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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 2, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TED POE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

We come together in thanks and gratitude; thankful for the wonder and mystery of life itself and grateful for the abundance of the universe in which our lives unfold.

We return today to a familiar yet changed place. Gone are the dormant days of winter and fading blossoms of early spring. Still with us are days of transition as seasons collide too often in fury, chaos, and even death.

Yet beyond the storms, once again we see the rich fullness of creation, feel the warmth of the sun, touch fresh Earth, smell fragrant breezes, and taste the produce of the land.

As individuals, but more so collectively, we remember that we are called as caretakers of the cosmic home humanity shares, that when one suffers, we all suffer, when one falls we all fall.

May our response to this call be one of possibility and potential inspired by imagination, wisdom, and trust—but mostly by love unveiled in our common spirit, both human and divine.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan 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.

WE REJOICE IN THE TRIUMPH OF JUSTICE

(Mr. MCCOTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today we do not revel over the death of bin Laden, the butcher; we rejoice in the triumph of justice. We thank our citizen soldiers, the intelligence community, and the Obama administration for finishing this mission; and we forever remember the fallen and comfort the families who so grievously suffered on September 11, 2001.

Now let us press our efforts against al Qaeda and their terrorist cohorts, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and the tyrannical Iranian regime. For while our world has witnessed justice, our world remains dangerous; and we must be ever vigilant against such clear and present threats to our liberty and security.

We have dispatched a murderer, not his movement. We have won a battle, not our struggle. But in so succeeding, we have served notice to every ter-

rorist, tyrant, and tyrannical regime that we will win.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I think every Member of the House probably wants to do the same thing that Mr. MCCOTTER did and I am going to do, and that is to congratulate and thank the Commander in Chief, the President; our Armed Forces, our men and women in the military, and particularly SEAL Team 6 for the outstanding job that they accomplished. Finally, the mission is accomplished. The mission after 9/11 was to get Osama bin Laden, and our troops did it, and they did it in a spectacular fashion.

I've always been proud to be a Member of this House and to be an American. Never more proud than last night and today when I think about our soldiers who put themselves in harm's way to truly protect our country and to keep our freedoms, because Osama bin Laden did all he could to hurt our country and take away those freedoms. And he has taken freedoms away.

As Mr. MCCOTTER said, we will win, we will endure, victory will be ours. And I thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces for the mission that they accomplished.

MILITARY'S RESOLVE IS KEY TO VICTORY IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last night the President hailed the success of Navy SEALs to achieve the death of mass murderer Osama bin Laden. Bin Laden declared

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