

LaTourette	Pastor	Slaughter
Leach	Paul	Smith (MI)
Lee	Payne	Smith (NJ)
Levin	Pelosi	Smith (TX)
Lewis (CA)	Pence	Smith (WA)
Lewis (KY)	Peterson (MN)	Solis
Linder	Peterson (PA)	Souder
Lipinski	Petri	Spratt
LoBlundo	Phelps	Stark
Lofgren	Pickering	Stearns
Lucas (KY)	Pitts	Stenholm
Lucas (OK)	Platts	Strickland
Luther	Pomeroy	Stump
Lynch	Portman	Stupak
Maloney (CT)	Price (NC)	Sullivan
Maloney (NY)	Pryce (OH)	Sununu
Manzullo	Putnam	Sweeney
Markey	Quinn	Tancredo
Matheson	Radanovich	Tanner
Matsui	Rahall	Tauscher
McCarthy (MO)	Ramstad	Tauzin
McCarthy (NY)	Rangel	Taylor (MS)
McCollum	Regula	Taylor (NC)
McCrery	Rehberg	Terry
McDermott	Reyes	Thomas
McGovern	Rivers	Thompson (CA)
McHugh	Rodriguez	Thompson (MS)
McInnis	Roemer	Thornberry
McIntyre	Rogers (KY)	Thune
McKeon	Rogers (MI)	Thurman
McKinney	Rohrabacher	Tiahrt
McNulty	Ros-Lehtinen	Tiberi
Meehan	Ross	Tierney
Meek (FL)	Rothman	Toomey
Meeks (NY)	Roukema	Towns
Mica	Roybal-Allard	Turner
Millender-	Royce	Udall (CO)
McDonald	Rush	Udall (NM)
Miller, Dan	Ryan (WI)	Upton
Miller, Gary	Ryun (KS)	Velazquez
Miller, George	Sabo	Visclosky
Miller, Jeff	Sanchez	Vitter
Mink	Sanders	Walden
Mollohan	Sandlin	Walsh
Moore	Sawyer	Wamp
Moran (KS)	Saxton	Waters
Morella	Schaffer	Watson (CA)
Myrick	Schakowsky	Watt (NC)
Napolitano	Schiff	Waxman
Neal	Schrock	Weiner
Nethercutt	Scott	Weldon (FL)
Ney	Sensenbrenner	Weldon (PA)
Northup	Serrano	Weller
Norwood	Sessions	Wexler
Nussle	Shadeegg	Whitfield
Oberstar	Shaw	Wicker
Obey	Shays	Wilson (NM)
Olver	Sherman	Wilson (SC)
Ortiz	Sherwood	Wolf
Osborne	Shimkus	Woolsey
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Otter	Shuster	Wynn
Owens	Simmons	Young (AK)
Oxley	Simpson	Young (FL)
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Pascarell	Skelton	

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Blagojevich	Emerson	Nadler
Bonior	Greenwood	Pombo
Borski	Lewis (GA)	Reynolds
Brady (PA)	Lowe	Riley
Burton	Mascara	Snyder
Cannon	Menendez	Trafficant
Conyers	Moran (VA)	Watkins (OK)
Deutsch	Murtha	Watts (OK)

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof), the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read:

“A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living increase in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disability and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses of such veterans, to expand certain benefits for veterans and their survivors, and for other purposes.”.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably called back to my district and missed Recorded Votes on Tuesday, May 21, 2002. I would like the RECORD to reflect that, had I been present, I would have cast the following votes:

On the Lantos Amendment to H.R. 3994, Roll Call Vote #179, I would have voted YEA;

On the Jackson-Lee Amendment to H.R. 3994, Roll Call Vote #180, I would have voted YEA;

On the Waters Amendment to H.R. 3994, Roll Call Vote #181, I would have voted YEA;

On Passage of H.R. 3994, Roll Call #182, I would have voted YEA;

On Passage of H.R. 4514, Roll Call #183, I would have voted YEA;

On Passage of H.R. 4015, Roll Call #184, I would have voted YEA;

On Passage of H.R. 4085, Roll Call #185, I would have voted YEA;

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on the remaining motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the ayes and nays are ordered, or on which a vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken tomorrow.

BOB HOPE VETERANS CHAPEL

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4592) to name the chapel located in the national cemetery in Los Angeles, California, as the “Bob Hope Veterans Chapel.”

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4592

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. NAME OF CHAPEL LOCATED IN THE
NATIONAL CEMETERY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

Notwithstanding section 531 of title 38, United States Code, the chapel located in the national cemetery located in Los Angeles, California, shall after the date of the enactment of this Act be known and designated as the “Bob Hope Veterans Chapel”. Any reference to such chapel in any law, regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be considered to be a reference to the Bob Hope Veterans Chapel.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EVANS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH).

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. COX), the prime sponsor of this bill.

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time, and I rise today to thank my col-

leagues for bringing this legislation immediately to the floor to name the chapel at the national cemetery in Los Angeles as the Bob Hope Veterans Chapel.

This national cemetery, for those who have so faithfully served their country, is sometimes called the Arlington Cemetery of the West. It is fitting to name the chapel there in honor of the Armed Services’ best friend, a man who has served America’s veterans proudly for over 60 years.

Before I extol the virtues of the man we intend to honor with this legislation, I would like first to thank my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), with whom I have jointly authored this bill. It has been a pleasure working with the gentleman from California. He has worked actively to gather support for this important legislation as well.

I would like also to thank the gentleman from California (Mrs. BONO) for her active support of Bob Hope and his family, who have long been her constituents in Palm Springs, California. And again I thank the chairman of the committee, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) as well as the members of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs for their strong support and for allowing this bill to come straight to the floor today.

I would be remiss, Mr. Speaker, if I did not also thank the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Honorable Anthony Principi, as well as the many veterans’ service organizations who have worked across the country in support of this legislation.

I am also extremely grateful to my good friend from Southern California, Tom Saltarelli, the former mayor of Tustin, California, who now serves as chairman of the Veterans Park Conservancy, the group that first proposed to name the chapel after Mr. Hope.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank Bob and his loving family, especially his wife Dolores, and their children, Linda, Tony, Nora, and Kelly, and his granddaughter Miranda, who is with us here in the Chamber today.

Mr. Speaker, we are here to honor Leslie Townes Hope or, as he is better known to people around the world, Bob Hope. He was born on May 29, 1903 in Eltham, England. He moved with his family to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1907 and shortly thereafter became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1920.

It was while he was making his start in entertainment on vaudeville that he first met the woman he would soon marry, his wife of 68 years, Dolores. They now have 4 children, as well as 4 grandchildren. Throughout his illustrious and prolific career, Mr. Hope made over 700 television programs, he wrote 7 best-selling books, starred in 60 motion pictures, and he is cited in the Guinness Book of World Records as the most honored entertainer. And with good reason.

His talent has always appealed to Americans of all ages, across many

generations. Without a doubt, Bob Hope is best known as GI Bob, a man whose life was dedicated to honoring and raising the spirits of our men and women in uniform. Through an act of Congress in 1997, Bob Hope became the Nation's first and still only honorary veteran for his lifetime of service to America's soldiers. Whether the United States was at war or at peace, Bob Hope was always there.

After nearly 60 years boosting the morale of U.S. armed forces through goodwill tours, USO shows, and his world-famous Christmas specials, Mr. Hope's status among American servicemen and women is now legendary. His globe-trotting spirit and his zeal for entertainment earned him worldwide status as the Ambassador of Goodwill. From his very first performance, for U.S. soldiers during World War II in May 1941, to his Christmas show in Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War in 1990, Mr. Hope has performed before an estimated 10 million American GIs.

Mr. Speaker, Memorial Day is this weekend. Two days later, Bob Hope will celebrate his 99th birthday, on Wednesday of next week. I do not think there could be a better time to bring forward this act of Congress honoring a man whom our veterans and our Nation owe so much. H.R. 4592 permits us to honor Bob Hope in a way that will endure, even when he is no longer with us.

The Los Angeles National Cemetery is dedicated solely to veterans and their families. Through this act of Congress we will officially name the chapel at the national cemetery where over 85,000 veterans are buried. I will submit for the RECORD, Mr. Speaker, letters of endorsement from many veterans' service organizations across the country. These endorsements include the California chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the American GI Forum, the American Legion, Paralyzed Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, and the California Association of County Veteran Service Officers.

Bob Hope has become such an institution that across the street from this Capitol, in the original Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress, he is the subject of an exhibit, the "Bob Hope Gallery of American Entertainment." This gallery, described in this brochure which I brought with me to the floor, shows visitors to Washington, D.C. Bob Hope's early life, his career on vaudeville, in motion pictures, television, and radio, his USO shows, and his public service.

In so many ways Bob Hope is an American institution, and with this act of Congress we will memorialize it in such a fitting way for those men and women of our armed services who have already passed. I know all my colleagues will join with me in bestowing on our country's most beloved sup-

porter of America's armed forces this valuable and important honor.

Mr. Speaker, the letters of support I referred to earlier are as follows:

THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,
Washington, March 29, 2002.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH,
*Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In a February 22, 2002, letter, Congressman Christopher Cox requested the views of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on legislation to be introduced that would name the chapel at the national cemetery in Los Angeles, California, as the Bob Hope Veterans Chapel. VA supports this bill.

The bill would name the chapel at the national cemetery in Los Angeles, California, as the Bob Hope Veterans Chapel. Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope tirelessly served America's servicemembers for 50 years. Beginning in May 1941, when he performed his radio show for airmen at March Field, California, and continuing through his Christmas show in Saudi Arabia in 1990 during Operation Desert Storm, Mr. Hope has taken to the road to entertain U.S. troops, no matter where they were located, and through laughter helped them to forget for a brief period their distance from home. This legislation would honor Mr. Hope's selfless devotion to America's protectors.

There would be no significant costs associated with enactment of this legislation.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

ANTHONY J. PRINCIPI.

THE BOB AND DOLORES HOPE

CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS,

North Hollywood, CA, October 23, 2001.

Ms. MARY JANE WICK,
*Veterans Park Conservancy,
Los Angeles, CA.*

DEAR MARY JANE: Though I know that you have spoken with my mother and you and I have talked, I wanted to let you know "officially" on behalf of The Bob and Dolores Hope Charitable Foundation and the entire Hope family how very proud and honored we are that you want to name the chapel at the West Los Angeles Veterans Cemetery for Bob Hope. What a wonderful and meaningful tribute to a man who has found strength and inspiration in the courage and selflessness of the American GI. To be there with those he admires most is a special accolade indeed. We all want to thank you for making this possible.

We will try to set a time for my mother to visit the cemetery just as soon as she is feeling better. Thanks again for everything.

Sincerely,

LINDA HOPE.

BOB HOPE,
November 16, 2001.

Ms. SUSAN C. YOUNG,
*Executive Director, Veterans Park Conservancy,
Los Angeles, CA.*

DEAR MS. YOUNG: This letter will serve as confirmation that Mr. Bob Hope agrees to the use of his name for the Veterans Chapel (the "Chapel") located on the premises of the National Cemetery in Westwood, with the understanding that the Chapel will be renamed as "The Bob Hope Veterans Chapel."

The permission granted herein is conditioned on the following:

1. Mr. Hope's name will be used only as the name of the Chapel and in publicity regarding the Chapel and the renaming thereof.

2. Your organization agrees that there shall be no use of his name, logo or likeness

or material concerning him for any other purposes whatsoever, except with the prior written consent of Mr. Hope or his authorized attorney-in-fact or successors in interest. Any authorization received by your organization from the federal government, or any agency thereof, to rename the Chapel shall be conditioned on this limitation.

Your proceeding with the securing of Federal authorization for the renaming of the Chapel as permitted hereunder will constitute your agreement with the foregoing.

Sincerely,

BOB HOPE

(by Dolores Hope, attorney in fact).

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS,
Santa Fe Springs, CA, May 14, 2002.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER COX,
*Congressman,
California 47th District.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN COX: The Disabled American Veterans—Department of California proudly supports the naming of the Chapel in the National Cemetery in Los Angeles as the "Bob Hope Veterans Chapel". This recognition is over due for a man that has devoted his entire adult life supporting the men and women in the military. Bob Hope's efforts to bring happiness and joy to those stationed far from home can never be repaid, however, this Chapel will be a reminder for years to come of what he did for those who served.

Sincerely,

GARY CROSSLAND,
State Commander.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington DC, March 6, 2002.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER COX,
*Rayburn House Office Building, Washington,
DC.*

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE COX: It is our understanding that you are going to introduce legislation that would honor Bob Hope by designating the chapel located in the National Cemetery of Los Angeles, California, as the "Bob Hope Veterans Chapel". On behalf of the 2.7 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I would like to take this opportunity to express our enthusiastic support for this measure.

For more than fifty years, Bob Hope toured with the U.S.O. giving our troops a supportive reminder of home wherever they were stationed. He has earned the honor of being designated "an honorary veteran" for his humanitarian services to the United States Armed Forces by Congress. He has also received the VFW's prestigious Eisenhower Distinguished Service Award for individual contributions to the cause of American security, unity, and world peace. All those who visit the chapel will once again be reminded of his tireless service to our military and our veterans.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on this legislation. Thank you for your continued support on behalf of all America's veterans.

Sincerely,

DENNIS M. CULLINAN,
Director, National Legislative Service.

THE AMERICAN LEGION,
San Francisco, CA, May 7, 2002.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER COX,
*House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office
Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN COX: On behalf of The American Legion, Department of California it gives me great pleasure to support HR 4592 to rename the Chapel at the Los Angeles National Cemetery the "Bob Hope Veterans Chapel."

What a wonderful tribute to a Great American who has provided so much support to

the veterans of this great Nation, both during periods of war and during peacetime.

You are to be commended for your vision and leadership in sponsoring this legislation to express the gratitude and deep regard felt for Bob Hope by the veterans of this Country.

Sincerely,

RONALD J. HANSON,
State Commander, Department of California, The American Legion.

THE RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION,
Riverside, CA, May 10, 2002.

Representative C. CHRISTOPHER COX,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN COX: I have been asked by Colonel Jay Vargas, USMC, (Ret) if my organization would write to you in support of the renaming of the Chapel on the grounds of the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration Hospital in honor of Bob Hope. I believe the name he proposed to me was "The Bob Hope Memorial Chapel."

I have discussed this proposal with members of my Board of Directors and we are unanimously in favor of memorializing this edifice to honor this great Patriot and great American. Bob Hope has given so much of his life to bring humor and a bit of home to American G.I. wherever we have been stationed in defense of Liberty around the world. We strongly support this proposal and find it a fitting tribute to Bob Hope and the hundreds of thousands of American service members whose lives he has enhanced.

I was in Danang in the winter of 1965 66 when Bob and his USO troop came and performed at the base of I Hill 327 in the pouring rain on the west side of the Danang Air Base runway. Bob was great and Joey Heatherton looked pretty good all wet, too.

I speak for the 49,460 members of TROA who live in California plus their spouses and families and can tell you that without reservation we endorse this proposal.

Thank you for carrying the ball on this project.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM F. GAVITT, Col., USAF (Ret).
President.

CALIFORNIA PARALYZED
VETERANS ASSOCIATION,
Long Beach, CA, May 8, 2002.

Re: Naming Chapel.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER COX,
Rayburn House Office Bldg.,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN COX: California Paralyzed Veterans Association supports the chapel at Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System being named "The Bob Hope Chapel".

Thank you for your consideration. California Paralyzed Veterans Association 1100 members thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

RONALD P. AMADOR,
President, National Director.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
JEWISH WAR VETERANS, USA,
Los Angeles, CA.

Congressman CHRIS COX,

DEAR CONGRESSMAN COX: The Jewish War Veterans Department of California wholeheartedly supports HR 4952. The naming of the Chapel at the National Los Angeles Cemetery in Honor of "Bob Hope" to be named the Bob Hope Veterans Chapel and urge the Congress to unanimously pass HR 4952.

Sincerely,

RALPH LEVENTHAL,
Commander.

STEVE ROSMARIN,
PDC National Executive Committee,

ALVIN SELNICK,
PDC National Executive Committee.

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS, INC.,
Fairfield, CA, May 8, 2002.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER COX,
House of Representatives, Rayburn Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN COX: I am writing on behalf of the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers (CAVSO). The CAVSO is an organization of professional veterans advocates. In California, the County Veterans Service Officer plays a critical role in the veteran's advocacy system and is often the initial contact in the community for veterans' services. Through the County Veterans Service Officer the CAVSO is committed to provide a vital and efficient system of services and advocacy to veterans, their dependents, and survivors.

I would like to express our enthusiastic support of your recently introduced legislation, H.R. 4592. This legislation to honor Mr. Bob Hope by naming the chapel located at the National Cemetery in Los Angeles, California is a fitting way to honor a life-long friend and supporter of the men and women who have served and are currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Mr. Hope's service to this country by his many years of providing entertainment and moral support to the troops has always been held in the highest regard by the veterans who had the opportunity to see or hear him in some of the most far flung places on the earth. From his first benefit in 1941 at March Field in California, to his first foray into a combat zone in 1943 during World War II when he and a small USO troupe performed for battle-weary troops in England, Africa, Sicily and Iceland, and for the nearly forty years thereafter when he would spend Christmas entertaining military men and women somewhere in the world, Bob Hope had a way of bringing a little bit of home to troops in faraway places.

Congress has previously acknowledged Bob Hope's invaluable service to the men and women of the US Armed Forces by honoring him with the title "Honorary Veteran of the United States Armed Forces" during a 1997 tribute and by dedicating the USNS Bob Hope (T-AKR300)—lead ship in a new class of Strategic Sealift vessels—in the comedian's honor. Your legislation is one more way to recognize a truly great American and to say "Thanks for the Memories."

Sincerely,

WILLIAM P. REARDON,
President, CACVSO.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE
HEART, DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA,

May 8, 2002.

Congressman CHRISTOPHER COX,
Rayburn Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHRISTOPHER COX: There are approximately 68,000 combat wounded veterans located in the State of California. They are Purple Heart Medal recipients from bygone wars. Those that are members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, want to endorse your House bill H.R. 4592, Bob Hope legislation dedication of a chapel in the West Los Angeles area.

Thank you for introducing H.R. 4592 before the U.S. Congress for a special person as Bob Hope.

Yours in patriotism,

CHARLES L. LINDEN,

Department Commander, Department of California, Military Order of the Purple Heart.

AMVETS,
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA,
Tulare, CA, May 14, 2002.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER COX,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SIR: The Department of California AMVETS are supportive of the House Bill naming the chapel located in the National Cemetery in Los Angeles as the "Bob Hope Veterans Chapel".

Sincerely yours,

DONALD G. McDONALD,
State Commander.

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation would name the chapel in the national cemetery located in Los Angeles, California as the Bob Hope Veterans Chapel.

Bob Hope has entertained American servicemen and women throughout the world. During the nearly 60 years of goodwill tours and USO shows, Bob Hope entertained an estimated 10 million members in the armed forces. In recognition for his support for America's armed forces in 1997, he was designated an honorary veteran. With the passage of this legislation, Bob Hope will receive another well-earned recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this measure and I commend the gentleman from California (Mr. Cox) and the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN) for their bipartisan leadership on this issue.

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

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. And first I want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. Cox) for his very eloquent remarks and for his sponsorship of this very important and, I think, very timely recognition of the great work that Bob Hope has done.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Hope is famous for entertaining all Americans, but we all know his most significant contribution to the United States has been in improving the morale of members of our armed forces by entertaining our troops overseas, especially during the holidays.

Leslie Townes, also known as Bob Hope, was born in Eltham, England on May 29, 1903. In 1907, he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1920. During World War II, Bob Hope attempted to enlist in the armed forces, so he could serve his adopted country, but was informed that his greatest service would be as a civilian entertainer for the troops.

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Whether at war or at peace, from World War II through the Persian Gulf War, Bob Hope committed himself for nearly 60 years to boosting the morale of the U.S. Armed Forces. It began in

1941 when Mr. Hope and a group of performers went to March Field in California to do a radio show for the troops in training there. During World War II, his weekly radio show was broadcast from Armed Forces installations around the United States and at U.S. bases overseas. During this period he developed a rapport that led the United Service Organization, USO, to ask him to lead 45 tours in more than 40 countries to entertain American servicemen and women. His spirit of selflessness was especially notable during his annual Christmas specials which began in 1948 and kept him on the road during this Christian holiday for more than 20 years in a row. He has entertained, as the gentleman from California (Mr. Cox) pointed out, an estimated 10 million American GIs.

Mr. Speaker, here is a quote from a lonely sailor in France who had received a letter and some photos from a recent Bob Hope visit during World War II. His words portray the feelings of so many Americans fighting at that time:

"Your programs are the kind that make us think of home but they also make us feel that home is much closer than it really is. It is people like you and Mr. Colona and Miss Langford besides the one we love back home that makes it worth winning this war and believe me we are going to do it. I want to say thanks from the bottom of my heart for all the trouble you have gone through to make this strange sailor have a pleasant time for being so far away from home."

Mr. Speaker, Bob Hope made over 700 television appearances. As we all know, he is a best-selling author, he starred in 60 motion pictures, and the "Guinness Book of Records" cites him as the most honored entertainer in the world. Mr. Hope has received more than 50 honorary doctorates and is the recipient of innumerable awards, including prestigious honors from the major veterans service organizations. His humanitarian work, Mr. Speaker, was recognized, and fittingly, with the Congressional Gold Medal.

Public Law 105-67, Mr. Speaker, bestowed on Mr. Hope status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces. As we know, he resides in California with his bride of 68 years, Delores.

Mr. Hope, what an appropriate name for all that he has done to boost the morale of American fighting men and women. We say to him, "Thanks for the memories."

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

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN).

Mr. WAXMAN. I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4592, which would designate the chapel in Los Angeles National Cemetery located in the congressional district I represent as the Bob Hope Vet-

erans Chapel. I want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. Cox) for his assistance with this legislation and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for allowing it to reach the floor in time for the chapel naming to coincide with Bob Hope's 99th birthday on May 29.

Bob Hope has been named the most honored entertainer of all time with more than 1,500 awards and citations. His career in vaudeville, Broadway, radio, motion pictures, and television has made him an icon of American entertainment. But he will forever be loved for traveling the globe to entertain American GIs.

Starting with his World War II radio broadcast for the Armed Forces, Bob Hope dedicated more than 50 years to the USO, delivering holiday cheer and raising the morale of servicemen and women serving throughout the world. He made his first trip to a combat area in 1943 when he and a small USO troupe visited U.S. military facilities in England, Africa, Sicily and Iceland. His commitment to those in uniform is legendary; and he set an example that inspired his peers, his fans and the entertainers who have followed in his path.

As many of my colleagues know, Bob Hope and his wife, Delores, recently donated the Bob Hope Collection to the Library of Congress to preserve his invaluable joke files, sound recordings, films, photos and other memorabilia. Now exhibited through the Bob Hope Gallery of American Entertainment, the collection is truly a national treasure. Naming this veterans chapel in his honor is a special way for Congress to express the deep gratitude that all Americans have for Bob Hope. He is the man we awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 1962 and designated in 1997 as the only person in history to become an honorary veteran.

I appreciate the opportunity to pay tribute once again when we ascribe his name to this historic chapel, which is being restored with the help of the Veterans Park conservancy. It will also be a tribute to the 85,000 brave soldiers who are buried at the L.A. National Cemetery.

It is a great privilege for me to represent Bob and Delores Hope in Congress. I know other Members of Congress claim them as well; but they live, as Delores Hope told me, and vote in my congressional district and to me that has always been a great honor for me to have them as constituents. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate them on this special honor and to extend my best wishes to them and their family.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN), the chairman emeritus of the Committee on International Relations.

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, permit me to thank our good friend, the gentleman from New Jersey, the distinguished chairman of our Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the gentleman from California (Mr. Cox); the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN); and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EVANS) for affording us this opportunity to pay tribute to a dedicated patriot, a man who has devoted his life to providing laughter to our Nation, and, most notably, to our troops overseas, Bob Hope.

Bob Hope's lifelong commitment to public service has made him one of the most honored and esteemed performers in our Nation's history. He spent nearly 60 years boosting the morale of our servicemen and women through goodwill tours, USO shows, and his world famous Christmas specials. Bob Hope's status among our Armed Forces as GI Bob is legendary. Through an act of Congress in 1997, he has the distinction of being the Nation's first and only honorary veteran, a fitting tribute to his life and service.

His charitable work and his tours on behalf of our Armed Forces have brought him the admiration and the gratitude of millions and the friendship of every U.S. President since President Roosevelt.

In a recent act of generosity, Bob donated his personal papers, radio and television programs, his scripts and his treasured joke file to the Library of Congress and the people of the United States. Preserved at the library is the full record of Bob Hope's extraordinary creativity, his unselfish contributions to his Nation, and the testimonials and thanks he has received from those whose lives he has enriched.

Bob Hope is a role model, a patriot, a man who used his gift to lift the spirits of our Nation and of our Nation's troops. This measure, H.R. 4592, names the chapel located at the national cemetery in Los Angeles as the Bob Hope Veterans Chapel. While this is only a small symbol of our thanks, I know that our Nation will forever extend its gratitude to Bob Hope, an entertainer, a patriot and a friend and to his devoted wife, Delores.

Accordingly, I urge all of our colleagues to support this measure. I thank the gentlemen from New Jersey and from California for this opportunity to pay tribute to GI Bob.

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH).

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, as a Representative of Cleveland, Ohio, I am proud to join with my colleagues from across the country in this well-deserved tribute to Bob Hope for his service to the veterans of our country, to the servicepersons who for generations put themselves on the line to protect America and Bob Hope was there time after time whenever his country called him. And so now his country is prepared to honor him in a very special way by showing its appreciation for the years of work, the years of his own life

he put into celebrating the work of our servicemen and women.

As a Representative from Cleveland, Ohio, I take great pride in the fact that the first city that Bob Hope moved to, his family moved to, when he came to the United States was the city of Cleveland. The city of Cleveland claims him as one of their favorite sons and has named a major bridge after him and celebrated his whole career during our bicentennial. We recognize that his contribution, though, belongs to the Nation as well as to our community. It is that way, I think, with Bob Hope's life in that so many parts of our Nation are grateful to the service that he has given to, to the joy he has brought into people's lives, through his unselfish approach, through his dedication to our country, and to the men and women who have served.

Mr. Speaker, when I was mayor of Cleveland, I had the privilege of meeting Bob Hope on many occasions, having had the opportunity to share very special moments with him and to see that this person whom we honor here this evening was warm, and is warm, and funny and is someone who had a view of life, and has a view of life, which really appreciates the beauty of life and the humor in life.

To Bob and Delores Hope, this is an important moment for both of you, because you have shared your marriage with this country and with the servicemen and women who have served America. In this moment when through the work of our colleagues your name is going to be on this special veterans memorial chapel, through this moment we show that we have not forgotten what you have done for our country and that you will always be remembered and that we join, each Member of this Congress, in celebrating your life as you look towards your 99th year.

In the Polish community in Cleveland, there is a phrase called *stolot* which, translated, is "May you live a hundred years and more." Bob, keep going strong. We love you. Thanks to you and Delores. Cleveland is glad to join in this special honor.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4592.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2002

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the

bill (H.R. 4231) to improve small business advocacy, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4231

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Small Business Advocacy Improvement Act of 2002".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Excessive regulations continue to burden the Nation's small businesses.

(2) Federal agencies continue to propose regulations that impose disproportionate burdens on small businesses.

(3) An independent office of small business advocacy will help to ensure that Federal agencies are responsive to small businesses and that those agencies comply with their statutory obligations with respect to small businesses.

(4) The independence of an office that acts as an advocate for small businesses is essential to ensure that it can serve as an effective advocate without being restricted by the views or policies of the Small Business Administration or any other Federal executive branch agency.

(5) To be effective an office that acts as an advocate for small businesses needs sufficient resources to conduct creditable economic studies and research which are necessary for the maintenance of small business databases and for the accurate assessment of the impact of regulations on small businesses, the role of small business in the Nation's economy, and the barriers to the growth of small businesses.

(6) The research, information, and expertise provided by an independent office of small business advocacy will be a valuable source of information and advice for Congress and Federal agencies with which the office will work on behalf of small businesses.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to ensure that there exists an entity that has the statutory independence and adequate financial resources to effectively advocate for and on behalf of small business;

(2) to require that such an entity report to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate, and to the Administrator of the Small Business Administration in order to keep them fully and currently informed about issues and regulations affecting small business concerns and the necessity for corrective action by the regulatory agency or Congress;

(3) to provide a separate authorization for appropriations for such an entity; and

(4) to strengthen the role of the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman by ensuring greater cooperation between the Ombudsman and the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

SEC. 3. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF COUNSEL OF ADVOCACY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201 of Public Law 94-305 (15 U.S.C. 634a) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(a)" before "There is established";

(2) by striking the second sentence; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) The management of the Office shall be vested in a Chief Counsel for Advocacy who shall be appointed from civilian life by the

President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who should be appointed without regard to political affiliation and on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the office.

"(c) No individual may be appointed under subsection (b) if such individual has served as an officer or employee of the Small Business Administration during the 5-year period preceding the date of such individual's appointment.

"(d) Any Chief Counsel appointed after the date of the enactment of this subsection shall be paid at a rate not to exceed the rate of basic pay for level III of the Executive Schedule.

"(e) After the expiration of the term of a President, the Chief Counsel may continue to serve at the pleasure of the President for a period of not to exceed one year until such date as a successor to the Chief Counsel is nominated."

(b) INCUMBENT CHIEF COUNSEL FOR ADVOCACY.—The individual serving as the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration on the date of the enactment of this Act shall continue to serve in that position after such date in accordance with section 201 of Public Law 94-305 (15 U.S.C. 634a), as amended by this section.

SEC. 4. PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF OFFICE OF ADVOCACY.

Section 202 of Public Law 94-305 (15 U.S.C. 634b) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (6) by striking "to minority enterprises" and inserting "to small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, to small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans";

(2) in paragraph (7) by striking "minority enterprises" and inserting "small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans";

(3) in paragraph (8) by striking "minority and other small business enterprises" and inserting "small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, small business concerns owned and controlled by women, small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, and other small businesses";

(4) in paragraph (9) by striking "complete" and inserting "compete";

(5) by striking paragraph (11);

(6) by redesignating paragraph (12) as paragraph (11);

(7) in paragraph (11) (as so redesignated)—

(A) by striking "serviced-disabled" and inserting "service-disabled"; and

(B) by striking the period at the end and inserting "and"; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

"(12) make such recommendations and submit such reports as the Chief Counsel determines appropriate to the President, to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate, and to the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, with respect to issues and regulations affecting small businesses and the necessity for corrective action by any Federal agency or by Congress."

SEC. 5. ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 203 of Public Law 94-305 (15 U.S.C. 634c) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(a)" before "The Office of Advocacy shall also perform"; and

(2) in subsection (a) (as so designated)—