

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, September 14, 2006

The House met at 9 a.m.

Rabbi Amy Rader, B'nai Torah Congregation, Boca Raton, Florida, offered the following prayer:

When the theologian of my tradition, Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel, marched in Selma, Alabama, with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rabbi Heschel said: "My feet were praying."

Esteemed men and women in this Chamber, I ask for God's help to move our prayers from our lips to our feet. Our world is in desperate need of action, change, and presence. As the leaders of this sacred democracy, your feet in any one place can make the difference between life and death.

May it be God's will that your feet lead our country on the path of compassion and justice. May your feet walk steadily to draw the estranged closer and the vulnerable into protection. May your feet stand firmly and united as the agents of freedom, equality, progress, and hope.

Master of the universe, inspire our deeds to be their own prayers. May our work join with God's spirit to bring about a better day for all creation. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SHAW) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SHAW 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.

### WELCOMING RABBI AMY RADER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Florida is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased and I am most honored today to welcome Rabbi Amy Rader and her family here to Washington, DC.

Rabbi Rader is an excellent leader and role model for the Jewish community, and for people of all beliefs. I

proudly nominated her to share her faith and offer her prayers for our country on the House floor this morning, and I thank her for coming.

After having studied in both Jerusalem and Los Angeles, Rabbi Rader was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City in 1999. Rabbi Rader also served as the rabbi for the Lakeland Hills Jewish Center in New Jersey, and was the first Jewish chaplain at Methodist Hospital in her hometown of Minneapolis.

Rabbi Rader is now an associate rabbi at B'nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton, where she directs their Mitzvah program. In her 4 years in the Boca Raton community, Rabbi Rader has earned a reputation as a compassionate pastoral counselor as well as an inspiring teacher and lecturer. I am honored to have her here with us today.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. REHBERG) at 10 a.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes per side.

### THE FACE OF THE ENEMY

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, in a few days Americans will see the face of the enemy. He will set foot on American soil and speak before the United Nations.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran, the person who denies the Holocaust ever happened and wants Israel decimated and destroyed, insists he is not making nuclear bombs but just nu-

clear power. No one believes him, and why should we?

This is the same man who is accused of holding U.S. soldiers hostage after taking the U.S. embassy in Tehran. And some people say this picture proves it; here he is with an American hostage that he is holding.

But the Iranian attack on our embassy in 1979 is overshadowed by IEDs in Iraq, supplied by Iran, to kill American soldiers every day. In a recent interview, he did not deny having suicide bombers ready to strike America.

We would never have invited Lenin, Stalin, Hitler or Mussolini to the U.S. Now we are welcoming this terrorist on American soil. Instead of receiving keys to the city, shouldn't he receive keys to the jailhouse?

And that's just the way it is.

### CONGRATULATING THE DETROIT SHOCK ON WINNING THE 2006 WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I stand to congratulate the Detroit Shock, the Women's National Basketball Association's champions for 2006, the second time they have won the title in 3 years; 12 outstanding women, who have come forth and persevered and won the championship one more time. Six of those women were on the world championship team of 2003.

Congratulations to Coach Bill Laimbeer, Assistant Coach Rick Mahorn, as well as Cheryl Reeve. Most valuable player Deanna Nolan, congratulations for those jump shots and tenacity.

You stand in history in the Women's National Basketball Association, as well as the National Basketball Association, as winners. Let women all over the world know that you can persevere in whatever you choose to be.

Congratulations, Detroit Shock, 2006 Women's National Basketball Association winners. We love you.

### HONORING XAVIER UNIVERSITY, DILLARD UNIVERSITY AND SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS

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

Mr. JEFFERSON. Mr. Speaker, as we honor Historically Black Colleges and

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Universities this week, I rise to applaud the commitment and tradition of HBCUs in my district. I am proud to say that in my district I am able to represent three of the most well-known HBCUs in the country: Xavier University, Dillard University and Southern University at New Orleans.

Xavier University ranks among the top in sending African Americans to medical school and accounts for a large share of African American pharmacists nationwide.

Dillard, highly regarded by U.S. News and World Report, has become widely known for its nursing program.

After starting with only two buildings SUNO has produced leading African Americans in the disparate fields of social work and computer science.

Collectively, these schools have served as profiles in courage and leadership as they rebuild in the face of Hurricane Katrina, which still threatens the future of all of them.

They have done a great deal with sometimes lean resources; however, that is the signature of HBCUs across the Nation. As a proud graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, I have been one of the many beneficiaries of the positive, nurturing and high-quality education provided by these nationally significant institutions.

I urge my colleagues to work towards ensuring that generations of African American students are able to benefit from the very special contribution that HBCUs provide to higher education.

#### MOURNING THE LOSS OF FORMER TEXAS GOVERNOR ANN RICHARDS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to report to the House of Representatives the loss of an American original, and that is our former governor, the great Ann Richards. Governor Richards died yesterday after a long battle with throat cancer. She was 73.

I can tell you for sure that Ann Richards made us proud to be Texans. Dorothy Ann Willis Richards began her career in politics in the early 1970s after having raised four children. A Democrat, she served as County Commissioner in Travis County, Texas, from 1977 to 1982. Ann Richards was elected to the first of two terms as Texas State Treasurer in 1982.

She was born in Lakeview, Texas. She grew up in Waco, Texas, and graduated from Waco High School. And she loved her Texas.

After graduation, she taught social studies and history at Fulmore Junior High School in Austin, Texas, from 1955 to 1956. She had two daughters and two sons in the following years, and she

campaigns for Texas liberals and progressives such as Henry B. Gonzalez, Ralph Yarborough, and Sarah Weddington, and she was not ashamed.

In 1976, Richards ran against and defeated a three-term incumbent on the Travis County, Texas, Commissioner Court.

Ann Richards gave that unforgettable keynote address in the 1988 Democratic National Convention, and she turned the Nation around.

In 1990, she sought the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. She won and she won as governor. And I am reminded of the Honorable Barbara Jordan, who campaigned for her; and the two of them were Texas' dynamic duo.

She did a lot as governor. The first thing she said was to cut the shackles off of the governor's house and opened it to the people of Texas. That is the kind of public official Ann Richards was and continued to be, someone who believed in the people's house and the people first.

She helped jump-start the economy in Texas. She helped reform the prison system by providing an abuse program for inmates, and she instituted the Texas lottery so that educational opportunities could be improved for our children.

Texas has lost a wonderful native daughter, someone who loved and cherished democracy, justice, the opportunity for those who could not speak for themselves.

Ann Richards stood for the opportunity for women in the public sector. She said to us, do not turn back, and yes, we can.

None of us who knew and loved Ann Richards will ever forget her or the way she heightened and brightened the lives of all the people she served. She was one in a million and she will be deeply missed. She will never be replaced. She was an American original. She was my friend. We will forever be in her debt and forever miss her.

Thank you, Ann Richards, for being the kind of role model for all the women, all the girls and all of America.

#### FEAR IS ALL THE REPUBLICANS HAVE TO OFFER

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the Republicans gave us their November 7 resolution last night. Five years ago, the Nation stood as one, but the Republicans have divided us ever since. They believe dividing America is the best hope for clinging to power in the November election.

They can pass self-congratulatory resolutions that have more to do with November 7 than September 11, but patting themselves on the back is no substitute for protecting the American people by adopting the recommenda-

tions of the bipartisan 9/11 Commission.

Republicans have not done that. Instead, Republicans have been ordered by the President to continue his fiction that Iraq and al Qaeda were connected. The evidence proves otherwise, so Republican leaders are trying to hide the evidence beneath their rhetoric.

Just remember this: Republicans have propped up this President by spending more on the Iraq war than on domestic security. Republicans have given us fear and fiction around the fifth anniversary of 9/11. Just imagine what they have in store for us in the next weeks.

Fear has never made America safer, but that is all the Republicans have to offer, and that is simply not enough to protect and defend America in the 21st century.

#### WE NEED A NEW DIRECTION ON SECURITY IN AMERICA

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

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise because America needs a new direction for homeland security. Our Republican colleagues are ignoring our Nation's real security needs.

The 9/11 Commission made 41 recommendations on ways to make our Nation safer, but just this December America received a flunked Homeland Security 101, receiving 10 Cs, 12 Ds and 4 Fs.

Only 6 percent of containers at our ports are being screened, most air cargo is not being screened, and 5 years after 9/11, the Nation still lacks a unified terrorist watch list for airline passengers.

We need a new direction for America's security. We must guard against future attacks by implementing all the 9/11 Commission recommendations; and we must screen 100 percent of our containers and cargo bound to the United States in ships and planes; and we must ensure our first responders have the training, equipment and technology they need.

#### PRESIDENT'S ATTEMPTS TO CONNECT IRAQ WITH THE OVERALL WAR ON TERROR

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

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, President Bush continues to say that one of the most difficult parts of his job is trying to connect the war in Iraq with the overall war on terror, but I tell you it is a difficult job because it is clear there is no connection between the war in Iraq and the overall global war on terror.

Just this past week, a bipartisan Senate Intelligence Committee report