

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, October 10, 2001

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 10, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM GIBBONS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Ralph Hoyt Davis, Bethel United Baptist Church, Muncie, Indiana, offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, as we approach the throne of grace, I thank You today for the great privilege You have given me in standing here today before this 107th Congress. I thank You for Your mercy and grace, that You loved each one of us so much that You provided the plan of salvation for all who call upon You.

Our Father, You have been so good to this great Nation. You truly indeed have done for us what we cannot do for ourselves. In the mighty name of Jesus, I ask that You lead the Members of this House of Representatives as they do the Nation's business.

Father, I thank You in the name of Jesus for my Congressman, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE). May he be protected by Your power. Bless his family, bless him and all of his staff, and not only him, but all of our Congressmen. May they feel Your leadership as they make decisions that may lead us in the paths of righteousness.

I thank You for saving my soul, that You loved me when I was unlovable. You truly indeed have been a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. In the difficult days ahead, we ask that You lead and guide us by Your precious Holy Spirit. May this great body of men and women seek Your face as they make the great decisions that fall to their lot.

In the precious name of Jesus Christ, I ask these blessings and these requests. 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 gentleman from Kansas (Mr. RYUN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RYUN of Kansas 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.

PASTOR RALPH HOYT DAVIS

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I come to the well of the House to welcome Pastor Ralph Hoyt Davis of the Bethel United Baptist Church located in Muncie, Indiana.

Pastor Davis, at 73 years young, has tirelessly served his Lord since 1960. Throughout his career, the residents of Muncie and east central Indiana have come to know Pastor Davis as a man of compassion, conviction and action. In his ministry, Pastor Davis reaches out to the downtrodden with true interest and concern for their welfare. His service to the Lord is evident in the thousands of baptisms, weddings, funerals at which he has officiated, the hours of hospital visits, nursing home calls and counseling sections he has provided to his congregation.

Pastor Davis has served in churches in Indiana and Ohio, and has been involved in the South Concord Association of United Baptist Churches, acting as a moderator for 19 years.

I would also like to thank Pastor Davis' wife of 53 years, Christine, for her service alongside her husband as a worthy helpmate and companion. I am certain little of his success would have been possible without her constant support.

On behalf of my colleagues, I welcome Pastor Davis to the United States House of Representatives with great pride and great gratitude for the prayers that I am confident reached the throne of grace today.

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to extend my support to the men and women who bravely defend the United States and freedom.

As a former Air Force pilot myself, I understand the dedication, the commitment, the courage it takes to serve our Nation and complete one's military mission. These men and women do not do it for the glory, though. They are fighting for the freedom and liberties that we all hold so dear. They are fighting to protect our great Nation and all it stands for. And they are fighting for the children and grandchildren, to ensure that these future generations of Americans can grow up in a peaceful society free from the fear of atrocious terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the work of our military men and women currently serving abroad in Afghanistan and throughout the world, and I hope that they know that this Congress and this Nation supports them.

STATEHOOD FOR PALESTINE

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, bombs alone will not stop terrorists. America must pursue a comprehensive strategy, and part of that strategy should support statehood for Palestine. Palestinian children are God's children, too; and until the issue of Palestinian homeland is resolved, there will always be terrorists. Killing bin Laden will not stop terrorists. There will be more bin Ladens.

Mr. Speaker, Congress must pursue a strategy of recognizing statehood for Palestine and working it out in the Mideast region. I yield back the fact that we should be in support of President Bush's comprehensive strategy to allow statehood and recognize statehood for Palestine and recognize the differences with Israel in the Mideast region.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Y-100

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Footy and the rest of the team at one of south Florida's premier radio station, Y-100,

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