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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 9, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JUDY BIGGERT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend David O. Jones, Headmaster, Heritage Covenant Schools, Franklin, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

Lord God Almighty, we rejoice in You, that Your word is truth, that You are faithful in all Your works, that You love righteousness and justice.

By Your word the heavens and the Earth were created. You formed man out of the dust and set him, both male and female, to carry Your image. You have fashioned our hearts individually, and You look upon the inhabitants of the Earth and You have blessed us.

But, Lord, in our rebellion we insist on trusting in our own purposes and works. Father, forgive us. We do not realize the gravity of our sin or the destruction wrought by our pride.

As we are confronted with the anniversary of the horrors of the 11th of September, 2001, give us an assurance of Your grace and mercy. Allow us the ability to know the presence of Your Holy Spirit. And for every victim of terrorism, both civilian and military, and their families, grant healing and peace.

With the Psalmist we pray, Lord, be our strength, our defense, our refuge in the day of trouble.

In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, grant us the ability to think and act in truth, with justice and mercy. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. BEAUPREZ 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 THE REVEREND DAVID O. JONES

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, today I want to thank the Reverend David O. Jones of Franklin, Tennessee, for joining us to deliver the opening prayer for this day of session in the U.S. House of Representatives.

As we near the third anniversary of the September 11 attacks on America, it is more important than ever that we continue to seek the guidance of our creator.

Reverend Jones has a long and distinguished history of dedication to his faith and to his community. He is a pioneer in the home-school movement who has made a real difference in the lives of thousands of Tennessee chil-

dren and their families, and has worked to ensure that we protect the sanctity of life as an example to each and every one of us.

We begin each day of legislative session with a prayer, and I am thankful that on this day Reverend Jones could join us as we begin our work.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to ten 1-minute speeches on each side.

SALUTING THE LAMAR LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS

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

Mr. DELAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lamar National League All-Stars of Richmond, Texas. I congratulate them on their magnificent performance in the Little League World Series this year.

I want to thank Jim Michalek, the team's manager, not only for leading the Lamar All-Stars to Williamsport for the second straight year, but for doing it the right way, by teaching his players the fundamentals of baseball and of teamwork and sportsmanship. If he keeps this up, I would not be surprised to hear the Astros want him in their dugout next year.

Mr. Michalek and his coaches, Tommy Abraham and Bobby Murski, gave more than their time and energy to this team. They gave themselves to it, and the character the boys displayed during their tournament run showed the Houston community and our Nation once again that there is no substitute in a boy's life for the strong influence of good men.

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