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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Wayne Jenkins, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Dear Father, I lift to You the Members of Congress, their staff members, their spouses and their children. I pray that You draw them into personal relationship with You today. Reveal Yourself to them. Fill them with Your Holy Spirit.

By the authority of Jesus Christ, cast out all dark and evil spirits. Allow no influence to come near to them except that which is first filtered through the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Cover them with the blood of Christ. Seal them with the cross of Christ. Redeem them by Your grace. Transform them by Your power. Teach them by Your wisdom. Unite them by Your love. Lead them by Your purpose. Focus them on Your vision. Remind them of their total dependence upon You. Sustain them by Your word. Sanctify them for Your Holy Service. Encourage them by Your counsel. Protect them by Your sovereignty.

Father, I entrust them to You and I pray this prayer through Your Son, Jesus Christ. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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 Oklahoma (Mr. CARSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma 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.

THE REVEREND WAYNE JENKINS

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

Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure today to welcome Pastor Wayne Jenkins from First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia, as our guest chaplain.

Pastor Jenkins has served as the Pastor for Education and Married Adults for 8 years. His wife of 34 years, Carolyn Jenkins, is the Minister of Education at Downtown Baptist Church in Alexandria, and they have two adult children, Rand Jenkins who works with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and lives in Fort Worth with his wife, Denise, and Clare Jenkins, who serves on my staff as a legislative assistant.

A man of strong faith, members of his church and community recognize Pastor Jenkins as a wise spiritual leader and encourager. As Pastor of Education and Married Adults, Pastor Jenkins enjoys a wide range of ministry at First Baptist and impacts lives through counseling, teaching and preaching. Pastor Jenkins leads a growing ministry for developing Christians, starting 40 new Bible study classes in 5 years and baptizing 82 into the faith last year. Throughout his career of over 30 years, Pastor Jenkins has demonstrated consistent church leadership and a passion for God's service.

Admired by his parishioners and loved by his family, it is my pleasure to introduce Pastor Jenkins today, and I thank him for giving us a wonderful word to start our business this morning.

TRUSTING REPUBLICAN PRINCIPLES TO CHANGE AMERICA

(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, America's success in reforming the dysfunctional welfare system during the mid-1990s is one of our House Republican majority's proudest hours. We reached out with the hand of hope to millions of Americans who lost control of their own destinies as they fell, trapped within the grip of a destructive Federal-funded life-style of apathy and ambivalence.

Welfare reform gave millions of families a powerful message of inspiration and achievement. They had not been written off. They were not trapped behind. They were not the perpetual prisoners of perverse incentives.

Our House Republican majority said, Your American dream is alive and we appeal to each of you to discover your passion and follow your heart. Millions of formerly dependent people seized the challenge. They lifted their family to security, stability, and they discovered the inherent nobility of work, all types of work. There is virtue in hard work of any kind. A job done well earns our respect in any arena.

This success also taught Republicans a potent lesson. When we trust our principles, they work. By applying Republican principles to social policy, we demonstrated that our approach works even better in practice than it appeared on paper or theory. And our principles will work just as well when we apply them to many of the other difficult social problems that are diminishing young lives, straining families, and weakening our broader society.

We need to be confident. We need to engage our Republican approach to individual empowerment across the full spectrum of problems that we are confronting as a country. And we need to

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