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

PRAYER

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

O God, at times it seems You have rejected us. Our defenses have broken down, and we feel vulnerable. Come and renew us with Your spirit.

You have rocked the whole country, and it is split open. You have let some of our people suffer hardships. Others seem drunken on fine wine.

But, You have warned those who fear You, there is no escape before the judgment falls.

Deliver those who are dear to You. Save them with Your powerful right hand. Answer with the word spoken from Your holy sanctuary.

The memorials built on the past speak of Your victories. Now, You need the cooperation of Your people. So once again with Your help, they may do valiantly. And You, our God, will prove victorious and receive the glory, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

Mr. KRATOVIL 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

HONORING SALISBURY ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY

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

Mr. KRATOVIL. Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the accomplishments of the Salisbury Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity for their outstanding service to the community. This year marks 20 years of dedication to the youth of Salisbury, Maryland, by providing them with a positive outlet through their summer basketball league.

The co-directors are Bruce Wharton and Tom Vanlandingham. With support from friends, they created a program that keeps children off the streets when schools are closed. The league started for kids on the west side of Salisbury and over the years has shown numerous children what possibilities life has to offer.

While basketball is the hook, Kappa Alpha Psi brothers also strive to show kids the positive side of life by surrounding them with examples of positive male and female role models. Bruce and Tom plan seminars on everything from avoiding the temptations of joining a gang to good eating habits.

Their league is free to all children and includes children from ages 10 to 18. They play Monday through Thursday evenings, four games per night. A recent expansion has allowed students from nearby cities and States to form teams and play in the league as well.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is a prime example of how to give kids the support guidance they need through sports. I commend them on this milestone anniversary.

EXTEND TAX CUTS FOR JOBS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday I highlighted the significant tax increases that are heading toward hardworking Americans at the beginning of next year. Families, married couples, and parents are going to be paying more taxes. Washington liberals are planning to reinstate the marriage penalties and cut the child tax credit in half.

Cutting the child tax credit in half from \$1,000 to \$500 per child will cost the average American family around \$1,033 in higher taxes in 2011.

Reinstating the marriage penalty will cost an average of \$595 for each family in 2011. In these tough economic times, raising taxes will eliminate jobs. It is time for Washington liberals to stop passing policies that penalize families and start passing incentives that promote job creation.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

AMERICAN BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS ACT

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

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, our current Tax Code is riddled with loopholes for big multinational corporations. Many industries, especially those with high-paid lobbyists, get special tax breaks, many of which actually reward companies for sending jobs overseas.

The Syracuse Post-Standard pointed out these breaks cost us up to \$123 billion a year. Now, most businesses employ hardworking citizens and keep the economy afloat. Where are the tax breaks for them? Instead, they pay one

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