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## House of Representatives

Pursuant to section 2 of Senate Concurrent Resolution 22, 113th Congress, the House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 6, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF DENHAM to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### NOTICE OF REASSEMBLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the text of the formal notification sent to Members on Thursday, September 6, 2013, of the reassembly of the House.

U.S. SENATE,  
Washington, DC, September 5, 2013.

DEAR COLLEAGUE: Pursuant to section 2 of Senate Concurrent Resolution 22 of the 113th Congress, after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, we hereby notify the Members of the Senate to reassemble at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 6, 2013, and the Members of the House of Representatives to reassemble at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 6, 2013.

Sincerely,

HARRY REID,  
*Majority Leader of the Senate.*  
JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Almighty God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As the tensions of violence continue to mount, we turn to You, Lord God, as our hope and salvation.

The darkness of military action seems to be descending upon us once again. We ask that You might bless all efforts at diplomatic resolution concerning violations of human decency recognized by all nations.

Renew America in confident faith, and deepen our commitment to seek peace as soon as possible. Keep our focus on a full recovery of healthy relationships and leadership in the Middle East, so that further bloody hemorrhaging might be forestalled.

Help us to realize it is never too late nor too early to engage in a dialogue with opponents and that all our efforts should be in search of the way to a stable peace.

Bless and guide our Nation's leaders, for we are a people of faith across this country, who claim You as sovereign Lord over this Nation and all the nations of the world.

May all that we do this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 322, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BONNER), the whole number of the House is 433.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, August 2, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 2, 2013 at 3:18 p.m.:

Appointments: Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

### RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
August 8, 2013.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,  
Washington, DC.

SPEAKER BOEHNER: I cannot express what a tremendous honor it has been to serve the people of Louisiana's Fifth Congressional District, and from the bottom of my heart, I am eternally grateful and I thank them for the trust they have placed in me.

I write to you today to officially let you know that, effective September 27, 2013, I will be resigning as a Member of the United States Congress.

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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