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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by Public Law 110-430, pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Representatives-elect met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Lorraine C. Miller.

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, offered the following prayer:

Dear friends, let us remind ourselves in this special place, on this special day, that we are in the presence of God.

Lord, we praise You at this historic moment. You are the loving Father of us all, the merciful, the compassionate, the source of all wisdom, the giver of all gifts.

We have so much to thank You for, dear God—for our lives, our families, for our freedom and our opportunities, for our Nation and for the historic choice of leadership it has just made and, indeed, for the age-old values that are still enshrined in our Constitution and in our hearts.

Sustain the Members of the 111th Congress in courage and in confidence as they face the daunting needs of this special time. Challenge them, Lord, not to forget the hungry and the homeless, the unborn and the immigrant, those without access to good education or decent health care, and those many men and women caught in a cycle of poverty from which they cannot escape without our help.

Let our Representatives be builders of a better world—a world without war or violence, without oppression or corruption—builders of a new world whose foundations are human dignity, the values of family life and respect for the laws of nature.

Lord, we pray: Make us always proud of those we have chosen to lead us so that, with their leadership and Your loving care, You may always be proud

of us and of these United States of America. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Representatives-elect and their guests will please remain standing and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk 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.

The CLERK. As directed by law, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 111th Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House, and the names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accordance with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be called.

The Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be recorded in alphabetical order by State, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

Representatives-elect will have a minimum of 15 minutes to record their presence by electronic device.

Representatives-elect who have not obtained their voting ID cards may do so now in the Speaker's lobby.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Representatives-elect responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—428

ALABAMA

Aderholt
Bachus
Bonner
Bright
Davis
Griffith
Rogers

ALASKA

Young

Flake
Franks
Giffords

Berry
Boozman

Baca
Becerra
Berman
Bilbray
Bono Mack
Calvert
Campbell
Capps
Cardoza
Costa
Davis
Dreier
Eshoo
Farr
Filner
Gallegly
Harman
Herger

Coffman
DeGette
Lamborn

Courtney
DeLauro

Bilirakis
Boyd
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Buchanan
Castor
Crenshaw
Diaz-Balart, L.

Barrow
Bishop
Broun
Deal
Gingrey

Abercrombie

ARIZONA

Grijalva
Kirkpatrick
Mitchell
Pastor
Shadegg

ARKANSAS

Ross
Snyder

CALIFORNIA

Honda
Hunter
Issa
Lee
Lewis
Lofgren, Zoe
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Matsui
McCarthy
McClintock
McKeon
McNerney
Miller, George
Napolitano
Nunes
Pelosi
Radanovich
Richardson
Rohrabacher
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Schiff
Sherman
Solis
Speier
Stark
Tauscher
Thompson
Waters
Watson
Waxman
Woolsey

COLORADO

Markey
Perlmutter
Polis
Salazar

CONNECTICUT

Himes
Larson
Murphy

DELAWARE

Castle

FLORIDA

Diaz-Balart, M.
Grayson
Hastings
Klein
Kosmas
Mack
Meek
Mica
Miller
Posey
Putnam
Rooney
Ros-Lehtinen
Stearns
Wasserman
Schultz
Wexler
Young

GEORGIA

Johnson
Kingston
Lewis
Linder
Marshall
Price
Scott
Westmoreland

HAWAII

Hirono

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Minnick	Simpson		McMahon	Serrano	Velázquez	□ 1239
			Meeks	Slaughter	Weiner	
	ILLINOIS		Nadler	Tonko		
Bean	Halvorson	Manzullo				
Biggert	Hare	Roskam				
Costello	Jackson	Schakowsky	Butterfield	Kissell	Price	
Davis	Kirk	Schock	Coble	McHenry	Shuler	
Foster	Lipinski	Shimkus	Etheridge	McIntyre	Watt	
	INDIANA		Fox	Miller		
Burton	Donnelly	Pence	Jones	Myrick		
Buyer	Ellsworth	Souder				
Carson	Hill	Visclosky				
	IOWA					
Boswell	King	Loebsack	Austria	Kaptur	Schmidt	
Bralley	Latham		Bocieri	Kilroy	Space	
	KANSAS		Boehner	Kucinich	Sutton	
Jenkins	Moran		Driehaus	LaTourette	Tiberi	
Moore	Tiahrt		Fudge	Latta	Turner	
	KENTUCKY		Jordan	Ryan	Wilson	
Chandler	Guthrie	Whitfield				
Davis	Rogers	Yarmuth	Boren	Fallin	Sullivan	
	LOUISIANA		Cole	Lucas		
Alexander	Cassidy	Scalise				
Boustany	Fleming		Blumenauer	Schrader	Wu	
Cao	Melancon		DeFazio	Walden		
	MAINE					
Michaud	Pingree		Altmire	Gerlach	Platts	
	MARYLAND		Brady	Holden	Schwartz	
Bartlett	Hoyer	Sarbanes	Carney	Kanjorski	Sestak	
Cummings	Kratovil	Van Hollen	Dahlkemper	Murphy, Patrick	Shuster	
Edwards	Ruppersberger		Dent	Murphy, Tim	Thompson	
	MASSACHUSETTS		Doyle	Murtha		
Capuano	Markey	Tierney	Fattah	Pitts		
Delahunt	McGovern	Tsongas				
Frank	Neal					
Lynch	Olver					
	MICHIGAN					
Camp	Kildee	Peters				
Conyers	Kilpatrick	Schauer				
Dingell	Levin	Stupak				
Ehlers	McCotter	Upton				
Hoekstra	Miller					
	MINNESOTA					
Bachmann	McCollum	Peterson				
Ellison	Oberstar	Walz				
Kline	Paulsen					
	MISSISSIPPI					
Childers	Taylor					
Harper	Thompson					
	MISSOURI					
Akin	Clay	Graves				
Blunt	Cleaver	Luetkemeyer				
Carnahan	Emerson	Skelton				
	MONTANA					
	Rehberg					
	NEBRASKA					
Fortenberry	Smith	Terry				
	NEVADA					
Berkley	Heller	Titus				
	NEW HAMPSHIRE					
Hodes	Shea-Porter					
	NEW JERSEY					
Adler	Lance	Rothman				
Andrews	LoBiondo	Sires				
Frelinghuysen	Pallone	Smith				
Garrett	Pascrell					
Holt	Payne					
	NEW MEXICO					
Heinrich	Luján	Teague				
	NEW YORK					
Ackerman	Gillibrand	Lee				
Arcuri	Hall	Lowey				
Bishop	Higgins	Maffei				
Clarke	Hinchey	Maloney				
Crowley	Israel	Massa				
Engel	King	McCarthy				

The CLERK. The quorum call discloses that 428 Representatives-elect have responded to their name. A quorum is present.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. Credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of:

The Honorable PEDRO R. PIERLUISI as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2009;

The Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia;

The Honorable MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO as Delegate from Guam;

The Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and

The Honorable GREGORIO SABLAN, Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The CLERK. The Clerk is in receipt of a letter of resignation from the Honorable Rahm Emanuel from the State of Illinois.

Without objection, the letters relating to his resignation will be printed in the RECORD.

There was no objection.

DECEMBER 30, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I am writing to inform you that I have notified the Governor of Illinois of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives effective January 2, 2009, at the end of the 110th Congress. I do not intend to take the office of Representative for the Fifth Congressional District in the 111th Congress. A copy of that letter is attached.

It has been a privilege to serve the constituents of Illinois' 5th District for the last six years and to work with you and our colleagues in Congress.

Sincerely,

RAHM EMANUEL,
Member of Congress.

JANUARY 2, 2009.

Hon. ROD BLAGOJEVICH,
Governor, State of Illinois,
Statehouse, Springfield, IL.

DEAR GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH: I am writing to resign my position as United States Representative from the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, effective January 2, 2009.

It has been a tremendous privilege to serve the people of the Fifth District over the past six years. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the hopes and dreams of a quintessentially American district, from hardworking families to new immigrants to the senior citizens who built this great country. It has been my particular privilege to