

Cubin	Jefferson	Petri
Cunningham	Johnson (CT)	Porter
Danner	Johnson (SD)	Portman
Davis	Johnson, E. B.	Poshard
de la Garza	Johnson, Sam	Pryce
Deal	Johnston	Quillen
DeLauro	Jones	Quinn
DeLay	Kanjorski	Radanovich
Dellums	Kaptur	Rahall
Deutsch	Kasich	Ramstad
Diaz-Balart	Kelly	Rangel
Dickey	Kennedy (MA)	Reed
Dicks	Kennedy (RI)	Regula
Dingell	Kennelly	Rivers
Dixon	Kildee	Roberts
Doggett	Kim	Roemer
Dooley	King	Rogers
Doolittle	Kingston	Rohrabacher
Doyle	Klecza	Ros-Lehtinen
Dreier	Klug	Roth
Duncan	Knollenberg	Roukema
Dunn	Kolbe	Roybal-Allard
Edwards	LaHood	Royce
Ehlers	Lantos	Salmon
Ehrlich	Laughlin	Sanders
Emerson	Lazio	Sanford
English	Leach	Sawyer
Eshoo	Lewis (CA)	Saxton
Evans	Lewis (KY)	Scarborough
Ewing	Lightfoot	Schaefer
Fawell	Lincoln	Schiff
Fields (TX)	Linder	Schumer
Flake	Lipinski	Scott
Flanagan	Livingston	Seastrand
Foley	LoBiondo	Sensenbrenner
Forbes	Lofgren	Serrano
Fowler	Lowe	Shadegg
Fox	Lucas	Shaw
Franks (CT)	Luther	Shays
Franks (NJ)	Maloney	Shuster
Frelinghuysen	Manzullo	Skeen
Frisa	Martinez	Skelton
Frost	Mascara	Slaughter
Funderburk	Matsui	Smith (MI)
Furse	McCarthy	Smith (NJ)
Gallely	McCollum	Smith (TX)
Ganske	McCrery	Smith (WA)
Gejdenson	McHale	Solomon
Gekas	McHugh	Souder
Gilchrest	McInnis	Spence
Gillmor	McIntosh	Spratt
Gilman	McKeon	Stearns
Gonzalez	McKinney	Stenholm
Goodlatte	McNulty	Stokes
Goodling	Meehan	Studds
Gordon	Metcalfe	Stump
Goss	Meyers	Stupak
Graham	Mica	Talent
Green (TX)	Miller (CA)	Tate
Greene (UT)	Miller (FL)	Tauzin
Gunderson	Minge	Taylor (NC)
Hall (TX)	Mink	Tejeda
Hamilton	Moakley	Thomas
Hancock	Molinari	Thornberry
Hansen	Mollohan	Thurman
Hastert	Montgomery	Torres
Hastings (WA)	Moorhead	Torricelli
Hayes	Moran	Trafficant
Hayworth	Morella	Upton
Hefner	Murtha	Vucanovich
Herger	Myers	Walker
Hinche	Nadler	Walsh
Hobson	Nethercutt	Wamp
Hoekstra	Neumann	Ward
Hoke	Ney	Waters
Holden	Norwood	Watts (OK)
Horn	Nussle	Waxman
Hostettler	Obey	Weldon (FL)
Houghton	Ortiz	Weldon (PA)
Hoyer	Orton	White
Hunter	Oxley	Whitfield
Hutchinson	Packard	Wicker
Hyde	Parker	Williams
Inglis	Paxon	Wise
Istook	Payne (NJ)	Wolf
Jackson (IL)	Payne (VA)	Woolsey
Jackson-Lee	Peterson (FL)	Young (FL)
(TX)	Peterson (MN)	Zeliff

NAYS—67

Abercrombie	DeFazio	Gephardt
Ackerman	Durbin	Geren
Baldacci	Engel	Gutierrez
Borski	Ensign	Gutknecht
Brown (CA)	Everett	Hall (OH)
Brown (FL)	Fazio	Hastings (FL)
Clayton	Filner	Hefley
Clyburn	Foglietta	Heineman
Collins (IL)	Frank (MA)	Hilleary

Hilliard	Olver	Tanner
Jacobs	Pallone	Taylor (MS)
Klink	Pastor	Thompson
LaFalce	Pelosi	Torkildsen
Latham	Pickett	Velazquez
Levin	Pombo	Visclosky
Lewis (GA)	Pomeroy	Volkmer
Longley	Rush	Watt (NC)
Manton	Sabo	Weller
Martini	Schroeder	Wynn
McDermott	Sisisky	Yates
Menendez	Skaggs	Zimmer
Neal	Stark	
Oberstar	Stockman	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Harman

NOT VOTING—28

Becerra	Gibbons	Riggs
Boehner	Greenwood	Rose
Buyer	Largent	Thornton
Chapman	LaTourette	Tiahrt
Clay	Markey	Towns
Dornan	McDade	Vento
Farr	Meek	Wilson
Fattah	Myrick	Young (AK)
Fields (LA)	Owens	
Ford	Richardson	

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. BALLENGER] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALLENGER 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 16, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the certificate of election received from the Honorable Bill Jones, Secretary of State, State of California, certifying that, according to the semi-official returns of the Special Election held on the 26th day of March, 1996, the Honorable Juanita M. McDonald was elected to the Office of Member of the Congress from the Thirty-seventh Congressional District of California.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD, OF CALIFORNIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Will the Member-elect from California, the Honorable JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD, present herself in the well along with the California delegation and raise her hand?

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD appeared at the bar of the House, and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are a Member of the House.

A WELCOME TO THE HONORABLE JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

(Mr. BROWN of California asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor and privilege this morning, on behalf of the California delegation, to introduce the newest Member of Congress from the State of California. I hope that she will be the first in a series of new Members that will be elected from California.

But before I yield briefly to the minority leader, I would like to note that Gus Hawkins is present to participate in this great activity, and before we begin to praise JUANITA, may I just say about Gus Hawkins, my dear friend for the last 40 to 50 years, that he is the dean of all elected officials in the State of California, having served for 56 years continuously, half in this body and half in the State legislature, of course.

Again, more appropriately, he is the first African-American to be elected from southern California, and this is the latest African-American to be elected from southern California. And I think it is appropriate to note in such a brief period how much history has changed in California.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the minority leader for any introductory remarks he may wish to make.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, thanking Mr. Dean, Members of the House, I rise this morning on behalf of all of my Democratic colleagues and all of my colleagues to welcome the newest Member of the House of Representatives, JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD of California.

Many of our colleagues have begun their careers in local and State, city, town government and built their understanding of their districts and their communities from the bottom up, from the grass roots. But in the gentlewoman from California [Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD], we have gained a colleague who has already used her talents as a State lawmaker to become a national leader.

A former school teacher, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD has been an innovator on education policy, pushing for creative reforms in California's inner-city schools, such as better English instruction, tougher standards and

model school-to-work programs. That may be why she was appointed to the National Commission on Teaching in America's Future and the Education Committee of the States, where she serves as a powerful voice for California.

She has also worked to start workshops all across the country to encourage broad education reform.

But education is just one of the issues on which she has made her mark. From her seat in one of California's most diverse assembly districts, she fought for transportation improvements that are creating hundreds of new jobs, for child care, for grandparents raising their grandchildren, for the growth of high-tech business in California, for basic rights for the homeless, and for reform of California's workmen's compensation laws.

When she became chair of California assembly's insurance committee, she was the first woman and the first minority to do so.

When she became chair of the revenue and taxation committee, she was also the first woman to do that. She has blazed a trail of innovation and accomplishment on every issue that she has faced.

My colleagues, not only have we gained a tireless and effective new champion for the 37th District of California, a woman with almost unlimited interests and abilities, we have also gained a sage and experienced legislator, and in keeping with her first career I believe she can teach us a great deal.

Join me now, my colleagues, in welcoming our newest colleague, the gentlewoman from California [Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD].

Mr. BROWN of California. I am of course going to yield to the gentlewoman from California [Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD] to make a brief response immediately, but are there any other Members from California who would like to say a word? If not, then I would now at this time again present the gentlewoman to talk and invite her under my 1-minute to respond briefly to the welcome that she has just received.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, Members, I am honored to represent the outstanding constituents of the 37th Congressional District, a district that mirrors America because it is one of the most diverse districts in the State of California. The constituents of the 37th Congressional District are hard-working and share the same concerns with Americans about crime, jobs, security, taxes, health care, and the future.

My constituents include my family, who have traveled afar to come here today for this very historic event, and I would like to have them acknowledged in the gallery.

My campaign theme was to Choose Hope, and it drew inspiration from my grandchildren, Ayanna Demaris Thomas, and Myles Chandler McDonald. My

promise to the constituents was that I would take Choose Hope to Washington because, for me, Hope represents the American agenda that speaks to opportunity to fulfill dreams, quality education, job preparation and training, but expands global work opportunities, job creation through business incentives and transportation projects while maintaining health security for seniors and protection for our children.

I am also going to foster gender equity in health research projects. So I have come today to work with you as a team so that we can all forge an American agenda for all of the people of the United States as well as California in a bipartisan effort. I do welcome your support and thank you so much.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER. The Chair will take 1-minute speeches.

NO EXCUSE FOR 40-PERCENT TAX RATE ON MIDDLE-INCOME FAMILIES

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday millions and millions of Americans paid their taxes all across this country. Unfortunately, most of them found that the Government was taking more and more of their hard-earned dollars, and they were keeping less and less to support their families.

The tax burden on the average American family is outrageous. The total tax bill for an average family is almost 40 percent. Most Americans will spend more on taxes than they do on food, shelter, clothing, health care combined. Think of that; it is unbelievable.

Yesterday, during debate, one of the participants on the other side noted that taxes are what we pay for civilization. Now, I am mystified as to where that bit of wisdom was gleaned. There is no excuse for a 40-percent tax rate on middle-income families. That is not civilization; that is something close to tyranny.

The American people have every right to be upset about high taxes, and we have an obligation to try and change tax and spend Washington. It is time we give tax relief to the American people, and we ought to do it right now.

CFS IS A DEVASTATING INFECTIOUS DISEASE

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

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, a recently published book, *Osler's Web*, by Hillary Johnson, charges with impressive evidence that the Federal Center for Disease Control has ignored sub-

stantial clinical and epidemiological evidence that chronic fatigue syndrome is a devastating infectious disease caused by a specific virus rather than a psychosomatic illness as the CDC has claimed. Miss Johnson asserts that there is impressive evidence the chronic fatigue syndrome is, in fact, an immunological disease with many of the same characteristics as AIDS, that HHV-6, a virus may be a precipitating factor or a cofactor in CFS and in other immunological diseases, including AIDS, and that distinguished scientists who have come to the same or similar conclusion have been systematically ostracized and denied funding for the research by a small clique at the Center for Disease Control.

I have already contacted Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala requesting that she investigate these disturbing allegations, and I now urge my colleagues to join me in directing the GAO to look into this matter as well.

TAX DAY IN AMERICA

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, the most dreaded day of the year arrived yesterday. It was tax day in America. The Republicans tried to make yesterday a little better by passing a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote to raise taxes.

Unfortunately, the tax and spenders in Congress prevented us from doing that. The liberals praise themselves for having the courage to raise taxes. That's not courage, that's taking the easy way out. That's why we had a record tax increase in 1993. It shouldn't be that easy.

A recent survey showed that 1 percent of Americans believe taxes are too low. By preventing us from passing this tax limitation amendment, the tax lovers in this Congress have defied the will of 99 percent of America.

We could have made yesterday a little better. Instead, the liberals are trying to ensure that every day is tax day in America.

TRIBUTE TO REX CHAO

(Ms. MOLINARI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MOLINARI. Mr. Speaker, last week, a senseless tragedy took from us a great and giving friend. Rex Chao, a student at Johns Hopkins University and an intern in my office, was murdered in very cold blood. It is difficult to not think of Rex in the most alive of terms. He loved being here in the U.S. Capitol, immersed in Government. He was excited by the Republican revolution and he was driven by his love and confidence in our Nation.

My office and I struggled with the most fitting tribute we could give our friend and decided that it should be a 1-