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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Minister La'Shawn Worrell, New Psalmist Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

All wise and Eternal God to whom our desires are known before we may ask, may we ask only what accords with Your will.

Incline Your ear, Almighty God, and grant us the wisdom to make forward-moving decisions without compromising Your integrity. Grant us the discerning insight to maintain our finger on the pulse of justice and the power of restraint, that we may uphold our liberty in accordance with Your gracious will.

God, we ask that You send Your grace and peace across the aisle and unite the voices of these great leaders of our Nation that we may stand on the promises that rest in our Constitution.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the name of Your Son. Accept and fulfill our petitions, hear the prayers of Your people; and we proclaim it done in the incomparable name, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

Mr. CRAWFORD 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING THOSE KILLED OR WOUNDED IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks that the House now observe a moment of silence in honor of those who have been killed or wounded in service to our country and all of those who serve and their families.

WELCOMING MINISTER LA'SHAWN WORRELL

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome Minister La'Shawn Worrell as our guest chaplain here at the United States House of Representatives.

Minister Worrell has demonstrated leadership in Baltimore and throughout the Seventh Congressional District of Maryland. She has served as an associate minister of my church, the New Psalmist Baptist Church in Baltimore, since 2007.

During her time at New Psalmist Baptist Church, Minister Worrell received her bachelor of science degree in religious studies from Notre Dame of Maryland University in May 2017 and completed the Baltimore City Police Department chaplaincy program in May of this year.

It is clear to me that, considering Minister Worrell's drive and extensive contributions to our district, she is just getting started.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Minister Worrell for her leadership and for her wonderful prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JUANA AURORA MEDINA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Juana Aurora Medina, a lifelong resident of the city of Hialeah in south Florida.

Like me, Juana was born in Cuba but was forced to flee the island under the brutal Castro dictatorship. Juana arrived to this land of freedom and opportunity along with her husband, a political prisoner, and their small children.

In the U.S., she worked in the garment district to provide for her family and to make education available for her children.

As a religious woman, Juana found her passion for helping others. After experiencing the plight of families and individuals affected by alcohol and drug addiction, she founded, with several others, various nonprofits, including Ministerio Catolico Nuevo Caminar, to address these issues head-on.

Recently, the city of Hialeah recognized her legacy by designating a city street to be named in her honor. We thank Juana for her service and for her love and dedication to our community. She is an inspiration to her family and to so many individuals she positively impacted throughout her life.

Congratulations to the Medina family.

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