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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Steven M. Torrence, Chaplain, Key West Police Department, Key West, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, I thank You for the privilege and the honor to be here this morning in these hallowed halls on this, our Nation's National Day of Prayer. We as a people of many faiths and religions and backgrounds come together in a sign of unity to ask for Your guidance and blessings on this very important day.

We not only remember those who have given their lives to protect our great country in military service, but we also remember the men and women in law enforcement who risk daily and give their lives to protect each and every one of us.

As a Nation, let us remember that all people have one common origin. Fill our hearts with compassion for our neighbors and the desire to ensure justice for all. Help us share all the blessings You give us, and help us to secure justice and equality for every human being.

O God, help us bring an end to division and to continue to build our country on peace and love. Let us always remember that despite our differences, we are one human family.

Almighty God, bless our leaders with vision and foresight and with a clarity of purpose as they lead our country. Bless our country on this very special day of prayer. In Your name we pray. 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 New York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY 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 Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 156. Concurrent resolution extending congratulations to the United States Capitol Police on the occasion of its 175th anniversary and expressing gratitude to the men and women of the United States Capitol Police and their families for their devotion to duty and service in safeguarding the freedoms of the American people.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 196. An act to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. There will be 10 1-minutes on each side after that of the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN).

WELCOMING THE REVEREND STEVEN M. TORRENCE OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today we welcome a distinguished

member of the clergy, Reverend Stephen M. Torrence, from my district of Key West, Florida.

Reverend Torrence was ordained in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and in 1985 was called to pastor the Metropolitan Community Church in Key West. Among his many community accomplishments, he was instrumental in organizing a nonprofit community-based AIDS organization, AIDS HELP, that serves Monroe County.

For over 12 years, Reverend Torrence has also served as a fully sworn officer, and is the Department Chaplain in the Key West Police Force.

Reverend Torrence has witnessed many tragedies as well as victories and always offered comforting spiritual guidance and gladsome praise. Monroe County, and especially Key West citizens, are grateful and blessed to have him help us through difficult times and join us in joyful celebrations.

We welcome Reverend Torrence to the people's House.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO HELP HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS COLLECT ON INSURANCE POLICIES

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, today at 12:30 I, along with my Democratic cosponsor, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL), and Minnesota Senator NORM COLEMAN will introduce our legislation to help Holocaust survivors and their families collect on Holocaust-era insurance policies.

Mr. Speaker, I am fed up watching insurance companies thumb their noses at Holocaust survivors. I urge the Supreme Court to rule in favor of the survivors and their heirs in a case pending before the Supreme Court.

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