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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH) at 10 o'clock.

## PRAYER

Reverend Mike Coleman, Pastor, Park Methodist Church, Hannibal, Missouri, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who governs the world in righteousness and whose judgments are true and righteous altogether, grant that those who rule over our land and who legislate for us, its citizens, may be of one mind in order to establish true justice and to truly promote the general welfare of all our people.

As You, God of Eternity, anointed leaders and called-forth prophets of old, bring to us again Your spirit which makes holy, and call forth from this august assembly today newly-dedicated prophets and newly-determined leaders who will deliver Your message of truth and not just their own.

Lead us to recognize those true representatives and authentic leaders as men and women who walk with You, who love Your people and can walk with them, who empathize their pain and share their joys, who dream their dreams and strive to accompany them in their common goal.

In Your fire and with Your spirit embolden and commission we the people to empower these, our nationally-elected officials, to serve in ways that bring real glory to Your name.

Endow each of these, our representatives, with a right understanding, a pure purpose and a sound speech. Enable them to rise above all self-seeking and party zeal to the nobler concerns of public good and human brother- and sisterhood.

Cleanse our public life of every evil, subdue in our country all that is harmful, and make us to be a disciplined and devoted people, that we may do Your will on Earth, as it is done in heaven.

We ask these things, O God, in the name of Jesus, Your Son, the Christ. 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 Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KINGSTON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minutes from each side.

## PASTOR MICHAEL COLEMAN

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

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to commend the Reverend Michael Coleman, known as Pastor Mike to his parishioners. This morning Pastor Mike opened the United States House of Representatives with his blessings, and we are thankful that the people of Park Methodist Church in Hannibal, Missouri, were nice enough to share him with those of us here in Washington. It is wonderful to hear him spreading the good news.

Pastor Mike has a reputation for bringing folks together, not just Democrats and Republicans, but communities as well. When he served as president of the Ministerial Alliance in Hermann, Missouri, Pastor Mike led an evangelistic crusade that united churches and aided folks in the recovery of their spirit from the 1993 great flood of the Missouri river.

Pastor Mike was designated the Interfaith Regional Disaster Flood Coordinator, and built a team that included churches working along with the local rural mental health center in dealing with clean-up efforts, with the repair and placement of necessities as well as the emotional care of those who were suffering with post-traumatic stress. This was accomplished as a variety of churches and workers came to the area from all across the country, as they did in many communities.

I would like to thank, Mr. Speaker, Pastor Mike, his wife, Nancy, his daughter, Abi, for taking time out of their busy schedules to visit the Nation's Capital. It is a honor to have Pastor Mike bless the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

## REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, there he goes again. The President of the United States is trying, once again, to go around the American people to implement his liberal agenda. He signed an executive order that greatly expands affirmative action programs in the Federal Government to include sexual orientation as a protected class.

Now most Americans believe that every human being has basic rights, including the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but why

should someone's sex life be a reason for special status in our government?

Mr. Speaker, the President is out of touch with the American people. The American people do not want quotas, they do not want special preferences, and they certainly do not want affirmative action based on sexual orientation.

Like the President's efforts to put homosexuals in the military, this executive order should be resisted. The American people stand for fairness, not for special breaks for special interests.

## THE RENOVATION OF LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, Robert F. Kennedy once said when one of us prospers, all of us prosper, and where one of us falters, so do we all.

Over the weekend in my hometown of South Bend, Indiana, we all succeeded and prospered. That is because our local community came together. Inspired by former coach Digger Phelps, the Rotary club organized a renovation of a local school. We raised \$200,000. J.V. Peacock and Tom Forsey did all the organization with this local Rotary Club, and 700 volunteers descended on a school to renovate, refresh and renew a local school.

I commend my local community for this modern-day old fashioned barn raising or refreshing of a local school, I commend this effort at the local community and give them all the credit in the world. This was not a Federal program, this was locally driven, and I hope many other school districts and congressional communities will replicate this fine example of local commitment to our public education system.

## SALUTING LOCAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, as we work to strengthen education, I wish to spotlight a few schools in my district that have made great strides for our children.

Every year the California Department of Education recognizes schools from across the State that have established a successful track record. Of the 5,000 elementary schools in California, only 200 receive the California Distinguished School award. I am pleased to report that this year four of those schools are in my district.

While Hamilton, Paradise Canyon, Thomas Edison and Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary Schools each serve different school districts, one thing remains the same. They are all finding innovative ways to meet the needs of local students.

The Distinguished School Award does not come easily. Schools must first submit to a rigorous application process, endless meetings with State and local officials, and have parents, teachers and even students consulted by a nominating committee. This process encourages schools to develop innovative curricula and increases local involvement.

When it comes to success stories in education, I am proud to be able to look no further than my own district.

#### REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP'S POSITION ON TOBACCO AND MANAGED CARE: DO NOTHING

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, working families in America have been told that soon the Republican leadership of the House will unveil proposals to address the crises of teen smoking and managed care. I do not know why America and the press have to wait for some grand unveiling. If my colleagues want to know what the Republican leadership's position is on tobacco and managed care, just read the position papers of the tobacco companies and the insurance industry. If my colleagues want to see the tobacco policies of NEWT GINGRICH, just turn on TV and they will see \$50 million worth of tobacco ads which the Speaker fully endorses.

Any new legislation Republicans will lamely attempt to pass off as responsible domestic policy has the stamp of approval of big tobacco and the wealthy insurance industry, which means that it will do nothing.

The gentleman from Georgia (Speaker GINGRICH) and the Republican leadership are so dependent upon special-interest money, all they manage to do is ratify the status quo. Tobacco companies will still be allowed to peddle their poison to our kids, and American working families will still be trapped in inadequate health care plans.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH TOM PILE AND THE EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS BASEBALL TEAM

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, after 18 successful years with the Edwardsville High School Tigers, Coach Tom Pile is retiring from coaching baseball. He has never won fewer than 20 games in a season, and his teams have made five State tournament appearances. In 1994 he was elected to the Illinois High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Even better, Coach Tom Pile is going out on top. Just recently his Tigers won the Class AA Baseball Championship, being the first Illinois Class AA team to finish with a perfect undefeated season, 40 and 0.

While Coach Tom Pile is a constituent of mine, his daughter, Elizabeth Pile, is on the staff of our colleague, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. COSTELLO).

Congratulations to the Edwardsville Tigers baseball team for a championship season, and especially Coach Tom Pile for a great coaching career and a great daughter.

#### THE GREAT SATAN IS TURNING INTO THE GREAT SUCKER

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Russia wants another \$10 billion, and President Clinton says, "Okay with me," even though the last \$10 billion was stolen.

That is right. Russian leaders said, and I quote, "It's missing."

In the words of Marvin Gaye, my colleagues, "What's going on?" Russian leaders steal our money, and then with our money they build nuclear reactors in India against our wishes. Then with our money they build missiles and then sell the missiles to Iran who refers to Uncle Sam as "The Great Satan."

Let me say this, Congress. If we give these people another \$10 billion, Uncle Sam will not be called Great Satan any more. We will be known as the Great Sucker all around the world. Ronald Reagan must be absolutely sick to his stomach today.

#### ART COMPETITION WINNER

(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, I rise today to talk about art.

Today over 300 high school students from around the country will be recognized for their artistic abilities. It is my pleasure to recognize Grace Denenno, a student at Henderson High School in West Chester, Pennsylvania, as the winner from the 16th Congressional District of Pennsylvania of the congressional "An Artistic Discovery" program. Grace is here right now in the gallery with her parents.

Grace's entry entitled "Hey Babe, Happy Birthday," is a black and white pastel work that draws one to it through its expert application of shades and shadows. It is an example of God-given ability nurtured by the love of her craft. It is an example of what happens when students are allowed to pursue their talents.

I encourage each Member and visitor to our Capitol this year to view all of the art work on display in the corridor between the Cannon Building and the Capitol. They will not be disappointed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would take this time to remind

all Members that it is against House rules to specify or refer to visitors in the gallery.

#### HOME OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN EL PASO

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

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about an innovative program which provides remarkable home ownership opportunities for low-income families in El Paso. The Lower Valley Housing Corporation of El Paso has helped more than 300 families in my district. These are families with an average annual income of \$13,000 or less, and it helps them to acquire their first homes through a private and public construction financing program.

Working with the USDA's Rural Development Fund, families pre-qualify for financing without down payments by agreeing to provide sweat equity. Each family is required to work on the construction of their homes and also their neighbors' by providing at least 65 percent of the labor.

Because of these do-it-yourself contributions, these homes cost only one-third of what the normal construction costs would be. The result is a move away from an expensive apartment rental to the pride of home ownership where families have equity and affordable payments as low as \$300 a month for a \$42,000 home.

This program is a model for the Nation. Families build strong communities, celebrate home-building skills and gain the pride of home ownership.

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#### COMMENDING THE HARBIN CLINIC, ROME, GEORGIA

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

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in 1897, William Pickens Harbin, M.D., later known as Dr. Will, accepted his brother's offer to join his surgical practice in Rome, Georgia.

Shortly after arriving in Rome in 1898 and borrowing money from his brother to begin his medical practice, Dr. Will left Rome to accept a commission as acting assistant surgeon in the United States Army during the Spanish-American War. He saved his military pay, repaid his brother's loan, and returned to Rome after the war in 1901.

The first practice location for the two Harbin brothers was on the second floor of the building at 206 Broad Street in Rome. Prospective patients would shout up from the sidewalk to learn if one or both doctors were in before walking up the long staircase. The cost of an office visit was usually \$1 and home visits ranged from \$2 to \$3.