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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 29, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LORETTA SANCHEZ to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Bruce R. Scott, Pentecostals of South Lake, Merrillville, Indiana, offered the following prayer:

Loving Lord, Creator of everything, thank You for allowing us to come into Your presence. It is written in Your Word, if we would acknowledge You in all our ways, You will direct our steps. Thank You for the House of Representatives. I ask You to direct their steps today. Grant to them wisdom and understanding. Let them make right decisions based on biblical principles.

Lord, just as You paid a price for our salvation on Calvary, there is a price being paid today for this great Nation and our freedom. I ask You to be with our military personnel all over this world. Protect those in harm's way. Be with the family members at home; strengthen and encourage every spouse and child as they wait for the return of their loved one.

Bless our President and all the Members of Congress with wisdom and protection today. Surround our Nation with Your presence.

This I ask in the name above every name, in Jesus' name. 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 gentlewoman 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.

WELCOMING REVEREND BRUCE R. SCOTT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Indiana, Congressman VISCLOSKY, is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. VISCLOSKY. It is my honor to welcome to the Chamber Reverend Randy Scott, who led us in the opening prayer.

Reverend Scott has dedicated his life to the service of his community and fellow citizens in northwest Indiana. Before joining the church, Randy spent 37 years of his life as a member of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Local 374, in Hammond, Indiana.

After his retirement, Reverend Scott was touched by the Holy Spirit and realized that his life was destined for a higher purpose. He put his life in the hands of the Lord, who directed him to become a shepherd of His flock. Twenty-four years ago, Reverend Scott began ministering with the United Pentecostal Church International. Reverend Scott became the assistant pas-

tor at the Pentecostals of South Lake Church in Merrillville, Indiana, where he has effectively ministered to the congregation for the past 20 years, enriching all those who pass through the doors. Reverend Scott has also dedicated himself to the Merrillville Clergy Association, where he has served as president for the past 3 years.

Reverend Scott is joined here today with his wife, Connie, and his daughter, Lydia.

It is my honor to welcome a man who encompasses so many of the wonderful qualities and experiences of the people of northwest Indiana, and I would like to personally thank Reverend Scott for offering this morning's prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN HIKERS BEING DETAINED IN IRAN

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

Ms. SCHWARTZ. This week marks the 1-year anniversary of three American hikers being detained in Iran. Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd were visiting a mountainous region in northern Iraq and innocently strayed across the unmarked frontier into Iran. The Iranian Government locked them up, accusing them of espionage—a baseless accusation.

Last fall, Senator ARLEN SPECTER and I championed a resolution calling on Iran to release the hikers. I have met with all three mothers and stayed in touch with Josh's mother, Laura, who lives in Montgomery County,

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