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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Wayne Jenkins, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Dear Father, I lift to You the Members of Congress, their staff members, their spouses and their children. I pray that You draw them into personal relationship with You today. Reveal Yourself to them. Fill them with Your Holy Spirit.

By the authority of Jesus Christ, cast out all dark and evil spirits. Allow no influence to come near to them except that which is first filtered through the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Cover them with the blood of Christ. Seal them with the cross of Christ. Redeem them by Your grace. Transform them by Your power. Teach them by Your wisdom. Unite them by Your love. Lead them by Your purpose. Focus them on Your vision. Remind them of their total dependence upon You. Sustain them by Your word. Sanctify them for Your Holy Service. Encourage them by Your counsel. Protect them by Your sovereignty.

Father, I entrust them to You and I pray this prayer through Your Son, Jesus Christ. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 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 Oklahoma (Mr. CARSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE REVEREND WAYNE JENKINS

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

Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure today to welcome Pastor Wayne Jenkins from First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia, as our guest chaplain.

Pastor Jenkins has served as the Pastor for Education and Married Adults for 8 years. His wife of 34 years, Carolyn Jenkins, is the Minister of Education at Downtown Baptist Church in Alexandria, and they have two adult children, Rand Jenkins who works with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and lives in Fort Worth with his wife, Denise, and Clare Jenkins, who serves on my staff as a legislative assistant.

A man of strong faith, members of his church and community recognize Pastor Jenkins as a wise spiritual leader and encourager. As Pastor of Education and Married Adults, Pastor Jenkins enjoys a wide range of ministry at First Baptist and impacts lives through counseling, teaching and preaching. Pastor Jenkins leads a growing ministry for developing Christians, starting 40 new Bible study classes in 5 years and baptizing 82 into the faith last year. Throughout his career of over 30 years, Pastor Jenkins has demonstrated consistent church leadership and a passion for God's service.

Admired by his parishioners and loved by his family, it is my pleasure to introduce Pastor Jenkins today, and I thank him for giving us a wonderful word to start our business this morning.

TRUSTING REPUBLICAN PRINCIPLES TO CHANGE AMERICA

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, America's success in reforming the dysfunctional welfare system during the mid-1990s is one of our House Republican majority's proudest hours. We reached out with the hand of hope to millions of Americans who lost control of their own destinies as they fell, trapped within the grip of a destructive Federal-funded life-style of apathy and ambivalence.

Welfare reform gave millions of families a powerful message of inspiration and achievement. They had not been written off. They were not trapped behind. They were not the perpetual prisoners of perverse incentives.

Our House Republican majority said, Your American dream is alive and we appeal to each of you to discover your passion and follow your heart. Millions of formerly dependent people seized the challenge. They lifted their family to security, stability, and they discovered the inherent nobility of work, all types of work. There is virtue in hard work of any kind. A job done well earns our respect in any arena.

This success also taught Republicans a potent lesson. When we trust our principles, they work. By applying Republican principles to social policy, we demonstrated that our approach works even better in practice than it appeared on paper or theory. And our principles will work just as well when we apply them to many of the other difficult social problems that are diminishing young lives, straining families, and weakening our broader society.

We need to be confident. We need to engage our Republican approach to individual empowerment across the full spectrum of problems that we are confronting as a country. And we need to

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guard against the erosion of the important principles that are turning lives around in cities, counties and States from north to south, ocean to ocean.

Specifically, we have to promote work to foster independence; improve young lives by lifting children from the grip of poverty; strengthen families by fostering respect for the institution of marriage; and finally, to boost the fortunes of every single American by unleashing a broad economic expansion that will spread opportunity to every willing worker.

Mr. Speaker, that is our dream for the people of this country, fulfilling America's promise for every man, woman and child.

SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC SUBSTITUTE OF H.R. 4, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, WORK AND FAMILY PROMOTION ACT OF 2003

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to comment on H.R. 4, the Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Promotion Act of 2003 and to voice my support for the Democratic substitute.

The Republican bill is an unfunded mandate for the States. H.R. 4 will cost the States a total of \$11.1 billion, with my State, California, being hit the hardest with almost \$2.5 billion.

In contrast, the Democratic bill properly funds employment services and quality child care for families. The Democratic bill would replace the current caseload reduction credit with an employment credit, which means we would reward States for moving people into jobs, not just off the welfare rolls.

Finally, the Democratic proposal ensures fairness for legal immigrant families. It removes the 5-year ban on States to help legal immigrants with Federal TANF funds, Medicaid services for pregnant women and children, and SSI benefits for disabled children.

Mr. Speaker, speaking as a daughter of immigrants who are now U.S. citizens, it is un-American to enact laws that discriminate against those who come here legally looking for a chance to start a new life.

CONGRATULATING ELDER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, on the blustery, frigid evening of November 30, 2002, the Elder High School football team made their championship dreams a reality. The Elder Panthers overcame the weather, a 4-hour bus ride, and a spirited Warren Harding team to return the Ohio State football championship to Cincinnati for the first time since Princeton High School won in 1987.

Thousands of Elder faithful flocked to Fawcett Stadium to urge the Panthers to victory. Those who could not make the cross-State trip sat glued to their TVs, hanging onto every play. From the opening kickoff to the game-saving defensive stand, fans were thrilled by the championship effort and heart displayed by the young men from Elder.

Mr. Speaker, Elder's hard-fought and inspiring victory has brought pride and honor to Price Hill, and to our entire community. Football fans throughout the Cincinnati area congratulate the Panthers and share in their celebration. As a former LaSalle Lancer myself, let me conclude by saying, Go Panthers.

RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, this morning I will be introducing a resolution of inquiry which demands the President transmit to the House of Representatives the complete Iraqi declaration on its weapons of mass destruction, that was provided to the United Nations on December 7, 2002.

If the administration is intent on taking this country into a war, I believe it is incumbent upon them to make the document which was portrayed as evidence of an Iraqi threat available for all to evaluate. As of today, neither Congress nor the media nor the American people have seen the full Iraqi declaration of weapons of mass destruction. Instead, we have only heard interpretations of the document from the White House and the United Nations.

Let the American people and we, their elected Representatives, who under our Constitution have the power to declare war, determine the justification for war, let the primary documents be transmitted in their complete and unedited form and be brought to the light of day.

Mr. Speaker, the American people have the right to see this information. Congress has the right to see this information, and the administration has an obligation to show it before sending any of our sons and daughters into battle.

DERAIL AMTRAK FUNDING

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues a grave error I feel is being made in the negotiations of the Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to go to their computers, check a travel Web site or call their travel agent and find out how much it would cost to fly

from Orlando to Los Angeles. When I did this last night, I found nine different flights that cost less than the average per-passenger loss the Federal Government subsidizes on the Amtrak Sunset long-haul route. To put it simply, the government would save money if we bought a plane ticket for every person taking the Sunset Limited from Orlando to Los Angeles.

Mr. Speaker, our country is at war with terrorism and may soon have to go to war with Iraq. Our economy is slowly recovering from the double whammy of recession and the 9/11 attacks. There are tough choices to be made and scarce resources available from which to fund our key priorities. We cannot continue to provide unaccountable and never-ending sums of money for Amtrak, a system which refuses to reform itself.

TRIBUTE TO COACH ROBERT HUGHES

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Coach Robert Hughes of Dunbar High School in Fort Worth, one of the greatest legends in Texas sports history.

Last night, before 7,000 fans, Coach Hughes earned his 1,275th win, surpassing legendary Coach Morgan Wooten of DeMatha High School in Maryland, to become the winningest high school boys basketball coach in U.S. history. During that time, his team has lost just 248 games.

Coach Hughes' remarkable career began almost half a century ago, in 1958, at I.M. Carroll High School in Fort Worth. Coach Hughes won his first State championship in 1963. More State titles would follow in 1965, 1967, and 1993. Coach Hughes has been coaching for Dunbar since 1973, and he continues to serve as a role model for young players and students who take pride in calling themselves Wildcats.

After more than 20 district titles, Coach Hughes clearly is not finished yet. Last night Dunbar earned its fourth consecutive Texas Division 7-4A basketball title and is off to the playoffs. His team is 39-1 this year.

It is a pleasure to honor Coach Hughes. Go Wildcats in the playoffs.

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A HIGHER CALLING

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it was made official last week: our alert status is high. For many Americans, this call for high vigilance has resulted in high anxieties. And in these days of war and rumors of war, we are even hearing the voice of our enemy echo across the airwaves of the world.