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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 3, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CANDICE S. MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Lonnie Mitchell, Sr., Pastor, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Spokane, Washington, offered the following prayer:

God of mercy, God of grace, pour out Your spirit upon those chosen to conduct the business of this great Nation in this legislative body.

We come to You, Lord, with deep reverence and confidence in Your power to sustain equality and justice for all through those who swore to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.

We commend to Your care and guidance each member of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of our government. Order their steps in Your word of truth that You may accomplish Your will.

Lord, we pray for those who have lost their lives from war or natural disaster. We pray for poverty-stricken lives all over this world. We pray for all families affected by life's calamities.

Lord, let freedom reign in the hearts and minds of our national leaders to bring about the ideology of the Founding Fathers: One Nation Under God.

Respectful of all faiths, I humbly ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WESTMORELAND) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WESTMORELAND 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. LONNIE MITCHELL, SR.

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

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Congresswoman CATHY McMORRIS in honor of Pastor Lonnie Mitchell, Sr. He has shepherded the people of Bethel AME Church in Spokane, Washington, for 14 years, overseeing numerous efforts to love and serve the people of Spokane. His church stands as a beacon in one of Spokane's neediest neighborhoods, truly striving to be a cathedral of love where everybody is somebody in Spokane and Jesus is the center of the attraction.

Under the direction of Pastor Mitchell, Bethel AME is changing the face of its surrounding community through many ministries, including the Richard Allen Youth Academy, the Richard Allen Apartments, Allen Enterprises, the GED education programs, the Neighborhood Networks Program, the Equal Justice Program, and others.

Pastor Mitchell and the Bethel AME family have recently stepped out again on a new mission to help the people of Spokane through the Emmanuel Family Life Center. This project will continue to help families and individuals receive the help they need to succeed and live freely.

In addition to being dedicated to his church family, Lonnie Mitchell is also a man devoted to his wife, Elisha, and his three children, L.J., ChaeAnna, and Camille.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who is leading a church to reach out to those who need it most. I know Congresswoman McMORRIS is honored to have Pastor Mitchell in her home district and to know that he will always be laboring to help and love others in their community.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will now entertain additional 1-minute speeches, up to 10 per side.

JOURNALIST NEAL PIERCE

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Last night, friends and colleagues gathered to honor 30 years of outstanding journalistic accomplishments of Neal Pierce, a founder of the National Journal, editor of the Congressional Quarterly, a prolific writer on public affairs, a syndicated columnist, and author of a dozen books.

His most important contribution has been his keen observations about State and local governments, especially about America's regions, our metropolitan areas that have been the location of the growth and cultural and economic progress that has made such an impact on America.

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