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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOLF).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 14, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord of life and love, this weekend in celebrating Mother's Day, we have honored a relationship very basic, truly tender and symbolic of national values.

Mindful of our common origin, we ask Your blessing upon all mothers, both living and dead, of those here present and all the Members of this House.

Without our knowing it, each of us caused pain to a young woman just to be born into this world.

Make us eternally grateful for the gift of life and the noble commitment of women as mothers.

Be with the mothers of this Nation now and in the years to come.

Share with them Your spirit of wisdom, patience, generous forgiveness, and convincing justice.

Help them to mold young lives so fragile to their touch into model citizens who know right from wrong, who are unafraid to stand up to justice yet are channels of peace.

Help all know that in every act of being a mother, a woman shapes the strength of this Nation.

We are mindful of Your image in mother's love yesterday, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. OBERSTAR 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

Washington, DC, May 10, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 10, 2001 at 2:48 p.m.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H. Con. Res. 83.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH,

Clerk of the House.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section

201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431) amended by Public Law 106-55, the Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term of 2 years:

Ms. Nina Shea, Washington, D.C.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, May 11, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 4 of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 803), I hereby appoint the following Member to serve on the Congressional Award Board:

Ms. Sheila Jackson-Lee, TX.

Yours Very Truly,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

A TRIBUTE TO JEAN M. LYNN, CLINICAL COORDINATOR, BREAST CARE CENTER, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

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

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, the oncology nurse may well be as close as mere mortals come to angels on earth. These extraordinary health professionals must win the trust of their cancer patients while injecting toxics into the inflicted body. They must inspire hope of a better life in a patient who often wonders whether the treatment

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might be worse than the disease, and they must be gentle, comforting and reassuring to an often bewildered, even frightened cancer victim, desperate for someone truly to be their advocate.

Jean Lynn, Clinical Coordinator of the Breast Care Center at George Washington University Medical Center, personifies all of those prized qualities of the ideal oncology nurse, an angel to her patients, a role model to her colleagues.

One of Jean Lynn's coworkers said it best, "her patients love her and she was never too busy to love them in return. She truly cares about each and every one and becomes their advocate in the fight against breast cancer."

I witnessed Jean's love of patients and her enthusiasm for service to society during the years my beloved wife, Jo, was in her care at the GW oncology unit, more than a decade ago.

Jean Lynn, a creative health professional, blessed with a restless, pioneering spirit, charted a new frontier in the field of breast health, when she launched the first mobile mammogram program in Washington, D.C., designed to reach women in the under served community. She is founder of the Harvest Moon Classic 10 K Run/5 K Walk, to increase awareness about breast cancer and to raise funds for the breast care center. Jean also puts her boundless energy to work on behalf of innovative programs to improve women's health and advocating for legislation to help women diagnosed with breast cancer, but are unable to afford treatment.

From the very beginning of her career as an oncology nurse in the 1970s, Jean Lynn has understood the importance of education, prevention, and early detection of breast cancer. I recall very distinctly during the years when my wife, Jo, was in her care, Jean's "brainstorming" the need for a special place where women's concerns for and fears of breast health and breast cancer could be addressed. It would be a monumental task to establish such a facility, but Jean charged forward, developing a business plan, defining the mission of such a center, proposing appropriate staff positions for multi-disciplinary approach to the issue, and secured the funding to establish the Breast Cancer Center. In the process, Jean trained and became certified in 1991 for Mammacare, a comprehensive method of breast self-exam. Later, she became the Associate Director of Training for the Mammatech Corporation, training other Mammacare specialists.

The GW Breast Care Center offers diagnoses and treatment for benign and malignant diseases, as well as education and psycho-social support for patients and their families. In addition, Jean Lynn saw the need to establish a resource library specifically dedicated to breast health issues in response to the lack of available information and credible sources—and the need to have such material gathered in one location so that patients and their families can readily access this valuable information.

Jean Lynn's vision of the mobile mammography program reached fruition in September 1996 when the Mammovan was launched under the sponsorship of the Cancer Research Foundation of America and the GW University Medical Center. The Mammovan

travels to corporate sites, as well as neighborhoods where many women are uninsured. Over 4,000 women have received screening tests since the mobile program was launched; more than half of the women screened are uninsured and had never previously had a mammogram.

Tributes of gratitude for Jean's lectures, conferences, mammogram services have poured in from the White House nurse, the World Bank, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the American Bar Association, Marymount University, and countless individual women for whom Jean Lynn has opened a new window on life with access to breast health care and realistic hope for a healthful future.

Jean truly believes that families come first and is unfailingly involved in the activities of her children, William and daughter, Kelly, with the loving support of her husband, David Gearin.

Mr. Speaker, I know that Jean Lynn's tireless pursuit of the very best in breast health care will continue to post milestones of ever-greater achievements in the years to come. I can only say in the words of my late, dear, Jo: "God bless you and love you, Jean Lynn."

DISPENSING WITH CALL OF PRIVATE CALENDER ON TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2001

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the call of the Private Calendar be dispensed with on Tuesday, May 15, 2001.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1884. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Forchlorfenuron; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-301122; FRL-6781-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received May 2, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1885. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the National Defense Stockpile Requirements Report for 2001, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 98h-5; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1886. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter submitting revisions to both the FY 2001 and FY 2002 Annual Materials Plans (AMPs); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1887. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter

regarding the Secretary's report pursuant to Section 374 of Public Law 106-398, the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2001 which was due on March 15, 2001, will now be submitted shortly along with additional data; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1888. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding a report on the warranty claims recovery pilot program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1889. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on TRICARE Case Management and Custodial Care Policies required by Section 703, of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1890. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation, "To amend the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended"; to the Committee on Financial Services.

1891. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, OSHA, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Ergonomics Program [Docket No. S-777] (RIN: 1218-AB36) received May 14, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1892. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Maryland; Approval of Revisions to Volatile Organic Compounds Regulations and Miscellaneous Revisions [MD 064/109/111/113-3065a; FRL-6973-3] received May 1, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1893. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Allocation of Fiscal Year 2001 Youth and the Environment Training and Employment Program Funds—received May 1, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1894. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, transmitting the Board's report entitled, "Report to the U.S. Congress and the Secretary of Energy" for January to December 2000, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 10268; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1895. A letter from the Chairman, Commission on International Religious Freedom, transmitting the Commission's Annual Report, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6412 Public Law 105-292 section 102; to the Committee on International Relations.

1896. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's annual report for fiscal year 2000, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-732 and 1-734(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1897. A letter from the Interim Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting the Agency's FY 2002 Budget Request and Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1898. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Annual Program Performance Report for FY 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1899. A letter from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1900. A letter from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting a report