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

PRAYER

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

Our gracious Heavenly Father, we thank You for this great Nation that we call home. We thank You for blessing us so greatly through these 243 years of American history.

The Bible says: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." So, today, Father, we ask Your forgiveness for the sins that we as a people, and we as a nation, have committed which have led us away from You.

We pray that You grant wisdom and guidance to all who serve in this room. We ask You to give clear direction as they set the course for our Nation, and we pray that You lead them as they lead us. We ask You to protect those who serve this Nation both here and around the globe.

And we ask You to continue to bless this great Nation that we call home.

In Jesus' name we pray, 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 Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania 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 REVEREND JONATHAN FALWELL

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize our guest chaplain, the Reverend Jonathan Falwell of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Reverend Falwell has long been a leader in his community, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States. His sermons are delivered to thousands each week at Thomas Road, on television, and through the internet. Jonathan Falwell followed in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Jerry Falwell, as senior pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church.

Jerry Falwell was founder of Liberty University, one of the largest Christian universities in the United States. In addition to his role as senior pastor at Thomas Road, Reverend Jonathan Falwell also serves as executive vice president of spiritual affairs at Liberty.

On this National Day of Prayer, I extend my thanks to Jonathan Falwell for his devotion to Christ, his family, and his community.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, last year was an abject failure in addressing the climate crisis. In both policy and real-world emission reductions in the U.S. and globally, we fell short. We cannot afford another year like it, and yet, 2019 is off to an ominous start.

The consequences of inaction on climate change are both dire and familiar. The lives and livelihoods of millions across the country and billions around the world are at risk.

Climate change is a national security threat, a food security threat, a housing issue, a transportation issue, an infrastructure issue, an immigration issue, a jobs issue, an energy issue, a financial issue, and a public health issue.

We cannot, in good conscience, claim to be adequately representing the people of our districts and our country and the world if we ignore or deny the dangers that climate change poses to the American public and the world.

I stand here in strong support of H.R. 9, the Climate Action Now Act, to reverse the shameful and dangerous course of the last 2 years and meet the challenge of climate change head-on.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, today we observe the 68th annual National Day of Prayer, a day dedicated to bringing men and women of all faiths together in prayer for this great Nation.

Statistically, only about 14 percent of Americans read the Bible and pray on a daily basis. That is why this year's theme focuses on our love for one another, just as we learned in the teachings of Jesus in John 13:34: Love one another just as I have loved you.

This theme is just as important in our Nation today as it has been throughout our history. Right now,

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