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

PRAYER

Pastor Mark Williamson, Federal Intercessors, Houston, Texas, offered the following prayer:

Father God, in a spirit of worship, I pray, ask, and speak forth the fullness of Your blessings for this House of Representatives, its staffers, and all family members. That You bless them to do the work of God in our civil government, reminding them that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."

Bless them with personal wisdom and the governmental order of God. Bless them to realize the answers they all seek are found only in the Bible, and obedience to it.

Bless this House to become a "House of prayer," to always seek Your instructions.

Bless this House with the truth and mercy of God—that "drives out iniquity" and deception.

Bless this House with Your presence. May the goodness of God protect, unite, inspire, and make provision for each Member. May Your will be done in this House, and these United States, as it is in Heaven.

In the Name of the Father, Jesus Your 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 Missouri (Mr. CARNAHAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CARNAHAN 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING TWO AMERICAN PATRIOTS, ICE SPECIAL AGENTS JAIME J. ZAPATA AND VICTOR AVILA

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

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to express my deepest sorrow about the tragic attack on American law enforcement that happened earlier this week in Mexico.

Tuesday afternoon, two agents from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement were attacked while driving between Mexico City and Monterrey. Today, I honor the sacrifice of Special Agent Jaime J. Zapata, who lost his life in service to our country.

Special Agent Zapata, from Brownsville, Texas, joined ICE in 2006. His brother also serves with ICE.

A second agent, Victor Avila, was injured in the attack and remains in stable condition.

My thoughts and prayers are with both agents and their families.

These two brave men took dangerous assignments, and Agent Zapata made the ultimate sacrifice. They were two of the hundreds of ICE personnel throughout the world, fighting the war on drugs—money laundering, smuggling, and human trafficking.

I have been in contact with law enforcement, and they are working to en-

sure that the perpetrators of this horrible attack are brought to justice.

I offer my deepest condolences to the family of Special Agent Zapata. He died for a just cause, and will be remembered as a man of courage and honor.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYER AND MANAGER CHUCK TANNER

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

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Major League Baseball player and manager Chuck Tanner, who died in his hometown of New Castle, in my district, on February 11 at the age of 82.

After hitting a home run in his first Major League at-bat in 1955, Tanner played eight seasons and later rose through the ranks to manage four Major League teams, including the Pittsburgh Pirates, who acquired him in a 1977 trade. It's in Pittsburgh where he reached the pinnacle of his baseball career, in 1979, when he managed the Pirates to a World Series championship.

Following his retirement from baseball, Tanner returned to New Castle with his late wife, Babs, of 56 years. Chuck became a fixture at the New Castle restaurant that bears his name and where he ate nearly all his meals. Nearby, the Shenango High School baseball field is also named in his honor.

Chuck Tanner spent a lifetime in baseball, and made friends and fans the world over; but it is in New Castle where he will be most fondly remembered and most sorely missed.

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