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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SARBANES).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 12, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN P. SARBANES to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 25 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. DAVIS) for 2 minutes.

HONORING DR. FRED BASSETT

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and dedication of a great leader and great educator from northern Kentucky, Dr. Fred Bassett. Since 1996, Dr. Bassett has served as superintendent of the Beechwood School District in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.

Working as a parole and probation officer early in his career, Fred wondered how he could make a difference in the

lives of young people before they got off track. He decided that the answer was in education, and he dedicated his life and his future to investing in children and future generations of this community.

Rising through the ranks in the Beechwood School District, Fred served as a teacher, assistant principal and principal before being named to his current position of superintendent. His success is the fruit of his character, his commitment and his vision.

Fred helped make Beechwood School District an institution known statewide as a leader in academics and as a perennial powerhouse in high school football. I am proud of the success he has had in helping our students excel both in and out of the classroom. I thank him for his service and wish him the best of his luck in his new career at the University of Cincinnati.

Fred Bassett's leadership has planted the seeds of success in thousands of children which will bear fruit for our community, our commonwealth and our country in the decades ahead.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SALAZAR) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Reverend Michael D. Pfingsten, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Harvard, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will.

Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil act.

Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. Especially do we ask You to bless this House in all its doings this day.

When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; this I ask through Your son Jesus Christ, my Lord.

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 Florida (Mr. STEARNS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. STEARNS 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.

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

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