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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Steven T. Cherry, President, Wesley Enhanced Living at Heritage Towers, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

God of the nations, You gave this new day, blessed it with springtime color, and we give You thanks.

Look today on Your people throughout this beloved Nation, a grand diversity from all corners of the land, and bind us together in the principles of liberty, respect, and service. Teach us to revere those advanced in age who feel the weight of years but live with depth of character that comes from long life. May we be so reverent in the face of the profound gift of life. We give deep thanks for all those who act out of dedication to sisters and brothers, wherever they serve.

Give to all those who work in this place, O God, strength, wisdom and pause to consider Your grace in our midst. You have given to them the great traditions and tools of leadership forged from years of testing. May Your work prevail today.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. 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 California (Mrs. CAPPS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. CAPPS 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 Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment Joint Resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.J. Res. 81. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Phillip Frost as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.J. Res. 82. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

WELCOMING REVEREND STEVEN T. CHERRY

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to welcome Reverend Steven Cherry to the House Chamber this morning as our guest chaplain. It is my further honor to welcome the residents of Heritage Towers, a retirement community located in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, where Reverend Cherry serves as Executive Director. They are in the House Chamber as I speak to lend their support to the Reverend as well as to see our body in action. Welcome to the Nation's capital.

I have had many opportunities to visit Heritage Towers and meet with the 350 residents who call the community home. I also have had the chance to speak with Reverend Cherry about the mission of Heritage Towers and how it is not just a retirement community but a place where seniors can enhance not only their minds and bodies but their spirit as well.

Reverend Cherry is tasked with the challenge of maintaining the high quality of the services Heritage Towers offers. He is well-equipped to meet that challenge. Reverend Cherry has served as the finance chairman for the Berwyn

United Methodist Church and as a board member of the Central Bucks YMCA. In his ecclesiastical role, Reverend Cherry has served as the pastor of many churches, including the Radnor Church in Rosemont and the Iona Methodist Church in Lebanon.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Cherry has shown his dedication to service and community action throughout his career. Heritage Towers is lucky to have him as Executive Director, and the House is honored to have him with us today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE). The Chair will entertain up to 10 one-minutes from each side.

LONE STAR VOICE: MICHAEL ESTEP, SR.

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, working Americans continue to voice concern about the unlawful entry into the United States. Michael Estep, Sr., from Spring, Texas writes to me:

"I am writing to express my most sincere concern for our Nation and the State with regard to the current immigration issues. Having served in both public law enforcement and the private sector for the past 30 years, in all these years I have not seen one good side of illegal immigration, just varying degrees of bad. The strain on local and State medical services, higher insurance costs due to uninsured and unlicensed motorists, the criminal justice system where 29 percent of the American prison population are illegal aliens, are all paid by the citizens.

"What is happening to the land the greatest generation fought to protect? Is the uncontrolled assimilation into

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