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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

House of Representatives

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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Ky Weekley, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, Kansas, offered the following prayer:

Holy One of all creation, once again we come into Your presence, seeking Your blessing, as we gather in these hallowed walls of democracy.

I give You thanks, O God most holy, for each of those gathered this morning. Many skills and gifts and talents, commitments and passions are represented in this Chamber. May the tapestry they weave be one that builds up the Nation, strengthens our common good, and encourages us to be and act as brothers and sisters to one another.

God of all nations and every people, we thank You for the life and history that is ours, for the wealth of resources, both natural and human. May we be good stewards of our blessing. We are grateful for our people, those whose ancestors have been here for a thousand years and those who have just arrived. We thank You for the variety of our traditions and cultures and richness and diversity of our beliefs.

As we seek to honor You, I pray for each of these honorable Representatives, praying that working together, they may face You and the future together in confidence and hope.

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 Louisiana (Mr. ALEXANDER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ALEXANDER 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 THE REVEREND KY WEEKLEY

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

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Reverend Ky Weekley, the associate pastor for Operational Ministries at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, Kansas, which is located in the Third Congressional District. Reverend Weekley, serving as today's guest chaplain, offered today's invocation.

Reverend Weekley has served as a Presbyterian pastor for 31 years, with the last 24 years spent in the Kansas City area. For the last 3 years he has pastored the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Overland Park. His service also extends beyond the spiritual world to the temporal one; Reverend Weekley has served for the past 7 years on the city council of Fairway,

Kansas, where he currently is council president.

Reverend Weekley is married to Dr. Tracy Cowles, and they have two daughters, Erin, who is a sophomore at Williams College, and Cristin, a junior at Shawnee Mission East High School in Johnson County, Kansas.

Mr. Speaker, Ky and Tracy have been long-time friends of my wife, Stephanie, and myself; and we are very happy to welcome them to Washington, D.C.

MANSOUR BROTHERS, HARD- WORKING AMERICANS

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we considered H. Res. 234, condemning bigotry and violence against Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, South Asian Americans, and Sikh Americans.

After September 11, Arab American-owned businesses were boycotted simply because of the ethnicity of their owners. These men and women came to this country to escape this kind of intolerance, to build a new life, to worship freely, and to do business freely. They did not expect to be blamed and ridiculed for something they did not do. This is not what America is all about.

One such business was the Sunset Diner in Ephrata in my district. The diner is owned by Mike and Sam Mansour, two Egyptian-born brothers. Mike and Sam experienced significant

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