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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Monsignor Donn Heiar, St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Janesville, Wisconsin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, You know our needs. You have entrusted to us a great nation founded on life and liberty. We stand before You, ready to fulfill a mission that will give glory to Your name and ensure the dignity of all humanity. We plead for Your wisdom.

Give us the courage to open our eyes to see. Give us the fortitude to endure when the demands of our office seem overwhelming. Bless us with prudence when all pathways seem troublesome. Help us to discern and seek the common good when comfort and expedience tempt and beckon.

Challenge our minds and steady our hand and remind us that all good things come from You. Transform our lives, and we will remember that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is the greatest work we will perform on behalf of all people.

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 Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CHABOT 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.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 7 of rule XX, I move a call of the House.

The SPEAKER. Under clause 7(b) of rule XX, the Chair confers recognition for that purpose.

A call of the House was ordered.

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

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. On this rollcall, 421 Members have recorded their presence.

A quorum is present.

FAREWELL ADDRESS

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform you that I will resign as Speaker of the House effective upon the election of my successor. I will also resign as Representative from Ohio's Eighth District at the end of this month.

I leave with no regrets, no burdens. If anything, I leave the way I started—just a regular guy, humbled by the chance to do a big job. That is what I am most proud of. I am still just me, the same guy who came here 25 years ago as a small-business man and spent all these 25 years trying to just be me.

Now, sometimes my staff thought I was too much like me, but it really is the thing I am most proud of. I am the same regular guy who came here to try to do a good job for my district and my country.

Before I go, I want to express what an honor it has been to serve with all of you. The people's House is, in my view, the great embodiment of the American Dream. Everybody here comes from somewhere, and everybody here is on some mission.

I come from a part of the world where we are used to working. As far back as I can remember, I was working. My staff was asking me the other day:

Well, you know, on November 1st, you're not going to have a job. When was the last time you didn't have a job?

I thought about it and thought about it and thought about it. I thought, well, I had to be 8 or 9 years old because I was throwing newspapers back then and working in my dad's bar. As a matter of fact, I used to work from 5 a.m. on Saturday morning until 2 p.m. for \$2. Not \$2 an hour. \$2.

I never thought about growing up as the easy way or the hard way. It was just the Cincinnati way. Our city takes its name from the great Roman general Cincinnatus, a farmer who answered the call of his nation to lead and then surrendered his power to go back to his plow.

For me, it wasn't a farm. It was a small business. And it wasn't so much a calling as it was a mission—a mission to strive for a smaller, less costly, and more accountable Federal Government here in Washington.

How did we do? Here are some facts. For the first time in nearly 20 years, we have made some real entitlement reforms, saving trillions of dollars over the long term.

We have protected 99 percent of the American people from an increase in their taxes. We are on track to save taxpayers \$2.1 trillion over the next 10 years, the most significant spending reductions in modern times. We have banned earmarks altogether. Sorry.

We have protected this institution. We have made it more open to the people. Every day in this capital city there are hundreds of kids from the toughest neighborhoods who are finally getting a chance at a decent education.

I am proud of these things, but the mission is not complete. And the truth is it may never be. One thing I came to realize over the years that I have been here is that this battle over the size and scope and cost of our government in Washington has been going on for more than 200 years, and the forces of the status quo go to an awful lot of trouble to prevent change from happening.

Real change takes time. Yes, freedom makes all things possible, but patience is what makes all things real. So believe in the long, slow struggle. Believe in this country's ability to meet her challenges and to lead the world. And, remember, you can't do a big job alone, especially this one.

So I am grateful to my family, Deb and my two girls. My two girls were 3 and 1 when I first ran for office. Now they are a lot older. So they have been through a lot. You all know what your families go through. It is one thing for us to take the bricks and the boards and everything that gets thrown at us, but it is another thing for our families. Their skin isn't as thick as ours.

I am also grateful to all of my colleagues: my fellow leaders, Mr. MCCARTHY and Mr. SCALISE, Ms. MCMORRIS RODGERS; and many on my side of the aisle, our committee chairs, people I have worked with for a long time.

But I am just as grateful to Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mr. BECERRA and others for all of the work that we have done together. Over these last 5 years, we have done an awful lot of work together. There was probably more work done across the aisle over the last 5 years than in the 25 years that I have served in this institution.

Now, as much as I enjoy working with all of you, some of you still could learn to dress better. You know who you are. I saw one of the culprits, one of the usual suspects who shows up here once in a while without a tie. This morning he didn't look dressed very well, but he did have a tie on.

I am grateful to the people who work in this institution every day, whether it is the Reading Clerks or—you know, there are a lot of people, thousands of people, who allow us to do our jobs and to help make this institution what it is. Whether it is the people you see here today or the people in the CAO's office or the Capitol Police or legislative counsel, there really are thousands of people who really do allow us to do our job.

I am grateful to my staff. Now, you all know I am a big believer in staff. None of us can be what we are without a good staff, and I certainly would never have gotten to this job without having built a great team. So I really am grateful to my staff. As they like to say to each other, once you are part of Boehnerland, you are always a part of Boehnerland, and that certainly goes for me as well.

I am especially grateful to all my constituents and the volunteers over the years. That includes a student at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1990, who was putting up campaign signs for me. His name was PAUL RYAN. I don't think he could pronounce my name back in 1990 when he was putting up yard signs for me.

But, as Cincinnatus understood, there is a difference between being asked to do something and being called to do something. PAUL is being called. I know he will serve with grace and with energy, and I want to wish him and his family all the best.

□ 0945

My colleagues, I have described my life as a chase for the American Dream. That chase began at the bottom of the hill, just off the main drag in Reading, Ohio, right outside of Cincinnati. At the top of the hill was a small house with a big family, a shining city in its own right.

The hill had twists. The hill had turns, and even a few tears. Nothing wrong with that. But let me tell you, it was just perfect.

Never forget, we are the luckiest people on the Earth. In America, you can do anything that you are willing to work for, willing to work hard at, and anything can happen if you are willing to make the necessary sacrifices in life.