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

PRAYER

Reverend Carlton Gerrell, Tennessee Valley Community Church, Paris, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

Our dearest and most gracious Heavenly Father, I thank You for the opportunity to come today and pray in the Capital of our government, Father, that You set apart many years ago. I pray today, Father, for our leaders, our President, our Congressmen, and our Senators that, Father, we will, as people, submit to the authority and pray for them as You commanded in 1 Peter and in Romans. Father, they deserve all honor and glory, and I pray for their wisdom, their strength, and their discernment, Father, to lead us in a way that honors and glorifies You.

Father, bless this time together, that You give them complete wisdom and earnest desire to glorify You, Father, the Lord of the universe, the Lord of all creation, and the Lord over this Nation.

These things we pray in Your most precious Heavenly Son's name, the almighty name of Jesus.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. CORREA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND CARLTON GERRELL

The SPEAKER. Without objection, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee was recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. KUSTOFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Pastor Carlton Gerrell of Tennessee Valley Community Church in Paris, Tennessee, as our guest chaplain.

Pastor Gerrell has dedicated his life to ministry in the church and through public service.

Mr. Speaker, under Pastor Gerrell's leadership, TVCC, the Tennessee Valley Community Church, has become one of the largest congregations in rural West Tennessee.

Pastor Gerrell also served on the Paris City Commission from 2010 to 2022. During that time, he spent 8 years as mayor, working to strengthen the city that he calls home.

He and his wife, Dr. Norma Gerrell, have built a life in Paris and are the proud parents of two sons, Trey and Scott.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Pastor Gerrell's service to the ministry and to the community in Henry County. I thank him for offering the opening prayer before the people's House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LOUDERMILK). The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MATTHEW A. LAMB

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

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Matthew A. Lamb, United States Marine Corps, a native of Connorsville, Indiana, who is retiring after more than 25 years of faithful service to our Nation.

Lieutenant Colonel Lamb enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in May of 2000 as a field radio operator and deployed with the 5th Battalion, 11th Marines during Operation Iraqi Freedom, earning the Combat Action Ribbon.

He commissioned in May of 2006 as an adjutant and later deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as a G-1 mentor to the 201st Corps of the Afghanistan National Army.

Over the two decades, he commanded a recruit training company at MCRD San Diego and served in key staff billets at MCRD Paris Island, Headquarters Marine Corps, and the United States Marine Corps Forces South.

He is a distinguished graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and holds a degree from the University of Indianapolis and Syracuse University.

His final tour brought him to Capitol Hill as deputy director for House Affairs in the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs, where he served as the Corps' principal interlocutor for the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. I had the privilege of working with him directly.

I wish him well in his retirement, and I thank him for his service. Semper Fidelis.

HONORING AUGUSTINO TRAN CAU

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my very good friend, Augustino Tran Cau, who passed away on June 7 in Anaheim, California, at the age of 80.

Mr. Tran was a combat medic during the Vietnam war. Following the fall of

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