

throughout our Nation in commemorating Black History Month. This is a time when we, as American citizens, recognize and pay tribute to the many African-Americans who have made significant contributions in their respective fields throughout the course of American history.

Since our country's beginnings, every aspect of American life and culture has been enhanced by the acts of great African-Americans. Dating back as early as the Revolutionary War, some 5,000 blacks fought for our Nation's independence. For much of American history they were legally denied recognition for their accomplishments and even today, many of their contributions are largely unknown.

For this reason, the noted black author and historian, Dr. Carter G. Woodson of Buckingham County in my congressional district, initiated what has become known today as Black History Month; 70 years later, Dr. Woodson's legacy means that all children across our Nation now understand an important part of history.

Thanks to Black History Month, children now understand that African-Americans made significant advancements in the fields of arts, science, entertainment, technology, communications, politics, and civil rights. These social, economic, and educational achievements have contributed to our Nation's prosperity and rich culture.

In addition to Dr. Woodson, we in the Fifth Congressional District are very proud of another outstanding individual who emerged as one of the most influential African-Americans in American history. Booker T. Washington, born in Franklin County, VA in 1856, spent most of his life working to achieve economic advancement for blacks. Best known for founding the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in 1881, Mr. Washington also advised Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft on racial injustice facing the United States. In order to achieve a better quality of life Mr. Washington advocated vocational and industrial training for African-Americans. This would prove to be the most effective path for African-Americans to follow in order to elevate their economic standing. Booker T. Washington was a voice of compromise and moderation in a time when civil and political rights were reserved only for a select few. He believed progress for blacks would be achieved only if peace between the races was maintained.

Booker T. Washington was just one great African-American who helped more of our countrymen to realize freedom and independence. Other individuals, like Frederick Douglas and Martin Luther King, Jr. rank among the greatest Americans in history.

I encourage all citizens to commemorate Black History Month and to recognize always that Americans of every race, color, and creed have helped to make this the greatest nation on Earth.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the subject of my special order tonight.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. KIM). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) on Wednesday, February 28, 1996, before 5:40 p.m., on account of the funeral of a constituent in her district.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) until 6 p.m. today, on account of family medical reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. MEEK of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, for 60 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HAYWORTH) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HAYWORTH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. MEEK of Florida) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BEILENSEN.

Mr. HAMILTON in four instances.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mr. HOYER in two instances.

Mr. TOWNS in eight instances.

Mr. BARCIA in two instances.

Mr. MARTINEZ.

Mr. BRYANT of Texas.

Mr. TORRES.

Mr. HILLIARD.

Mr. PICKETT.

Mr. DELLUMS.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

Mr. PALLONE.

Mr. RAHALL.

Mr. SABO.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HAYWORTH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SOLOMON in two instances.

Mr. GILMAN in three instances.

Mr. ROHRBACHER.

Mr. GOODLING.

Mr. FAWELL.

Mr. GREENWOOD.

Mr. SPENCE.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

Mr. FIELDS of Texas.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that the

committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2196. An act to amend the Stevenson Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 with respect to inventions made under cooperative research and development, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, February 29, 1996, at 9 a.m.).

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2137. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Secretary's certification that the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine are committed to the courses of action described in section 1203(d) of the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act of 1993 (title XII of Public Law 103-160), section 1412(d) of the Former Soviet Union Demilitarization Act of 1992 (title XIV of Public Law 102-484), and section 502 of the FREEDOM Support Act (Public Law 102-511); to the Committee on International Relations.

2138. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report entitled "Statistical Programs of the United States Government: Fiscal Year 1996," pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3504(e)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2139. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2140. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Secretary's management report on management decisions and final actions on Office of Inspector General audit recommendations, for the period ending September 30, 1995, pursuant to Public Law 101-576, section 306(a) (104 Stat. 2854); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2141. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the Department's reports entitled "Fisheries of the United States" and "Our Living Oceans," pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 742d; to the Committee on Resources.

2142. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's December 1995 issue of the "Treasury Bulletin," pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 9602; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 497. The Committee on Resources discharged from further consideration. Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. FIELDS of Texas (for himself, Mr. PORTER, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. SCHAEFER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. GILLMOR, and Mr. FRISA):

H.R. 2979. A bill to ensure the financial self-sufficiency of public broadcasting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. ROYCE:

H.R. 2980. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to stalking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAKER of Louisiana:

H.R. 2981. A bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 to provide investment opportunities for small bank holding companies; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. BEVILL:

H.R. 2982. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. FOX:

H.R. 2983. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the 10-percent investment credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FOX (for himself, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. DORNAN, and Mr. ZIMMER):

H.R. 2984. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the research credit, to allow an alternative incremental research credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FOX (for himself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. DORNAN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. POMEROY, and Mrs. KELLY):

H.R. 2985. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit for a portion of the expenses of providing dependent care services to employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LEACH (for himself, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BACHUS, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. ROYCE, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. HEINEMAN, and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma):

H.R. 2986. A bill to establish a criminal penalty for the production, sale, transportation, or possession of fictitious financial instruments purporting to be instruments issued by a public or private entity, to require forfeiture of counterfeit access devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MANTON:

H.R. 2987. A bill to declare a portion of Queens County, NY, to be nonnavigable waters of the United States; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. McKEON:

H.R. 2988. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide that traffic signal synchronization projects are exempt from certain requirements of Environmental Protection Agency rules; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. RICHARDSON, and Mr. SKEEN):

H.R. 2989. A bill to redesignate the Jemez Canyon Dam as the "Tamaya Dam"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SMITH of Michigan:

H.R. 2990. A bill to require congressional approval of proposed rules considered by the Congress to be significant rules; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. QUILLEN:

H.J. Res. 161. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to secure the people's right to acknowledge God according to the dictates of conscience; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FAZIO of California:

H. Res. 367. Resolution designating minority membership on certain standing committees of the House; considered and agreed to.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII,

203. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of New Mexico, relative to land grant permanent funds; to the Committee on Resources.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 240: Mr. FRISA, Mr. FILNER, and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 248: Mr. MORAN.

H.R. 310: Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 311: Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 312: Mr. ZIMMER.

H.R. 313: Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 528: Mr. HOYER.

H.R. 820: Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. COX, Mr. REGULA, and Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 833: Mrs. KELLY, Mr. DOOLEY, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. SABO, Mr. OLVER, Mr. BALDACC, and Mr. VENTO.

H.R. 862: Mr. BARCIA of Michigan.

H.R. 878: Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. KLINK, and Mr. TRAFICANT.

H.R. 892: Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. KING, and Mr. DELAY.

H.R. 938: Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 941: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

H.R. 972: Mr. MINGE.

H.R. 1023: Mr. McNULTY and Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 1110: Mr. CAMP.

H.R. 1305: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 1404: Mr. CANADY, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. THOMPSON, and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 1406: Mr. EHLERS, Mr. BALLENGER, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. FARR, Mr. MOLLOHAN, and Mr. WARD.

H.R. 1424: Mr. STOCKMAN.

H.R. 1462: Mr. DURBIN and Mr. QUILLEN.

H.R. 1484: Mr. TEJEDA.

H.R. 1496: Mr. MYERS of Indiana and Mr. McDADE.

H.R. 1514: Mr. THORNTON, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. STUDDS, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. GEKAS, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. WALSH, and Mr. TIAHRT.

H.R. 1560: Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 1583: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts and Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 1619: Mr. GILMAN and Mr. QUILLEN.

H.R. 1625: Mr. BARTON of Texas and Mr. McCOLLUM.

H.R. 1711: Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. KING, Mr. PETRI, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. TALENT, Mr. BAKER of California, and Mr. OXLEY.

H.R. 1791: Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky.

H.R. 1863: Mr. CAMPBELL and Mr. JACKSON.

H.R. 1920: Mr. GILMAN and Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 1946: Mr. REGULA, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. McCOLLUM, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. NORWOOD, and Mr. NUSSLE.

H.R. 1963: Mr. FAZIO of California.

H.R. 1965: Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. LAFALCE.

H.R. 1972: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. PARKER, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. KING, and Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 1998: Mr. LINDER and Mr. JACOBS.

H.R. 2024: Ms. FURSE, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, and Mr. FOLEY.

H.R. 2080: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FROST, Mr. MANTON, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. PASTOR, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

H.R. 2098: Mr. BONO and Mr. WELDON of Florida.

H.R. 2137: Ms. PRYCE.

H.R. 2138: Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. FROST, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. RICHARDSON, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. BURR, Mr. WYNN, Mr. McCOLLUM, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BEVILL, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. THORNTON, Mr. CHRYSLER, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Mr. NEY, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, and Mr. BISHOP.

H.R. 2178: Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 2200: Mr. STEARNS, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BARR, and Mr. DORNAN.

H.R. 2202: Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BEVILL, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. OBEY, and Mr. BROWDER.

H.R. 2234: Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 2240: Mr. BOUCHER and Mr. DELLUMS.

H.R. 2333: Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. LINDER, Mr. WARD, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. BARR and Mr. CAMP.

H.R. 2335: Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. COBLE, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. WHITFIELD, and Mr. STEARNS.

H.R. 2391: Mr. PETRI, Mr. MCINTOSH, and Mr. GRAHAM.

H.R. 2411: Mr. POMEROY.

H.R. 2433: Mr. FARR and Mr. FOGLIETTA.

H.R. 2435: Mr. FATTAH, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. SOLOMON, and Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut.

H.R. 2472: Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. LUTHER, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. GEJDENSON.

H.R. 2475: Mr. POMEROY.

H.R. 2483: Mr. McCOLLUM.

H.R. 2497: Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. LINDER, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. HERGER.

H.R. 2508: Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FARR, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. HEINEMAN, and Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 2531: Mr. CASTLE and Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 2578: Mr. WAXMAN and Ms. SLAUGHTER.
H.R. 2579: Mr. DOYLE, Mr. PORTER, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Mr. CLYBURN, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. LEACH, Mr. WARD, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. WYNN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. METCALF, Mr. McHALE, Mr. STUDDS, Mr. KINGSTON, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. HOYER.