

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, April 25, 2001

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 25, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JUDY BIGGERT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

The Reverend John F. Baldwin, Captain, Chaplain Corps. U.S. Navy-Retired, and priest, Archdioceses of Chicago, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord. Praise to You, Creator God, for singularly blessing these United States from the creative hopes and labors of our Founding Fathers until this session of the 107th Congress.

We, the people, bless our forefathers' memory, their vision, their passion for freedom, their acceptance of personal responsibility, their recognition of Your grace and providence.

Life is God's gift to us. What we do with our lives is our gift to God.

As we nourish and cherish our lives, so may we respect and nourish the most fragile, the weakest, the most destitute among us.

Thanks be to the living God for placing a spirit of service in the hearts of the men and women of this House. Through their work, create unity without uniformity, justice that is blind, civility and respect without retribution or revenge. Let their voices ring with truth, their lives echo integrity.

So bless this day, Lord God, our country and this Congress to Your service, a beacon of justice for all God's children. 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 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.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 66. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Women in Congress, 1917-1990".

### CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE EMPLOYEES

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

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Dr. James Billington and the employees of the Library of Congress, particularly those working in the Congressional Research Service. On almost a daily basis, my staff and I rely on the expertise and wealth of knowledge that that staff provides.

Since CRS employees work across the street from us, over in the Library, their dedication and work often go unnoticed. So thank you to all of you at CRS.

In particular, I would like to thank a few individuals who have been extremely helpful to my office: Mr. Wayne Riddle in education; Mr. Christopher Bolkcom in National Defense; Ms. Kerry Dumbaugh in Foreign Affairs; Mr. David Brumbaugh in Public Finance; Ms. Barbara Leitch LePoer in Foreign Affairs; and yesterday, Mr. Len Krueger and Ms. Angela Gilroy in Telecommunications.

Madam Speaker, I commend these individuals for their important and tireless service to the Congress and to our Nation.

### TRIBUTE TO HUGH MCCOLL, CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF BANK OF AMERICA

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

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Hugh McColl, who is retiring today as chairman and CEO of Bank of America, which is headquartered in my congressional district in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Under the leadership of Hugh McColl, Bank of America has grown into the Nation's third largest bank and McColl has helped make Charlotte the second largest banking center in the country, after New York.

In less than 20 years, McColl built the former North Carolina National Bank from a company with \$12 billion in assets and 7,600 employees to a national bank with \$642 billion in assets and 140,000 employees. He has been a community leader in Charlotte, volunteering his time and resources to make it a better place to live.

Last year, Bank of America received the National United Way Spirit of America Award for the community service commitment shown by their employees.

I wish all the best to Hugh McColl as he begins the next chapter of his life. I count him as a real ally, mentor, and friend.

### A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP IN FINDING A CURE FOR AUTISM

(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. Madam Speaker, my good friends Charles and Patience Flick have two children, Bonnie and Willis, who have autism, a developmental disorder that has robbed them of their ability to communicate and to interact with their family and with their playmates.

Autism is a brain disorder that impacts an individual's ability to respond appropriately to the environment and to form relationships. It affects at least one in every 500 children in America and some suggest that those numbers are actually one in 200.

Today, our Committee on Government Reform will investigate this dramatic rise in autism. We need to fully fund research that will help lead to better treatment options and, indeed, even a cure.

As a member of the House Autism Caucus, I am committed to work toward an increase of \$6 million for the National Institutes of Health and, in

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