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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m.

Rabbi Irwin N. Goldenberg, Temple Beth Israel, York, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

God of all humanity, we live in a time when we are tempted to regard our fellow with suspicion.

A predecessor of mine at Temple Beth Israel in York, Pennsylvania, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, was among the four chaplains who sacrificed their lives for sailors on the sinking troop ship *Dorchester* during World War II. They died because they regarded all as created in God's image.

In another time, a ship, occupied by people seeking a land of freedom, set out on a wide river. Rough seas demanded reducing the number of passengers to save the rest. Instead of throwing anyone overboard, everyone took turns swimming beside the boat until it reached shore. Everyone survived.

O God, may we see one another as sisters and brothers, Americans all, citizens of this blessed country and humans all, inhabitants of the same beautiful world, rather than as competitors for a place on a lifeboat. Thus, we may hope that all might live in freedom and dignity.

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.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN 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 RABBI IRWIN N. GOLDENBERG

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PLATTS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. PLATTS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise here today to welcome as guest chaplain on the floor of the House of Representatives Rabbi Irwin N. Goldenberg, a constituent, friend, well-liked and well-respected religious leader in my home community. Rabbi Goldenberg has served at Temple Beth Israel in York, Pennsylvania, since 1973.

With Rabbi Goldenberg's retirement set for June 2008, numerous members of Temple Beth Israel approached my office and suggested he be invited as a guest chaplain. I was very pleased to have forwarded the request along to Father Coughlin and am grateful that Rabbi Goldenberg was able to give the opening prayer this morning.

Rabbi Goldenberg is a graduate of Rutgers University and Hebrew Union College. He is married to Joyce Meschmar and has two grown children, Rachel and Dahlia.

In addition to his general rabbinic duties, Rabbi Goldenberg has taught countless adults, children and teens at Temple Beth Israel and its religious school. He has also taught at York College and Gettysburg College, both located in the 19th Congressional District. Rabbi Goldenberg has also been extensively involved in his community, from being a member of the board of the York Jewish Community Center to teen pregnancy mentoring at the YWCA to serving on the task force on domestic violence.

It is a true honor to have Rabbi Goldenberg with us here today. I thank him

for the prayer that he offered and I wish him the best for an enjoyable and relaxing retirement in the years to come.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. After consultation among the Speaker and the majority and minority leaders, and with their consent, the Chair announces that, when the two Houses meet in joint meeting to hear an address by His Excellency Nicolas Sarkozy, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those immediately to her left and right will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House. Due to the large attendance that is anticipated, the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly enforced. Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor. The cooperation of all Members is requested.

The practice of reserving seats prior to the joint meeting by placard will not be allowed. Members may reserve their seats by physical presence only following the security sweep of the Chamber.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the House stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY NICOLAS SARKOZY, PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

The Speaker of the House presided.

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