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GEORGIA

Allen
Bishop
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Ferguson

Graves
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Johnson
Lewis
Loudermilk
McBath
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Woodall

Haaland

NEW MEXICO

Lujan

Torres Small

NEW YORK

Lowey
Maloney,
Carolyn B.
Maloney, Sean
Meeke
Meng
Morelle
Nadler
Ocasio-Cortez
Reed

Rice
Rose
Serrano
Stefanik
Suozi
Tonko
Velázquez
Zeldin

McKinley

WEST VIRGINIA

Miller
Mooney

WISCONSIN

Duffy
Gallagher
Grothman

Kind
Moore
Pocan
Sensenbrenner
Steil

WYOMING

Cheney

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The CLERK. Four hundred thirty-one Representatives-elect have recorded their presence. A quorum is present.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. Credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of:

The Honorable JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2017;

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

The Honorable Michael F. Q. San Nicolas as Delegate from Guam;

The Honorable STACEY E. PLASKETT as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN as Delegate from American Samoa; and

The Honorable GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLÁN as Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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 116th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES).

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Clerk, let me begin by welcoming all of the Members and our families to the people's House in connection with the start of the 116th Congress.

The Scripture says:

Weeping may endure during the long night, but joy will come in the morning.

Madam Clerk, it is with great joy that I rise today, as directed by the House Democratic Caucus, to place the name of NANCY PELOSI in nomination to be the next Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Without question, NANCY PELOSI has a track record of legislative success that is unparalleled in modern American history.

NANCY PELOSI captained the ship that defeated the effort to privatize Social Security; rescued our economy in the midst of the Great Recession; saved the American automobile industry; provided affordable healthcare to more

MASSACHUSETTS

Clark
Keating
Kennedy

Lynch
McGovern
Moulton
Neal
Pressley
Trahan

MICHIGAN

Amash
Bergman
Dingell
Huizenga
Kildee

Lawrence
Levin
Mitchell
Moolenaar
Slotkin
Stevens
Tlaib
Upton
Walberg

MINNESOTA

Craig
Emmer
Hagedorn

McCollum
Omar
Peterson
Phillips

MISSISSIPPI

Guest
Kelly

Palazzo
Thompson

MISSOURI

Clay
Cleaver
Graves

Hartzler
Long
Luetkemeyer
Smith
Wagner

MONTANA

Gianforte

NEBRASKA

Bacon

Fortenberry
Smith

NEVADA

Amodei
Horsford

Lee
Titus

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Kuster

Pappas

NEW JERSEY

Gottheimer
Kim

Malinowski
Norcross
Pallone
Pascrell

Cicilline

Clyburn
Cunningham
Duncan

Burchett
Cohen
Cooper

Allred
Arrington
Babin
Brady
Burgess
Carter
Castro
Cloud
Conaway
Crenshaw
Cuellar
Doggett

Bishop
Curtis

Beyer
Cline
Connolly
Griffith

RHODE ISLAND

Langevin

SOUTH CAROLINA

Norman
Rice
Timmons

SOUTH DAKOTA

Johnson

TENNESSEE

DesJarlais
Fleischmann
Green

Kustoff
Roe, David P.
Rose, John W.

TEXAS

Escobar
Fletcher
Flores
Garcia
Gohmert
Gonzalez
Gooden
Granger
Green
Hurd
Jackson Lee
Johnson

Marchant
McCaul
Olson
Ratcliffe
Roy
Taylor
Thornberry
Veasey
Vela
Weber
Williams
Wright

UTAH

McAdams
Stewart

VERMONT

Welch

VIRGINIA

Luria
McEachin
Riggleman
Scott

Spanberger
Wexton
Wittman

than 20 million Americans; created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; enacted a minimum wage increase for the first time in 10 years; struck a blow against mass incarceration with passage of the Fair Sentencing Act; and provided relief to tens of millions of Americans who are credit card holders that were being defrauded. But NANCY PELOSI is just getting started.

In the 116th Congress, she will continue to fight hard for the people. NANCY PELOSI will fight to lower healthcare costs; strengthen the Affordable Care Act; protect people with preexisting conditions; increase pay for everyday Americans; enact a real infrastructure plan; clean up construction; defend the Dreamers; fix the Voting Rights Act; and end the era of voter suppression once and for all.

□ 1245

She will fight for a country that provides for the poor, works for working families, makes sense for the middle class, stands up for senior citizens, innovates in the inner cities, and strengthens suburban communities.

NANCY PELOSI is a woman of faith; a loving wife; a mother of five; a grandmother of nine; a sophisticated strategist; a legendary legislator; a voice for the voiceless; a defender of the disenfranchised; a powerful, profound, prophetic, principled public servant, and that is why we stand squarely behind her today.

Let me be clear: House Democrats are down with NDP, NANCY D'ALESSANDRO PELOSI, the once and future Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. I proudly place her name in nomination.

May God bless her. May God bless the United States of America.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. CHENEY).

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Clerk, I would like to begin, I think, by thanking my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES), and welcoming all of the Members and the families who are here with us today.

Madam Clerk, we gather today in this magnificent place, in this body, a place where there is no other like it in the world, the United States House of Representatives, the people's House.

This is the place where the great battles and debates about human liberty and freedom have been waged since the beginning of our Republic.

It was on these grounds, Madam Clerk, that Abraham Lincoln sought to heal this Nation in his second inaugural address.

It was here that we passed the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing equal protection under the law.

It was here, Madam Clerk, in this Chamber 100 years ago this year, that we passed the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote—I would point out, Madam Clerk, finally catch-

ing up with my home State of Wyoming, the first place in all the world where women had suffrage, beginning in 1869.

Now, Madam Clerk, we have not always gotten it right. One legislator famously said: "We have the power to do any damn fool thing we want to do, and we seem to do it about every 10 minutes."

Madam Clerk, that was a Senator and a Democrat.

On this ground, Madam Clerk, we have inaugurated Presidents and mourned them, declared wars and celebrated peace, debated all the issues facing this great Republic down through the years.

Today, as we take our oath of office, Democrat and Republican alike, we inherit that legacy and that duty to defend and protect our Constitution.

Madam Clerk, it is my high honor today to have the great privilege to nominate the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY) to lead us in that work as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Leader MCCARTHY is the grandson of a cattle rancher. He is the son of a firefighter. He grew up in a working class family. He started and ran his own small business, Kevin O's Deli, in Bakersfield. He paid his way through college. He learned firsthand that the Government of the United States is more of a burden than a help to small businesses all across this country.

No one has fought harder, Madam Clerk, for the rights and freedoms of American families to ensure that they get to keep more of what they earn so that the American Dream is accessible to all.

No one has been a greater champion of ensuring our government is limited, exercising its constitutional obligations to defend our rights and resisting the urge that our colleagues on the other side of the aisle constantly seek to fulfill of empowering Federal bureaucrats to tell us how to live.

Leader MCCARTHY will always look for ways to work with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle when we can, but he will never compromise on our fundamental rights and freedoms.

Leader MCCARTHY knows our rights come from God. They are enshrined in our Constitution. He knows government is not the source of our liberty; rather, it is instituted among men and women to secure our liberty.

Leader MCCARTHY has led us through the 115th Congress in unmatched historic productivity, including passage of the historic Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, because we know, Madam Clerk, that the American people know better than the government how to spend their money.

Leader MCCARTHY led us in passage of the SUPPORT Act, providing important resources to help address the devastating opioid crisis across this Nation.

He helped work to pass the VA MIS- SION Act, so that we could finally provide our veterans with the care that they deserve.

Leader MCCARTHY led us in repealing historic numbers of Obama-era regulations that were strangling families, small businesses, and community banks all across our Nation.

He was the leader in the important fight to combat human trafficking.

And, Madam Clerk, Leader MCCARTHY led us in passing legislation to secure our borders, keep our Nation safe, end the devastating practice of sanctuary cities, and, yes, Madam Clerk, build the wall.

Leader MCCARTHY also led to ensure that we pass the American Health Care Act to expand access and options, and put patients and families in the driver's seat, not government bureaucrats.

Finally, Leader MCCARTHY made sure that we passed on time and at a sufficient level for the first time in a decade appropriations to fund the United States Armed Forces to fulfill our most sacred and important constitutional duty to provide for the common defense.

Madam Clerk, because he will lead us in fighting for all the people of this great Nation from all walks of life; because he will stand against the fraud of socialism, which strips power from the people and gives it to the government; because he knows that the most important words of our founding document are the very first words, "We the People," as chair of the Republican House Conference, I am honored and directed by the vote of that conference to present for election to the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 116th Congress the name of the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, a Representative-elect from the State of California.

The CLERK. The names of the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, a Representative-elect from the State of California, and the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, a Representative-elect from the State of California, have been placed in nomination.

Are there further nominations?

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

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR);

The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS);

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN); and

The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX).

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—220

Adams	Garcia (TX)	Norcross
Aguilar	Gomez	O'Halleran
Allred	Gonzalez (TX)	Ocasio-Cortez
Axne	Gottheimer	Omar
Barragán	Green (TX)	Pallone
Bass	Grijalva	Panetta
Beatty	Haaland	Pappas
Bera	Harder (CA)	Pascarell
Beyer	Hastings	Payne
Bishop (GA)	Hayes	Pelosi
Blumenauer	Heck	Perlmutter
Blunt Rochester	Higgins (NY)	Peters
Bonamici	Hill (CA)	Peterson
Boyle, Brendan	Himes	Phillips
F.	Horn, Kendra S.	Pingree
Brown (MD)	Horsford	Pocan
Brownley (CA)	Houlihan	Porter
Bustos	Hoyer	Pressley
Butterfield	Huffman	Price (NC)
Carbajal	Jackson Lee	Quigley
Cárdenas	Jayapal	Raskin
Carson (IN)	Jeffries	Richmond
Cartwright	Johnson (GA)	Rouda
Case	Johnson (TX)	Roybal-Allard
Casten (IL)	Kaptur	Ruiz
Castor (FL)	Keating	Ruppersberger
Castro (TX)	Kelly (IL)	Rush
Chu, Judy	Kennedy	Ryan
Ciçilline	Khanna	Sánchez
Cisneros	Kildee	Sarbanes
Clark (MA)	Kilmer	Scanlon
Clarke (NY)	Kim	Schakowsky
Clay	Kirkpatrick	Schiff
Cleaver	Krishnamoorthi	Schneider
Clyburn	Kuster (NH)	Schrier
Cohen	Langevin	Scott (VA)
Connolly	Larsen (WA)	Scott, David
Correa	Larson (CT)	Serrano
Costa	Lawrence	Sewell (AL)
Courtney	Lawson (FL)	Shalala
Cox (CA)	Lee (CA)	Sherman
Craig	Lee (NV)	Sires
Crist	Levin (CA)	Smith (WA)
Cuellar	Levin (MI)	Soto
Cummings	Lewis	Speier
Davids (KS)	Lieu, Ted	Stanton
Davis (CA)	Lipinski	Stevens
Davis, Danny K.	Loeb sack	Suozzi
Dean	Lofgren	Swalwell (CA)
DeFazio	Lowenthal	Takano
DeGette	Lowe y	Thompson (CA)
DeLauro	Luján	Thompson (MS)
DelBene	Luria	Titus
Delgado	Lynch	Tlaib
Demings	Malinowski	Tonko
DeSaulnier	Maloney,	Torres (CA)
Deutch	Carolyn B.	Torres Small
Dingell	Maloney, Sean	(NM)
Doggett	Matsui	Trahan
Doyle, Michael	McBath	Trone
F.	McCollum	Underwood
Engel	McEachin	Vargas
Escobar	McGovern	Veasey
Eshoo	McNerney	Vela
Espallat	Meeke s	Velázquez
Evans	Meng	Visclosky
Finkenauer	Moore	Wasserman
Fletcher	Morelle	Schultz
Foster	Moulton	Waters
Frankel	Mucarsel-Powell	Watson Coleman
Fudge	Murphy	Welch
Gabbard	Nadler	Wexton
Gallego	Napolitano	Wild
Garamendi	Neal	Wilson (FL)
Garcia (IL)	Neguse	Yarmuth

MCCARTHY—192

Abraham	Buchanan	Cook
Aderholt	Buck	Crawford
Allen	Bucshon	Crenshaw
Amodei	Budd	Curtis
Armstrong	Burchett	Davidson (OH)
Arrington	Burgess	Davis, Rodney
Babin	Byrne	DesJarlais
Bacon	Calvert	Diaz-Balart
Baird	Carter (GA)	Duffy
Balderson	Carter (TX)	Duncan
Banks	Chabot	Dunn
Barr	Cheney	Emmer
Bergman	Cline	Estes
Billirakis	Cloud	Ferguson
Bishop (UT)	Cole	Fitzpatrick
Bost	Collins (GA)	Fleischmann
Brady	Collins (NY)	Flores
Brooks (AL)	Comer	Fortenberry
Brooks (IN)	Conaway	Foxx (NC)

Fulcher	Latta	Scalise
Gaetz	Lesko	Schweikert
Gallagher	Long	Scott, Austin
Gianforte	Loudermilk	Sensenbrenner
Gibbs	Lucas	Shimkus
Gohmert	Luetkemeyer	Simpson
Gonzalez (OH)	Marchant	Smith (MO)
Gooden	Marino	Smith (NE)
Granger	Marshall	Smith (NJ)
Graves (GA)	Mast	Smucker
Graves (LA)	McCarthy	Spano
Graves (MO)	McCaul	Staubert
Green (TN)	McClintock	Stefanik
Griffith	McHenry	Steil
Grothman	McKinley	Steube
Guest	McMorris	Stewart
Guthrie	Rodgers	Stivers
Hagedorn	Meadows	Taylor
Harris	Meuser	Thompson (PA)
Hartzler	Miller	Thornberry
Hern, Kevin	Mitchell	Timmons
Herrera Beutler	Moolenaar	Tipton
Higgins (LA)	Mooney (WV)	Turner
Hill (AR)	Mullin	Upton
Holding	Newhouse	Wagner
Hollingsworth	Norman	Nunes
Hudson	Nunes	Walberg
Huizenga	Olson	Walden
Hunter	Palazzo	Walker
Hurd (TX)	Palmer	Walorski
Johnson (LA)	Pence	Waltz
Johnson (OH)	Posey	Watkins
Johnson (SD)	Ratcliffe	Weber (TX)
Jordan	Reed	Webster (FL)
Joyce (OH)	Reschenthaler	Wenstrup
Joyce (PA)	Rice (SC)	Westerman
Katko	Riggleman	Williams
Kelly (MS)	Roby	Wilson (SC)
Kelly (PA)	Roe, David P.	Wittman
King (IA)	Rogers (AL)	Womack
King (NY)	Rogers (KY)	Woodall
Kinzinger	Rooney (FL)	Wright
Kustoff (TN)	Rose, John W.	Yoho
LaHood	Rouzer	Young
LaMalfa	Roy	Zeldin
Lamborn	Rutherford	

JORDAN—5

Biggs	Hice (GA)	Perry
Gosar	Massie	

BUSTOS—4

Cunningham	Sherrill
Golden	Spanberger

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH—2

Crow	Rose (NY)
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MASSIE—1

Amash

JOSEPH BIDEN—1

Brindisi

LEWIS—1

Kind

KENNEDY—1

Lamb

MURPHY—1

McAdams

FUDGE—1

Schrader

STACEY ABRAMS—1

Rice (NY)

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—3

Cooper	Slotkin	Van Drew
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NOT VOTING—1

Jones

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The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 430, of which the Honorable NANCY PELOSI of the State of California has received 220, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY of the State of California has received 192, the Honorable JIM JORDAN of the State of Ohio has received 5, the Honorable CHERI BUSTOS

of the State of Illinois has received 4, the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH of the State of Illinois has received 2, the Honorable Stacey Abrams of the State of Georgia has received 1, the Honorable Joseph Biden of the State of Delaware has received 1, the Honorable MARCIA FUDGE of the State of Ohio has received 1, the Honorable JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III of the State of Massachusetts has received 1, the Honorable JOHN LEWIS of the State of Georgia has received 1, the Honorable THOMAS MASSIE of the State of Kentucky has received 1, the Honorable STEPHANIE MURPHY of the State of Florida has received 1, with 3 recorded as present.

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 116th Congress.

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

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER)

The gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY)

The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN)

The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE)

The gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN)

The gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. CHENEY)

The gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES)

The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER)

The gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK)

The gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER)

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SMITH)

And the Members of the California delegation:

Ms. WATERS

Mr. CALVERT

Ms. ESHOO

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD

Ms. LOFGREN

Mr. SHERMAN

Ms. LEE

Mrs. NAPOLITANO

Mr. THOMPSON

Mrs. DAVIS

Mr. SCHIFF

Mr. NUNES

Ms. SÁNCHEZ

Mr. COSTA

Ms. MATSUI

Mr. MCNERNEY

Ms. SPEIER

Mr. HUNTER

Mr. MCCLINTOCK

Ms. JUDY CHU

Mr. GARAMENDI

Ms. BASS

Mr. BERA

Ms. BROWNLEY

Mr. CÁRDENAS

Mr. COOK

Mr. HUFFMAN

Mr. LAMALFA

Mr. LOWENTHAL
 Mr. PETERS
 Mr. RUIZ
 Mr. SWALWELL
 Mr. TAKANO
 Mr. VARGAS
 Mr. AGUILAR
 Mr. DESAULNIER
 Mr. TED LIEU
 Mrs. TORRES
 Ms. BARRAGÁN
 Mr. CARBAJAL
 Mr. CORREA
 Mr. KHANNA
 Mr. PANETTA
 Mr. GOMEZ
 Mr. Cisneros
 Mr. Cox
 Mr. Harder
 Ms. Hill
 Mr. LEVIN
 Ms. Porter
 Mr. Rouda

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

The Sergeant at Arms announced the Speaker-elect of the House of Representatives of the 116th Congress, who was escorted to the chair by the Committee of Escort.

□ 1415

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, colleagues, friends, and fellow Americans, it is an honor to serve with you and to welcome you to the first day of the 116th United States House of Representatives.

We are here in this Chamber because of the faith of your neighbors and support of your families. We are here today to represent the voice and the vote of 325 million Americans.

Now I would like everyone to pause. I want you to reflect on this fact. In the last 230 years, dating back to the founding of our Republic, fewer than 11,000 Americans have had the privilege to stand here as a Member of the House, just as you do, chosen by their fellow citizens to represent them in Washington.

What an amazing, invigorating, and, yes, frustrating experiment that is: representative democracy.

The ink was barely dry on the Constitution when Ben Franklin wondered out loud whether this new Nation was capable of keeping its government and its freedom that had been granted to us generation to generation. Centuries later, people still harbor similar concerns. They wonder if Congress truly represents them, if it is still capable of solving big problems.

Well, there are no guarantees. It is up to us, all of us in this room, to make Congress work, to create and debate, just like our Founding Fathers did many years ago, with courage, with commitment and resolve.

We are a very small group with a very large responsibility. The burden on us 435 Members is to represent 325 million Americans faithfully, to work together so that tomorrow is better than today. As Ronald Reagan advised

us: America is too great for small dreams. When we work together, we succeed together as one Nation.

We are now entering a period of divided government, but that is no excuse for gridlock or inaction. We are at our best when we focus not on retribution but on building a more perfect Union.

But while we seek cooperation, there is one core principle upon which we will not compromise: Republicans will always choose personal freedom over government control.

On this very floor, we served on and hosted some of the toughest debates in the Nation's history, but it is also where some of the most noblest achievements have happened.

This House has weathered times of triumph and crisis. It still stands because it is built not on sand but on the solid rock of constitutional principles.

Today marks a new chapter in this House's pursuit of a more perfect Union. The country knows NANCY PELOSI as an experienced leader with three decades of service in Congress, a fighter for her causes, and a true trailblazer.

Even when we disagree with one another completely, it is important to remember that we are bound together in a common cause: our love for America.

As fellow citizens and friends, let us lead together to show the people that we are truly their voice and their vote: in that spirit, in the spirit of a more perfect Union, and in the unshakeable belief that America was, is, and always will be the greatest Nation on the face of the Earth.

In that spirit, I extend my hand of friendship to every Member of this body. And to the Speaker of the House, NANCY PELOSI, I extend to you this gavel.

Ms. PELOSI. Thank you very much, Leader MCCARTHY. I look forward to working with you in a bipartisan way for the good of our country, respecting our constituents—who you are, every one of you. I respect you and the constituents who sent each and every one of us here. They expect and deserve for us to try to find our common ground, and we must try to do that: stand our ground where we can't, but always extend the hand of friendship.

Thank you, KEVIN MCCARTHY, for your leadership. I look forward to working with you. Congratulations on being a leader of the Congress.

And congratulations to each and every one of you. New Members of Congress, newly re-elected Members of Congress, thank you for your courage to run for office and to serve in this distinguished body.

Every 2 years, we gather in this Chamber for a sacred ritual under the dome of this temple of democracy, the Capitol of the United States. We renew the great American experiment.

I am particularly proud to be woman Speaker of the House of this Congress, which marks the 100th year of women having the right to vote, and that we

all have the ability and the privilege to serve, with over 100 women Members of Congress, the largest number in history.

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As Leader MCCARTHY said, each of us comes to this Chamber strengthened by the trust of our constituents and the love of our families. Let us congratulate and welcome all of the families who are here today. Thank you to our families.

Let me take the privilege of thanking my dear husband, Paul, and our five children, Nancy Corinne, Christine, Jacqueline, Paul, and Alexandra, and our nine grandchildren, Madeleine and Alexander, Liam, Sean and Ryan, Thomas and Paul, Bella, and Octavio. We are so proud of all of our grandchildren, and we are proud of everyone's grandchildren and children who are here today. We will see more of them.

I am also proud of my D'Alesandro family that is here from Baltimore for us too. And in that spirit, my mother and father and my brother, Tommy, who was also mayor of Baltimore, taught us, through their example, that public service is a noble calling, that we should serve with our hearts full of love, and that America's heart is full of love.

Singing that to us last night, my comrade, an Italian American, with all that pride, I want to acknowledge Tony Bennett, who is here with us today as well. Thank you, Tony. He helped free the concentration camps during the time of World War II. He marched with Martin Luther King. He is a true American patriot. Thank you, Tony.

Again, I want to thank my constituents from San Francisco who have entrusted me to represent them in Congress in the spirit of St. Francis, the patron saint of San Francisco, and his song of St. Francis is our anthem: Make me a channel of Thy peace. We heard that in church this morning, but it is our mission.

Let me thank our men and women in uniform, our veterans, and our military families and caregivers whose service reminds us of our mission to make the future worthy of their sacrifice. To our men and women in uniform.

We enter this new Congress with a sense of great hope and confidence for the future and deep humility and prayerfulness in the face of challenges ahead.

Our Nation is in a historic moment. Two months ago the American people spoke and demanded a new dawn. They called upon the beauty of our Constitution, that our system of checks and balances that protects our democracy, remembering that the legislative branch is Article I, the first branch of government, coequal to the Presidency and to the judiciary. They want a Congress that delivers results for the people, opening up opportunity, and lifting up their lives.

We are hearing the voice of the future there. How beautiful.

When our new Members take the oath, our Congress will be refreshed and our democracy will be strengthened by their optimism, idealism, and patriotism of this transformative freshman class. Congratulations to all of you in the freshman class. Working together, we will redeem the promise of the American Dream for every family, advancing progress for every community.

We must be pioneers of the future. This Congress must accelerate a future that advances America's preeminence in the world and opens up opportunities for all, building an economy that gives all Americans the tools they need to succeed in the 21st century, public education, workforce development, good-paying jobs, and secure pensions.

We have heard from too many families who wonder, in this time of innovation and globalization, if they have a place in the economy of the future. We must remove all doubt that they do and say to them individually, we will have an economy that works for you.

Let us declare that we will call upon bold thinking to address the disparity of income in America, which is at the root of the crisis of confidence felt by so many Americans. As Justice Brandeis said, we may have democracy, or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we cannot have both. We must end that injustice and restore the public's faith in a better future for themselves and their children.

We must be champions of the middle class and all those who aspire to it because the middle class is the backbone of our democracy; it has been since the birth of our democracy.

Aristotle said, it is manifest that the best political community is formed by citizens of the middle class, in which the middle class is large and stronger than any of the other classes. We must fight for the middle class that is fair and fiscally sound, protecting Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security.

We must also face the existential threat of our time, the climate crisis, a crisis manifested in natural disasters of epic proportion. The American people understand the urgency. The people are ahead of the Congress. The Congress must join them, and that is why we have created a Select Committee on the Climate Crisis.

The entire Congress must work to put an end to the inaction and denial of science that threaten the planet and the future. This is a decision, a public health decision about clean air, clean water for our children's health. It is a decision for America's global preeminence in green technologies. It is a decision, a security decision to keep us all safe, and a moral decision to be good stewards of God's creation.

We have no illusions that our work will be easy, and that all of us in this Chamber will always agree. But let each of us pledge that, when we disagree, we respect each other and we respect the truth.

We will debate and advance good ideas, no matter where they come from. And in that spirit, Democrats will be offering the Senate Republican appropriations legislation to reopen government later today. We will do so to meet the needs of the American people, to protect our borders, and to respect our workers.

I pledge that this Congress will be transparent, bipartisan, and unifying; that we will seek to reach across the aisle in this Chamber and across divisions across our Nation.

In the past 2 years, the American people have spoken. Tens of thousands of public events were held. Hundreds of thousands of people turned out. Millions of calls were made. Countless families, even sick little children, our little lobbyists, our little lobbyists bravely came forward to tell their stories, and they made a big difference.

Now, the floor of this House must be America's town hall, where people will see our debates and where their voices will be heard and affect our decisions. Transparency will be the order of the day.

As Mr. JEFFRIES, our distinguished chairman said, we will follow our mandate for the people. I thank him for his kind nomination, and accept those kind remarks on behalf of the entire House Democratic Caucus which made all of those victories possible, some of them in a bold partisan way.

Empower our mandate for the people, to lower healthcare costs and prescription drug prices and protect people with pre-existing medical conditions; to increase paychecks by rebuilding America with green and modern infrastructure from sea to shining sea—we look forward to working with the President on that—to pass H.R. 1, to restore integrity to government so that people can have confidence in a government that works for the people, not the special interests; H.R. 1.

This House will take overdue legislation that has bipartisan support, bipartisan support in the Congress and across the country. We will make our communities safer and keep our sacred promise to the victims and survivors and families of gun violence by passing commonsense, bipartisan background check legislation.

We will make America fairer by passing the Equality Act to end discrimination against LGBTQ communities; and we will make America more American by protecting our patriotic, courageous Dreamers.

All three of those legislative initiatives have bipartisan support in this body. And when we are talking about the Dreamers, let us remember what President Reagan said in his last speech as President of the United States. I urge you all to read it. It is a beautiful speech.

He said, if we ever close the door to new Americans, our leadership role in the world will soon be lost. Ronald Reagan.

Our common cause is to find and forge a way forward for our country.

Let us stand for the people to promote liberty and justice for all as we pledge every day; and always, always, keep our Nation safe from threats, old and new, from terrorism and cyber warfare, overseas and here at home. To protect and defend, that is the oath we all take to serve in this body. That is the oath we take, to protect and defend.

I close by remembering a cherished former Member of this body who rose to become a beloved President of the United States and who, last month, returned to the Capitol once more, and he came this time to lie in state. That week we honored President George Herbert Walker Bush with eulogies, tributes and tears.

Today, I single out one of his great achievements, working with both Democrats and Republicans to write the Americans With Disabilities Act into the laws of our land. I thank STENY HOYER for being such a big, important part of that.

In 2010, we marked the 20th anniversary of the act by making it possible for our colleagues with disabilities to preside over the House by changing the mechanics of this podium. In that spirit of equality and justice, let me announce that this afternoon, the first Speaker pro tempore I will yield to of the 116th Congress will be Congressman JIM LANGEVIN of Rhode Island.

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As we take the oath of office today, we accept responsibility as daunting and demanding as any the previous generations of leadership have faced.

Guided by the vision and values of our Founders, the sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, and the aspirations that we have for our children, let us meet that responsibility with wisdom, with courage, and with grace.

Together, we will let it be known that this House will truly be the people's House.

Let us pray that God may bless our work and crown our good with brotherhood and sisterhood from sea to shining sea.

God bless you all, and God bless the United States of America.

I am now ready to take the oath of office.

I ask the dean of the House of Representatives, the Honorable DON YOUNG, to administer the oath of office. But before we do, Mr. Dean, and I thank you for your great leadership in the Congress over the decades, I would like to call my grandchildren up to be here when I take the oath, and any other children who want to join them.

Mr. YOUNG 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. YOUNG. Congratulations, Madam Speaker.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS

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

The Members-elect will rise and raise their right hands.

The Members-elect rose, and the Speaker administered the oath of office to them 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.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 116th Congress.

MAJORITY LEADER

Mr. JEFFRIES. 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 distinguished gentleman from Maryland, the Honorable STENY HOYER.

MINORITY LEADER

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, as chairman of the Republican Conference, I have been directed to report to the House that the Republican Members have selected as minority leader the gentleman from California, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY.

MAJORITY WHIP AND ASSISTANT SPEAKER

Mr. JEFFRIES. 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 whip the distinguished gentleman from South Carolina, the Honorable JAMES E. CLYBURN, and that we also have selected as our Assistant Speaker, the distinguished gentleman from New Mexico, the Honorable BEN RAY LUJÁN.

MINORITY WHIP

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, as chairman of the House Republican Conference, I have been directed to report to the House that the Republican Members have selected as minority whip the gentleman from Louisiana, the Honorable STEVE SCALISE.

ELECTING OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1

Resolved, That Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives.

That Paul D. Irving of the State of Florida be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

That Philip George Kiko of the State of Ohio be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

That Father Patrick J. Conroy of the State of Oregon be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. CHENEY) for the purpose of offering an amendment.

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment to the resolution, but before offering the amendment, I request that there be a division of the question on the resolution so that we may have a separate vote on the Chaplain.

The SPEAKER. The question will be divided.

The question is on agreeing to that portion of the resolution providing for the election of the Chaplain.

That portion of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MS. CHENEY

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I offer an amendment to the remainder of the resolution.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Ms. CHENEY:

That Barrett Karr of the State of Texas be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;

That James Min of the State of California be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives; and

That Bill Hughes of the State of South Dakota be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Wyoming.

The amendment was rejected.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the remainder of the resolution offered by the gentleman from New York.

The remainder of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now swear in the officers of the House: Karen L. Haas, Paul D. Irving, Phillip George Kiko, and Patrick J. Conroy.

The officers presented themselves in the well of the House and took the oath of office 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.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

RECESS

MR. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the House will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 3 p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LANGEVIN) at 3 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.

CONGRATULATING THE HON. JAMES LANGEVIN ON BEING SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, if the Speaker and the House would give me leave, let me say how proud I am to see Mr. LANGEVIN presiding over the House of Representatives; how proud I am that we have made a reasonable accommodation, so somebody like JIM LANGEVIN from Rhode Island, whose character and intellect has commended him to the electorate of Rhode Island to send him to the House of Representatives; how proud I am that we made a reasonable accommodation in the House of Representatives so that Mr. LANGEVIN, as he properly should have the ability to do, preside over the House of Representatives.

Congratulations, Mr. LANGEVIN, for your courage and your leadership and your extraordinary example.

TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM OF THE HOUSE HAS ASSEMBLED AND OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 2

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that Nancy Pelosi, a Representative from the State of California, has been elected Speaker; and that Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress.