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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 17, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JESSIE L. JACKSON, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

Rabbi Stuart L. Berman, Police-Clergy Liaison, New York City Police Department, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, guardian of the people of Thy covenant, help us to reflect clearly and strive conscientiously in the performance of our responsibilities this day. Let us be permeated by the time-tested ideals of our society, and may our days be blessed with the enduring accomplishments of this, the 110th Congress. We may be of different faiths, but we share a common love of this great land.

Let us direct all our efforts toward the eradication of hatred, prejudice and blindness of mind. Grant us breadth of vision to build bridges of understanding among all the citizens in our communities back home. May we never forget the common bond of kinship that unites all who were created in Thy divine image.

Grant us strength of body and health of mind. Enable us to face the challenges of life with faith and courage. Teach us, O Lord, the power of love, not the love of power.

In moments of doubt, strengthen us in our convictions. In hours of gloom, illumine our paths. In adversity and

frustration, gird us with patience and tolerance. Above all, O Lord, imbue us with the wisdom to count our blessings.

And we all say 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 gentlewoman from South Dakota (Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN 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.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed and agreed to without amendment a bill and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1553. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to information regarding pediatric cancers and current treatments for such cancers, establish a national childhood cancer registry, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancer.

H. Con. Res. 381. Concurrent resolution honoring and recognizing the dedication and achievements of Thurgood Marshall on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment

in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 5501. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes.

### WELCOMING RABBI STUART BERMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from New York (Mr. CROWLEY) is recognized for 1 minute.)

There was no objection.

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a pleasure and an honor for me today to welcome our guest chaplain, Rabbi Stuart Berman, and to thank him for such a wonderful prayer this morning.

New York, and my community in particular, have been fortunate to have had someone so dedicated presiding in our area. Most recently, Rabbi Berman served at the Woodside Jewish Center. However, he has had a very accomplished and profound career throughout his lifetime.

The rabbi nobly served on the Presidential Inaugural Committee, the Presidential Transition Committee, the White House Conference on Children and Youth Drug Abuse Panel, as well as the White House Conference on Aging.

In 1985, Rabbi Berman made history in the State of Florida and became the first rabbi to ever be appointed a prison chaplain.

In New York, he again placed the community first and was appointed police-clergy liaison, City of New York Police Department, and Sanitation Department Chaplain. He is also a prolific author of numerous publications and articles, and he previously hosted a weekly television talk show on FAN-TV.

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