

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

**NEW YORK**  
Collins King Slaughter  
Gibson Reed Stefanik  
Jeffries Rice Zeldin  
Katko Serrano

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
Adams Holding Meadows  
Butterfield Hudson Pittenger  
Ellmers Jones Rouzer  
Foxy McHenry Walker

**NORTH DAKOTA**  
Cramer

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

**OKLAHOMA**  
Bridenstine Lucas Russell  
Cole Mullin

**OREGON**  
Blumenauer DeFazio Walden  
Bonamici Schrader

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

**RHODE ISLAND**  
Langevin

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
Clyburn Mulvaney Wilson  
Duncan Rice

**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
Noem

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

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

**UTAH**  
Bishop Love  
Chaffetz Stewart

**VIRGINIA**  
Beyer Forbes Rigell  
Brat Goodlatte Scott  
Comstock Griffith Wittman  
Connolly Hurt

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

**WEST VIRGINIA**  
Jenkins McKinley Mooney

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

**WYOMING**  
Lummis  
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The CLERK. Four hundred and one 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 STACEY E. PLASKETT as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN as Delegate from American Samoa; and

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

**RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The CLERK. The Clerk is in receipt of a letter from the Honorable MICHAEL G. GRIMM of New York indicating that he will not serve in the House in the 114th Congress.

Without objection, the letters relating to his resignation will be printed in the RECORD.

There was no objection.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, January 2, 2015.*

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: I am writing to inform you that I have notified Cesar Perales, Secretary of State of the State of New York of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives effective January 5, 2015. A copy of that letter is attached.

I do not intend to take the oath of office of Representative for the Eleventh District of New York in the 114th Congress.

It has been a tremendous honor to represent the Eleventh Congressional District of New York. This decision is made with a heavy heart, as I have enjoyed a very special relationship and closeness with my constituents, whom I care about deeply, it is now time for me to start the next chapter of my life.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the hardworking families of Staten Island and Brooklyn, and I am sincerely grateful for the love and support that I have received from so many over the past few difficult months. I have seen first-hand how extraordinary the people of this District are—their values, their love of community, and

their care for each other in the best and worst of times—it is humbling. I am grateful, and I will always keep them in my prayers.

Sincerely,  
MICHAEL GRIMM,  
*Member of Congress,  
Eleventh District of New York.*

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, January 2, 2015.*

CESAR PERALES,  
*Secretary of State, State of New York, Albany, NY.*

DEAR SECRETARY PERALES: I am writing to resign my position as United States Representative from the Eleventh Congressional District of New York, effective January 5, 2015. It has been a tremendous honor to represent the Eleventh Congressional District.

This decision is made with a heavy heart, as I have enjoyed a very special relationship and closeness with my constituents, whom I care about deeply, it is now time for me to start the next chapter of my life.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the hardworking families of Staten Island and Brooklyn, and I am sincerely grateful for the love and support that I have received from so many over the past few difficult months. I have seen first-hand how extraordinary the people of this District are—their values, their love of community, and their care for each other in the best and worst of times—it is humbling. I am grateful, and I will always keep them in my prayers.

Sincerely,  
MICHAEL GRIMM,  
*Member of Congress,  
Eleventh District of New York.*

**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 114th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

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

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Clerk, it is an honor to address the House at the start of the 114th Congress. If there is one thing I have learned as a legislator, it is that we cannot achieve great things alone. It takes a willingness to come together, find common ground, and advance solutions that make people's lives better. In that spirit, I welcome America's new Congress, one that will chart the path towards a government that is more open, transparent, and trustworthy.

To lead us on this path, the Republican Conference has nominated a man of great character and conviction. The second oldest of 12 children, he grew up mopping floors and waiting tables at his family's tavern. He ran a successful small business. He was elected to the Ohio State House and then this House, where he served as committee chairman, Republican Conference chairman, minority leader, majority leader, and Speaker. He is a reformer who works every day to make government more

accountable to the people. For all of this, he calls himself a regular guy with a big job; and that job, he says, is to listen, because if we listen to the people, listen to one another, there is no telling what we can accomplish together for the future of this great country.

Madam Clerk, as chair of the Republican Conference and by unanimous vote of that conference, I present for election to the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 114th Congress the name of the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, our dear friend and colleague, a Representative-elect from the State of Ohio.

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

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Clerk, first I would like to recognize each and every Member who has taken to this floor to represent the people of the United States and say congratulations to them and to all of their loved ones who are here witnessing this solemn event where we will have an opportunity to lead our country. We say congratulations to them as well.

Madam Clerk, I have the distinct pleasure of nominating someone who is a proven leader, someone who already will go down in history as one of the most effective Speakers the House of Representatives has ever seen, someone who has shown that it doesn't take a man to get the job done, that it can be done by an American who is devoted to this country, someone who knows her heritage, someone who has worked tirelessly for the American people, but someone who understands first and foremost that the job of this House is to get things done.

I have been empowered, Madam Clerk, to nominate on behalf of all working Americans, those Americans who still believe in the American Dream, to put the name of the gentlewoman from San Francisco who will serve again in the House of Representatives, put her name forward for the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 114th Congress. I, therefore, at this point put before you the name of NANCY PELOSI to serve as the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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?

Mr. MASSIE. Madam Clerk, I present for election to the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 114th Congress the name of the Honorable TED YOHO, a great defender of the Constitution and Representative-elect from the great State of Florida.

The CLERK. Are there further nominations?

Mr. BRIDENSTINE. Madam Clerk, I present for the election of the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 114th Congress the name of Judge LOUIE GOHMERT, a Representative-elect from the great State of Texas.

Madam Clerk, Judge GOHMERT proudly serves the First District of Texas. He is serving his fifth term in the House of Representatives. Prior to being elected to serve in Congress, he was elected to three terms as district judge in Smith County and was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to be the chief justice of the 12th Court of Appeals.

Madam Clerk, this is not about Judge GOHMERT; it is about establishing a strong check on the executive branch. I think a quote applies to my friend LOUIE GOHMERT. It is from Mark Twain. He said:

In the beginning of a change, the patriot is a scarce man, and he is brave and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot.

My constituents from the First District of Oklahoma are looking for this kind of patriot.

The CLERK. Are there further nominations?

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Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Clerk, I rise to place in a nomination for election to the constitutional office of Speaker of the United States House of Representatives a man who has served as speaker of the statehouse, a man who respects this institution, a man who understands that power and principle cannot coexist without recognizing the sanctity of each Member's vote in this House of Representatives, a man who will restore this institution of the House of Representatives. I place in nomination the name of DANIEL WEBSTER, a Representative-elect from the great State of Florida.

The CLERK. Are there further nominations?

The names of the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, a Representative-elect from the State of Ohio; the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, a Representative-elect from the State of California; the Honorable TED YOHO, a Representative-elect from the State of Florida; the Honorable LOUIE GOHMERT, a Representative-elect from the State of Texas; and the Honorable DANIEL WEBSTER, a Representative-elect from the State of Florida, 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 will now 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—216

Abraham	Hanna	Pearce
Aderholt	Hardy	Perry
Allen	Harper	Pittenger
Amodei	Harris	Pitts
Barletta	Hartzler	Poe (TX)
Barr	Heck (NV)	Poliquin
Barton	Hensarling	Pompeo
Benishek	Herrera Beutler	Price (GA)
Bilirakis	Hice (GA)	Ratcliffe
Bishop (MI)	Hill	Reed
Bishop (UT)	Holding	Reichert
Black	Hudson	Renacci
Blackburn	Huizenga (MI)	Ribble
Bost	Hultgren	Rice (SC)
Boustany	Hunter	Roby
Brady (TX)	Hurd (TX)	Roe (TN)
Brooks (AL)	Hurt (VA)	Rogers (AL)
Brooks (IN)	Issa	Rogers (KY)
Buchanan	Jenkins (KS)	Rohrabacher
Buck	Jenkins (WV)	Rokita
Bucshon	Johnson (OH)	Rooney (FL)
Burgess	Johnson, Sam	Ros-Lehtinen
Byrne	Jolly	Roskam
Calvert	Jordan	Ross
Carter (GA)	Joyce	Rothfus
Chabot	Katko	Rouzer
Chaffetz	Kelly (PA)	Royce
Coffman	King (NY)	Russell
Cole	Kinzinger (IL)	Ryan (WI)
Collins (GA)	Kline	Salmon
Collins (NY)	Knight	Sanford
Comstock	Labrador	Scalise
Conaway	LaMalfa	Schock
Cook	Lamborn	Schweikert
Costello (PA)	Lance	Scott, Austin
Cramer	Latta	Sensenbrenner
Crawford	LoBiondo	Sessions
Crenshaw	Long	Shimkus
Culberson	Loudermilk	Shuster
Curbelo (FL)	Love	Simpson
Davis, Rodney	Lucas	Luftkemeyer
Denham	Luetkemeyer	Smith (MO)
Dent	Lummis	Smith (NE)
DeSantis	MacArthur	Smith (NJ)
Diaz-Balart	Marchant	Smith (TX)
Dold	Marino	Stefanik
Duffy	McCarthy	Stewart
Duncan (TN)	McCaul	Stivers
Ellmers	McClintock	Thompson (PA)
Emmer	McHenry	Thornberry
Farenthold	McKinley	Tiberi
Fincher	McMorris	Tipton
Fitzpatrick	Rodgers	Trott
Fleischmann	McSally	Turner
Fleming	Meehan	Upton
Flores	Messer	Valadao
Forbes	Mica	Wagner
Fortenberry	Miller (FL)	Walberg
Fox	Miller (MI)	Walden
Franks (AZ)	Moolenaar	Walker
Frelinghuysen	Mooney (WV)	Walorski
Gibbs	Mullin	Walters, Mimi
Goodlatte	Mulvaney	Wenstrup
Granger	Murphy (PA)	Westerman
Graves (GA)	Neugebauer	Westmoreland
Graves (LA)	Newhouse	Whitfield
Graves (MO)	Noem	Williams
Griffith	Nunes	Wilson (SC)
Grothman	Olson	Wittman
Guinta	Palazzo	Womack
Guthrie	Paulsen	

Woodall	Young (IA)	Zeldin
Yoder	Young (IN)	Zinke
PELOSI—164		
Adams	Fudge	Neal
Aguilar	Gabbard	Norcross
Ashford	Gallego	O'Rourke
Bass	Garamendi	Pallone
Beatty	Grayson	Pascrell
Becerra	Green, Al	Payne
Bera	Green, Gene	Pelosi
Beyer	Grijalva	Perlmutter
Bishop (GA)	Gutiérrez	Peters
Blumenauer	Hahn	Peterson
Bonamici	Hastings	Pingree
Boyle (PA)	Heck (WA)	Pocan
Brady (PA)	Himes	Polis
Brown (FL)	Hinojosa	Quigley
Brownley (CA)	Honda	Rice (NY)
Bustos	Hoyer	Richmond
Butterfield	Huffman	Roybal-Allard
Capps	Israel	Ruiz
Capuano	Jackson Lee	Ruppersberger
Cárdenas	Jeffries	Rush
Carney	Johnson (GA)	Ryan (OH)
Carson (IN)	Johnson, E. B.	Sánchez, Linda
Cartwright	Kaptur	T.
Castor (FL)	Keating	Sanchez, Loretta
Castro (TX)	Kelly (IL)	Sarbanes
Chu (CA)	Kennedy	Schakowsky
Clark (MA)	Kildee	Schiff
Clay	Kilmer	Schrader
Cleaver	Kind	Scott (VA)
Clyburn	Kirkpatrick	Scott, David
Cohen	Kuster	Serrano
Connolly	Langevin	Sewell (AL)
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Courtney	Larson (CT)	Sires
Cuellar	Lawrence	Slaughter
Cummings	Lee	Smith (WA)
Davis (CA)	Levin	Speier
Davis, Danny	Lewis	Swalwell (CA)
DeFazio	Lieu (CA)	Takai
DeGette	Loeb	Takano
Delaney	Lofgren	Thompson (CA)
DeLauro	Lowenthal	Thompson (MS)
DelBene	Lujan Grisham	Titus
DeSaulnier	(NM)	Torres
Deutch	Luján, Ben Ray	Tsongas
Dingell	(NM)	Van Hollen
Doggett	Lynch	Vargas
Doyle (PA)	Matsui	Veasey
Edwards	McCollum	Vela
Ellison	McDermott	Visclosky
Eshoo	McGovern	Walz
Esty	McNerney	Wasserman
Farr	Moore	Schultz
Fattah	Moulton	Watson Coleman
Foster	Murphy (FL)	Wilson (FL)
Frankel (FL)	Napolitano	Yarmuth

WEBSTER (FL)—12

Blum	Jones	Posey
Garrett	King (IA)	Rigell
Gosar	Meadows	Stutzman
Huelskamp	Nugent	Webster (FL)

GOHMERT—3

Bridenstine	Gohmert	Weber (TX)
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YOHO—2

Massie	Yoho
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JORDAN—2

Amash	DesJarlais
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DUNCAN (SC)—1

Brat

HON. RAND PAUL—1

Clawson (FL)

COLIN POWELL—1

Cooper

GOWDY—1

Duncan (SC)

MCCARTHY—1

Gibson

COOPER—1

Graham

DEFAZIO—1

Lipinski

HON. JEFF SESSIONS—1

Palmer

LEWIS—1

Sinema

PRESENT—1

Babin

NOT VOTING—25

Boehner	Higgins	Nunnelee
Carter (TX)	Lowey	Price (NC)
Cicilline	Maloney,	Rangel
Clarke (NY)	Carolyn	Tonko
Costa	Maloney, Sean	Velázquez
Crowley	Meeks	Waters, Maxine
Duckworth	Meng	Welch
Engel	Nadler	Young (AK)
Gowdy	Nolan	

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The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 408, of which the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER of the State of Ohio has received 216, the Honorable NANCY PELOSI of the State of California has received 164, the Honorable DANIEL WEBSTER of the State of Florida has received 12, the Honorable LOUIE GOHMERT of the State of Texas has received 3, the Honorable TED S. YOHO of the State of Florida has received 2, the Honorable JIM JORDAN of the State of Ohio has received 2, the Honorable JIM COOPER of the State of Tennessee has received 1, the Honorable PETER A. DEFAZIO of the State of Oregon has received 1, the Honorable JEFF DUNCAN of the State of South Carolina has received 1, the Honorable TREY GOWDY of the State of South Carolina has received 1, the Honorable JOHN LEWIS of the State of Georgia has received 1, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY of the State of California has received 1, the Honorable RAND PAUL of the Commonwealth of Kentucky has received 1, the Honorable JEFF SESSIONS of the State of Alabama has received 1, and the Honorable Colin Powell 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 114th Congress.

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

The gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY)

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI)

The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE)

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 Indiana (Mr. MESSER)

The gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL)

The gentlewoman from Kansas (Ms. JENKINS)

The gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO)

The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOX)

The gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS)

The gentlewoman from California (Mrs. MIMI WALTERS)

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN)

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS)

The gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN)

The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY)

The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ADAMS)

And the Members of the Ohio delegation:

Ms. KAPTUR

Mr. CHABOT

Mr. TIBERI

Mr. RYAN

Mr. TURNER

Mr. JORDAN

Mr. LATTI

Ms. FUDGE

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 114th Congress, who was escorted to the chair by the Committee of Escort.

Ms. PELOSI. My colleagues of the United States House of Representatives, it is a high honor to welcome you and your families to the 114th Congress.

To our newest Members, this is a special pleasure to give you an exceptional welcome and congratulations. Welcome to our newest Members.

As was indicated by the vote, many of our colleagues from the State of New York are not with us because they are attending the funeral of Governor Mario Cuomo. I extend condolences to our colleagues from the State of New York and have extended the sympathies of many in this body to Governor Cuomo's widow, Matilda, and to his family. As an Italian American, I am especially proud of his leadership and extend sympathies to his family. Thank you, Cuomo family. Thank you, New York delegation.

None of us would be standing here without the support and the strength of our families. Today, I am going to

thank my dear husband of 51 years, Paul Pelosi, and my five children and nine grandchildren, all the Pelosis and D'Alessandros. Let all of us applaud all of our families.

To my Democratic colleagues and to my constituents in San Francisco, I thank you for the privilege of serving in the House, but to my colleagues, I thank you for the honor of serving as leader, but all of us should applaud all of our constituents for sending us here. So let us, again, applaud our constituents.

Each one of us, Mr. Speaker, as you know, represents Republicans, represents Democrats, Independents, and others, and we should always pay tribute to the American people. The American people have called upon each of us to serve them. They have entrusted us with their hopes, their dreams, and they have asked us to address their challenges.

The financial stability of a strong middle class and those who aspire to it is the bedrock of our economy and the backbone of our American democracy. We have a moral imperative to ensure that working men and women enjoy the bounty of their unprecedented productivity and to expand the purchasing power of families.

To that end, today, Democrats will put forward a legislative package to put Americans back to work building our roads and bridges and meeting the needs of the American people, paid for by bringing our tax dollars back home and to increase the paycheck of America's working families.

We invite our Republican colleagues to join us in supporting the Stop Corporate Expatriation and Invest in America's Infrastructure Act. It is time to stop rewarding companies to move overseas and instead use those dollars to create good-paying jobs here at home.

We ask for Republican support and action on the CEO-Employee Pay Fairness Act, legislation to ensure that workers share in the fruit of their productivity, denying CEOs the ability to claim tax deductions on annual income over \$1 million unless they give their employees a well-deserved raise.

We must have an economy that works for everyone, not just the privileged few, and we hope Republicans will join us to achieve a better infrastructure and bigger paychecks for the working people of our country—better infrastructure, bigger paychecks.

We open this 114th Congress in the year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, one of the most consequential pieces of legislation in our history. President Lyndon Johnson and Congress passed it. The President signed it. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and others, along with our own JOHN LEWIS, fought for it and inspired it. We must continue to inspire the engagement of every Amer-

ican. It is the vote that preserves our democracy, ends injustice, advances dreams, and sustains our freedom.

In terms of protecting our freedom, let us recognize, salute, and thank all of those brave Americans who protect our rights—indeed, protect all of our liberty—our men and women in uniform, our veterans, and our military families.

Mr. Speaker, today, we are at the start of a new year and a new Congress, with fresh opportunity for the American people. Today is the Feast of the Epiphany, the visit of the magi; so let us have our own epiphany, for this moment, on this day, we are not just Republicans and Democrats, we are Americans not just in name, but in spirit, standing on higher ground than the last election.

My hope is that in the inevitable exchanges and clashes that may happen in the months ahead, we will not lose sight of the truth that is as fresh as this ceremony is today and as historic as our Republic that the ideals that unite us are stronger than the issues that divide us in this House.

That does not mean that we are dispensing with all disagreements in this debate. Our democracy is robust precisely because we have beliefs and we stand proudly, even persistently, for them; and our democracy endures and prevails because in the end, we are humble enough to find a way forward together.

My fellow colleagues of the 114th Congress, let us uphold our deep and different convictions, but let us honor our common obligation to our country. In this Congress, we will do so under the leadership of Speaker JOHN BOEHNER.

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This House will continue to be led by a proud son of Ohio and a happy fan of the Ohio State football team. A man of abiding faith, great heart, and deep dedication, JOHN BOEHNER is truly a gentleman from Ohio.

Congratulations to you, JOHN, to Mr. Speaker, to Debbie, to your daughters, Lindsay and Tricia, and the entire Boehner family. Thank you for sharing JOHN BOEHNER with us. God bless you and your family, Mr. Speaker.

May God continue to bless the Members of the House of Representatives. This is the people's House. This is the people's gavel. In the people's name, it is my privilege to hand it to the Speaker of the House for the 114th Congress, the Honorable JOHN BOEHNER.

God bless you, Mr. Speaker, and God bless America.

Mr. BOEHNER. Thank you.

Friends, colleagues, countrymen, and especially the people of Ohio's Eighth Congressional District, thank you for sending me here. Let us today welcome all of the new Members and all of their families to what we all know to be a truly historic day.

As we welcome all of the Members back who were reelected, we want to welcome your families as well, and I want to thank my family. I was doing pretty well on the walk over here from my ceremonial office until I ran into DEVIN NUNES' three little girls—my three biggest fans—and one of them came running over and gave me a kiss, and I was a mess.

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad. We rejoice that our new Members and families are here. We welcome them. We are glad and humbled to begin anew as servants of the people's House. Here, it is our duty and our privilege to lend a willing ear to the people, to make laws in tune with their priorities and within the limits of their Constitution.

In recent months, our economy has shown signs of improvement, and after difficult years, it may be a temptation to accept what I will call the new normal. But America did not become exceptional by ease. Far too many Americans remain out of work, and too many are working harder only to lose ground to stagnant wages and rising costs. We can do better. We can build an economy that furthers better-paying jobs, more growth, and more opportunity for the Nation's middle class. This is our vital task.

We will begin this endeavor on common ground, both in letter and in spirit. It was actually my predecessor, Nicholas Longworth of Cincinnati, who changed the order of things so that all Members now take the oath of office at the same time. He called this innovation a timesaving device. He sounds like my kind of guy. But this shared ritual is no passing formality. It is a frontier where words end and where deeds begin.

The pessimists don't see us crossing this channel. They say nothing is going to be accomplished here, that division is wider than ever and so gridlock will be even greater. Frankly, fair enough. Skepticism of our government is healthy and, in our time, quite understandable. But one problem with saying it can't be done is that it already has been done—or at least started.

In the last Congress, this House passed a number of jobs bills with broad support from the majority and the minority, and we will begin our work on this common ground, taking up measures to develop North American energy, restore the hours of middle class workers, and help small businesses hire more of our veterans. We invite the President to support and sign these bipartisan initiatives into law. It will be a good start; and more, it will be a sign that the logjam is breaking, and it will be a foundation on which to address the bigger challenges in the pursuit of freedom and security.

No, this won't be done in a tidy way. The battle of ideas never ends and, frankly, never should. As Speaker, all I

ask—and, frankly, expect—is that we disagree without being disagreeable. In return, I pledge to help each of you carry out your duties. My door, of course, is always open. Now don't get carried away with it—all right?—but it is always open.

My colleagues, some things we do here will be characterized as shadow-boxing and show business, but let me tell you and the American people, it is real work. It is a grind, as it should be, in striving to preserve the things that we all hold dear.

Every day, you and I come out here, try to plant good seeds, cultivate the ground, and take care of the pests; and then, with patience and some sacrifice and God's grace, there will be a harvest. Along the way, we may falter, but we Americans do not fall away from the task. We do not quit.

So let's stand tall and prove the skeptics wrong. Let's make this a time of harvest, and may the fruits of our labors be ladders our children can use to climb the stairs to the stars.

Thank you all, and God bless the United States of America.

I am now ready to take the oath of office.

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

Mr. CONYERS 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. CONYERS. Congratulations, Mr. Speaker.

#### 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 114th 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 California, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY.

#### 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 Louisiana, the Honorable STEVE SCALISE.

#### 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 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 1

*Resolved*, That Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;

That Paul D. Irving of the State of Florida be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives;

That Ed Cassidy of the State of Connecticut be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives; and

That Father Patrick J. Conroy of the State of Oregon, be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

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Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. BECERRA) for the purpose of offering an amendment.

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to the resolution, but

before offering the amendment, I request that there be a division of the question on the resolution so that we may have a separate vote on the Chaplain.

The SPEAKER. The question will be divided.

The question is on agreeing to that portion of the resolution providing for the election of the Chaplain.

That portion of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. BECERRA

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment to the remainder of the resolution.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. BECERRA:

That Drew Hammill of the District of Columbia be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;

That Wendell Primus of the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives; and

That Nadeam Elshami of the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California.

The amendment was rejected.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the remainder of the resolution offered by the gentlewoman from Washington.

The remainder of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now swear in the officers of the House.

The officers presented themselves in the well 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.

#### TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM OF THE HOUSE HAS ASSEMBLED AND OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 2

*Resolved*, That the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that John A. Boehner, a Representative from the State of Ohio, has been