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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 8, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Tom Mullins, Christ Fellowship, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, it is our prayer that You will grant us wisdom today, and You will bless the Members of Congress as they lead our Nation during these challenging times. May we not forget our dependence upon You, O Mighty God. Your hand has been with us through the history of our great Nation.

As President Lincoln declared, "It is the duty of nations, as well as men, to owe their dependence upon the overwhelming power of God, and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

May You continue to bless us and guide us. Be with our President and Members of Congress, our military personnel fighting in the war on terrorism. We thank You for Your strength and for Your wisdom, and we recognize today that these blessings come from You.

In 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 his approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. LAHOOD 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2048. An act to require a report on the operations of the State Justice Institute.

H.R. 2305. An act to authorize certain federal officials with responsibility for the administration of the criminal justice system of the District of Columbia to serve on and participate in the activities of the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 410. An act to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 by expanding the legal assistance for victims of violence grant program to include legal assistance for victims of dating violence.

S. 2431. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that chaplains killed in the line of duty receive public safety officer death benefits.

S. Con. Res. 108. Concurrent resolution to designate May 4-12, 2002, as "National Tourism Week".

PASTOR TOM MULLINS

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to introduce and welcome Senior Pastor Tom Mullins to the United States House of Representatives this morning.

Senior Pastor Mullins is the founder of Christ Fellowship, an evangelical 14,000-member church in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. This nondenominational evangelical Christian church has grown from about 140 people to 14,000 people under Pastor Mullins' guidance.

Pastor Mullins left a successful career as a football coach and athletic director to start the church. He was a well-respected coach at Palm Beach Gardens High School in the 1970s and at Georgetown College in Kentucky before becoming athletic director at Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth. He started the church in 1984 while still working at the college, and has been there ever since.

In addition, Pastor Mullins and his wife, Donna, who joins us today in the gallery with their daughter, Noelle, are the founders of the Place of Hope International, which sends food and clothing around the world, from Peru to India. They work locally in our County of Palm Beach distributing food baskets to the poor and sending thousands of gifts during the holiday season to people in need.

A well-respected member of our community, Pastor Mullins is an advocate for citizen involvement in the political process, for being good stewards of our Nation's heritage, and a strong supporter of President Bush's faith-based initiative.

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Again, it is my great honor to welcome Pastor Mullins.

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FOLEY. I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

(Mr. SHAW asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I would like to add my welcome to Pastor Mullins. It is an honor to have him here today.

Mr. Speaker, today we welcome Pastor Tom Mullins of Christ Fellowship church in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida as House Chaplain. Pastor Mullins joins a distinguished list of clergy, who have opened our daily proceeding with prayer, including Rev. Billy Graham and the late John Cardinal O'Connor.

Also, I am pleased to welcome Pastor Mullins' wife, Donna, and daughter, Noelle.

For 18 years and counting, Pastor Mullins serves the 14,000 member Christ Fellowship church as its senior pastor. As senior pastor, Tom commits himself to his faith, family and community.

On April 29, 1984, Tom and Donna, founded Place of Hope children's home for neglected and abused children throughout the Palm Beach community. Pastor Mullins also has a desire to aid neglected children around the world through his support and work with Place of Hope International, which places children in supportive, loving homes around the world from India to Peru.

Tom's work with children even includes a successful high school and collegiate career as a head football coach.

Whether as a pastor or coach, Pastor Mullins has a strong desire in nurturing young men and women throughout the communities of Palm Beach county.

Mr. Speaker, Pastor Tom Mullins is a tremendous leader in the South Florida community, and it's my privilege to welcome him and his family to the United States House of Representatives as our guest Chaplain.

Mr. FOLEY. Again, Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor that Pastor Mullins agreed to come to Washington and deliver the morning prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded that it is inappropriate to refer to guests in the gallery.

TERRORISM MUST END, AND AMERICA MUST RECOGNIZE THAT ISRAEL FIGHTS ON THE FRONT LINE AGAINST GLOBAL TERRORISM

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

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, as the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Israel were meeting in the Oval Office, yet another homicide bombing took place in the state of Israel.

How many more innocent civilians will need to be killed by this mon-

strous conspiracy before the administration and all Members of Congress recognize that we are dealing with a battle between civilization and the forces of chaos and destruction? How many millions of Saudi PR money will be used to try to tell us that none of this is true?

In recent months, \$135 million of Saudi money went to support terrorism, and it is high time we call facts by their proper names. The President indicated a few months ago that "You are either with the terrorists, or you are with us."

The time has come for a clear moral judgment. This terrorism must end, and we must recognize that Israel is in the forefront of the global struggle against terrorism.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LARRY J. BEHAR OF FORT LAUDERDALE AND MARIA LORTS SACHS OF BOCA RATON

(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 would like to congratulate Larry J. Behar of Fort Lauderdale and Maria Lorts Sachs of Boca Raton for receiving the Distinguished Humanitarian Award from B'nai B'rith and the Sons of Italy Florida Foundation. This award gives recognition to two individuals whose activities have contributed immeasurably to the advancement of our community.

Mr. Behar is a prominent attorney with a specialization in immigration and naturalization affairs, and he has traveled extensively throughout the world to bring international issues to the table.

Ms. Sachs has served as the President of Florida's Association of Women Lawyers, and she founded Women for Excellence, a nonprofit organization of professional women which provides resources and provides leadership for women.

Please join me in recognizing Larry J. Behar and Ms. Maria Lorts Sachs for their commitment to our south Florida community.

ASKING MEMBERS TO WORK TO BRING LUDWIG KOONS AND ALL OF AMERICA'S ABDUCTED CHILDREN HOME

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to think that I have talked so long that I have become hoarse in talking about Ludwig Koons and trying to return him from Italy to the United States where he so desperately belongs and needs to be. Ludwig Koons is a child being held in a pornographic compound in Italy by his mother, who is teaching him that.

Yesterday, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY) and I had a press conference where we announced a bill that we are going to introduce very shortly that is called the Child Modeling Exploitation Prevention Act of 2002. We intend to ban exploitive child modeling from all websites that charge fees to view models who are 16 years of age and under. They are nothing more than sites that cause titillation for pedophiles.

I will make the transition from that with my continued story about Ludwig Koons, because he is learning that that apparently is an okay life. I do not believe any of us believe that.

I am asking Members to join us on this bill, but I am also continuing my plea that we stand up as a nation and that we demand that our State Department or any other department of this government, or any Member of the House of Representatives who is willing to write a letter to make a phone call, demand that Ludwig Koons be returned to the United States. Bring all of our children home.

VOTE TODAY TO MOVE HAZARDOUS NUCLEAR WASTE TO A SECURE STORAGE FACILITY

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

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, today the House will vote on the most important environmental and homeland defense issue of the year. Spent nuclear waste is stored at 131 locations around America: near Long Island Sound, in the Tennessee Valley, and on the shores of our precious Lake Michigan. These locations are a terrorists' shooting gallery of potential targets, and 161 million Americans live within 75 miles of a temporary nuclear storage site.

Today we will vote to move this material to a secure storage facility where the United States has already tested hundreds of nuclear weapons. The protection of the Great Lakes is my number one priority, and moving nuclear waste from our shores will protect our people from terrorism and environmental threats.

THE NATIONAL DEBT

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

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, Thomas Jefferson said, "I place the economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers. To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt."

I hear the words of the Founding Fathers on the floor evoked week after week. I never hear these words from Thomas Jefferson. That is because the public debt is something we do not like to talk about. We no longer have a