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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord, we humble ourselves in Your presence. You are all powerful. We accept our limitations and turn to You in time of deepest need.

During this National Week of Prayer For Healing, we pray for the healing of AIDS in this Nation and across the globe. This devastating epidemic does not discriminate, and people of any gender, age, ethnicity, income, or sexual orientation can and are contracting this disease.

Help us, Lord, to improve the lives of those living with HIV-AIDS and enable us to spread resources, awareness, and hope to communities around the world to fight this aggressive virus.

In good times and bad, in sickness and health we find compassion in You, O Lord, and seek Your healing now and forever. 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 Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN 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. 1067. An act to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 10 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

(Ms. GIFFORDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Arizona for its dedication to excellence and achievement in higher education. One hundred and twenty-five years ago tomorrow, the 13th Territorial Legislature of the Arizona Territory—we were a territory at that time—authorized the establishment of the University of Arizona. And since that date in 1885, the U of A has maintained a steadfast dedication to building a better Arizona and a better future. The U of A is a testament to the vision of land-grant universities established across the country. For over 100 years, they have led, being the most important drivers for research and innovation that has powered our Nation's economy.

The U of A today continues to be at the forefront of that research. Whether

it is mapping the corn genome, teaming with NASA, or using advanced optics to harvest and utilize the power of the sun, the U of A continues to press forward with cutting-edge technology. Most importantly, the university understands that its strength is in the diversity of its students.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring and recognizing the 125th anniversary of the University of Arizona. Congratulations, President Shelton, to the students, the region, and to everyone associated with the U of A.

CONGRATULATING PHILLIS OETERS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Phillis Oeters, chair of the 2009-2010 Orange Bowl Committee. Phillis has offered outstanding public service to Miami-Dade for the past 25 years. She has served on numerous community boards and has been active in several community arts organizations. She has also been recognized for her altruistic works many times, receiving awards and honors from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the American Red Cross, and United Way of Miami-Dade.

Phillis' strong professional background and her commitment to serving others made her the ideal candidate to chair the prestigious Orange Bowl Committee. She became the second woman in 100 years to chair a college bowl game.

Phillis, on behalf of all of south Florida and the United States Congress, congratulations on this achievement. Thank you for what you have done to make our community a much better place. Thank you, Phillis.

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