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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**February 8, 2021**

**Twenty-first Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker pro tempore Patkotak at 11:04 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Fields, Merrick, and Wool be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Tarr. Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With the greatest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I invite you to a time of prayer and reflection:

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of another day. Each day is a blessing. Please help us to use this day to do the most good for the people of Alaska.

We come to you in prayer as we continue to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. We know there are so many Alaskans in need. Please lift them up and guide us and give us the strength and courage to come together and work towards the common good.

We pray for all Alaskans, for their health and continued safety as more Alaskans are vaccinated, and we ask for your help to be patient as we know this will still take time and we need to be strong and follow health guidelines to keep going. We give thanks to our health care workers, who have given so selflessly, and we pray for their continued safety.

We pray for our children, for their continued resilience to get through this, and we ask for your guidance to remember to put children first in our work.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the families and loved ones of the Alaskans we lost due to COVID-19. We ask you to lift them up and give them strength as they continue to grieve.

Not only has it been a difficult time in our country, but around the world people struggle with COVID-19 and other political strife. We pray for all our service women and men and ask for their safety as they continue to serve our country. We pray for peaceful endings to conflicts and less death and harm.

We come to prayer this morning during Black History Month, and I wanted to end this prayer with some inspiring words from Reverend William J. Barber II, Pastor of the Greenleaf Christian Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina, who recently delivered the homily at the official inaugural prayer service.

Reverend Barber reminds us there are 3,500 scriptures in the Bible about love, justice, mercy, how you treat the stranger, and how you help the least of thee. Lord, if we are to live and lead with divine guidance, please let that be what guides us in our work: a commitment to love, justice, and mercy, and a deep concern for how we treat the stranger and the least of thee. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Rauscher.

**CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 18th, 19th, and 20th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**SPEAKER**

Pursuant to Uniform Rule 1(b), Speaker pro tempore Patkotak stated that nominations for Speaker of the House were now in order.

No nominations were made.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Acting Chief Clerk