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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 29, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JESSE L. JACKSON Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Jonathan Falwell, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for our great Nation. We thank You for what You have done to make this Nation a lighthouse to the world and a beacon of hope to people everywhere.

We know, as our forefathers knew and as the Scriptures tell us, that righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people. And so, today, we ask Your forgiveness for the sins that we as a people, and we as a Nation, have committed.

Today we seek Your wisdom and Your guidance in all that takes place in this room. We ask You to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. We ask You to protect the men and women who serve here in this place. We ask You to protect the men and women who serve our Nation around the world today and are in harm's way. We ask You to lead them as they lead us.

And above all, we ask You to continue to bless this great land that we call home. And in Jesus' name we pray. 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 Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SHIMKUS 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 THE REVEREND JONATHAN FALWELL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Virginia is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, it is a real honor today to welcome our guest chaplain, the Reverend Jonathan Falwell, the senior pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia, one of the largest churches in America, which has a tremendous outreach to the community in Lynchburg and across Virginia, across our Nation and, indeed, across the world helping people in need. He also serves as the executive vice president of spiritual affairs at Liberty University, the world's largest evangelical Christian university, with over 40,000 students, both on campus and online.

I very much welcome not only Reverend Falwell, but his entire family who is with us in the gallery today, and we are delighted that they could be with us to share in a full day of activities here at the United States Capitol and to meet as many Members of the

House and staff members and others who work so hard here on behalf of our country.

I hope Members will take the opportunity to come by and say hello to him at the various places he'll be during the course of the day. I'm honored to call Reverend Falwell a constituent and, most importantly, a dear friend; and I offer the thanks of this entire body to him for delivering today's morning prayer. He is joined by his wife, Shari, as well as their four children, Jonathan Jr., Jessica, Natalie and Nicholas, as well as his mother, Macel. Thank you all for being with us.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. VIRGINIA KUCINICH

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Let me tell you a story about a bright, high-spirited woman who, like many American women of the Greatest Generation, sacrificed for her family and her Nation.

Instead of going to college, she helped the war effort, working in manufacturing during the day and singing for the USO at night. She met a young marine combat veteran, fell in love, married, nursed her war-injured husband back to health, and began a family which quickly grew to seven rollicking children. She and her husband never owned a home. As renters, the family was forced to move from place to place. In the first 20 years of their marriage, the family lived in 21 different places, including a couple of cars. Despite economic hardship and

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