, to the floor of the House to open us up with prayer.

Pastor Jansen grew up on a northwestern Wisconsin dairy farm and has pastored in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, for 35 years. He served in parishes in Winono and Albert Lee, Minnesota, Marshfield, Wisconsin, and currently is at Holy Cross in Collinsville for the past 13 years.

He is married to his wife Becky, a public schoolteacher for 17 years. They are accompanied by his 90-year-old father Victor, and second oldest son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Aaron and Melissa Jansen.

Pastor Jansen is my pastor, and when I think about Pastor Jansen, I think about Ephesians 2:8-10, "For by grace are you saved through faith, and not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created for good works in Christ, who calls us to offer up ourselves a living sacrifice."

Pastor Jansen preaches from the pulpit law and gospel, which is the hallmark of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

I want to thank Pastor Jansen for calling us to a higher calling this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minute speeches on each side.

WELCOMING THE WORLD BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO INDIANA AND THE UNITED STATES

(Ms. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to request that all of the Members join me in welcoming and recognizing the 16 national teams that will be competing in the upcoming 2002 world basketball championship for men.

For the first time in its 50-year history, the world basketball championship is being held in the United States, and, appropriately, in the basketball capital of the world, my hometown, Indianapolis, Indiana.

From August 29 to September 8, Indianapolis will play host to the largest and most prestigious basketball event in the world. In total, 62 games will be played over the course of the 11-day event. It will bring "Hoosier Basketball Hysteria" of the NBA finals and NCAA Final Four to a new international scene with an expected visitor capacity of 150,000 people from around the world.

The importance of continuing international sporting events and fostering positive relationships between countries has never been more important.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask that Congress join me in supporting this important resolution.

PROTECTING MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the world discovered that another child, 5-year-old Samantha Runnion, who was violently abducted from outside her home while playing with a

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