

the island has probably sustained a great deal of structural damage in its water system, collectively, and for some of our families, damages to their homes; I am extremely thankful that there were no fatalities or injuries.

This is the strongest earthquake to hit the island since the 8.0 rated earthquake in August of 1993. I am proud to say that Guam's building codes are one of the most stringent; and as a result, we were spared the tragedy of the loss of human life. I hope that once a complete and thorough assessment of the damage has been completed, I know that we can count on FEMA. I know we can count on the rest of the Federal Government to help the people of Guam and this body to help the people of Guam as well.

HONORING CAPTAIN JAY P. JAHNKE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BENTSEN) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a brave Houston firefighter who lost his life this weekend while battling a fire in a Houston high-rise condominium. Like firefighters in New York and Northern Virginia, who willingly put their lives on the line on September 11, 2001, Captain Jay P. Jahnke of the Houston Fire Department died this weekend while living his lifelong dream of becoming a firefighter. He entered a blazing building to do his job, regardless of personal risk and as firefighters always do.

Captain Jahnke led the first team to arrive on the scene of an early morning fire this past Saturday in West Houston. The burning 40-story condominium complex houses hundreds of individuals. His courageous and valiant efforts, for which he gave his life, saved many lives of people he never even knew.

Captain Jahnke leaves behind a legacy of valor and unyielding commitment to the common good. My thoughts and prayers are with Captain Jahnke's family; his wife, Dawn; his 11-year-old daughter, Jayne; his 8-year-old son Hunter; his mother, Katherine; brother, Jeff; and sisters, Karen and Mary Ann. I offer my sincere condolences to his more than 3,200 brothers and sisters in the Houston Fire Department, especially those at Fire Station No. 2.

The Jahnke family has deep roots and a proud tradition in the Houston Fire Department. Captain Jahnke's father, Claude, was a district fire chief, and he is related to more than a dozen current firefighters. Every day at Houston's 87 fire stations and at fire stations across the Nation, thousands of men and women shelve fear and self-interest to form our front line of homeland defense. They enter blazing buildings and risk their lives to save strangers.

Captain Jay Jahnke's selflessness, compassion, and concern for others is yet another example of how firefighters, police, and other rescue personnel show us how good people can be. We are in his debt and that of firefighters throughout the land.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

His Eminence, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, our God, once again we come before You in a troubled time, grateful for Your presence in our lives and for the love with which You continue to bless us.

Today in a special way we ask You to bless this House of the people. Keep its Members safe and strong so that they may lead this Nation forward along the road of peace and justice in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness for all.

Let not fear or anxiety ever rule us but let us find strength and purpose in our trust in You.

From the beginning of our history You have carried us in Your hands. Accompany us now in the difficult journey of these days so that we may accomplish all that which You desire in the power of Your Holy Name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York 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.

HIS EMINENCE, THEODORE CARDINAL MCCARRICK, ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON

(Mrs. MORELLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and privilege this afternoon to welcome His Eminence, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington. I want to thank him for offering the opening prayer.

Cardinal McCarrick has a long and distinguished record of service to the Church in New York, Puerto Rico, New Jersey, and now here in Washington, which includes my district of Montgomery County, Maryland. He certainly is a gift to the Archdiocese of Washington. The Archdiocese is very diverse with a population that has both common and also specific needs. Upon being named to the College of Cardinals this year, he said that his new responsibilities will not change his pledge to reach out "to serve the poor and the stranger among us with all my heart and strength." And he has been doing just that.

Ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of New York in 1958, Cardinal McCarrick received a Ph.D. from and held several posts at the Catholic University of America here in Washington. He has served as the President of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, auxiliary bishop of New York, the first Bishop of Metuchen, New Jersey, and Archbishop of Newark.

He was installed as Archbishop of Washington on January 3, 2001; and 7 weeks later, he was elevated to the College of Cardinals by Pope John Paul II. He is known for his efforts on behalf of international human rights, religious freedom and migration, and serves on the U.S. Commission for International Religious Freedom. He also speaks many languages.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues, I thank Cardinal McCarrick for leading us in prayer today. I welcome him to the United States House of Representatives. We appreciate his presence, his guidance and his blessing on this House as we begin our critical work today.

DISPENSING WITH CALL OF PRIVATE CALENDAR ON TODAY

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the call of the Private Calendar be dispensed with today.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2904, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. HOBSON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight, October 16, 2001, to file a conference report on the bill (H.R. 2904) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base

realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

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

There was no objection.

THE LION AND THE EAGLE STAND OUT AS BEST OF FRIENDS AND STRONG ALLIES

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

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, in the current crisis, dozens of nations have rushed to our side, not to defend America specifically, but to defend civilization. President Bush said, "Either you are with us or you are with the terrorists." The world knows that is true.

But one nation stands out and their leader stands out, too. Tony Blair, the Prime Minister of Britain, has proven once again that the people of the United Kingdom are unwavering friends who will always stand with us when we are in need.

Our military men and women are facing danger today, risking their lives in the fight against terrorism. One nation's soldiers are fighting alongside them, Great Britain's. Prime Minister Blair recalled the time when Hitler was bombing London and America came to her aid. Today Britain is returning the favor.

Many nations have united to defend decency and civilization, and each is contributing in its own way; but the lion and the eagle stand out as best of friends and strong allies. Thank you, Britain. Together we will prevail.

HONORABLE DAVID TRIMBLE

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today having just come from a memorable luncheon where I and my colleagues, including the distinguished chairman of the Committee on International Relations, welcomed the Honorable David Trimble, a member of Parliament, in Washington, D.C.

David Trimble has served as leader of Northern Ireland's Ulster Unionist Party. It is one of the strongest of the parties that want continued ties to Great Britain, but it was David Trimble who led the charge for peace and was rightly recognized by the Nobel Committee with a Nobel Peace Prize in 1998.

Madam Speaker, he came today to give us sage advice that the boundaries of the world of terrorism have reached for 30 years from Northern Ireland and the Middle East into the very heart of America.

I will reflect later today on this floor about the advice that he gave my col-

leagues, but let me just reiterate the comments of the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE), who today looked the Right Honorable David Trimble in the eye and said in a momentous tone, "Stay engaged, David Trimble. It is men such as you that times such as these so richly require."

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. (95)(b)), amended by section 346(e) of Public Law 105-83, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the National Council on the Arts:

Mr. BALLENGER of North Dakota,

Mr. McKEON of California.

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that she will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAY DISPLAY "GOD BLESS AMERICA"

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 248) expressing the sense of the Congress that public schools may display the words "God Bless America" as an expression of support for the Nation.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 248

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that public schools may display the words "God Bless America" as an expression of support for the Nation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE) and the gentleman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Con. Res. 248.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from

South Carolina (Mr. BROWN), the distinguished author of this resolution.

(Mr. BROWN of South Carolina asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER), the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE), and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) for helping me bring this bill to the floor today.

I think it is very important that we bring this up today because while more than a month has passed since September 11 there is still a great deal of anxiety in America. The events of September 11 have affected us all, whether we lost a loved one or not. The freedoms that America took for granted before this date have been shaken. Now, more than ever, many people are searching for strength and solace.

Like the rest of my colleagues, I will never forget standing on the steps of the Capitol on the evening of the attack and singing "God Bless America."

I am a newcomer to Congress and I have not had a chance to know each and every Member of this body very well. However, that night I felt closer to each of my colleagues than at any other time. We were all together, not as Republicans and Democrats, but as Americans united in support of our Nation.

Madam Speaker, since that time, Congress has worked very hard to take necessary action to combat terrorism on many different fronts. But on September 11, as the damage was still being assessed, I think it was important for us to come together as a symbol of unity and sing "God Bless America."

When I learned that some schools are being challenged for showing this same type of support for our Nation, I was deeply troubled.

The case that was first brought to my attention is in Rocklin, California where the American Civil Liberties Union wrote a letter to Terry Thornton, the principal of Breen Elementary School, calling its display of "God Bless America" a "hurtful, divisive message."

I take exception to that statement and believe the message sent by the ACLU is extremely wrong-headed. I further commend Principal Thornton for standing up for the principles of this country by refusing to take down this sign.

Pride in America is higher than I have seen at any time in my lifetime, and it seems like actions such as this are trying to dampen the spirit in our country. To threaten a public school for showing the same type of patriotism that we showed on the Capitol steps is the opposite of what this country is all about.

I introduced this resolution because Congress needs to make it abundantly clear that the kind of message displayed on the marquee of Breen Elementary is part of what makes our country great.