

incredible lessons of life, the lesson of patience and the lesson of humility.

You forced me to have to walk up and down that Hill 27 years in a row fighting the same old battles. You taught me that I was not a cocky dude, that one guy against 434 could change the world. But if we care about each other and we respect each other and we respect this incredible opportunity we have, together we can change the world.

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I learned a concept called homeostasis when I was in college, which said that institutions manage to find a way to come into balance. Well, a member of the Gray Caucus is leaving, and the good Judge from Florida grew a gray beard, so the House is in balance on that issue. An old guy is leaving, and a young African-American is coming to be sworn in today. This institution is in homeostasis.

Thank you for caring; thank you for the privilege of working with you. It has been the most incredible and high honor of my life, and I hope that whatever life has in store for me beyond today will be a fraction of the excitement, the enthusiasm and the thrill of serving in this institution.

Thank you very much.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I move a call of the House.

A call of the House was ordered.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 11]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—356

Abercrombie	Camp	Doggett
Ackerman	Campbell	Doolittle
Aderholt	Canady	Doyle
Allen	Cannon	Dreier
Andrews	Cardin	Duncan
Army	Carson	Edwards
Bachus	Castle	Ehlers
Baker	Chabot	Ehrlich
Baldacci	Chambless	Emerson
Ballenger	Chenoweth	Engel
Barcia	Christensen	Ensign
Barr	Clayton	Etheridge
Barrett (NE)	Clement	Everett
Barrett (WI)	Clyburn	Ewing
Bartlett	Coburn	Farr
Barton	Combest	Fattah
Bass	Condit	Fazio
Bateman	Conyers	Filner
Bentsen	Cook	Foley
Bereuter	Cooksey	Forbes
Berman	Costello	Fossella
Berry	Cox	Fowler
Bilbray	Cramer	Fox
Billirakis	Crane	Franks (NJ)
Bishop	Crapo	Frelinghuysen
Blagojevich	Cubin	Furse
Bliley	Cummings	Gejdenson
Blumenauer	Cunningham	Gephardt
Boehlert	Davis (FL)	Gibbons
Boehner	Davis (IL)	Gilchrest
Bonilla	Davis (VA)	Gillmor
Borski	DeFazio	Gilman
Boswell	DeGette	Goode
Brady	Delahunt	Goodlatte
Brown (CA)	DeLauro	Goodling
Brown (FL)	Dellums	Gordon
Brown (OH)	Deutsch	Goss
Bryant	Dickey	Graham
Bunning	Dicks	Green
Callahan	Dingell	Greenwood
Calvert	Dixon	Gutierrez

Gutknecht	McCarthy (NY)	Royce
Hall (OH)	McCollum	Rush
Hall (TX)	McDade	Ryun
Hamilton	McDermott	Sabo
Hansen	McGovern	Salmon
Harman	McHale	Sanchez
Hastings (FL)	McIntosh	Sanders
Hastings (WA)	McIntyre	Sandlin
Hayworth	McKinney	Sanford
Hefley	McNulty	Sawyer
Hefner	Meehan	Saxton
Hill	Meek (FL)	Schaffer, Bob
Hilleary	Menendez	Schumer
Hilliard	Metcalfe	Scott
Hinchee	Mica	Sensenbrenner
Hinojosa	Millender-	Serrano
Hobson	McDonald	Sessions
Hoekstra	Miller (CA)	Shadegg
Hooley	Miller (FL)	Shaw
Horn	Minge	Shays
Hostettler	Mink	Sherman
Hoyer	Moakley	Shimkus
Hulshof	Mollohan	Shuster
Inglis	Moran (KS)	Sisisky
Istook	Moran (VA)	Skaggs
Jackson (IL)	Morella	Skelton
Jackson-Lee	Murtha	Slaughter
(TX)	Nadler	Smith (NJ)
Jefferson	Neal	Smith (TX)
Jenkins	Nethercutt	Smith, Adam
John	Neumann	Smith, Linda
Johnson (WI)	Ney	Snowbarger
Johnson, E. B.	Northup	Snyder
Johnson, Sam	Norwood	Souder
Jones	Oberstar	Spence
Kanjorski	Obey	Spratt
Kaptur	Olver	Stabenow
Kasich	Ortiz	Stearns
Kelly	Owens	Stenholm
Kennedy (MA)	Packard	Stokes
Kennelly	Pallone	Strickland
Kildee	Pappas	Stump
Kilpatrick	Pascarell	Stupak
Kim	Pastor	Sununu
Kind (WI)	Paul	Talent
King (NY)	Paxon	Tanner
Kingston	Payne	Tauscher
Klecicka	Pease	Tauzin
Klug	Pelosi	Thompson
Knollenberg	Peterson (PA)	Thornberry
Kolbe	Petri	Thune
Kucinich	Pickering	Tiahrt
LaFalce	Pickett	Tierney
LaHood	Pitts	Torres
Lampson	Pombo	Towns
Lantos	Pomeroy	Trafficant
Largent	Porter	Turner
Latham	Portman	Upton
Lazio	Poshard	Velazquez
Leach	Price (NC)	Vento
Levin	Pryce (OH)	Visclosky
Lewis (CA)	Quinn	Walsh
Lewis (GA)	Radanovich	Wamp
Lewis (KY)	Rahall	Waters
Linder	Ramstad	Watt (NC)
Lipinski	Rangel	Watts (OK)
Livingston	Redmond	Waxman
LoBiondo	Regula	Weldon (FL)
Lofgren	Reyes	Wexler
Lowey	Riley	Weygand
Lucas	Rivers	White
Maloney (CT)	Rodriguez	Whitfield
Maloney (NY)	Roemer	Wicker
Manton	Rogan	Wise
Manzullo	Rogers	Wolf
Markey	Rohrabacher	Woolsey
Martinez	Rothman	Young (FL)
Matsui	Roukema	
McCarthy (MO)	Roybal-Allard	

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROGAN). On this rollcall, 356 Members have recorded their presence by electronic device, a quorum.

Under the rule, further proceedings under the call are dispensed with.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 4, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of letter received from Mr. Thomas R. Wilkey, Executive Director, State Board of Elections, State of New York, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special Election held February 3, 1998, the Honorable Gregory Meeks was elected Representative in Congress for the Sixth Congressional District, State of New York.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
Albany, NY, February 4, 1998.

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. CARLE: Enclosed please find the unofficial results of the Special Election held in the 6th Congressional District of New York on Tuesday, February 3, 1998. The results appear to indicate that candidate Gregory Meeks will be the apparent winner.

The Board of Canvassers will be meeting on Tuesday, February 24 to officially certify the official results, and you will be provided with an official certification at that time.

Sincerely,

THOMAS R. WILKEY,
Executive Director.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE GREGORY W. MEEKS, OF NEW YORK, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New York, Mr. GREGORY W. MEEKS, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest, and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS), the Member-elect, along with the Members of the New York delegation come forward and will the Members please stand.

Mr. MEEKS appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the Congress of the United States.