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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2011, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Almighty God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We pray for the gift of wisdom to all with great responsibility in this House for the leadership of our Nation.

May all the Members have the vision of a world where respect and understanding are the marks of civility, and where honor and integrity are the marks of one's character.

As Members take time in the coming week for constituency visits, give them the ability to hear the voices of all in their districts so that when they return they are focused on the important work to be done.

Bless this day and every day. And may all that is done within these hallowed halls be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FLEISCHMANN)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side.

PRESTONWOOD PREGNANCY CENTER

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Prestonwood Pregnancy Center in Dallas, Texas, for being an outstanding and vital resource in its community.

Our Nation was founded upon the belief that all men, regardless of status, are entitled to the most precious of rights: the right to life. The Prestonwood Center has worked to protect the lives of the unborn for the last 20 years, acting as a resource for more than 48,000 clients, many of whom have chosen life simply because they had someone to talk to who cared.

The center provides guidance, education, and medical services to women and families in north Texas and maintains a highly trained and knowledgeable staff dedicated to protecting the

sanctity of human life. I applaud the Prestonwood Center's commitment to life and to serving its community.

God bless you. God bless America. I salute you.

POLICE OFFICER DEREK KOTECKI

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

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, October 12, tragedy struck my home town of Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania. That night, Police Officer Derek Kotecki was shot during an armed confrontation with a wanted criminal. He is believed to be the first Lower Burrell police officer ever to be killed in the line of duty.

Patrolman Kotecki was a 1989 graduate of Burrell High School and had been a local police officer for 18 years. At the time of his death, Patrolman Kotecki was Lower Burrell's K-9 officer and a regular and respected face at community events throughout the year.

I ask my colleagues to join me in praying for the family he left behind. We hope that his wife, two sons, and his parents know that Lower Burrell will always remember Derek's bravery and valor. He died serving the community he loved, and for that we are forever grateful.

LEVI ZACHARY ALEXANDER

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

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during the hot summer days of August, with daily consistent temperatures over 100 degrees, a record drought over the State and hundreds of wildfires burning the plains and prairies of Texas, a miracle from the Lord occurred: The birth of a new child. Levi Zachary Alexander joined the world on August 13, 2011 in Waco, Texas.

Every time a child of innocence is born, it is a happy event. The first cry brings joyful tears to the eyes of parents, grandparents, and neighbors. It is a happy occasion because we see hope in the freshness of birth—hope for a better world and hope for a better tomorrow.

Levi has the fortune of being born in the most marvelous and free country in history—America. His parents, Kara and Shane, have the most important and hardest job of all jobs. Along with training energetic sister Elizabeth and brother Peyton, raising this new son of America to be of good character, love liberty, and walk in the favor of God and man is the most important responsibility of parents. So, Mr. Speaker, my desire for Levi as his grandfather is that he matures to be strong and courageous, love America, and play football for the University of Texas—and not Oklahoma.

And that's just the way it is.

SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to an issue of great concern to the health and welfare of students across our country. Just 2 weeks ago, we lost Angela, a 16-year-old cheerleader in California who collapsed at a football game from sudden cardiac arrest.

Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in the United States, and sadly that trend is only increasing, especially among students. But there are ways to prevent these tragic events, like the remarkable story of Kylee, a seventh-grade student from Texas, who collapsed at school last week. Her life was saved when two trained teachers used CPR and an automatic external defibrillator to kick-start her heart. If it had not been for this heroic intervention, doctors estimate that someone in Kylee's situation would only have a 3 percent chance of survival.

These stories underscore how vital CPR and AED training are to saving lives. That's why I'm introducing the Teaching Children to Save Lives Act. My legislation will provide students with the lifesaving skills of CPR and AED training, knowledge they will carry into adulthood so that one day they might save the life of a classmate, a friend, a family member, or even a complete stranger.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the Teaching Children to Save Lives Act.

CONGRATULATING STS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the elevation of the Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to the status of Minor Basilica on October 22.

This church sits in my hometown, and it's where I attend services. Sts. Peter and Paul Parish was founded in 1852, when Father Henry V. Brown became the first pastor. Upon his appointment to pastor in 1887, Father William Walsh immediately began plans for a new church. Ground was broken on February 1, 1888, and on June 29, 1890, Sts. Peter and Paul Church was dedicated.

Due to the inspired leadership of Bishop Richard F. Stika and Monsignor George Schmidt, the church of Sts. Peter and Paul is the first church in Tennessee to be honored as a Minor Basilica by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

Monsignor Schmidt, the rector, will continue to lead the faithful in worship at the basilica and will celebrate Mass along with Father Bertin Glennon. I look forward to continuing to attend services, and I congratulate the church on this great honor.

GETTING TOUGH ON CHINA

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

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, there's a lot of finger-pointing in Washington these days about who is blocking our economic recovery, but there's plenty of blame to go around on both sides of the aisle.

China is literally robbing us of our factories and our manufacturing jobs, and we haven't done a thing about it. The House must consider the Senate currency bill immediately, and the President must finally deliver on his campaign promise and crack down on China administratively.

Getting tough on China's currency manipulation would create, conservatively, 1 million jobs without costing the American people a penny. It's time to stop the excuses and end the partisan bickering. It's time for the President and the House leadership to go beyond rhetoric and get the tough job of China currency manipulation taken care of.

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CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER CAUCUS

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

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Congressional Prayer Caucus to note the importance of prayer and faith in our Nation's history. In October of 1863, President Abraham Lincoln discussed his deep reliance on God during his Presidency.

In addressing the Baltimore Presbyterian Synod, Lincoln said, in part, "I saw, upon taking my position here, that I was going to have an administration, if an administration at all, of extraordinary difficulty. It was, without exception, a time of the greatest difficulty that this country ever saw. I was early brought to a living reflection that nothing in my power whatever, in others to rely upon, would succeed without direct assistance of the Almighty, but all must fail. I have often wished that I was a more devout man than I am. Nevertheless, amid the greatest difficulties of my administration, when I could not see any other resort, I would place my whole reliance in God, knowing that all would go well, and that He would decide for the right."

FEDERAL RECOVERY COORDINATION PROGRAM

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

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask my colleagues to join me in strengthening the Federal Recovery Coordination Program. Federal Recovery Coordinators were originally envisioned by the Dole-Shalala Commission as a way to help wounded warriors navigate the incredibly complex bureaucracy of the VA and Defense Department health systems.

Despite the initial successes of the program, administrative problems have prevented the program from reaching its full potential. That's why I've introduced legislation to address these problems.

My legislation codifies the Federal Recovery Coordination Program and places it under the joint jurisdiction of the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs and Defense. It will ensure that Recovery Coordinators have the authority to act on behalf of a veteran when they identify a need, and it ensures they have access to all stages of the recovery process, especially during the initial transition from active duty.

These reforms will help to strengthen this program and help us better serve the needs of our wounded veterans. I ask for my colleagues to join me in support of this legislation.

ILLINOIS FOURTEENTH DISTRICT VOTERS SAY REGULATIONS HURT JOBS

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I recently asked my constituents to take a