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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Reverend Herbert Brooks, Jr., St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Joliet, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father and Creator, we acknowledge Your presence and power on this day.

Today, Lord, we ask for Your blessings upon this House of government and remind us of Your Words, "the government shall be upon His shoulder." We humbly ask, Lord, to guide them, direct them, rest Your spirit upon their shoulders during this decision-making time.

We ask, Lord, You endow them with the ability to make the right decisions that is pleasing to our Lord and to all mankind. Keep every Representative of this great country strong, a sound mind and a willing heart to continue to serve. Protect those that are protecting us, Lord, as we ask You to be our heavenly Protector.

Bless the staff, as well as the families of this House of Representatives. Fill us all with Your brotherly love, Your "one accord spirit," and Your peace. We pray all this in Your precious name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLEAVER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CLEAVER 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.

WELCOMING REV. HERBERT BROOKS, JR.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. HALVORSON) is recognized for 1 minute. There was no objection.

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great pride to introduce Pastor Herb Brooks, who kindly delivered this morning's opening prayer. Herb Brooks is not just the pastor at St. John Baptist Church in Joliet, Illinois. He is a husband to wife Gwen, and a proud father and grandfather.

He serves as a member of the Will County Board, where he represents his constituents with passion, integrity, and intelligence. And he has been an outspoken advocate for civil rights and the need for better health care in our community. It is all of these reasons why he is considered a true leader in our district, and why I have invited him here today to continue this great tradition.

Pastor Brooks embodies the spirit and pride that defines our community, and I could not think of anyone better to represent our district during the opening prayer. I thank him for being here, and I am so proud to introduce him.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further 1-minutes on each side of the aisle.

THE STATE OF THE HOUSE TODAY

(Mr. CLEAVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I came to the floor today to talk about Social Security, but having spent most of last evening watching the news on a variety of stations and reading several newspapers this morning, I decided I just wanted to speak about what I am seeing.

This body has gone from "states craft" to demagoguery and witchcraft. The Hill has become a sick setting for everything wrong and ugly about politics. We're not about a way to fix. We're about pure nasty politics. We can be partisan without being poisonous.

And when I look back at our young pages, young Americans who are gifted, I cannot help but wonder whether we are teaching them through our actions to become peace sowers or bomb throwers. We make the choice.

We can be partisan without being poisonous, and on this day, July 21, 2010, we are poisonous.

AMERICA COMPETES FOR JOBS

(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, the United States competes on a global level for businesses and jobs, and when international investors look at our Nation, they have some concerns about the future.

Our country has the second highest corporate income tax rate in the industrialized world; and come January 1, we will see the largest tax increase in our Nation's history as the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts, all taxes, snap back to the old higher levels. There's uncertainty with on-again/off-again tax cuts and increases.

Starting today, our financial regulatory agencies will write hundreds of new rules governing investment. And

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we're now completely remaking our health care system with extensive government oversight, taxes, and thousands of pages of new regulations.

With all of these things together, it's perfectly understandable why we have weak job growth. Uncertainty about the United States business climate is directly caused by what Congress is doing to the American economy. We need to stop harming our economy with new taxes and complicated regulations and opportunity for new litigation and, instead, free American entrepreneurs and businesses to be able to compete on a global level to create jobs.

HONORING DR. PAM CARBEANER

(Ms. KOSMAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KOSMAS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor and privilege today to recognize on the floor of the United States House of Representatives Dr. Pam Carbeaner for her extensive community service and her spirit of volunteerism.

Dr. Carbeaner has dedicated her life's work to helping people in need. She's had a particular focus on women and children, and she has dedicated her energies to a wide range of causes including eating disorders, children's advocacy, sexual assault, and maternal health.

Additionally, she has served the public with her expertise on the Halifax Health Board of Commissioners, which is the governing body of the area's largest health service providers. Dr. Carbeaner currently practices medicine at Halifax OB/GYN Associates in Daytona Beach, Florida, and she resides in Ormond Beach with her husband, Frank, and their three wonderful children, Sarah, Charlie, and Katie.

Today I would like to officially thank Dr. Carbeaner for her tireless work and her dedication to the health, wellbeing, safety, and care not only of her patients but also to the countless citizens who her volunteerism has served. She is recognized as an accomplished and outstanding community leader for the greater Halifax region of central Florida.

Thank you, Dr. Carbeaner.

HONORING MITCH MENLOVE

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

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, just days ago the State of Arizona lost a kind and gentle soul when Mitch Menlove passed away at the tender age of 36.

Mitch leaves behind a record of honor and integrity among those he worked with in a successful career in public affairs. He leaves behind a rich heritage of service in his church and his community.

Most important by far, however, is the legacy Mitch built, a legacy that

will continue for generations to come with his wife Elizabeth, his children Max, Morgan, and Makenna, and a fourth child, Mitchell Kent, Jr., who will be born any day now.

Just hours before Mitch passed from this life, he climbed Arizona's highest peak. He stands even higher today.

Those of us who are left momentarily behind will be forever grateful for the exemplary life he lived, the service he rendered, and for the wonderful family that will carry on his legacy.

PRESIDENTIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Mr. BACA. Today when President Obama signs into law sweeping Wall Street reform, it will mark another important change—I state, another important change—from the failed Republican policies of the past.

The irresponsible policies of the Bush administration and the Republican Congress cost us 8 million jobs. Thankfully, this new financial reform puts us on a path of restoring accountability to our financial system and ending the era of tax-funded bailouts.

President Obama and the congressional Democrats have fought to move America forward. We have enacted significant new laws to create new jobs and increase small business lending, end pay discrimination in the workplace, extend Medicare sovereignty, and make college education more affordable.

Unfortunately, my Republican colleagues continue to support policies that will ship jobs overseas, privatize Social Security, and dismantle Medicare. We can no longer afford the policies of the past. We must continue to work with our President and move America forward.

NINE COUNTRIES VERSUS ARIZONA

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, seven more countries now join Mexico and the United States to sue the State of Arizona. They are Nicaragua, El Salvador, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay and Guatemala. Not exactly all champions of human or civil rights.

They say their illegals in Arizona might be mistreated if Arizona enforces Federal law. But here's the real kicker: our own State Department has sided with these other nations against the American people. It has filed a declaration in the lawsuit saying the Arizona law is causing an international incident and hurting foreign policy. Now it's nine countries versus Arizona.

The nerve of our government to side with foreign powers and sue American people. Foreign countries have no business meddling in and dictating Amer-

ican national security. Our government is on the wrong side. It should support and defend the Constitution and the people of Arizona. It should not be siding with nations that have illegals in our country.

It's nine countries versus Arizona. I cast my lot with the people of Arizona. And that's just the way it is.

CUBA'S ELECTION TO U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I am outraged by the persistent failure of the United Nations Human Rights Council to fulfill its responsibilities to promote and protect human rights. The U.N. Human Rights Council has consistently targeted Israel and recently displayed a flagrant disregard for a strong human rights agenda with the election of the Cuban ambassador as vice president of the council.

The State Department 2009 report on human rights described Cuba as a totalitarian state that continues to deny its citizens their basic human rights and commits numerous and serious abuses. It is appalling that a country with such a poor human rights record has been elected as a leader of a body to create, to protect, and promote universal human rights.

While these election results are absurd, they are reflective of a larger problem—the overall state of the U.N. Human Rights Council. The council doesn't need to improve its record on protecting human rights; it needs to reverse its record. If the council continues to ignore its own members' egregious human rights records and persists in its anti-Israel campaign, then maybe the United States should move its funds and participate elsewhere.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL LARRY D. HARRIS, JR., USMC

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

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a hero: United States Marine Corps Corporal Larry D. Harris, Jr., of Thornton, Colorado.

Corporal Harris, a Marine Corps veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, graduated in 2003 from Boulder High School where he played football and ran track. He loved being an infantry marine on the front lines.

Corporal Larry Harris displayed heroism and service to others both overseas and at home. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for helping civilians severely injured in an automobile accident near Camp Pendleton.

On July 1, 2010, while on patrol in Helmand province in Afghanistan, another marine was shot in the leg. Picking up his fellow wounded marine to