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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Deborah J. Logan, Pastor, Christian Faith Fellowship Church, Zion, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

I exhort and encourage first of all that supplication, prayer, intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men. I pray for this Nation, our President, his cabinet and assistants, governors, Senators, Congress, judges, military and intelligence agencies and all those that are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and honesty.

I pray that in all their ways they acknowledge You, that You Lord, will lead, guide and direct them in their affairs facing our Nation and give the President divine wisdom and strength to make sound decisions when faced with crisis.

I pray for Congress as they confer about the common wealth of their perspective region. Give them divine wisdom, knowledge, insight and understanding on how to effect change and make the proper changes for generations to come. I pray for divine safety and protection for them and their families. I pray for divine health and healing over their entire bodies, spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally. I pray that they have sound and happy marriages, children and families. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.

Blessed is the nation whose God is Lord. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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 a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 764. An act to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 1474) "An Act to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the House and agrees to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. JOHNSON, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

WELCOMING PASTOR DEBORAH J. LOGAN

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

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to welcome Pastor Deborah Logan as our guest chaplain. Pastor Logan serves as a co-pastor at the

Christian Faith Fellowship Church in Zion, Illinois, with her husband, Pastor James E. Logan.

In 1994, Pastor Logan and her husband, James, were ordained and installed as first assistant pastors of the Christian Faith Fellowship Church Waukegan. Three years later, she and James took the helm as pastors in the same church, now known as the Christian Faith Fellowship Church Zion.

Since then Pastor Logan and her husband have worked together to build a church in the North Shore area to uplift and encourage families through spiritual guidance and fellowship. These days the ministry continues to experience phenomenal growth as the vision of strong families led by strong spirit-filled men in their rightful place in the home is fulfilled.

I have had the privilege to join them at one of their services, and it was a joyous and uplifting experience.

Pastor Logan and her husband have been married for 15 years, and together they have two beautiful children, Cameron James and Llexis Charity.

I thank Pastor Logan for her continued dedication to her church, her community, and our country. I deem it an honor and privilege to welcome Pastor Deborah Logan to the United States House of Representatives.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will enter ten 1-minute speeches per side.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1472

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1472.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

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