

to go down in history as the President who made Americans believe in themselves again. I believe that he has.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, Happy 91st Birthday, President Reagan.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, today we honor a man who has had a profound impact on the lives of us all, a positive impact that has had a reverberating positive effect, not just here in the United States, but worldwide.

In the past I have taken time on this floor to expound at length upon many of President Reagan's achievements. He more than fulfilled his pledge to help restore "the great, confident roar of American progress, growth, and optimism" and ensure renewed economic prosperity.

Today I simply want to pay tribute to the man who has left his permanent stamp on the course of history. We salute that gentleman who has turned 91 today and pay tribute to him.

God bless you, President Reagan. We are all eternally grateful for that unprecedented role that you played in our national experience and it will never be forgotten.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today, our 40th President, Ronald Reagan, is celebrating his 91st birthday. I want to wish this Great American a peaceful birthday and to thank him for his leadership which has endured well beyond his years in the White House.

Ronald Reagan rekindled our nation's patriotism and pride. Today, as we continue to wage a war against terrorism—a war against those individuals who jeopardize our freedoms and liberties—the confidence Ronald Reagan had in the American spirit provides every one of us with the strength and will to see this war to its rightful end—to victory.

In the 106th Congress, I was proud to introduce legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy. This legislation was signed into law and the award will stand as a fitting tribute to the commitment and dedication the Reagans have had to this nation.

As President, Ronald Reagan was dedicated to encouraging economic growth, recognizing the value of hard work, and sparking hope and pride among Americans.

He believed that "everyone can rise as high and as far as their ability will take them." This principle became a guiding creed of Reagan's Presidency, as he successfully turned the tide of public cynicism and sparked a national renewal.

President Reagan fulfilled his pledge to restore "the great, confident roar of American progress, growth, and optimism." During his presidency, Americans once again believed in the American Dream.

Today, as we face a great evil, we build upon this "confident roar" and find solace in Ronald Reagan's everlasting faith in America and her people.

Thank you Mr. President for your inspiration and leadership which continues to guide our nation and which will help us to protect our freedoms and liberties in the twenty-first century. May you have a peaceful and relaxing birthday and God bless.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 82.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

# RECOGNIZING AND HONORING JACK SHEA, OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST IN SPEED SKATING, FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATION AND TO HIS COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 340) recognizing and honoring Jack Shea, Olympic gold medalist in speed skating, for his many contributions to the Nation and to his community throughout his life.

The Clerk read as follows:

## H. RES. 340

Whereas John "Jack" Amos Shea was born September 7, 1910, in Lake Placid, New York, a village in the Adirondack Mountains;

Whereas Shea was the son of James Shea, a New York State Assemblyman, and Grace Shea;

Whereas at the age of 3 Jack began ice skating and by the age of 10 he was competing in speed skating;

Whereas Shea was the North American speed skating champion in 1929 and 1930;

Whereas at the age of 21 Shea entered the 1932 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York, during which he won the gold medal in speed skating for both the 500 meter and the 1,500 meter events;

Whereas Shea was elected to the Speed Skating Hall of Fame, was among the first group of honorees elected to the Lake Placid Hall of Fame, and received numerous other honors from the speed skating community;

Whereas after graduating from Dartmouth College with a degree in political science, Shea served as the town justice of North Elba, New York, from 1958 to 1974, after which he became the town supervisor until his retirement in 1983;

Whereas Shea was a member of the Executive Committee of the 1980 Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee;

Whereas in 1982 Shea was appointed to serve as vice chairman of the Olympic Regional Development Authority;

Whereas Shea was a loving husband to his wife of 67 years, Elizabeth Steams Shea, and had 4 sons and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

Whereas Shea's son Jim competed in the 1964 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria, and his grandson Jim Jr. will compete in the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes and honors Jack Shea, Olympic gold medalist in speed skating, for his many contributions to the Nation and to his community throughout his life, and for transcending the sport of speed skating and becoming a symbol of athletic talent and a role model as a loving husband, father, and grandfather; and

(2) extends its deepest condolences to the family of Jack Shea and to the Olympic community on their loss.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON).

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 340.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the House consider House Resolution 340. I commend my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SWEENEY), for introducing it. This resolution recognizes the enduring contributions, heroic achievements, and dedicated work of Jack Shea.

Mr. Shea died on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at the age of 91 from injuries in a car accident a few blocks from his home. The driver of the car that hit Jack Shea's car was charged with driving while intoxicated and other counts.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Shea devoted his life to living the Olympic ideal and passing his inspiration and knowledge to younger generations. At 22, Jack Shea won gold medals in speed skating in both the 500 meter and the 1,500 meter events in front of his hometown crowd at the 1932 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York. With this accomplishment, he became the first double gold medalist in Winter Olympic history.

Later Jack Shea recalled, "When I stood on the dais to get the gold medal and I heard the national anthem of the United States, how proud I was to represent my country, my community, my father, and mother."

Jack Shea not only promoted the Olympic ideal of peace, he lived that ideal. He had a chance to win more Olympic medals at the 1936 winter games in Germany, but Lake Placid had a large Jewish community whose rabbi asked him not to take part in an event linked with Hitler's Germany. Jack Shea honored that request.

Back troubles kept Mr. Shea from skating much after the 1950s. However, he continued to serve the Olympics and the Lake Placid area. He served as the town justice of North Elba, New York, from 1958 to 1974. He then became the town's supervisor and remained in that position until his retirement in 1983.

Jack Shea also served on the executive committee of the 1980 Lake Placid Organizing Committee. He realized his personal quest to bring the Winter Olympic games back to Lake Placid. When speaking about the winter games

held in 1980 at Lake Placid, Mr. Shea said, "I felt I would like to accomplish one more medal, to bring the Olympics back to Lake Placid." He accomplished that goal.

Jack Shea was a member of the first family with three generations of Olympians and, at 91, was the winter games' oldest living gold medalist. Mr. Shea and his wife of 67 years Elizabeth had four sons and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His son, Jim Shea, Sr., was a Nordic skier in the 1964 winter games. His grandson, Jim Shea, Jr., will continue this tradition by competing in the skeleton event at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

The Olympic games were obviously an important part of Jack Shea's life. When the Olympic torch relay came through his village on its way to Salt Lake City, Mr. Shea carried the flame into the Olympic speed skating oval where he won his gold medals and ignited the cauldron. Three weeks later at his funeral, his grandson carried that same torch.

As Father J. Michael Gaffney said about Jack Shea, "Jack took life and made something of it. He had an impact. People knew that he lived. That kind of stuff you can't kill. It lives forever."

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that the House recognize the dedicated work and outstanding accomplishments of Mr. Jack Shea today and extend condolences to his family. He improved the lives of many by not just speaking about ideals, but by living those ideals that he promoted.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with the gentleman from Florida in consideration of this resolution. Jack Shea was an Olympic gold medalist, both on and off his ice skates. His death came just 17 days before we are about to begin another Olympic celebration, and we are truly saddened. However, we are here today to honor a great life and a great man.

John "Jack" Amos Shea was born September 7, 1910, in Lake Placid, New York. By age 3 he was on ice skates, and by age 10 he was already competing in speed skating. In 1929, while he was still in high school, he won the North American speed skating championship. In 1930, he captured the title again. Two years later, he honored his hometown of Lake Placid by winning the 500 meter and 1,500 meter events at the Lake Placid Winter Olympics. He again honored Lake Placid through his successful efforts to have the 1980 Winter Olympics return to Lake Placid.

Jack Shea's Olympic successes earned him the distinction of becoming the first person in Winter Olympic history to earn two gold medals. In fact,

the Shea family was the first to have three generations of Winter Olympians. Jack's son Jim participated in three skiing competitions at the 1964 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck. His grandson, Jim Shea, Jr., has qualified for the upcoming Salt Lake City games.

Jack Shea's life was best summed up by his son Jim who said, "For 70 years, he was proud to be an Olympian. He was the chief of our family and loved what the Olympics stood for, to promote peace through friendly competition."

Mr. Speaker, I, too, am proud to honor this great life today, and I urge that we continue to work towards further reduction of driving while under the influence of alcohol so that others may never have their lives taken by a drunk driver. Yes, Jack Shea was a great life, a great soul, a tremendous legacy, and I am pleased to join in honoring him today.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. SWEENEY), the author of this piece of legislation.

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman. I rise today to pay tribute to a great man from my district and a great friend, Jack Shea. I do so proudly as the chief sponsor of this resolution.

As the previous speakers have noted, Jack Shea was really an American treasure, as are all of the members of his family. They have participated so greatly and so importantly in the Olympic movement in the United States, not just in the United States, but throughout the world. Jack Shea, in 1932, in a real come-from-behind, underdog story, captured two Olympic speed skating gold medals, and he embodied the spirit and the will and the determination of the Olympic movement and the goodwill that is projected from that.

It is at a very difficult time and a very tragic time that we lose Jack Shea. He was 91 years young, but one would not know that. Last week a group of Members of Congress and people from the administration went up to Lake Placid, New York, to participate in an annual event that we have, an Olympic challenge that is meant to bring people together, to highlight the importance of Lake Placid in the Olympic movement in terms of our Nation's history and what it provides for us in terms of character, and Jack Shea ironically was to be our principal speaker at our banquet on Saturday evening as we recognized the achievements of all of those who participated. Unfortunately, obviously, Jack was unable to be part of that event. But his grandson, Jimmy Shea, Jr., broke from his training, training that is so critical and important at this point, and delivered a speech on his behalf, as did his son Jim, with the message that we must go on, and that is how Jim Shea wanted it.

So I am particularly proud and excited about the idea that we have been able to come forward today as a body to recognize the great achievements of Jack Shea. In a couple of days, Jack Shea would have been in Salt Lake City lighting the cauldron to begin the Winter Olympics. But unfortunately and sadly, that is not to be what happens now.

What is to happen now, though, as his grandson Jimmy Shea will participate and represent our great Nation in these winter games, having trained so diligently and so hard and learned so many lessons from his grandfather and his father, also an Olympian from the 1964 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, that that spirit will continue forward and will be seen by the entire world and exemplified in the entire world in the competition that is going to be undertaken in Salt Lake. So I would call on all of our citizens to recognize the accomplishments of Jack Shea by rooting real hard for Jimmy Shea as he endeavors to win a medal in the United States Olympic skeleton team.

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I would further call on our colleagues to support this resolution wholeheartedly as a symbol of our great support for a great man with a great life.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 to the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER).

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding me time. I rise to compliment our distinguished colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SWEENEY), for moving forward with this very important measure.

It was 4 years ago this month that I had the opportunity to meet Jack Shea; and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. SWEENEY) have all talked about the fact that 7 decades ago, exactly 7 decades ago Jack Shea became the first American to win two gold medals. I had known of him and had the chance to meet him, as I said, 4 years ago this month.

He had a tremendous impact on me personally. I know that many of my colleagues remember this well because I suffered for a while after having met him because it was Jack Shea who encouraged me to actually take the Skeleton Run at Lake Placid, and it was an experience that I shall never forget. And Jim Shea, Sr., Jack's son, encouraged me to simply say I wanted to ride the Skeleton sled to the team of men who were putting us on to the bob sled run, but it was Jack Shea who told me that I should actually take the Skeleton Run. And it was an unbelievable, an unbelievable experience; and one that I, as I said, shall never forget.

He was an individual who inspired so many of us, and we have been fortunate to see that television commercial that has been running in which we could see how articulate and thoughtful he was.

I remember the great interview that I saw just the other day after the tragic accident that took his life, when he

talked about how he was able to shed a tear over the fact that his grandson would be the first of a third-generation Olympian. Four years ago the Skeleton Run was not established as an Olympic sport, and I know that it took a valiant effort on behalf of the Shea family and others to ensure that it would be an Olympic sport. And so I just want to say again, as I did the day after we got this news, that our thoughts and prayers go with the Shea family, although I know that it is not necessary, because they are so proud, so proud of their father and grandfather.

I have been privileged over the past 4 years to call the Shea family friends, and I do want to say that I hope very much that Jimmy is a big winner when we see at the end of this week the Olympic games begin. And I know it is set for the 20th and 21st, our colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SWEENEY) has told me; and I can hardly wait, whether I am there or watching it on television, to see that wonderful victory; and we know that no one, no one will be enjoying seeing Jimmy Shea take that Skeleton Run more than Jack Shea.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I again congratulate the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. SWEENEY) for introducing this resolution and working so hard to bring it to the floor. I also want to thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, and the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), the ranking member, for expediting its consideration.

I ask all Members to support this resolution to express our condolences on Jack Shea's death and honor his life and achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 340.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2215, 21ST CENTURY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2215) to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin? The Chair hears none and, without objection, appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SENSENBRENNER, HYDE, GEKAS, COBLE, SMITH of Texas, GALLEGLY, CONYERS, FRANK, SCOTT, and Ms. BALDWIN.

Provided that Mr. BERMAN is appointed in lieu of Ms. BALDWIN for consideration of section 312 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 2207 through 2206, 2208, 2210, 2801, 2901 through 2911, 2951, 4005, and title VIII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. TAUZIN, BILIRAKIS, and DINGELL.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 2307, 2301, 2302, 2311, 2321 through 2324, and 2331 through 2334 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HOEKSTRA, CASTLE, and GEORGE MILLER of California.

There was no objection.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 91ST BIRTHDAY OF RONALD REAGAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 82.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 82, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 408, nays 0, answered “present” 4, not voting 23, as follows:

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