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Sincerely,

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SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE ANDRÉ CARSON, OF INDIANA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Indiana, the Honorable ANDRÉ CARSON, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not yet arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the Indiana delegation present themselves in the well.

Mr. CARSON appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the 110th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE ANDRÉ CARSON TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I know Julia Carson, who was a beloved Member of all of us in this body, is looking down from heaven today and is very, very proud of ANDRÉ. He was the apple of her eye, her grandson, and if there was one thing she wanted, she wanted him to succeed her in the Congress of the United States. I am sure she is very, very happy today.

André has a background in law enforcement. He worked with the State police, he worked with Homeland Security in the area of terrorism watching and controlling. He is a past member of the City-County Council of Indianapolis, and I presume they are going to have to pick somebody else to fill your seat now.

He will be a welcome Member of this body. We congratulate you on your election and we look forward to working with you.

Madam Speaker, I yield to my colleague from Indiana (Mr. BUYER).

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Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, I would like everyone to know that we all enjoyed Julia very much. But I want you to know this, what just happened in the well is ANDRÉ responded to the Speaker with two words that would make Julia very proud. His first two words as a new Member of Congress, he turned and said, "Yes, ma'am."

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. ANDRÉ's wife, I presume, is here with him today, Mariama. They are the proud parents of a 1-year-old daughter, Salimah. I am sure when she is a little older, she will be very proud as well.

I yield to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISCLOSKY).

Mr. VISCLOSKY. I appreciate the gentleman yielding, and I appreciate the biographical information. That is very important for all of us to recognize as far as ANDRÉ's achievement. I do think today as he is sworn in, he is probably best known as Julia Carson's grandson. Henceforth, he will be ANDRÉ CARSON, Member of Congress, and we welcome you.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I yield to our new Member of Congress.

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, my fellow colleagues, thank you for your warm welcome.

Today, I want to thank the people of Indiana's 7th Congressional District. I am truly and extremely humbled by the trust they have placed in me, grateful for their support, and committed to serving them each and every day.

I want to thank my wife, Mariama, who has stood with me every step of the way, and our 1-year-old daughter, Salimah, who inspires me to serve.

I also want to thank and honor and salute a great leader who I wish were here, my grandmother, Congresswoman Julia Carson.

Thank you.

For 11 years, she came to this floor as the people's champion. I am committed to building on her accomplishments and service to the people of the 7th Congressional District and the City of Indianapolis. I can think of no better way to honor her memory than by rolling up my sleeves and getting to work on day one.

Our working families, our seniors, our children and our troops are counting on us to stand up and take responsibility for the changes we need in our country. In Indianapolis and across America, working families are struggling in our failing economy. As we are all painfully aware, in February alone, 63,000 Americans lost their jobs, many of them in the great Hoosier State of Indiana.

Overseas, we must honor and care for our brave troops. And the best way to honor them is to change our direction in Iraq, end this war, and bring our troops home.

Solving these problems won't be easy, but together we can make real changes and offer real solutions. We can start by giving middle-class families property tax relief. That is why I am proud that today, as my first official legislative action, I am signing on to my colleague Congressman BARON HILL's bill to provide property tax relief. This will help families in Indianapolis and those who have been hit hard with high taxes.

As we move forward, I look forward to meeting with working with all of you, Republicans and Democrats, to strengthen our economy, create good jobs, and invest in our children.

Thank you, Indiana; thank you, 7th Congressional District; and thank you all. God bless.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Indiana, the whole number of the House is 431.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Without objection, a call of the House is ordered.

There was no objection.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 139]

Ackerman	Butterfield	Diaz-Balart, M.
Aderholt	Buyer	Dicks
Akin	Calvert	Dingell
Alexander	Camp (MI)	Doggett
Allen	Campbell (CA)	Donnelly
Altmore	Cannon	Drake
Andrews	Cantor	Dreier
Arcuri	Capito	Duncan
Baca	Capps	Edwards
Bachmann	Capuano	Ehlers
Bachus	Cardoza	Ellison
Baldwin	Carnahan	Ellsworth
Barrett (SC)	Carney	Emanuel
Barrow	Carson	Engel
Bartlett (MD)	Castle	English (PA)
Barton (TX)	Castor	Eshoo
Bean	Chabot	Etheridge
Becerra	Chandler	Everett
Berkley	Clarke	Fallon
Berman	Clay	Farr
Berry	Cleaver	Fattah
Biggart	Clyburn	Ferguson
Billbray	Coble	Filner
Bilirakis	Cohen	Flake
Bishop (GA)	Conaway	Forbes
Bishop (NY)	Conyers	Fortenberry
Bishop (UT)	Cooper	Fossella
Blackburn	Costa	Foster
Blunt	Costello	Fox
Boehner	Courtney	Franks (AZ)
Bonner	Crenshaw	Frelinghuysen
Boozman	Crowley	Galleghy
Boren	Cubin	Garrett (NJ)
Boswell	Cuellar	Gerlach
Boucher	Culberson	Giffords
Boyd (FL)	Cummings	Gilchrest
Boyda (KS)	Davis (AL)	Gillibrand
Brady (PA)	Davis (CA)	Gonzalez
Brady (TX)	Davis (IL)	Goode
Brale (IA)	Davis (KY)	Goodlatte
Broun (GA)	Davis, David	Gordon
Brown (SC)	Davis, Lincoln	Granger
Brown, Corrine	Deal (GA)	Graves
Brown-Waite,	DeGette	Green, Al
Ginny	Delahunt	Green, Gene
Buchanan	DeLauro	Grijalva
Burgess	Dent	Gutierrez
Burton (IN)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hall (NY)