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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 10, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM GIBBONS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Ralph Hoyt Davis, Bethel United Baptist Church, Muncie, Indiana, offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, as we approach the throne of grace, I thank You today for the great privilege You have given me in standing here today before this 107th Congress. I thank You for Your mercy and grace, that You loved each one of us so much that You provided the plan of salvation for all who call upon You.

Our Father, You have been so good to this great Nation. You truly indeed have done for us what we cannot do for ourselves. In the mighty name of Jesus, I ask that You lead the Members of this House of Representatives as they do the Nation's business.

Father, I thank You in the name of Jesus for my Congressman, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE). May he be protected by Your power. Bless his family, bless him and all of his staff, and not only him, but all of our Congressmen. May they feel Your leadership as they make decisions that may lead us in the paths of righteousness.

I thank You for saving my soul, that You loved me when I was unlovable.

You truly indeed have been a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. In the difficult days ahead, we ask that You lead and guide us by Your precious Holy Spirit. May this great body of men and women seek Your face as they make the great decisions that fall to their lot.

In the precious name of Jesus Christ, I ask these blessings and these requests. 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 Kansas (Mr. RYUN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RYUN of Kansas 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.

PASTOR RALPH HOYT DAVIS

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I come to the well of the House to welcome Pastor Ralph Hoyt Davis of the Bethel United Baptist Church located in Muncie, Indiana.

Pastor Davis, at 73 years young, has tirelessly served his Lord since 1960. Throughout his career, the residents of Muncie and east central Indiana have come to know Pastor Davis as a man of compassion, conviction and action. In

his ministry, Pastor Davis reaches out to the downtrodden with true interest and concern for their welfare. His service to the Lord is evident in the thousands of baptisms, weddings, funerals at which he has officiated, the hours of hospital visits, nursing home calls and counseling sections he has provided to his congregation.

Pastor Davis has served in churches in Indiana and Ohio, and has been involved in the South Concord Association of United Baptist Churches, acting as a moderator for 19 years.

I would also like to thank Pastor Davis' wife of 53 years, Christine, for her service alongside her husband as a worthy helpmate and companion. I am certain little of his success would have been possible without her constant support.

On behalf of my colleagues, I welcome Pastor Davis to the United States House of Representatives with great pride and great gratitude for the prayers that I am confident reached the throne of grace today.

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to extend my support to the men and women who bravely defend the United States and freedom.

As a former Air Force pilot myself, I understand the dedication, the commitment, the courage it takes to serve our Nation and complete one's military mission. These men and women do not do it for the glory, though. They are fighting for the freedom and liberties that we all hold so dear. They are fighting to protect our great Nation and all it stands for. And they are fighting for the children and grandchildren, to ensure that these future generations of Americans can grow up

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in a peaceful society free from the fear of atrocious terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the work of our military men and women currently serving abroad in Afghanistan and throughout the world, and I hope that they know that this Congress and this Nation supports them.

STATEHOOD FOR PALESTINE

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, bombs alone will not stop terrorists. America must pursue a comprehensive strategy, and part of that strategy should support statehood for Palestine. Palestinian children are God's children, too; and until the issue of Palestinian homeland is resolved, there will always be terrorists. Killing bin Laden will not stop terrorists. There will be more bin Ladens.

Mr. Speaker, Congress must pursue a strategy of recognizing statehood for Palestine and working it out in the Mideast region. I yield back the fact that we should be in support of President Bush's comprehensive strategy to allow statehood and recognize statehood for Palestine and recognize the differences with Israel in the Mideast region.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Y-100

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Footy and the rest of the team at one of south Florida's premier radio station, Y-100, on their annual fund-raising event to benefit young people with drug addictions.

Proceeds from this year's event, Footy's All-American Wing-Ding, will also go to firefighter relief efforts for the September 11 tragedies. For the past 15 years, funds raised by the annual Wing-Ding go toward Here's Help, an organization headed by Steve Safron and John Kross, which provides drug abuse treatment programs.

Footy's Wing-Ding extravaganza has enabled Here's Help to offer hope to those who suffer from drug addiction, and has assisted in building a residential drug treatment facility in south Florida. Through his perseverance and charisma, Footy has made the annual Wing-Ding a popular and successful event.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be part of this worthwhile benefit, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Y-100 and the participants of Footy's All-American Wing-Ding for their assistance to our youth and our country's relief efforts.

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, like many Americans, on Sunday, October 7, I left church to find that Operation Enduring Freedom was underway; that is, America's war on terrorism. The Taliban had their chance to cooperate. Instead, they chose to protect terrorists.

The United States had no choice but to serve justice for the nearly 7,000 lives lost on September 11. But this is not just about Osama bin Laden, this is about any regime that harbors terrorists, and they will suffer the same fate as the Taliban.

Mr. Speaker, as a veteran of two wars, no one knows better than I that on Sunday America started a different kind of war with a different kind of enemy. This war is going to take a long time, perhaps years. We must, we will, be patient.

This is not a war against Islam. That is why more than 40 countries in the Middle East, Africa and across Asia have offered to help the United States. They, too, are disgusted with the horrific images of September 11.

We are fortunate to call our great Nation the land of the free and the home of the brave, but freedom is not free. This is a war, a war against terrorism. That is why we will fight. That is why we will win. God bless our America.

DRUGS AND TERRORISM

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support President Bush's stellar leadership during these difficult times. His compassion, integrity, and sound judgment sound brightly as critical steps are taken to combat terrorism at home and abroad.

This is a different kind of a war and a different kind of enemy, but many of the problems have been with us for a long time. Drug-related income funds the Taliban regime by as much as \$50 million per year. Clearly, drugs fund terrorism. I chair the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, and am a member of the Speaker's Task Force for a Drug Free America. The relationship between drug traffic and terrorism is undeniable not only in the Middle East, but in South America. The war on terrorism must coincide with our efforts to end the illegal drug trade.

Mr. Speaker, drug use is not a victimless crime. It funds the murder of our own people.

RESPECT OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

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

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I was utterly speechless to read a news re-

port from the San Diego Times dated September 29 that an unnamed Pentagon source had revealed that Secretary Rumsfeld was considering enacting an emergency provision to suspend the payment of \$100 a day to U.S. servicemen and women who have been deployed for more than 400 days in 2 years, a pay provision mandated by this Congress and one which this Congress has already refused to revoke.

Once again we are sending our young men and women into combat. They fly, fuel, arm and operate ships worth billions of dollars, and they risk their lives and the lives of others daily. Yet despite all of that, our Secretary of Defense does not apparently deem it appropriate to pay them what they are worth. We can give billions of dollars to the airlines, but not to young men and women in our military.

Sadly, our Nation does not have a good record with respect to the treatment of its men and women in the military. Many have returned from Vietnam poisoned by Agent Orange, and many Vietnam veterans now live on our city streets as beggars. The thanks of a grateful Nation to our young men should also acknowledge the fact that they and their families will be taken care of by our government.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members not to wear communicative badges while engaging in debate on the floor of the House.

NEW TRIBES MISSIONARIES

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of three courageous, humble men, three missionaries with New Tribes Missions of Central America, who served God and the people around them in a truly heroic way: Mr. Mark Rich, Mr. David Mankins, and Mr. Richard Tenenoff worked in a small village in Panama along the Colombian border.

In January of 1993, armed guerillas from the FARC kidnapped these three men in front of their wives, young families and friends and held them hostage. Reliable reports now suggest that the men were shot a few years after being taken into captivity.

The service of Mark, Dave and Rich and their families in moving to a region of the world fraught with violence and difficulty in daily living when they could have stayed in the United States and lived a comfortable life is a great example to their children and to this Nation what it means to give of ourselves and take seriously the words "To whom much is given, much will be required."

This past weekend, a memorial service was held mourning the loss and