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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 16, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PASTOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Rabbi Joshua Davidson, Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester, Chappaqua, New York, offered the following prayer:

O God, source of the spirit of living things, You created humanity with all its diversity in Your image and placed us upon this Earth to tend it, guiding us along whichever spiritual path we call our own toward goodness and peace.

In this great Hall where dreams come true, we ask Your blessing upon these men and women, these representatives of the people. They have devoted their lives to our welfare. Strengthen them with Your courage. Inspire them as they answer Isaiah's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked, to lift up those in this land and in all lands who cannot stand on their own.

In this Chamber of debate, may every debate be for the sake of justice, and may justice always be tempered with compassion. May this House be home to the hopes and aspirations of every American, and may America shine as an example to all the world.

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 New York (Mr. HALL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HALL of New York 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 without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3951. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building".

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 111-5, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, appoints the following individual to the Health Information Technology Policy Committee:

Richard Chapman of Kentucky.

WELCOMING RABBI JOSHUA DAVIDSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from New York, Congressman HALL, is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. HALL of New York. I am pleased to welcome Rabbi Joshua Davidson, Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth El in Northern Westchester, New York, as our guest chaplain in the House today.

Rabbi Davidson is joined here today by his wife, Mia; their daughter, Mikaela; his aunt, Greer Goldman; and his in-laws, Carol and David Fram.

Rabbi Davidson is president of the Westchester Board of Rabbis. He has served Temple Beth El since 2002, and before that served at the Central Synagogue in New York City. He has a long, distinguished career, serving on the boards of many charitable organizations, interfaith coalitions, and prestigious Jewish organizations.

He served as the chair of the Central Conference of the American Rabbis' Committee on Justice, Peace, and Religious Liberties, vice chair of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism. He currently chairs the commission's task force on Israel and World Affairs. Rabbi Davidson is a member of the Hebrew Union College President's Rabbinic Council, and serves on the Clergy Advisory Board of Interfaith Impact of New York State.

House chaplains are a long, proud tradition in the House of Representatives, dating back to the time of our Founding Fathers, and Rabbi Davidson is a worthy entry into the long roll of distinguished guests.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

THE WARMEST JANUARY TO APRIL EVER

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, back in February, when Washington was slammed with record-breaking snowstorms, many of my Republican colleagues stood on this very floor and

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made scientific conclusions that there was not climate change. Many Republicans seemed to suggest Vice President Gore come back and build an igloo on the White House.

Well, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has released information that says we had the warmest January to April ever, the warmest January to April ever since they started collecting data in 1880. And what do we get from our Republican colleagues? More drilling, more drilling. Not safeguards, but more drilling.

They go out and hold a press conference and ask for more offshore drilling. Rather than that, they should call for more solar investment, rebates for Americans to have solar technology, and get us away from fossil fuels that are ruining the gulf and causing the greatest disaster we have known in the Gulf of Mexico and ecological disaster we have known on this Earth.

While it's unclear what caused this tragic spill, what we can do to prevent future catastrophes is clear: We need to get away from fossil fuels. But Republicans are only interested in lining the pockets of oil companies and making sure that they have the opportunity to drill, drill, drill; spill, spill, spill. We need to stop it, and we need to get a policy that works.

CONGRATULATING ISAAC BEHAR ON HIS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM MIAMI JEWISH HEALTH NETWORKS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district in south Florida, Isaac Behar, a longtime humanitarian, philanthropist, and businessman. Ike will be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Miami Jewish Health Networks.

Ike's American journey embodies the American Dream. At the age of 20, Isaac left Havana for the United States with only \$50 and the dream of building a new life and helping others. He proudly served our country, the United States, in the Army in the Korean War.

Upon completion of his service, he started his own clothing business, the Ike Behar Company, with over 400 employees. After seeing the great care that his mother-in-law received from the Miami Health Networks, Isaac decided to make sure that others would be able to take advantage of their great services. Due to his generosity and commitment, the Miami Health Networks have been able to continue to serve all south Floridians.

Ike, I would like to commend you for your service, for your support for our community and our Nation. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to improving the lives of all south Floridians. Thank you.

FIREFIGHTERS

(Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, we are entering the heart of wildfire season in Arizona. Over the coming months, folks in my district will be faced with serious threats to their lives and property time and again; and time and again, these threats will be contained thanks to our firefighters.

As much as anyone, we in District One know the risk firefighters take to protect our communities. We remember how hard they worked to keep us safe when the Rodeo-Chediski fire forced thousands of Arizonans to evacuate their homes. We saw them heading into the forest to battle the Boggy fire, which they successfully contained 18 miles from Alpine just yesterday.

These brave men and women face incredible danger as a basic part of their jobs. So far this year, 34 firefighters have lost their lives in the line of duty. We must honor their service and sacrifice and renew our commitment to providing them with the support they need to fulfill their duties. It is the least we can do.

MORE DEBT

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, last week the President's chief budget adviser, Peter Orszag, said that the administration was unwilling to send a package of deficit-reducing budget cuts to Capitol Hill. Even though the President's party is in control of both Houses, Orszag didn't think administration budget recommendations would be considered.

Just a few days later, however, the President announced that he wants Congress to pass a \$50 billion bill to bail out States, regardless of whether that spending increases the deficit. So the administration is perfectly willing to dictate to Congress that we should increase our already burdensome national debt, but wholly unwilling to recommend sensible cuts to existing government programs. We just can't go on like this.

This week, Greece just had another debt rating agency slash their bond rating to junk. Now Europe is putting together a bailout package for Spain, Italy, Ireland, and Portugal may not be far behind. The warnings are numerous, but I fear that they are being ignored. We have to get control of our Federal budget or there is not going to be anyone big enough to bail us out.

PUTTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK

(Mr. PERLMUTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, listening to my friend from Pennsylvania, I remind him as well as others that the last month of George Bush this country lost 780,000 jobs in 1 month. Okay? Fourteen months later, 15 months later we gained some 400,000 jobs in this country, a swing of 1,100,000 jobs per month.

But in the process, down here in the recession after the Bush administration, we lost 8 million jobs. We have a long way to go to put those people back to work. But for Democrats, that's job number one, to continue to add jobs and put people back to work.

When President Bush left it was a \$1.3 trillion deficit. We know that we have to rein in spending, and we can begin with Iraq, by drawing down those troops and saving this country some real money.

Our first job is to put people back to work, and that's what Democrats are going to do.

MARINE CORPS LEGEND SERGEANT CHUCK TALIANO

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, a Marine Corps legend and Beaufort, South Carolina, resident, passed away on Friday, leaving behind many touched lives, an iconic image, and a legacy of service to our great country.

This is a copy of the iconic Marine Corps recruit photo of Sergeant Chuck Taliano. The story of how Sergeant Chuck Taliano ended up on this famous poster is best reported by Patrick Donahue in the Beaufort Gazette. The article explains that:

"Sergeant Chuck Taliano was awaiting an honorable discharge at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island in 1968 when a reservist writing a book about boot camp snapped a photo of him giving a recruit an 'attitude readjustment.'"

"That cemented Taliano's place in Corps legend."

"The photo captured his snarling mug inches from a fresh-faced recruit with the caption, 'We don't promise you a rose garden.' It was on thousands of Marine Corps recruiting posters printed during the 1970s and 1980s."

I want to thank Sergeant Taliano and his family for his commitment to America and the Marine Corps. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the global war on terrorism. God bless the U.S. Marine Corps.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5297

(Mr. QUIGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5297, the Small