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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

Rev. Sharon Daugherty, Victory Christian Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma, offered the following prayer:

Father God, we humble ourselves before You as we pray for our Nation and our government. You said, "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord." We pray for You to be Lord over the United States of America. Thank You for our forefathers who established this government upon biblical principles. We ask for President Obama and for our Congress to be guided by the moral and just standard of Your Word in their law-making. We pray that the fear of the Lord would be the standard of judgment and wisdom among all who govern. Help them to hear from You as the authority over this universe.

Holy Spirit, move upon the hearts of Americans in this hour and divinely intervene in our Nation's behalf. We repent where we have been wrong. Help us to do what is right. We put our trust in You alone, in Jesus' 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 her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam 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. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. FLEMING) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FLEMING 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.

### WELCOMING REV. SHARON DAUGHERTY

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Oklahoma (Ms. FALLIN) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. FALLIN. Madam Speaker, I am pleased today to be able to introduce our guest chaplain for the day, Pastor Sharon Daugherty, who leads one of our Nation's great institutions of faith, Victory Christian Center of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sharon founded Victory Christian with her husband, Pastor Billy Joe Daugherty. Tragically, we lost him to an illness late last year, but Pastor Daugherty still is very committed to the church and has vowed to carry on the wonderful family tradition. Victory Christian Center operates a school for 1,300 students, has summer camps, local and worldwide outreach missions, an international Bible institute, youth programs, and a community health clinic. It also includes job fairs for those looking for employment. And it has much, much more.

Most of all, Victory Christian Center is the faith home to a congregation of more than 17,000 Oklahomans, one of the largest in America. This is a time

when faith matters so much to our people. It binds us together, transcends our differences, and reminds us that our liberties are divinely grounded and divinely inspired.

Pastor Sharon Daugherty is a friend, a good neighbor, and a true faith leader in Oklahoma and America. I am so proud to welcome her today to be our chaplain of the day and thank her for a wonderful prayer.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 10 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### TAX RELIEF TO SMALL BUSINESSES

(Mr. HALL of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HALL of New York. Madam Speaker, I am pleased that yesterday the House passed H.R. 4849, the Small Business and Infrastructure Jobs Tax Act. As we continue down the path of economic recovery, it is more important than ever that we focus on providing tax relief to small businesses.

I am especially proud to report that the bill contains a provision I championed: an increase in the small business startup deduction. This provision will allow people to strike out on their own, become their own boss and create jobs. I fought for this provision after meeting with small businesses and local Chambers of Commerce in the Hudson Valley. Thanks to their input, this legislation is stronger and more effective. I am glad to deliver on a tax deduction that local business owners told me that they needed to help strengthen and build their companies.

Passage of H.R. 4849 will make a real difference for the small businesses in the Hudson Valley. I hope the Senate will soon pass this important legislation.

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