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Sherman	Sweeney	Waxman
Sherwood	Tanner	Weiner
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Shuster	Terry	Whitfield
Simmons	Thomas	Wicker
Simpson	Thornberry	Wilson
Skeen	Thune	Wolf
Skelton	Thurman	Woolsey
Slaughter	Tiahrt	Wynn
Smith (MI)	Tiberi	Young (AK)
Smith (NJ)	Tierney	Young (FL)
Smith (TX)	Toomey	
Smith (WA)	Trafficant	

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.

**SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE
DIANE E. WATSON OF CALI-
FORNIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE
HOUSE**

The SPEAKER. Will the Member-elect from California and the members of the California delegation present themselves in the well.

Will the Member-elect from California (Ms. WATSON) come forward and raise her right hand?

Ms. WATSON of California appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the House of Representatives.

**WELCOMING DIANE WATSON OF
CALIFORNIA TO THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES**

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

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Democratic delegation from the great State of California, it is a great privilege and honor to introduce our newest Member of the United States Congress, former Senator, former ambassador, now Congresswoman, DIANE WATSON.

I had the privilege of serving in the California State legislature with then Senator WATSON for a long time, and I do not know if all the world knows what a leader, what a dynamic leader she is. She was first involved in education, an issue very dear to all of us here in Congress, as a teacher and then as a lecturer, a lecturer at Cal State Long Beach, which our colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN), was president of. She was the first African American woman elected to the Los Angeles Board of Education and, historically, became the first African American woman to be elected to the California State Senate.

In the State Senate she chaired the Health and Human Services Committee for over 17 years. Her legislation is landmark legislation, setting up the California birth defects monitoring program. She also ensured quality for community care and residential care facilities. And most recently, she has

served this Nation well as our ambassador to Micronesia.

The remarkable and historical fact of Congresswoman DIANE WATSON coming to the United States Congress from the State of California is for the first time in the history of this House, a delegation from one State, the largest delegation, 52 members in all, which is broken down into 20 Republicans and 32 Democrats, the 32 Democrats, with her election, makes it parity for the first time in Congress where, for the first time in history, the largest delegation is half women and half men.

So I am very proud to introduce to my colleagues one who will be a great Member and a great leader of this House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON).

**HEARTFELT APPRECIATION AND
THANKS TO MANY**

(Ms. WATSON of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WATSON of California. Mr. Speaker, distinguished Members of Congress, I stand today in the well of this most distinguished Chamber with both pride and humility as the newly elected representative of the 32nd Congressional District of California.

First, I wish to thank the constituents of my district for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving as their representative in this august body. I would like to thank my family and friends for their dedication and support, and I am delighted you are here with me today to share in this auspicious occasion. I would also like to thank my mother, who is 91 years young. With her valuable guidance and love, I stand here before you today. To my remaining family and friends and colleagues, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. To my political mentors and spiritual counselors, I too thank you.

As I begin this new chapter of my life, I cannot help but recall the days of my youth where, as a young student at Foshay Junior High School, I envisioned a career as a professional woman carrying a briefcase. But I never dreamed I would be the first African American woman elected to the Los Angeles School Board and the first African American woman elected to the California State Senate, where I served for 20 years.

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I was further privileged to serve as a United States Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia under President William Clinton.

But through all these incredible endeavors, I never dreamed that this walk would direct me in the footsteps of my dear friend, the late esteemed Julian Dixon.

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Aderholt	Hulshof	Peterson (MN)
Borski	Kennedy (MN)	Pombo
Brady (PA)	Kucinich	Ramstad
Capuano	Larsen (WA)	Schaffer
Costello	LoBiondo	Stupak
Crane	McDermott	Taylor (MS)
Crowley	McNulty	Thompson (CA)
DeFazio	Menendez	Thompson (MS)
Fattah	Moore	Udall (NM)
Filner	Oberstar	Visclosky
Ford	Pallone	Weller
Hefley	Pastor	Wu

NOT VOTING—33

Burton	Greenwood	Rangel
Cantor	Holt	Sabo
Carson (OK)	Hoyer	Solis
Cox	Jefferson	Stenholm
Coyne	Johnson (CT)	Tancredo
Davis (FL)	Jones (OH)	Taylor (NC)
Dooley	Lewis (KY)	Towns
Edwards	Linder	Turner
Engel	Miller, George	Udall (CO)
English	Obey	Waters
Ferguson	Olver	Wexler

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Mr. COSTELLO changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 154 on Approving the Journal, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 7, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the original Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Bill Jones, Secretary of State, State of California, indicating that, according to the information concerning the statement of the results of the General Election held on June 5, 2001, the Honorable Diane E. Watson was elected Representative in Congress for the Thirty-second Congressional District, State of California.

As my Congressman, Julian was both admired and respected. He was respected by his constituents, by his colleagues, and mostly by myself. As public servants for our communities, we worked together to bring resources back to the people of the 32nd Congressional District. We both approached our duties with the zealotry and dedication expected of us today by those who we so diligently served.

Now, I have been given the supreme honor to carry on and add to Julian's legacy, and address those issues deemed important to our community: solvency of the Social Security Trust Fund, affordable prescription drugs, significant meaningful education reform for our children. These are the issues on which I ran, and these are the issues that my constituents asked me to champion as their representative in Congress.

I am sure today that Julian smiles upon all of us because his legacy indeed will live on. I thank him for his distinguished years of service, and thank him, too, for his dedication as a champion of the people. I thank him most of all for his lifetime friendship.

I commit myself today to reach the highest standards of public service. I will strive to be a Representative who will serve her district by engaging in relevant policy debates and providing strong constituent services. To Mr. Dixon and to the constituents of the 32nd Congressional District I pledge my commitment and my dedication to the greater good.

Finally, I shall take my place with honor in this most prestigious body in the gentleman's memory, and I would like to rise to the level of respect that he carried with him.

The great State of California stands as a shining example of the diversity that makes this Nation so great. In light of the recent consensus results, California is now a minority majority State. Our Democratic delegation reflects the parity that is synonymous with diversity. Upon this, my swearing in, as was mentioned, I became the 16th woman, along with 16 men, that make up our delegation. We have finally reached parity, and act as a model for the rest of this country.

Despite the many obstructions that face California, including our current energy crisis, we possess the ability to be creative and apply practical solutions that work to benefit our State, our Nation, and today's global economy. I look forward to joining all of my colleagues as we tackle these problems.

I stand today with the Democrats and the Republicans and the Independents. I stand with my colleagues in the California delegation. I stand with the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Women's Caucus, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and challenge all of us to work together to-

wards the greater good of this country, and particularly, our State. Let history judge us not by laws that we pass in these great Chambers, but by the civility with which we pass them. Our best days are yet to come.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues, my friends, and supporters for being here with me to have this great honor bestowed upon me. I cannot ever repay them for their support, their commitment, and their dedication.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Pursuant to House Resolution 155 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1699.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1699) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2002, with Mr. MILLER of Florida in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LOBIONDO) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LOBIONDO).

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2001. Before I discuss this bill, however, I would like to thank the distinguished chairman of the full committee, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), for his time, energy, enthusiasm, and guidance in working out this authorization bill, which sometimes had its moments.

Also, I thank the ranking member, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), who once again has helped us with crafting a bill on which we have strong bipartisan support, and thank the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN), and their staffers for their help and cooperation on this legislation. H.R. 1699 was developed in a bipartisan manner and deserves the support of all Members of this body.

The primary purpose of H.R. 1699, the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2001, is to authorize expenditures for the United States Coast Guard for the fiscal year 2002.

Section 2 of the bill authorizes approximately \$5.4 billion for Coast Guard programs and operations for the fiscal year 2002. The bill funds the Coast Guard at the levels requested by the President, with an additional \$300 million in Coast Guard operating expenses. The amounts authorized by this bill will allow the Coast Guard to address chronic budget shortfalls.

Many of the Coast Guard's most urgent needs are similar to those experienced by the Department of Defense, including spare parts shortages and personnel training deficits. H.R. 1699 addresses those needs, and also increases the amounts available for Coast Guard drug interdiction, something very important for our country.

H.R. 1699 provides \$338 million for the Coast Guard's essential deepwater asset modernization program. To date, the Coast Guard has spent \$117 million to develop a plan for replacing or modernizing existing deepwater assets. I strongly believe that the Integrated Deepwater System is the most economical and effective way for the Coast Guard to provide future generations of Americans with lifesaving services.

Mr. Chairman, I want to take this opportunity to commend the men and women of the United States Coast Guard for the exceptional services that they provide to our Nation. From the new recruits at the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, where I was proud to keynote their 53rd Anniversary celebration last week, to the men and women of the Coast Guard Air Station in Atlantic City and the LORAN Support Unit in Lower Township, I have been impressed by their devotion to duty and their constant readiness to stand watch over our shores. Their efforts are representative of their fellow shipmates all over our Nation.

All Americans benefit from a strong Coast Guard that is equipped to stop drug smugglers, support the country's defense, and respond to national emergencies. Unfortunately, the Coast Guard, like other military services, suffers from readiness problems related to deferred maintenance, aging equipment, and personnel training and retention. We must act to correct these problems and put the Coast Guard on sound financial footing to be ready to respond to increasing demands on Coast Guard resources, especially the need to increase drug interdiction operations.

Mr. Chairman, Coast Guard operations must be made whole next year, ending the destructive cycle of funding shortfalls and end-of-the-year supplemental funding bills, which are only bandaid approaches. The funding provided in this bill will accomplish this goal. In order for the Coast Guard to continue to live up to its motto, *Semper Paratus*, always ready, Congress today needs to stand up for the Coast