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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 9, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CANDICE S. MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

The Reverend Mary E. Moore, Pastor of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth. We stand here, O God, in awe of Your greatness, but most of all with gratitude in our hearts for Your multitudinous deeds of kindness.

Dear God, we thank You for the leaders of our Nation, and we ask that You bless President Bush and his family as he carries out his providential assignment. Bless not only these United States but extend Your hand of mercy the world over.

Manifest Yourself now in the attitudes, the efforts, and the oratory of each Representative. Let them be mindful to seek Your guidance in every decision to be made so that all people are benefactors of agreements made in this assembly.

Lord, we realize this is a trying time, but we are also cognizant of the fact that it is a trusting time. Now, dear God, deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FORD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FORD 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.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE REVEREND MARY MOORE

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

Mr. FORD. Madam Speaker, I thank you, and I thank my colleagues and Speaker HASTERT and the Chaplain. It is my honor to belatedly introduce to my colleagues the great pastor from the City of Memphis, Mary Moore, the pastor of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church who led us so wonderfully and graciously this morning.

Pastor Moore has distinguished herself as one of the outstanding voices of the mid-South region, a community traditionally recognized for the vibrancy of its spiritual roots. And through her ministerial duties and through her insight, Pastor Moore has emerged from the shadows of the legendary Reverend C.L. Franklin, the late great pastor of New Salem and the father of another great voice in this country, Aretha Franklin, to also take her place in Memphis history.

As a woman and a force in ministry, Pastor Moore has overcome obstacles

in further advancing New Salem's role as a pillar in our city's religious community. Her tireless ability to share the sacred scriptures in a way that is applicable to our everyday lives makes her an invaluable resource for Memphis and our larger community.

I have known Pastor Moore for many years. She has been a friend and a supporter. And she proves time and time again to be a trail blazer whose resolve to effect positive change in our community is second to none.

It is an honor for me to have her today as our guest chaplain, and I know I speak on behalf of all of my colleagues, thank you, Pastor Moore, for being with us this morning.

### SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, many people may be asking, why are we bringing the topic of Social Security to the kitchen tables of the American family?

Well, maybe it is because Social Security is a pay-as-you-go system, with today's workers paying to support today's retirees. But each year, there are more people retiring and not enough additional workers to support them. Maybe it is because, if Social Security is not updated, it will cost all of us \$10 trillion, an amount just slightly larger than the entire U.S. economy today.

Maybe it is because, in the 1950s, there were 16 workers paying for every retiree. And, today, there are about three, and soon there will only be two to support each and every person on Social Security.

One thing is crystal clear. The Social Security system as we know it is broken and needs to be fixed. It amazes me that so many people from across the aisle believe that a 70-year-old program will be just fine if we leave it as is.

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