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The House met at 10 a.m.

Pastor Gary Strickland, Kingdom Place, Lumberton, North Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Our dear Heavenly Father, on this National Day of Prayer, we publicly acknowledge You to be the Lord of the universe, the author of creation, the arbiter in history, and the savior of man.

We bow before Your providence and celebrate Your goodness to our Nation. Thank You for blessing America.

Bless this Chamber of decision-makers, and let each of them seek Your guidance in every matter affecting our country.

Bless this Chamber of legislators, and let each of them vote always according to Your eternal standards, which transcend time and personal preference.

Bless this Chamber of social leaders, and let each of them model for us Your healing virtues of compassion and mercy, integrity, forgiveness and service.

We bow before Your power, celebrating Your goodness to us as a people. Thank You for blessing America.

In the name of Your son, Jesus Christ, we ask and pray for all these things.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from California (Mrs. TAUSCHER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. TAUSCHER 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 a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1760. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 276d-276g of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group conference during the Second Session of the 110th Congress:

The Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH).

The Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI).

INTRODUCTION OF REV. GARY STRICKLAND

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

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I'm pleased today to introduce the Reverend Gary Strickland who just delivered the invocation for the U.S. House as we, as a Nation, begin this National Day of Prayer, a time when communities across America will be joining in prayer for our country today.

And what better person to begin this day than a man whose ministry has carried him across North Carolina, touching people from all walks of life, from the booming coastal city of Wilmington to rural communities like Pikeville, Wilson, and Little Wash-

ington, North Carolina, to the All-American cities of Fayetteville and Lumberton.

The former Christian Education Director for the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Gary now pastors a vibrant, nondenominational, multicultural church named Kingdom Place that is growing exponentially and has a wide-ranging ministry that shares God's love and the redeeming power of Jesus Christ.

Born and reared in Southeastern North Carolina, he is married to my sister, Karon McIntyre Strickland, who's with us today, and they have two children, Joel and Amy; two grandsons, Bailey and Bentley; and a son-in-law, Steve.

Gary is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke where he served as student body president. He received his master's in religious education at Duke and his master's of divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

As my brother-in-law, I'm particularly honored to have had him open us today on the National Day of Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five further 1-minutes on each side.

PRESIDENT BUSH IS 0 FOR 2

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, in 1993, when professional baseball owners were deciding how to rehabilitate the reputation of baseball after the players' strike, they debated whether to enact a wild-card rule to allow the second place team into the playoffs. Only one owner at the time voted against this, Texas Rangers general partner, George Bush.

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