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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TERRY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 15, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LEE TERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord our Protector and Guide, as a pilgrim people traveling through space and time but anchored in eternity, we are always awaiting a new life; as we celebrate a life suspended by all the relationships we already know.

As Americans, it is hope, Lord, that keeps us fixed on the future. Hope carries us through good times and bad, yet hope secures our existence and our purpose in the here and now. Help us to draw closer to the Source of Hope, not to be found in the strong wind of turmoil that today's world brings, not in

the earthquake of power plays, not in the fire that human desire consumes, but rather in the sound of sheer silence that the holy Scriptures reveal.

Lord, once we have found our authentic source of hope, we can make the necessary corrections in our itinerary. We can make expectations fit words revealed and let the beauty of divine energy prevail over self-centeredness and fear. Once we can place all our hope in You, Lord, where it belongs, we can rest and enjoy, because then the incredible can be believable and the impossible seem within reach.

In You, O Lord, we place our trust now and forever. Amen.

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TRENT LOTT, *Chairman.*

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