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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 18, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Dr. Johnny Hunt, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Georgia, offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the life that You have so blessed us with and for health and strength to enjoy it. Lord, thank You for the privilege to pray for President Bush, Vice President CHENEY, their Cabinet, and their families. Lord, I pray for this Congress that You would grant them wisdom.

Lord, thank You for this great country and for the freedom we enjoy. Please bless, protect, strengthen, and encourage our troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other places of service around the world. And please bless their precious families and protect them.

We join the Puritans of old and ask, "Deliver us from the natural darkness of our minds, from the corruption of our hearts, from the temptation to which we are exposed, from the daily snares that tempt us. I realize that we are in constant danger while in this life. Let Your watchful eye ever be upon us for our defense.

Lord, we love You and need You. Help us to lead others in the way You have led us. We make our prayer in the

name above every name, the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCHENRY 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.

RECOGNIZING GUEST CHAPLAIN DR. JOHNNY HUNT

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to rise to recognize our guest chaplain, Dr. Johnny Hunt, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Georgia.

It is a remarkable life story. He spent time many years ago in jail, and on a snowy night in January of 1973, he met his Lord and he spent much of the last 32 years on his knees. He travels the country speaking on behalf of his beliefs and his faith. He has built a remarkable church in Woodstock, Georgia, with 14,000 members.

Since his life has changed, he has changed the lives of thousands of other people at First Baptist and has made it his goal to tell as many people as pos-

sible about the new life that can be experienced through faith and spiritual guidance.

Today, the First Baptist Church of Woodstock serves the community in a number of ways, conducting Sunday services, providing mission training for trips abroad, providing daily child care, conducting English-as-second-language classes, and allowing individuals the chance to discuss a variety of issues affecting daily life.

His inspiring prayer will remain with us, and his dedication to the ministry will always be appreciated. I am very proud to have Dr. Johnny Hunt serve as our chaplain to the House today.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PFC TRAVIS ANDERSON

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

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Army Private First Class Travis Anderson, who was killed in the line of duty while serving his country honorably in Iraq.

He was extremely proud to wear his Nation's uniform, and we should all pay tribute to this brave and courageous young man.

Each day our men and women willingly face unknown dangers as part of the effort to promote peace and democracy throughout the world. Their individual stories of honor and courage must not be forgotten.

Travis Anderson was from the San Luis Valley in Colorado, and he loved hunting and fishing. He was an excellent marksman and was one of the best known coyote hunters around. Travis knew from an early age that he wanted to use his talent to serve his country. His passion for serving his country and marksmanship earned him a place in the elite Special Forces.

On May 13, 2005, Pfc Travis Anderson was killed when a car bomb detonated

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