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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 1, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GIL GUTKNECHT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Jim Congdon, Pastor, Topeka Bible Church, Topeka, Kansas, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we pause this morning to give You thanks.

We thank You for another day to live and work in the United States.

We thank You for Your Word, which teaches us righteousness and justice and equity.

We thank You for giving us a system of government that honors our dignity and checks our depravity.

We repent for the spirit of self-sufficiency that tells us we do not need You and the spirit of arrogance that tells us we do not need others.

On this first day of May, dear Father, we make a new commitment to live our Nation's motto, In God We Trust.

For You are the rock of our salvation.

You are our hiding place in times of terror.

You are the truth in whom we can rely.

Our Nation needs a third great spiritual awakening. May it begin here with each of us.

Bless these men and women who represent America. Bless them in their de-

liberations to seek and find Your wisdom, that Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Hear our prayer, for You are our Lord and savior. 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 New York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY 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 PASTOR JIM CONGDON, PASTOR, TOPEKA BIBLE CHURCH

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

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to welcome my good friend, Pastor Jim Congdon, to the floor of the House of Representatives. It was my distinct honor to invite Pastor Congdon to deliver our opening prayer this morning, and I am grateful for his willingness to do so.

Pastor Congdon is from Topeka, Kansas, and pastors the Topeka Bible Church, which my family and I attended for several years. It was a privilege to call Jim my pastor, and I am grateful for his continued friendship and dedication to the ministry.

I also want to welcome Jim's wife, Melody, to the House Chamber. I know

she came with Jim and she speaks for a lot of different people in the church. She is a constant source of strength and support in the ministry at the Topeka Bible Church.

Finally, I want to welcome the 62 students from Cair Paravel Latin School that are seated in the gallery. Pastor Congdon teaches philosophy at Cair Paravel, and these 9th and 10th graders are in D.C. for part of their studies. I thank them all for being here.

I thank Jim and Melody for their presence, and God bless them.

CONGRATULATING FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

(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, keeping in mind the national nursing shortage that health care experts cite could become pervasive, I would like to congratulate the School of Nursing at my two-time alma mater, Florida International University, for its commitment to the future of nursing.

The school recently celebrated its 20th year of existence and already has produced exceptional nurses, nurse practitioners and nursing leaders who contribute to the health and well-being of south Florida. Its prominent faculty includes as director Dr. Divina Grossman; Dr. Kathleen Blais; Dr. Marie-Luise Friedemann; Paula Alexander-Delpech; and Dr. John McDonough.

By reaching out to high school and first year college students, focusing on underrepresented minority groups and retraining foreign doctors for nursing, the school is working toward a slogan of Solving the Nursing Shortage Through Excellence and Opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, the FIU School of Nursing has come a long way, and I ask that

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