

represent the district's many military troops and veterans, who put their lives on the line to protect the values we cherish. Their sense of duty and sacrifice has been an inspiration, which I will carry with me to my new duties as chief of staff to President-elect Barack Obama.

As sons of immigrants to this country, you and I have a deep appreciation for the opportunities America provides to those who are willing to work hard and sacrifice for their children. As a member of the next Administration in Washington, I will strive to maintain and expand that opportunity for all families, because the chance to work hard and build a better life is the principle that unites all Americans. Over the past few years, our government in Washington has lost sight of that principle by catering to the wealthiest Americans and powerful special interests—leaving middle-class Americans to struggle with rising health care costs, reduced pensions and a collapsing economy. The recent election was a clarion call for a change in direction, so we can recapture the values that have made our nation a beacon of hope and opportunity.

As I go to work everyday in the incoming Obama Administration, I will keep in mind the stories of the working families and senior citizens who I met during the past six years in grocery stores, schools and churches across the Fifth District. I will strive to make our government work for them and their children, because that is the true measure of our success as a nation.

With gratitude and best wishes,

Sincerely,

RAHM EMANUEL,
Member of Congress.

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 111th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON).

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Our democracy renews itself every 2 years as Members gather with their family members eager to fulfill the aspirations of our great Nation. While America watches with anticipation, they know that hope and help are on their way. The Democratic Caucus has met and unanimously endorsed NANCY D'ALESSANDRO PELOSI for Speaker.

Two years ago, the Speaker took the gavel, historically, on behalf of America's children. She has taken this Congress and the country in a new direction and provided the foundation for change that America yearns for and needs. How fitting, on the birthday of Sam Rayburn, legendary Speaker of the House from Texas, that I, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, have been directed by the unanimous vote of the Caucus, to present for election to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 111th Congress, the name of the Honorable NANCY D'ALESSANDRO PELOSI, a Representative-elect from the great State of California.

The CLERK. The Clerk now recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE).

Mr. PENCE. Madam Clerk, as chairman of the Republican Conference, I am also directed by unanimous consent of that conference to present for election an individual today, but let me say also from my heart it is one of the great privileges of my life to do so, to present for election to the office of Speaker of the House for the 111th Congress the name of a man from the heartland of America, a man of humble beginnings who came to Washington during a time of reform and led and is prepared, starting this day, to lead this Congress back to the aspirations and ideals of the American people, the name of the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, a representative-elect from the State of Ohio.

The CLERK. The names of the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, a Representative-elect from the State of California, and the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, a Representative-elect from the State of Ohio, have been placed in nomination.

Are there further nominations?

There being no further nominations, the Clerk appoints the following tellers:

The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY);

The gentleman from California (Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN);

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR); and

The gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN).

The tellers will come forward and take their seats at the desk in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

The roll will now be called, and those responding to their names will indicate by surname the nominee of their choosing.

The Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 2]

PELOSI—255

Abercrombie	Cardoza	Dicks
Ackerman	Carnahan	Dingell
Adler (NJ)	Carney	Doggett
Altmire	Carson (IN)	Donnelly (IN)
Andrews	Castor (FL)	Doyle
Arcuri	Chandler	Driehaus
Baca	Childers	Edwards (MD)
Baird	Clarke	Edwards (TX)
Baldwin	Clay	Ellison
Barrow	Cleaver	Ellsworth
Bean	Clyburn	Engel
Becerra	Cohen	Eshoo
Berkley	Connolly (VA)	Etheridge
Berman	Conyers	Farr
Berry	Cooper	Fattah
Bishop (GA)	Costa	Filner
Bishop (NY)	Costello	Foster
Blumenauer	Courtney	Frank (MA)
Boccieri	Crowley	Fudge
Boren	Cuellar	Giffords
Boswell	Cummings	Gillibrand
Boucher	Dahlkemper	Gonzalez
Boyd	Davis (AL)	Gordon (TN)
Brady (PA)	Davis (CA)	Grayson
Bralley (IA)	Davis (IL)	Green, Al
Bright	Davis (TN)	Green, Gene
Brown, Corrine	DeFazio	Griffith
Butterfield	DeGette	Grijalva
Capps	Delahunt	Hall (NY)
Capuano	DeLauro	Halvorson

Hare	Matsui	Sánchez, Linda
Harman	McCarthy (NY)	T.
Hastings (FL)	McCollum	Sanchez, Loretta
Heinrich	McDermott	Sarbanes
Herseth Sandlin	McGovern	Shakowsky
Higgins	McIntyre	Schauer
Hill	McMahon	Schiff
Himes	McNerney	Schrader
Hinchey	Meek (FL)	Schwartz
Hinojosa	Meeks (NY)	Scott (GA)
Hirono	Melancon	Scott (VA)
Hodes	Michaud	Serrano
Holden	Miller (NC)	Sestak
Holt	Miller, George	Shea-Porter
Honda	Minnick	Sherman
Hoyer	Mitchell	Shuler
Insole	Mollohan	Sires
Israel	Moore (KS)	Skelton
Jackson (IL)	Moore (WI)	Slaughter
Jackson-Lee	Moran (VA)	Smith (WA)
(TX)	Murphy (CT)	Snyder
Johnson (GA)	Murphy, Patrick	Solis (CA)
Johnson, E. B.	Murtha	Space
Kagen	Nadler (NY)	Speier
Kanjorski	Napolitano	Spratt
Kaptur	Neal (MA)	Stark
Kennedy	Nye	Stupak
Kildee	Oberstar	Sutton
Kilpatrick (MI)	Obey	Tanner
Kilroy	Oliver	Tauscher
Kind	Ortiz	Taylor
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Pallone	Teague
Kissell	Pascarell	Thompson (CA)
Klein (FL)	Pastor (AZ)	Thompson (MS)
Kosmas	Payne	Tierney
Kratovil	Pelosi	Titus
Kucinich	Perlmutter	Tonko
Langevin	Perriello	Towns
Larsen (WA)	Peters	Tsongas
Larson (CT)	Peterson	Van Hollen
Lee (CA)	Pingree (ME)	Velázquez
Levin	Polis (CO)	Visclosky
Lewis (GA)	Pomeroy	Walz
Lipinski	Price (NC)	Wasserman
Loeb sack	Rahall	Schultz
Lofgren, Zoe	Rangel	Waters
Lowe y	Reyes	Watson
Luján	Richardson	Watt
Lynch	Rodriguez	Waxman
Maffei	Ross	Weiner
Maloney	Rothman (NJ)	Weicher
Markey (CO)	Roybal-Allard	Welxler
Markey (MA)	Ruppersberger	Wilson (OH)
Marshall	Rush	Woolsey
Massa	Ryan (OH)	Wu
Matheson	Salazar	Yarmuth

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Aderholt	Conaway	Jones
Akin	Crenshaw	Jordan (OH)
Alexander	Culberson	King (IA)
Austria	Davis (KY)	King (NY)
Bachmann	Deal (GA)	Kingston
Bachus	Dent	Kirk
Barrett (SC)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Kline (MN)
Bartlett	Diaz-Balart, M.	Lamborn
Barton (TX)	Dreier	Lance
Biggart	Duncan	Latham
Bilbray	Ehlers	LaTourette
Bilirakis	Emerson	Latta
Bishop (UT)	Fallin	Lee (NY)
Blackburn	Flake	Lewis (CA)
Blunt	Fleming	Linder
Bonner	Forbes	LoBiondo
Bono Mack	Fortenberry	Lucas
Boozman	Fox	Luetkemeyer
Boustany	Franks (AZ)	Lummis
Brady (TX)	Frelinghuysen	Lungren, Daniel
Brown (GA)	Gallely	E.
Brown (SC)	Garrett (NJ)	Mack
Brown-Waite,	Gerlach	Manzullo
Ginny	Gingrey (GA)	Marchant
Buchanan	Gohmert	McCarthy (CA)
Burgess	Goodlatte	McCaul
Burton (IN)	Granger	McClintock
Buyer	Graves	McCotter
Calvert	Guthrie	McHenry
Camp	Hall (TX)	McHugh
Campbell	Harper	McKeon
Cantor	Heller	McMorris
Cao	Hensarling	Rodgers
Capito	Herger	Mica
Carter	Hoekstra	Miller (FL)
Cassidy	Hunter	Miller (MI)
Castle	Inglis	Moran (KS)
Chaffetz	Issa	Murphy, Tim
Coble	Jenkins	Myrick
Coffman (CO)	Johnson (IL)	Neugebauer
Cole	Johnson, Sam	Nunes

Olson	Rooney	Stearns
Paul	Ros-Lehtinen	Sullivan
Paulsen	Roskam	Terry
Pence	Royce	Thompson (PA)
Petri	Ryan (WI)	Thornberry
Pitts	Scalise	Tiahrt
Platts	Schmidt	Tiberi
Poe (TX)	Schock	Turner
Posey	Sensenbrenner	Upton
Price (GA)	Sessions	Walden
Putnam	Shadegg	Wamp
Radanovich	Shimkus	Westmoreland
Rehberg	Shuster	Whitfield
Reichert	Simpson	Wilson (SC)
Roe (TN)	Smith (NE)	Wittman
Rogers (AL)	Smith (NJ)	Wolf
Rogers (KY)	Smith (TX)	Young (AK)
Rohrabacher	Souder	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—5

Boehner	Hastings (WA)	Rogers (MI)
Gutierrez	Miller, Gary	

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The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 429, of which the Honorable NANCY PELOSI of the State of California has received 255 votes, and the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER of the State of Ohio has received 174 votes.

Therefore, the Honorable NANCY PELOSI of the State of California, having received a majority of the votes cast, is duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 111th Congress.

The Clerk appoints the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair:

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER)

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER)

The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN)

The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CANTOR)

The gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON)

The gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE)

The gentleman from California (Mr. BECERRA)

The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. MCCOTTER)

And the Members of the California delegation:

Mr. STARK
 Mr. GEORGE MILLER
 Mr. WAXMAN
 Mr. LEWIS
 Mr. DREIER
 Mr. BERMAN
 Mr. GALLEGLY
 Mr. HERGER
 Mr. ROHRABACHER
 Ms. WATERS
 Mr. CALVERT
 Ms. ESHOO
 Mr. FILNER
 Mr. MCKEON
 Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD
 Mr. ROYCE
 Ms. WOOLSEY
 Mr. FARR
 Ms. ZOE LOFGREN
 Mr. RADANOVICH
 Mr. SHERMAN
 Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ
 Mrs. TAUSCHER
 Mrs. CAPPS
 Mrs. BONO MACK

Ms. LEE
 Mr. GARY G. MILLER
 Mrs. NAPOLITANO
 Mr. THOMPSON
 Mr. BACA
 Ms. HARMAN
 Mrs. DAVIS
 Mr. HONDA
 Mr. ISSA
 Mr. SCHIFF
 Ms. SOLIS
 Ms. WATSON
 Mr. CARDOZA
 Mr. NUNES
 Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ
 Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN
 Mr. COSTA
 Ms. MATSUI
 Mr. CAMPBELL
 Mr. BILBRAY
 Mr. MCCARTHY
 Mr. MCNERNEY
 Ms. RICHARDSON
 Ms. SPEIER
 Mr. HUNTER, and
 Mr. MCCLINTOCK

The committee will retire from the Chamber to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair.

The Majority Floor Services Chief announced the Speaker-elect of the House of Representatives of the 111th Congress, who was escorted to the chair by the Committee of Escort.

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, Leader HOYER, fellow Members, and a special welcome to our new Members and their families and friends who are here today.

We begin this new Congress at a great time of challenge for the American people. This winter, working families are struggling to pay their bills and keep their homes; small businesses are being forced to choose between cutting jobs and closing their doors; health costs are rising; college savings funds and 401(k)s have declined in value substantially; parents are deeply worried about their children's future.

I think it's a time of anxiety for millions of Americans, some of whom face economic challenges not seen in this country for generations. When things are at their worst for the American people, we owe them our best. This Congress must rise to the occasion.

Two weeks from today, we will inaugurate a new President. President-elect Obama has expressed a desire to govern from the center and put the needs of our country first. I think all of you know Washington is a difficult town, and it won't always be easy for him to do these things. But when our new President extends his hand across the aisle to do what is right for our country, Republicans will extend ours in return.

During the 111th Congress, Republicans will strive not to be the party of opposition, but the party of better solutions.

President-elect Obama's calls for inclusiveness are already being put to the test. He's called on Congress to move quickly and in a bipartisan fashion on legislation to help our economy.

And at this time of economic anxiety, the American people deserve open debate and transparency in their Congress—a key ingredient needed to produce good legislation. And my hope is we will adopt a Rules package for the new Congress that encourages transparency and debate and helps ensure our institution is accountable to the people it serves.

Our Nation has faced adversity before, and we have never failed to meet the challenge. This is because America is a land of limitless potential, and when we harness the will of the American people, commit ourselves to making the most of the blessings God has bestowed on this great country, and bring all of these gifts to bear on a common goal, there is no obstacle that we cannot overcome.

America's potential is unlimited, but government's potential is not. And we must not confuse the two.

We can't simply spend our way back to prosperity. Our responsibilities as elected leaders in a flagging economy is to craft policies that allow our country's potential to be unleashed. America runs on freedom. It's the fuel of our economy, and it is the fuel of our democracy. The more we spend and the more we tax, the less freedom we will have left.

So we need to take responsible action together to help put our economy back on a path toward prosperity. The months ahead can be a time of hope and renewal in America. The American people are giving their best. Here in Congress, we need to do the same.

Madam Speaker, as we start the new Congress, we stand ready to work with you and your fellow Democrats for genuine solutions, for real reforms that put the needs of our country first and bring the blessings of liberty fully to bear on the challenges the American people face.

In that spirit, it is my privilege to present to you the gavel of the 111th Congress.

Ms. PELOSI. Thank you very much, Leader BOEHNER.

Together, we welcome the many new Members of Congress who today join the House of Representatives of the United States of America. Congratulations to all of our new Members and to our re-elected Members.

Your constituents have placed great trust in you. Your families have given you the love and support to make your leadership possible. Let us join together now and salute the families of the 111th Congress.

I also want to thank my own family: my husband of 45 years, Paul Pelosi; and our children, Nancy Corinne, Christine, Jacqueline, Paul, and Alexandra; and our grandchildren, Alexander and Madeleine, Liam, Sean, Ryan, Paulie, and Thomas.

And I also want to acknowledge my brother, Thomas D'Alesandro, the former mayor of Baltimore.

I wish to express my appreciation of the people of San Francisco for granting me the privilege of representing them and serving them in Congress.

And I thank my caucus. Thank you, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CLYBURN; thank you, Mr. LARSON, for your nomination this morning. Thank you to the Members of the caucus for granting me the historic opportunity of breaking the marble ceiling and to serve, once again, as the first woman Speaker of the House.

Leader BOEHNER, thank you for your generous words and for your commitment to put country ahead of party. Without reservation, let us stand together, not just today, but in the days ahead to live up to that resolve.

Few Congresses and few Presidents in history have been given the responsibility and the privilege of serving the Nation in a time of such profound challenge. We do so renewed and refreshed by the new Members who join our ranks today. Again, welcome to our new Members.

It is in that spirit that I pledge to you—let us all pledge to the American people that we will look forward, not backward; we will join hands, not point fingers; we will rise to the challenge, recognizing that our love of country is stronger than any issue which may divide us.

This is the lesson and the legacy of the last election: The American people demanded a new era of change and accountability. Yes, we have problems as grave as our country has faced in generations. But now we enter a new Congress with a new era with a powerful sense of hope and pride in our great country.

Two weeks from today, as Mr. BOEHNER indicated, on the steps of this Capitol, we will inaugurate the 44th President of the United States. From the inaugural platform, he will walk down the long stretch of the National Mall and see the steps of the Lincoln Memorial from which Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., called us to the deepest truth of our founding dream.

When Barack Obama raises his right hand and takes the oath of office, we will know—and the world will witness—how far America has come. We will celebrate that moment, but recognize it as only a beginning.

Together, with our new President, we, as a Congress and a country, must fulfill the rest of America's promise.

All of that promise will not be redeemed quickly or easily, but it must be pursued urgently with spirited debate and without partisan deadlock or delay.

Hardworking and still hopeful Americans who are losing their jobs, their businesses, their retirement savings, their homes that are facing foreclosure, cannot wait any longer for us to move from the depths of a recession to the solid ground of an honest and fair prosperity for the many, not just the few.

We need action, and we need action now.

Families and children without health care, and millions more who fear losing coverage or who are facing rising costs, cannot afford to wait any longer.

We need action, and we need action now.

States facing financial crises, which are threatening the education and the health of our children, the well-being of our seniors, and the public safety of our communities, cannot afford to wait any longer.

We need action, and we need action now.

Our country is challenged by the climate crisis, by the need for energy security, and the need for 21st-century infrastructure. On all of these issues and many more, we cannot afford to wait.

Our Nation needs action, and we need action now.

America's crises at home are matched by conflicts abroad—a terrorist threat that could strike there or here. We cannot afford to wait to renew our alliances, our leadership, and our respect in the world. We cannot afford to wait to deploy the power of our ideals. For the sake of our security, for the courageous Americans who serve on the front lines, and for our veterans who have bravely served our country, we cannot afford to wait to modernize and rebuild our military.

Every chance we get we must express our appreciation to our heroic men and women in uniform and their families for their service and their sacrifice to our country.

Let us show America and the world that we are equal to every test of a turbulent and unprecedented time. Let us listen to each other. Let us respect every voice and every view, and then together, let us act.

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As we in Congress pledge to reach across the aisle, we recognize that history will measure this decisive moment not just by what we do here in Washington, but how we reflect and respect how all Americans work together for the common good to strengthen America's future and faith in itself.

As we take the oath of office today, we accept a level of responsibility as daunting and demanding as any that previous generations of leadership have faced. With the help of God, the light of our values, the strength of the American people, and the hopes that we have for our children and their future, God will bless us so that America will continue to be as our Founders predicted more than 200 years ago, "a rising not a setting sun."

Today, Cardinal McCarrick honored us by asking God's blessing on our work. May God bless our work, and may God continue to bless America. Thank you all.

I am now ready to take the oath of office as Speaker. Before I call the Dean of the Congress forward, I want to invite my grandchildren and any other children in the Congress—they've asked me can we come up again this year. They certainly can.

Now, it is my privilege to ask the Dean of the House of Representatives,

the Honorable JOHN DINGELL of Michigan, to administer the oath of office.

Mr. DINGELL then administered the oath of office to Ms. PELOSI of California, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

Mr. DINGELL. Congratulations, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. I want to thank the children for joining me at the podium so that, as we called the House to order earlier today, it will be clear that the House will be called to order for all of America's children. And now I am going to administer the oath of office to your parents. You are welcome to stay here, or you may wish to join your parents as they take the oath of office.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS

The SPEAKER. According to precedent, the Chair will swear in the Members-elect en masse.

The Members-elect and Delegates-elect and the Resident Commissioner-elect rose, and the Speaker administered the oath of office to them as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 111th Congress.

MAJORITY LEADER

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as majority leader the gentleman from Maryland, master of the procedures of this floor, the Honorable STENY H. HOYER.

MINORITY LEADER

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, as chairman of the Republican Conference, I am directed by that conference to notify the House of Representatives officially that the Republican Members have selected as minority leader the gentleman from Ohio, the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER.