

**NEW MEXICO**  
 Lujan Grisham Luján, Ben Ray Pearce

**NEW YORK**  
 Bishop Jeffries Nadler  
 Clarke King Owens  
 Collins Lowey Rangel  
 Crowley Maffei Reed  
 Engel Maloney, Serrano  
 Gibson Carolyn Slaughter  
 Grimm Maloney, Sean Tonko  
 Hanna McCarthy Velázquez  
 Higgins Meeks  
 Israel Meng

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
 Butterfield Hudson Pittenger  
 Coble Jones Price  
 Ellmers McHenry Watt  
 Foxx McIntyre  
 Holding Meadows

**NORTH DAKOTA**  
 Cramer

**OHIO**  
 Beatty Jordan Stivers  
 Boehner Joyce Tiberi  
 Chabot Kaptur Turner  
 Fudge Latta Wenstrup  
 Gibbs Renacci  
 Johnson Ryan

**OKLAHOMA**  
 Bridenstine Lankford Mullin  
 Cole Lucas

**OREGON**  
 Bonamici Schrader  
 DeFazio Walden

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
 Barletta Fitzpatrick Perry  
 Brady Gerlach Pitts  
 Cartwright Kelly Rothfus  
 Dent Marino Schwartz  
 Doyle Meehan Shuster  
 Fattah Murphy Thompson

**RHODE ISLAND**  
 Cicilline Langevin

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
 Clyburn Gowdy Rice  
 Duncan Mulvaney Wilson

**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
 Noem

**TENNESSEE**  
 Black Cooper Fincher  
 Blackburn DesJarlais Fleischmann  
 Cohen Duncan Roe

**TEXAS**  
 Barton Gohmert Neugebauer  
 Brady Granger Olson  
 Burgess Green, Al O'Rourke  
 Carter Green, Gene Poe  
 Castro Hall Sessions  
 Conaway Hensarling Smith  
 Cuellar Hinojosa Stockman  
 Culberson Jackson Lee Thornberry  
 Doggett Johnson, E. B. Veasey  
 Farenthold Johnson, Sam Vela  
 Flores Marchant Weber  
 Gallego McCaul Williams

**UTAH**  
 Bishop Matheson  
 Chaffetz Stewart

**VERMONT**  
 Welch

**VIRGINIA**  
 Cantor Griffith Scott  
 Connolly Hurt Wittman  
 Forbes Moran Wolf  
 Goodlatte Rigell

**WASHINGTON**  
 DelBene Kilmer McMorris  
 Hastings Larsen Rodgers  
 Heck McDermott Reichert  
 Herrera Beutler Smith

**WEST VIRGINIA**  
 Capito McKinley Rahall

**WISCONSIN**  
 Duffy Petri Ryan  
 Kind Pocan Sensenbrenner  
 Moore Ribble

**WYOMING**  
 Lummis  
 □ 1224

The CLERK. Four hundred twenty-nine Representatives-elect have recorded their presence. A quorum is present.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK**

The CLERK. Credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of:

The Honorable PEDRO R. PIERLUISI as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2013;

The Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia;

The Honorable MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO as Delegate from Guam;

The Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and

The Honorable GREGORIO SABLAN as Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Clerk is in receipt of letters from the Honorable Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., of Illinois and the Honorable TIM SCOTT of South Carolina indicating that they will not serve in the House in the 113th Congress. Without objection, the letters will be placed in the RECORD.

DECEMBER 13, 2012.

DEAR MADAM CLERK, I am aware that you have received a certificate for my election as Representative of the Second Congressional District of the State of Illinois in the 113th Congress. This letter serves to notify you that I do not intend to serve in the 113th Congress.

Sincerely,

JESSE JACKSON, JR.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
 Washington, DC, December 30, 2012.  
 HON. JOHN BOEHNER,  
 Speaker, House of Representatives,  
 Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER, I am writing to inform you that I have notified the Governor of South Carolina of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives effective January 2, 2013. A copy of that letter is attached. I do not intend to take the office of Representative for the First Congressional District of South Carolina in the 113th Congress.

It has truly been an honor to serve the First District of South Carolina, and I look forward to continuing that service in my

new role as United States Senator. I have enjoyed working with you, Majority Leader Cantor, and all of our colleagues in the House, and wish you the best of luck in the future.

Sincerely,

TIM SCOTT,  
 Member of Congress.

□ 1230

**ELECTION OF SPEAKER**

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 113th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS).

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Clerk, the 113th Congress gives us a chance to try once again to make a better America than the one we inherited from our parents—and from the 112 Congresses that came before us. That is the hope of every Member here, on both sides of the aisle: to restore this land of freedom and opportunity for our families and our children.

Our task is not an easy one. There are deep divisions, but there's one person I have turned to time and again to help point the way forward. He is one of 12 children born into a working-class family in Ohio, a man who waited tables, mopped floors, tended bar, and worked his way to a college degree at night school, a small businessman, and a proud family man.

Serving 22 years in Congress, he's been a committee chairman, conference chair, and Speaker. But he is, as he likes to say, just "a regular guy with a big job." He deeply respects this institution, the House of Representatives, and 2 years ago he strengthened committees, made operations transparent, and ended earmarks.

Today, our families need tax reform, immigration reform, and reforms to protect Social Security and Medicare. What does he advise? Don't kick the can down the road. This is our moment to set the country on a solid course and, most importantly, to do what is good and right for America. That is solid advice from a great man.

So it is with great optimism and hope for the great work that we can accomplish together that, as chair of the Republican Conference—on a unanimous vote of the conference—I present for election to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 113th Congress the name of the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER.

The CLERK. The Clerk now recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. BECERRA).

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Clerk, this is the people's House, and every 2 years the populace of this country gives those duly-elected Representatives of

the people an opportunity to decide who will lead here in the Chamber of the people's House.

It is a solemn task. It is one that requires vision; it requires the ability to reach across the aisle; and it certainly requires someone who has deep principles. Someone who has shown the experience and has proven herself as a leader of the people and someone worthy to hold the gavel here in the people's House is the person I have the honor of putting forward today for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

I am tasked, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, through the vote of that caucus, to present for election to the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives to the 113th Congress the name of the Right Honorable NANCY PELOSI, a Representative for the people, duly elected from the State of California.

The CLERK. The names of the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, a Representative-elect from the State of Ohio, and the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, a Representative-elect from the State of California, have been placed in nomination.

Are there further nominations?

There being no further nominations, the Clerk appoints the following tellers:

The gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER);

The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY);

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR); and

The gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN).

The tellers will come forward and take their seats at the desk in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

The roll now will be called, and those responding to their names will indicate by surname the nominee of their choosing.

The Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 2]

BOEHNER—220

Aderholt	Buchanan	Cotton
Alexander	Bucshon	Cramer
Amodei	Burgess	Crawford
Bachmann	Calvert	Crenshaw
Bachus	Camp	Culberson
Barletta	Campbell	Daines
Barr	Cantor	Davis, Rodney
Barton	Capito	Denham
Benishek	Carter	Dent
Bentivolio	Cassidy	DeSantis
Bilirakis	Chabot	DesJarlais
Bishop (UT)	Chaffetz	Diaz-Balart
Black	Coble	Duffy
Blackburn	Coffman	Duncan (SC)
Bonner	Cole	Duncan (TN)
Boustany	Collins (GA)	Ellmers
Brady (TX)	Collins (NY)	Emerson
Brooks (AL)	Conaway	Farenthold
Brooks (IN)	Cook	Fincher

Fitzpatrick	Lankford
Fleischmann	Latham
Fleming	Latta
Flores	LoBiondo
Forbes	Long
Fortenberry	Lucas
Fox	Luetkemeyer
Franks (AZ)	Lummis
Frelinghuysen	Marchant
Gardner	Marino
Garrett	McCarthy (CA)
Gerlach	McCaul
Gerlach	McClintock
Gibbs	McHenry
Gibson	McKeon
Gingrey (GA)	McKinley
Goodlatte	McMorris
Gosar	McMorris
Gowdy	Rodgers
Granger	Rodgers
Graves (GA)	Meadows
Graves (MO)	Meehan
Griffin (AR)	Messer
Griffith (VA)	Mica
Grimm	Miller (FL)
Guthrie	Miller (MI)
Hall	Miller, Gary
Hanna	Mullin
Harper	Murphy (PA)
Harris	Neugebauer
Hartzler	Noem
Hastings (WA)	Nugent
Heck (NV)	Nunes
Hensarling	Nunnelee
Herrera Beutler	Olson
Holding	Palazzo
Hudson	Paulsen
Huizenga (MI)	Perry
Hultgren	Petri
Hunter	Pittenger
Hurt	Pitts
Issa	Poe (TX)
Jenkins	Pompeo
Johnson (OH)	Posey
Johnson, Sam	Price (GA)
Jordan	Radel
Joyce	Reed
Kelly	Reichert
King (IA)	Renacci
King (NY)	Ribble
Kingston	Rice (SC)
Kinzinger (IL)	Rigell
Kline	Roby
LaMalfa	Roe (TN)
Lamborn	Rogers (AL)
Lance	Rogers (KY)
	Rogers (MI)

PELOSI—192

Andrews	Davis, Danny
Barber	DeFazio
Bass	DeGette
Beatty	Delaney
Becerra	DeLauro
Bera	DelBene
Bishop (GA)	Deutch
Bishop (NY)	Dingell
Bonamici	Doggett
Brady (PA)	Doyle
Bralley (IA)	Duckworth
Brown (FL)	Edwards
Brownley (CA)	Ellison
Bustos	Engel
Butterfield	Enyart
Capps	Eshoo
Capuano	Esty
Cárdenas	Farr
Carney	Fattah
Carson (IN)	Foster
Cartwright	Frankel (FL)
Castor (FL)	Fudge
Castro (TX)	Gabbard
Chu	Gallo
Cicilline	Garamendi
Clarke	Garcia
Clay	Grayson
Cleaver	Green, Al
Clyburn	Green, Gene
Cohen	Grijalva
Connolly	Gutierrez
Conyers	Hahn
Costa	Hanabusa
Courtney	Hastings (FL)
Crowley	Heck (WA)
Cuellar	Higgins
Cummings	Himes
Davis (CA)	Hinojosa

Rohrabacher	McCarthy (NY)
Rokita	McCollum
Rooney	McDermott
Ros-Lehtinen	McGovern
Roskam	McNerney
Ross	Meeks
Rothfus	Meng
Royce	Michaud
Runyan	Miller, George
Ryan (WI)	Moore
Salmon	Moran
Scalise	Murphy (FL)
Schock	Nadler
Schweikert	Napolitano
Scott, Austin	Neal
Sensenbrenner	Negrete McLeod
Sessions	Nolan
Shimkus	O'Rourke
Shuster	Owens
Simpson	Pallone
Smith (NE)	Pascrell
Smith (NJ)	Pastor (AZ)
Smith (TX)	Payne
Southerland	Pelosi
Stewart	Perlmutter
Stivers	Peters (CA)
Stutzman	Peters (MI)
Terry	Peterson
Noem	Thompson (PA)
Thornberry	Thornberry
Tiberi	Tipton
Turner	Turner
Upton	Upton
Valadao	Valadao
Wagner	Walberg
Walberg	Walden
Weber (TX)	Walorski
Webster (FL)	Weber (TX)
Wenstrup	Webster (FL)
Westmoreland	Wenstrup
Whitfield	Westmoreland
Williams	Whitfield
Wilson (SC)	Williams
Wittman	Wilson (SC)
Womack	Wittman
Woodall	Womack
Yoder	Woodall
Young (AK)	Yoder
Young (FL)	Young (AK)
Young (IN)	Young (FL)

Pingree (ME)	Sires
Pocan	Slaughter
Polis	Smith (WA)
Price (NC)	Smith (WA)
Quigley	Speier
Rahall	Swalwell (CA)
Rangel	Takano
Richmond	Thompson (CA)
Ruiz	Thompson (MS)
Ruppersberger	Tierney
Rush	Titus
Ryan (OH)	Tonko
Sánchez, Linda	Tsongas
T. Sánchez, Linda	Van Hollen
T. Sánchez, Loretta	Vargas
Sarbanes	Veasey
Schakowsky	Vela
Schiff	Velázquez
Schneider	Viscosky
Schrader	Walz
Schwartz	Wasserman
Scott (VA)	Schultz
Scott, David	Watt
Serrano	Waters
Sewell (AL)	Waxman
Shea-Porter	Welch
Sherman	Wilson (FL)
Sinema	Yarmuth

CANTOR—3

Bridenstine Pearce Yoho

ALLEN WEST—2

Broun (GA) Gohmert

COOPER—2

Lipinski McIntyre

LEWIS—1

Barrow

JORDAN—1

Huelskamp

COLIN POWELL—1

Cooper

LABRADOR—1

Wolf

AMASH—1

Massie

DINGELL—1

Matheson

DAVID WALKER—1

Jones

PRESENT—1

Stockman

NOT VOTING—6

Blumenauer	Labrador	Mulvaney
Boehner	Lewis	Roybal-Allard

□ 1338

The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 426, of which the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER of the State of Ohio has received 220 votes, and the Honorable NANCY PELOSI of the State of California has received 192 votes, the Honorable RAÚL LABRADOR of the State of Idaho has received 1, the Honorable JOHN LEWIS of the State of Georgia has received 1, the Honorable ERIC CANTOR of the State of Virginia has received 3, the Honorable ALLEN WEST has received 2, Colin Powell has received 1, the Honorable JIM JORDAN of the State of Ohio has received 1, David Walker has received 1, the Honorable JIM COOPER of the State of Tennessee has received 2, the Honorable JUSTIN AMASH of the State of Michigan has received 1, the Honorable JOHN DINGELL of the

State of Michigan has received 1, with 1 recorded as “present.”

Therefore, the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER of the State of Ohio, having received a majority of the votes cast, is duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 113th Congress.

The Clerk appoints the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair:

The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CANTOR)

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI)

The gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY)

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER)

The gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS)

The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN)

The gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN)

The gentleman from California (Mr. BECERRA)

The gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD)

The gentleman from New York (Mr. CROWLEY)

The gentlewoman from Kansas (Ms. JENKINS)

The gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL)

The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX)

The gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO)

The gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER)

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS)

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS)

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN)

The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. ROSKAM)

The gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM)

And the Members of the Ohio delegation:

Ms. KAPTUR

Mr. TIBERI

Mr. RYAN

Mr. TURNER

Mr. LATTA

Mr. JORDAN

Ms. FUDGE

Mr. CHABOT

Mr. GIBBS

Mr. JOHNSON

Mr. RENACCI

Mr. STIVERS

Mrs. BEATTY

Mr. JOYCE, and

Mr. WENSTRUP

The committee will retire from the Chamber to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair.

The Sergeant at Arms announced the Speaker-elect of the House of Representatives of the 113th Congress, who was escorted to the chair by the Committee of Escort.

Ms. PELOSI. To my fellow Members of the House of Representatives, it is a high honor to welcome you to the 113th Congress.

To our newest Members of Congress, it is a special privilege and honor to welcome you and your families and extend congratulations to the newest Members of Congress. Welcome.

To reach this day, each of us has been strengthened by our faith and our families. With a full and grateful heart, I want to thank my family: my husband of 49 years, Paul Pelosi; our children, Nancy Corinne, Christine, Jacqueline, Paul, and Alexandra; and our grandchildren who are represented here today by our granddaughter, Madeline. And I have to include the D'Alesandro family of Baltimore in that gratitude, as well.

I must thank my constituents in San Francisco for giving me the privilege of representing that beautiful and diverse city in the Congress of the United States.

Each of us here today is truly a representative, a representative in the truest sense of the word: to represent the highest hopes and aspirations of the American people.

On New Year's Eve, some of you, a large number of Members of Congress, joined hundreds of people at the National Archives building where we observed, at midnight, the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

At midnight, there was an enactment of Harriet Tubman ringing the bell. And as she rang the bell, she said, “Now we are free.” It was quite an incredible moment, and it was one that ushered in what President Lincoln would call a “new birth of freedom” for his era and for generations to come.

That transformative moment in our history is a reminder of the best traditions we have as a people: the ability and obligation of each generation of Americans to renew the promise of our Founders and to carry forward the torch of progress to reignite the American Dream.

This is who we are as Americans. This is the character of our country. This is the strength of our democracy. The strength of our democracy rests in a strong and thriving middle class, the backbone of our democracy that middle class is, so we have a moral imperative to invest in good-paying jobs here at home and in the prosperity of our people as we build our infrastructure and we reduce the deficit.

We must ensure that innovation rests at the heart of our success, that we remain first in science, technology, engineering and energy, and that we educate and prepare our young people for the opportunities of tomorrow. And when we make it in America, all of America's families can make it in America.

The strength of our democracy also demands that we restore the confidence

of the American people in our political process. We must empower the voters, and we must remove obstacles of participation in our democracy for all Americans. We must increase the level of civility and reduce the role of money in our elections. When we do, we will elect more women, more minorities, and more young people to public office. And that's a good thing.

The American people are what make our country great. By and large, the United States is a Nation of immigrants, built, enriched, and strengthened by men, women, and children who share our patriotism and seek the American Dream. The strength of our democracy will be advanced by bold actions for comprehensive immigration reform.

Today, we take an oath to protect and defend our Constitution, our people, and our freedom. To protect and defend, that is our first responsibility. And our democracy requires that we each uphold the duty of keeping Americans safe in their homes, in their schools, and in their neighborhoods.

As we mourn the families of Newtown, we know that ensuring the safety of all Americans will be a truly meaningful tribute to the children and teachers of Sandy Hook Elementary School. For the strength of our democracy and for the sake of our children, let us work together to protect and defend all of our people.

In the same year that President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, the Statue of Freedom was unveiled atop the Capitol Dome. And that dome continues to be a beacon of freedom to the world and a source of inspiration for all who have had the honor to serve in Congress.

As we take our oath of office today, let us renew the promise of freedom. Let us work in friendship and partnership to live up to the legacy of our Founders and the aspirations of our constituents. Let us renew the strength of our democracy by reigniting the American Dream.

As we celebrate this moment, let us honor and thank those Americans who protect our democracy and secure our freedom: our veterans, our men and women in uniform and their families wherever they go. God bless them. God bless America. Thank you all.

Now the House will continue to be led by a proud son of Ohio, a man of conviction and a public servant of resolve. Speaker BOEHNER is a leader who has earned the confidence of his conference and the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

He is a man of faith: faith in God, faith in our country, and faith in his family. And as we congratulate him, we also congratulate and thank his wife, Debbie, and their two daughters, Lindsay and Trisha, and the entire Boehner family.

Speaker BOEHNER, I know all too well that we will not always agree, but I

hope with all my heart that we will find common ground that is a higher, better place for our country.

□ 1400

Surely we can be touched by the better angels of our nature. Surely we can be touched by the better angels of our nature. So beautifully expressed by President Lincoln.

This is the people's House; this is the people's gavel. It represents a sacred trust. May we all fulfill that trust and make real the ideals of democratic government.

With respect for our Constitution, with faith in the American people, with hope for the future of our country, I present the people's gavel to the Speaker of the House, JOHN BOEHNER.

May God bless you.

May God bless you, Speaker BOEHNER. May God bless this Congress. May God always bless the United States of America.

My colleagues, the Speaker of the House, JOHN BOEHNER.

Mr. BOEHNER. Leader PELOSI, thank you for your kind words.

Members of the House, the Senate, my wife Debbie, who is with us today—thankfully the girls are working—and all of you and our fellow countrymen, we meet again at democracy's great port of call.

Every 2 years, at this hour, the Constitution brings a new order to this House, and it's an interlude for reflection, a glimpse of old truths. To our new Members and their families, let me just say "welcome."

I know you're feeling a bit awestruck at this moment. History runs through this building. Now you're among a select few to share in this privilege. For those of you who are returning, who've walked these aisles before, maybe it's time we get a little awestruck again.

The way our Founders envisioned it, the Republic would be led by citizens who recognize the blessings that we receive by governing ourselves, and it requires that we give something of ourselves. Everything depended on this. So they made each other and their successors swear an oath of allegiance.

In a few moments, I'll take this oath for the 12th time as the representative from the Eighth District of Ohio. It is word for word the same oath that we all take. Note that it makes no mention of party or faction or title. It contains no reference to agendas or to platforms, only to the Constitution. The one addition we dare make, as George Washington did at the very first inaugural, is to invoke the assistance of our Heavenly Father.

This covenant makes us servants of posterity. It calls us to refuse the pull of passing interest and follow the fixed star of a more perfect union. Put simply, we're sent here not to be something, but to do something. Or as I like to call it, "doing the right thing."

It's a big job, and it comes with big challenges. Our government has built up too much debt. Our economy is not producing enough jobs. And these are not separate problems. At \$16 trillion and rising, our national debt is draining free enterprise and weakening the ship of state. The American Dream is in peril so long as its namesake is weighed down by this anchor of debt. Break its hold, and we begin to set our economy free, jobs will come home, and confidence will come back. We do this not just to boost GDP or reduce unemployment, but to secure for our children a future of freedom and opportunity, and, frankly, nothing is more important.

As Washington wrote in his farewell address, "We should not throw upon posterity the burden which we ourselves ought to bear." Well, that burden is ours, and so is the opportunity.

There's no substitute for the wisdom of the people. We here are their servants. As Speaker, I pledge to listen and to do all I can to help all of you carry out your oath of office that we're all about to take. Because in our hearts we know it's wrong to pass this debt on to our kids and our grandkids. Now, we have to be willing, truly willing to make this problem right.

Public service was never meant to be an easy living. Extraordinary challenges demand extraordinary leadership. So if you've come here to see your name in the lights or to pass off a political victory as some accomplishment, you've come to the wrong place. The door is right behind you. If you come here humbled by the opportunity to serve, if you've come here to be the determined voice of the people, if you've come here to carry the standard of leadership demanded not by our constituents but by the times, then you've come to the right place.

There is a time for every purpose under Heaven. For the 113th Congress, it is a time to rise. When the day is over and the verdict is read, maybe it's said that we well and faithfully did our duty to ensure that freedom will endure and prevail, so help us God.

I am now ready to take the oath of office.

I ask the Dean of the House of Representatives, the Honorable JOHN D. DINGELL of Michigan, to administer the oath of office.

Mr. DINGELL then administered the oath of office to Mr. BOEHNER of Ohio, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm 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.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

Mr. DINGELL. Congratulations, Mr. Speaker.

□ 1410

#### SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS

The SPEAKER. According to precedent, the Chair will swear in the Members-elect en masse.

The Members-elect will rise and raise their right hands.

The Members-elect rose, and the Speaker administered the oath of office to them as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm 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 Members of the 113th Congress.

#### MAJORITY LEADER

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, as chair of the Republican Conference, I am directed by that conference to notify the House officially that the Republican Members have selected as majority leader the gentleman from Virginia, the Honorable ERIC CANTOR.

#### MINORITY LEADER

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as minority leader the gentlewoman from California, the Honorable NANCY PELOSI.

#### MAJORITY WHIP

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, as chair of the Republican Conference, I am directed by that conference to notify the House officially that the Republican Members have selected as majority whip the gentleman from California, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY.

#### MINORITY WHIP AND ASSISTANT DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as minority whip the gentleman from Maryland, the Honorable STENY HOYER, and as assistant Democratic leader, the gentleman from South Carolina, the Honorable JAMES CLYBURN.

#### ELECTING OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution