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## House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Public Law 109-447 for the meeting of the Congress of the United States, the Members-elect of the 110th Congress met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Karen L. Haas.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Today is built upon all the yesterdays and contains the promise of all the tomorrows.

Lord God, You are the eternal author of all creation and every age. You are the same yesterday, today and forever. Be present to us now. Be gracious and bless all those duly elected by their districts who gather today to form the House of the people as the 110th Congress of the United States of America for the governance of our beloved Nation.

Together, may they know forthright debate and civil discourse, enact quality legislation and persevere in representing the diversity and the will of the people in addressing the priority issues facing the Nation today.

Bless the families of these Representatives, granting them forbearance and understanding of the public service implied by this undertaking.

Lord, may the 110th Congress of the United States read the signs of the times and seize this moment to create a history that will reflect the values of Your kingdom here on Earth and thereby unite this Nation and reveal to peoples around the world the dignity and the glory of being the free children of God. For to You be the honor, the glory and the power, now and forever. Amen.

At the request of the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, I am pleased to introduce the Reverend Stephen A. Privett, President of the University of San Francisco, for an additional prayer.

The Reverend Stephen A. Privett, President, University of San Francisco,

San Francisco, California, offered the following prayer:

I recall this morning the story of a poor mother of five children. When she was asked which of her children she loved the most, she did not answer the expected, "I love them all the same." Rather, she bent down and scooped up into her arms a young child with obviously crippling disabilities. "This one," she said, "because he needs me the most."

Let us pray:

God of compassion and mercy, we pray that the new leadership of this Congress and all of its Members will write into law the story of a country that measures its success by God's standard; by how well it cares for the weakest and most vulnerable among us.

We pray for the legislators of this 110th Congress, that they may challenge, inspire and lead us to put aside self-interest and pursue the common good of all the people of this great Nation of ours, especially of those "who need us the most." Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Members-elect and their guests will please remain standing and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Clerk 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.

The CLERK. Members-elect, this is the day fixed by the 20th amendment to the Constitution and Public Law 109-447 for the meeting of the 110th Congress and, as the law directs, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 110th Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House, and the names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly

elected as Representatives in accordance with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be called.

The Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by States, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

Representatives-elect who have not obtained their voting ID cards may do so now in the Speaker's lobby.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Representatives-elect responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—435

### ALABAMA

|          |         |        |
|----------|---------|--------|
| Aderholt | Cramer  | Rogers |
| Bachus   | Davis   |        |
| Bonner   | Everett |        |

### ALASKA

Young

### ARIZONA

|          |          |         |
|----------|----------|---------|
| Flake    | Grijalva | Renzi   |
| Franks   | Mitchell | Shadegg |
| Giffords | Pastor   |         |

### ARKANSAS

|         |        |
|---------|--------|
| Berry   | Ross   |
| Boozman | Snyder |

### CALIFORNIA

|           |                 |                  |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| Baca      | Harman          | Miller, Gary     |
| Becerra   | Herger          | Miller, George   |
| Berman    | Honda           | Napolitano       |
| Bilbray   | Hunter          | Nunes            |
| Bono      | Issa            | Pelosi           |
| Calvert   | Lantos          | Radanovich       |
| Campbell  | Lee             | Rohrabacher      |
| Capps     | Lewis           | Roybal-Allard    |
| Cardoza   | Loftgren, Zoe   | Royce            |
| Costa     | Lungren, Daniel | Sánchez, Linda   |
| Davis     | E.              | T.               |
| Doolittle | Matsui          | Sanchez, Loretta |
| Dreier    | McCarthy        | Schiff           |
| Eshoo     | McKeon          | Sherman          |
| Farr      | McNerney        | Solis            |
| Filner    | Millender-      | Stark            |
| Gallegly  | McDonald        |                  |

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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| Tauscher<br>Thompson  | Waters<br>Watson  | Waxman<br>Woolsey  |   | MISSISSIPPI   |   | Culberson<br>Doggett<br>Edwards<br>Gohmert<br>Gonzalez<br>Granger<br>Green, Al<br>Green, Gene<br>Hall | Hensarling<br>Hinojosa<br>Jackson-Lee<br>Johnson, E.B.<br>Johnson, Sam<br>Lampson<br>Marchant<br>McCaul<br>Neugebauer | Ortiz<br>Paul<br>Poe<br>Reyes<br>Rodriguez<br>Sessions<br>Smith<br>Thornberry |
|   | <b>COLORADO</b>   |  | Pickering<br>Taylor   | Thompson<br>Wicker  |   |   |   |   |
| DeGette<br>Lamborn<br>Musgrave  | Perlmutter<br>Salazar<br>Tancredo   | Udall  |   | <b>MISSOURI</b>   |   | Clay<br>Cleaver<br>Emerson  | Graves<br>Hulshof<br>Skelton  |   |
|   | <b>CONNECTICUT</b>  |  | Akin<br>Blunt<br>Carnahan   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Courtney<br>DeLauro   | Larson<br>Murphy  | Shays  |   | <b>MONTANA</b>  |   |   |   |   |
|   | <b>DELAWARE</b>   |  |   | Rehberg   |   |   | Bishop  | Cannon<br>Matheson  |
|   | Castle  |  | Fortenberry   | <b>NEBRASKA</b>   |   |   |   | <b>VERMONT</b>  |
|   | <b>FLORIDA</b>  |  |   | Smith   | Terry   |   |   | Welch   |
|   |   |  |   | <b>NEVADA</b>   |   |   |   | <b>VIRGINIA</b>   |
| Bilirakis<br>Boyd<br>Brown, Corrine<br>Brown-Waite,<br>Ginny<br>Buchanan<br>Castor<br>Crenshaw<br>Diaz-Balart, L. | Diaz-Balart, M.<br>Feeney<br>Hastings<br>Keller<br>Klein<br>Mack<br>Mahoney<br>Meek<br>Mica | Miller<br>Putnam<br>Ros-Lehtinen<br>Stearns<br>Wasserman<br>Schultz<br>Weldon<br>Wexler<br>Young | Berkley   | Heller  | Porter  | Boucher<br>Cantor<br>Davis, Jo Ann<br>Davis, Tom  | Drake<br>Forbes<br>Goode<br>Goodlatte   | Moran<br>Scott<br>Wolf  |
|   | <b>GEORGIA</b>  |  | Hodes   | <b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>  |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |  |   | Shea-Porter   |   |   |   | <b>WASHINGTON</b>   |
| Barrow<br>Bishop<br>Deal<br>Gingrey<br>Johnson  | Kingston<br>Lewis<br>Linder<br>Marshall<br>Norwood  | Price<br>Scott<br>Westmoreland   | Andrews<br>Ferguson<br>Frelinghuysen<br>Garrett<br>Holt   | <b>NEW JERSEY</b>   |   | Baird<br>Dicks<br>Hastings<br>Inslee  | Larsen<br>McDermott<br>McMorris<br>Rodgers  | Reichert<br>Smith   |
|   |   |  |   | LoBiondo<br>Pallone<br>Pascrell<br>Payne<br>Rothman   | Saxton<br>Sires<br>Smith  |   |   |   |
|   |   |  |   | <b>NEW MEXICO</b>   |   |   |   | <b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>  |
|   |   |  | Pearce  | Udall   | Wilson  | Capito  | Mollohan  | Rahall  |
|   | <b>HAWAII</b>   |  |   | <b>NEW YORK</b>   |   |   |   | <b>WISCONSIN</b>  |
| Abercrombie   | Hirono  |  | Ackerman<br>Arcuri<br>Bishop<br>Clarke<br>Crowley<br>Engel<br>Fossella<br>Gillibrand<br>Hall<br>Higgins | Hinchey<br>Israel<br>King<br>Kuhl<br>Lowey<br>Maloney<br>McCarthy<br>McHugh<br>McNulty<br>Meeks | Nadler<br>Rangel<br>Reynolds<br>Serrano<br>Slaughter<br>Towns<br>Velázquez<br>Walsh<br>Weiner | Baldwin<br>Kagen<br>Kind  | Moore<br>Obey<br>Petri  | Ryan<br>Sensenbrenner   |
| Sali  | Simpson   |  |   | <b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>   |   |   |   | <b>WYOMING</b>  |
| Bean<br>Biggert<br>Costello<br>Davis<br>Emanuel<br>Gutierrez<br>Hare  | Hastert<br>Jackson<br>Johnson<br>Kirk<br>LaHood<br>Lipinski<br>Manzullo                     | Roskam<br>Rush<br>Schakowsky<br>Shimkus<br>Weller  | Butterfield<br>Coble<br>Etheridge<br>Foxy<br>Hayes  | Jones<br>McHenry<br>McIntyre<br>Miller<br>Myrick  | Price<br>Shuler<br>Watt   |   | Cubin   | □ 1232  |
|   | <b>INDIANA</b>  |  |   | <b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>   |   |   |   |   |
| Burton<br>Buyer<br>Carson   | Donnelly<br>Ellsworth<br>Hill   | Pence<br>Souder<br>Visclosky   |   | Pomeroy   |   |   |   |   |
|   | <b>IOWA</b>   |  |   | <b>OHIO</b>   |   |   |   |   |
| Boswell<br>Braley   | King<br>Latham  | Loebsack   | Boehner<br>Chabot<br>Gillmor<br>Hobson<br>Jones<br>Jordan   | Kaptur<br>Kucinich<br>LaTourette<br>Pryce<br>Regula<br>Ryan                                     | Schmidt<br>Space<br>Sutton<br>Tiberi<br>Turner<br>Wilson                                      |   |   |   |
| Boyda<br>Moore  | Moran<br>Tiahrt   |  |   | <b>OKLAHOMA</b>   |   |   |   |   |
|   | <b>KENTUCKY</b>   |  | Boren<br>Cole   | Fallin<br>Lucas   | Sullivan  |   |   |   |
| Chandler<br>Davis   | Lewis<br>Rogers   | Whitfield<br>Yarmuth   |   | <b>OREGON</b>   |   |   |   |   |
|   | <b>LOUISIANA</b>  |  | Blumenauer<br>DeFazio   | Hooley<br>Walden  | Wu  |   |   |   |
| Alexander<br>Baker<br>Boustany  | Jefferson<br>Jindal<br>McCrery  | Melancon   |   | <b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>   |   |   |   |   |
|   | <b>MAINE</b>  |  | Altmire<br>Brady<br>Carney<br>Dent<br>Doyle<br>English<br>Fattah  | Gerlach<br>Holden<br>Kanjorski<br>Murphy, Patrick<br>Murphy, Tim<br>Murtha<br>Peterson          | Pitts<br>Platts<br>Schwartz<br>Sestak<br>Shuster  |   |   |   |
| Allen   | Michaud   |  |   | <b>RHODE ISLAND</b>   |   |   |   |   |
| Bartlett<br>Cummings<br>Gilchrest   | Hoyer<br>Ruppersberger<br>Sarbanes  | Van Hollen<br>Wynn   | Kennedy   | Langevin  |   |   |   |   |
|   | <b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>  |  |   | <b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>   |   |   |   |   |
| Capuano<br>Delahunt<br>Frank<br>Lynch   | Markey<br>McGovern<br>Meehan<br>Neal  | Oliver<br>Tierney  | Barrett<br>Brown  | Clyburn<br>Inglis   | Spratt<br>Wilson  |   |   |   |
|   | <b>MICHIGAN</b>   |  |   | <b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>   |   |   |   |   |
| Camp<br>Conyers<br>Dingell<br>Ehlers<br>Hoekstra  | Kildee<br>Kilpatrick<br>Knollenberg<br>Levin<br>McCotter                                    | Miller<br>Rogers<br>Stupak<br>Upton<br>Walberg   | Blackburn<br>Cohen<br>Cooper  | Herseth   |   |   |   |   |
|   | <b>MINNESOTA</b>  |  |   | <b>TENNESSEE</b>  |   |   |   |   |
| Bachmann<br>Ellison<br>Kline  | McCollum<br>Oberstar<br>Peterson  | Ramstad<br>Walz  | Barton<br>Brady   | Davis, David<br>Davis, Lincoln<br>Duncan  | Gordon<br>Tanner<br>Wamp  |   |   |   |
|   |   |  |   | <b>TEXAS</b>  |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |  |   | Burgess<br>Carter   | Conaway<br>Cuellar  |   |   |   |

The CLERK. The quorum call discloses that 435 Representatives-elect have responded to their name. A quorum is present.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. Credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of the Honorable LUIS FORTUÑO as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2005; the Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia; the Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN as Delegate from the Virgin Islands; the Honorable ENI F.H. FALÉOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and the Honorable MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO as Delegate from Guam.

#### ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 110th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EMANUEL).

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Clerk, as a father of three young children, I am particularly thrilled to be a part of this moment, thrilled that a generation of young girls and boys across America are about to witness another historic step in our Nation's march toward equality of opportunity. NANCY PELOSI's goal is a Congress known for its ideas, not its insults; its patriotism, not its partisanship.

Madam Clerk, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed by