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The House met at 10 a.m.

Dr. Ivan N. Raley, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Byrdstown, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

Our heavenly Father, as we gather in this historic and honored hall, with these whom You have chosen and our Nation has elected to serve in their place here in this special city, we come, Lord, humbly and devotedly before You.

Father, we are reminded in Your Word where a man who had been sick for 38 years met Your Son, Jesus, and when He met him and was asked if he would be made whole, he said he had no one.

Father, I believe that across this great Nation of ours there are tens of thousands of people who are looking to the men and women of this great hall and this great body and are saying, as clearly as the layman 2000 years ago, we need someone.

Father, touch each of these who have been elected, ordain them as Your servants and use them gloriously this day. May their voice be Yours. May their decisions be Yours.

Father, God bless this body. God bless America.

In Your holy name. 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.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum

is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from California (Mrs. CAPPs) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. CAPPs 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. IVAN RALEY

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

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of Dr. Ivan Raley. Dr. Raley is a native Tennessean who has selflessly served the people and the State of Tennessee as a pastor for the last 30 years. My local church, the First Baptist Church in Byrdstown, has been blessed as the home of Dr. Raley for the last 3 years, and today, following in the tradition established by Benjamin Franklin and our Founding Fathers, Dr. Raley delivered the opening prayer to the United States House of Representatives.

In addition to serving as pastor of my local church, Ivan Raley works as regional vice president of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Inc. The Tennessee Baptist Children's Home was founded in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1891 to provide residential care to orphaned, neglected, abandoned and abused children while helping them become whole persons in the name of the Lord.

In my opinion, Dr. Raley is a rare individual who truly believes in serving his fellow man. By tirelessly spreading the message of faith, hope and caring for others, Dr. Raley has been able to help thousands of Tennesseans seek comfort in the Lord's arms. Dr. Raley understands that words like morals, values and faith are not just punch words that should be used shallowly for personal gain, but rather, they should be the foundation and driving force of every human life.

Dr. Raley knows that love lives in the heart of every individual, whether they be friend or stranger, and that when we know and accept this love, we will understand the blessing of life that God has given us.

I thank Dr. Raley for all he has done for me and my family and all he continues to do for the orphaned children in Tennessee.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain five 1-minute speeches on each side.

PUNTA GORDA POLICE DEPARTMENT STARTS ADOPT-AN-OFFENDER PROGRAM

(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, the news coming out of Florida is distressing, the brutal murders and abductions of young girls.

Punta Gorda Police Department started a new program yesterday, Adopt-An-Offender, where police officers are placed with sexual offenders in the new program.

In a press conference Tuesday afternoon, Police Chief Chuck Rinehart commended all the officers of his department for 100 percent participation.

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