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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by Public Law 110-430, pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Representatives-elect met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Lorraine C. Miller.

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, offered the following prayer:

Dear friends, let us remind ourselves in this special place, on this special day, that we are in the presence of God.

Lord, we praise You at this historic moment. You are the loving Father of us all, the merciful, the compassionate, the source of all wisdom, the giver of all gifts.

We have so much to thank You for, dear God—for our lives, our families, for our freedom and our opportunities, for our Nation and for the historic choice of leadership it has just made and, indeed, for the age-old values that are still enshrined in our Constitution and in our hearts.

Sustain the Members of the 111th Congress in courage and in confidence as they face the daunting needs of this special time. Challenge them, Lord, not to forget the hungry and the homeless, the unborn and the immigrant, those without access to good education or decent health care, and those many men and women caught in a cycle of poverty from which they cannot escape without our help.

Let our Representatives be builders of a better world—a world without war or violence, without oppression or corruption—builders of a new world whose foundations are human dignity, the values of family life and respect for the laws of nature.

Lord, we pray: Make us always proud of those we have chosen to lead us so that, with their leadership and Your loving care, You may always be proud

of us and of these United States of America. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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. As directed by law, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 111th 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 recorded in alphabetical order by State, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

Representatives-elect will have a minimum of 15 minutes to record their presence by electronic device.

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"—428

ALABAMA

Aderholt
Bachus
Bonner
Bright
Davis
Griffith
Rogers

ALASKA

Young

Flake
Franks
Giffords

Berry
Boozman

Baca
Becerra
Berman
Bilbray
Bono Mack
Calvert
Campbell
Capps
Cardoza
Costa
Davis
Dreier
Eshoo
Farr
Filner
Gallegly
Harman
Herger

Coffman
DeGette
Lamborn

Courtney
DeLauro

Bilirakis
Boyd
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Buchanan
Castor
Crenshaw
Diaz-Balart, L.

Barrow
Bishop
Broun
Deal
Gingrey

Abercrombie

ARIZONA

Grijalva
Kirkpatrick
Mitchell
Pastor
Shadegg

ARKANSAS

Ross
Snyder

CALIFORNIA

Honda
Hunter
Issa
Lee
Lewis
Lofgren, Zoe
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Matsui
McCarthy
McClintock
McKeon
McNerney
Miller, George
Napolitano
Nunes
Pelosi
Radanovich
Richardson
Rohrabacher
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Schiff
Sherman
Solis
Speier
Stark
Tauscher
Thompson
Waters
Watson
Waxman
Woolsey

COLORADO

Markey
Perlmutter
Polis
Salazar

CONNECTICUT

Himes
Larson
Murphy

DELAWARE

Castle

FLORIDA

Diaz-Balart, M.
Grayson
Hastings
Klein
Kosmas
Mack
Meek
Mica
Miller
Posey
Putnam
Rooney
Ros-Lehtinen
Stearns
Wasserman
Schultz
Wexler
Young

GEORGIA

Johnson
Kingston
Lewis
Linder
Marshall
Price
Scott
Westmoreland

HAWAII

Hirono

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Bean Biggert Costello Davis Foster	ILLINOIS Halvorson Hare Jackson Kirk Lipinski	Manzullo Roskam Schakowsky Schock Shimkus	NORTH CAROLINA Butterfield Coble Etheridge Foxy Jones	Price Shuler Watt
Burton Buyer Carson	INDIANA Donnelly Ellsworth Hill	Pence Souder Visclosky	NORTH DAKOTA Pomeroy	
Boswell Bralley	IOWA King Latham	Loebsack	OHIO Kaptur Kilroy Kucinich LaTourette Latta Ryan	Schmidt Space Sutton Tiberi Turner Wilson
Jenkins Moore	KANSAS Moran Tiahrt		OKLAHOMA Fallin Lucas	Sullivan
Chandler Davis	KENTUCKY Guthrie Rogers	Whitfield Yarmuth	OREGON Blumenauer DeFazio	Wu
Alexander Boustany Cao	LOUISIANA Cassidy Fleming Melancon	Scalise	PENNSYLVANIA Gerlach Holden Kanjorski Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Tim Murtha Pitts	Platts Schwartz Sestak Shuster Thompson
Michaud	MAINE Pingree		RHODE ISLAND Langevin	
Bartlett Cumplings Edwards	MARYLAND Hoyer Kratovil Ruppersberger	Sarbanes Van Hollen	SOUTH CAROLINA Barrett Brown	Spratt Wilson
Capuano Delahunt Frank Lynch	MASSACHUSETTS Markey McGovern Neal Olver	Tierney Tsongas	SOUTH DAKOTA Herseth Sandlin	
Camp Conyers Dingell Ehlers Hoekstra	MICHIGAN Kildee Kilpatrick Levin McCotter Miller	Peters Schauer Stupak Upton	TENNESSEE Davis Duncan Gordon	Roe Tanner Wamp
Bachmann Ellison Kline	MINNESOTA McCollum Oberstar Paulsen	Peterson Walz	TEXAS Barton Brady Burgess Carter Conaway Cuellar Culberson Doggett Edwards Gohmert Gonzalez	Neugebauer Olson Ortiz Paul Poe Reyes Rodriguez Sessions Smith Thornberry
Childers Harper	MISSISSIPPI Taylor Thompson		UTAH Bishop	Matheson
Akin Blunt Carnahan	MISSOURI Clay Cleaver Emerson	Graves Luetkemeyer Skelton	VERMONT Welch	
Fortenberry	MONTANA Rehberg		VIRGINIA Goodlatte Moran Nye Perriello	Scott Wittman Wolf
Berkley	NEBRASKA Smith	Terry	WASHINGTON McDermott McMorris Rodgers Reichert	
Hodes	NEVADA Heller	Titus	WEST VIRGINIA Mollohan	Rahall
Adler Andrews Frelinghuysen Garrett Holt	NEW HAMPSHIRE Shea-Porter		WISCONSIN Moore Obey Petri	Ryan Sensenbrenner
Heinrich	NEW JERSEY Lance LoBiondo Pallone Pascrell Payne	Rothman Sires Smith	WYOMING Lummis	
Ackerman Arcuri Bishop Clarke Crowley Engel	NEW MEXICO Luján	Teague		
	NEW YORK Gillibrand Hall Higgins Hinchev Israel King	Lee Lowey Maffei Maloney Massa McCarthy		

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The CLERK. The quorum call discloses that 428 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 PEDRO R. PIERLUISI as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2009;

The Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia;

The Honorable MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO as Delegate from Guam;

The Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and

The Honorable GREGORIO SABLAN, Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The CLERK. The Clerk is in receipt of a letter of resignation from the Honorable Rahm Emanuel from the State of Illinois.

Without objection, the letters relating to his resignation will be printed in the RECORD.

There was no objection.

DECEMBER 30, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I am writing to inform you that I have notified the Governor of Illinois of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives effective January 2, 2009, at the end of the 110th Congress. I do not intend to take the office of Representative for the Fifth Congressional District in the 111th Congress. A copy of that letter is attached.

It has been a privilege to serve the constituents of Illinois' 5th District for the last six years and to work with you and our colleagues in Congress.

Sincerely,

RAHM EMANUEL,
Member of Congress.

JANUARY 2, 2009.

Hon. ROD BLAGOJEVICH,
Governor, State of Illinois,
Statehouse, Springfield, IL.

DEAR GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH: I am writing to resign my position as United States Representative from the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, effective January 2, 2009.

It has been a tremendous privilege to serve the people of the Fifth District over the past six years. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the hopes and dreams of a quintessentially American district, from hardworking families to new immigrants to the senior citizens who built this great country. It has been my particular privilege to