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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 13, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Arnold B. Lovell, Senior Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN, offered the following prayer:

Eternal Father, strong to save; throughout the centuries You have guided the hands, hearts, and lives of the founders, leaders, and citizens of this Nation. We invoke Your presence and power today for those upon whom the mantle of leadership has fallen. As the Members of Congress gather this day, give them courage, clarity of vision, and compassionate hearts, that in their frailty as human beings they might carry out the enormous task of service to which they have been called.

May the decisions made in the deliberations of this day be governed by the common good, virtue, and the principles of participation, affirming the equality that all men and women have before You, O God. Give our representatives strength and honesty to avoid the politics of personal agendas, power, and partisanship, that they might serve the public good. And may all glory be given unto You, Almighty God. 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 Texas (Mr. EDWARDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. EDWARDS 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 DR. ARNOLD B. LOVELL

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, our guest chaplain today is my friend, Dr. Arnold Lovell, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Knoxville.

The Second Presbyterian is one of Knoxville's leading churches with approximately 1,000 members. Arnold has led that church as a senior pastor since 1997. Prior to that, he served for 10 years on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA, as a professor of evangelism. He still teaches there in summer programs.

Before that he was pastor of the first Presbyterian Church in South Charleston, WV. Dr. Lovell has two doctorates and is a leader in denominational activities of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Before going into the ministry, he was a coach of football and other sports at West Davidson High School in

North Carolina. He is a chaplain for the Knoxville Quarterback Club and an avid fan of NASCAR and U.T. football.

He and his wife Emily have two daughters, Carolyn and Catherine, and the Lovell women are here today in the gallery.

Arnold Lovell is a patriotic American, a leader in both Tennessee and the Nation, and I am fortunate to have him as a friend and as guest chaplain in the United States House of Representatives today.

THE RETURN OF "DISCOVERY"

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago on a Saturday morning, the vessel and crew of space shuttle *Discovery*, carrying as it will two women, five men, and the ancient hopes of an entire planet, will keep that promise by rocketing out of our atmosphere and into history.

That same day, even in mourning, America made a promise to the memory of the Columbia Seven that our journey in space will continue, that their legacy of discovery would survive them.

This afternoon at 3:51 on the east coast, the space shuttle *Discovery*, carrying as it will two women, five men, and the ancient hopes of an entire planet, will keep that promise by rocketing out of our atmosphere and into history.

Commander Eileen Collins and her crew, James Kelly, Andrew Thomas, Wendy Lawrence, Charles Camarda, Stephen Robinson, and Soichi Noguchi will pilot the safest, most sophisticated, and reliable spacecraft ever built back into low earth orbit to begin NASA's historic work realizing President Bush's bold new vision for space exploration.

That mission will command the physical and intellectual energies of some of America's brightest and bravest for years to come. The men and women of

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