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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Washington, DC. June 28, 2006.

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

J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Karl D. Eastlack, Senior Pastor, Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church, Williamsville, New York, offered the following prayer:

Dear God and Father of all, we pause in this quiet moment, before the full day comes rushing at us from all sides, to give You thanks and praise. Your world, even with its wrinkles and problems, is still the most beautiful place in which to live.

I thank You, God, for the incredible talent and brain power in this room. The qualities of strong leadership and personal confidence are evident everywhere I turn. May You, O Lord, help us to balance these power gifts with heart gifts of compassion and humility.

For as smart as we are, we confess that the times are too complicated, the issues too large and looming for us to think that we can deal with them without Your guidance. So I ask, on behalf of these who have come to this Hall in order to lead, that You would grant us humility and wisdom for this hour. For we need You today more than ever.

Also, I ask that You please grant protection and courage to the young men and women serving in our military today.

This is our confession and our prayer in Your Holy, Awesome and Majestic 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. SHIMKUS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SHIMKUS 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 Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 801. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 300 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Florida, as the "John Milton Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse".

S. 2650. An act to designate the Federal courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. Federal Courthouse".

WELCOMING PASTOR KARL EASTLACK

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

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize an inspiring and devoted leader from my district who just opened our House with a moving prayer.

Pastor Karl Eastlack heads up one of the largest congregations in the 26th Congressional District of New York. The thousands who are drawn to Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church in Williamsville, New York, are there because they see something special in Pastor Eastlack.

Pastor Eastlack's words provide guidance and comfort in an often rough and uncertain world. The words, he will tell you, are not his own but those of God who called him into service decades ago.

Pastor Eastlack arrived at Eastern Hills in 1987 to just 19 parishioners. The church has grown to 4,000 strong under the leadership of Pastor Eastlack, his family and staff, but Pastor Eastlack will tell you that more important than the number of bodies in the pews any given week are the number of lives being touched, changed and made better through the work of Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church. That is how he measures success.

Today, he is active in western New York's community, which he and his family call home, but he has been called to preach and teach throughout the world

When Pastor Eastlack accepted his call to ministry, God had no boundaries for where he would serve. In the parable of the Good Shepherd, John 10:4 reads, "I am the good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine."

A good shepherd, too, leads the flock of Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church, and Mr. Speaker, in honor of his spiritual leadership, I ask that this honorable body join me in honoring Pastor Karl Eastlack.

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