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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 17, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON 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:

Father of us all, by the power of Your spirit You fill our hearts with gifts of love for family and friends.

Hear our prayers for those in most need of our loving concern.

Help us bind up wounds of the past by forgiveness and strengthen our relationships in the future with new life.

As Members of the House of Representatives we pray for those who elected us to office and we ask the grace to serve them well.

You make us Your instrument of leadership and unity in this Nation now and for years to come.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HOLT 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will receive 10 one-minute speeches on each side.

CONGRESSIONAL BASKETBALL GAME

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

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I am here to report on our fifth annual Congressional basketball game last night, a hard fought contest against the American League of Lobbyists. I am happy to report that the Members in the House were winners for the third time in a row. We have won four out of five games. The score was 49 to 48 in overtime.

Mr. Speaker, some would call these lobbyists enlightened to allow a win in overtime by one point by the Members of the House. However, Mr. Speaker, I want to report that the game last night broke all records and raised over \$40,000 for Horton's Kids, bringing the grand total to over \$120,000 over the 5 years of the tournament.

I want to thank the American League of Lobbyists and Mr. Paul Miller, who put an awful lot of time into the event, George Washington University for our use of their facilities. Our Congressional pages attended last evening as well. I want to thank all the Members who might be a little bit sore getting to the floor this morning, but

thank them for their efforts for a great cause.

SUPPORT FOR CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION TO HONOR JOHNNY CASH

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

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask for my colleagues' support of a resolution that I have introduced to honor the memory of one of America's greatest musical heroes, Johnny Cash. The music of Johnny Cash has literally touched the lives of millions of people in America and around the world, and that has spanned several generations.

In my hometown of Nashville, Music City, U.S.A., he is revered as a legend among legends. With a career spanning some 5 decades and with 70 recording albums and with 1,500 recorded songs, Johnny Cash was clearly a defining force in American music.

We will miss him for much more than the long list of songs that he added to the American classics. We will miss him as a great human being, a champion of the poor, the hopeless, the downtrodden, and the imprisoned. Because he was raised in poverty himself, the Man in Black spoke to everyone and for everyone.

So I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Con. Res. 282 to honor the memory of Johnny Cash.

CONSTITUTION DAY

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, on September 17, 1787, 216 years ago today, the final draft of the Constitution was signed in Philadelphia.

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