

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

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers. I urge all Members to support the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 262. I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Chairman DAVIS) for introducing this patriotic measure.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 262.

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. TURNER of Ohio. 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 SUPPORTING FINANCIAL PLANNING WEEK

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 176) supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Planning Week, recognizing the significant impact of sound financial planning on achieving life's goals, and honoring American families and the financial planning profession for their adherence and dedication to the financial planning process.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 176

Whereas the financial planning process can play a vital role in helping American workers achieve financial independence by empowering them to identify and manage realistic financial objectives and negotiate the financial challenges that arise at every stage of life;

Whereas all Americans can improve their quality of life by securing competent, objective, and comprehensive financial advice to assist them in attaining their financial goals;

Whereas, in the past year, proclamations have been issued in numerous States and the District of Columbia recognizing the importance of the financial planning process in meeting the goal of financial independence and other long-term financial objectives;

Whereas widespread adherence to a financial planning process can help reduce the burdens and obligations of the public and private sectors in providing a financial safety net for less fortunate Americans; and

Whereas the Financial Planning Association has designated the week beginning October 6, 2003, as "Financial Planning Week": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of "Financial Planning Week";

(2) recognizes the significant impact that sound financial planning can have on securing financial independence and achieving life's goals and dreams;

(3) acknowledges and commends the millions of American families across the United States, as well as the financial planning profession, for their adherence and dedication to the financial planning process; and

(4) encourages the American people to observe "Financial Planning week" with appropriate programs and activities.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the concurrent resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 176 supports the goals and ideals of Financial Planning Week. This resolution, introduced by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PLATTS), the chairman of the Committee on Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, aims to make all Americans aware of the importance of effective financial planning to prepare for all stages of life.

Mr. Speaker, all Americans were happy to learn last week that the gross domestic product for the third quarter of fiscal year 2003 grew at a rate of 7.2 percent, the highest rate since the 1980s. Clearly, that is good news about the direction our economy is headed and, hopefully, that will translate into increased job growth and more income for all Americans.

However, smart financial planning is a timeless and invaluable way for all of us to help ensure a secure financial future. American families are working harder today than perhaps at any other time in our Nation's history, but it is imperative that we all accompany our hard work with thoughtful, personal financial planning.

I want to cite the third resolved clause of the resolution that states that "Congress acknowledges and commends the millions of American families across the United States for their adherence and dedication to the financial planning process." No one takes time out to recognize the millions of Americans who are working, spending wisely, and prudently saving for their own and their family's future. This resolution attempts to acknowledge these people.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the chairman of the Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management for introducing this important legislation, and I support the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 176.

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, as a young child, I was taught that he or she who fails to plan, plans to fail. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, this resolution is very timely, given the sluggish economy and loss of jobs.

H. Con. Res. 176 supports the goals and ideals of Financial Planning Week. The financial planning process allows individuals to achieve their dreams by empowering themselves to identify and manage realistic financial goals, and to negotiate the financial barriers that arise at every stage of life.

Everyone can benefit from knowing about the value of financial planning and where to turn for objective financial advice. The Financial Planning Association designated the week beginning October 6, 2003 as Financial Planning Week, and with good reason.

Saving money has steadily declined in this country over the past 50 years, while borrowing has increased. In 1950, savings averaged 12.3 percent of national output. By the 1960s, it was down to 8.5 percent. By the 1980s it was down to 4.7 percent. In the early 1990s, it was only 2.4 percent. Americans need to work to achieve financial independence, and financial planning is crucial to that process.

Determining what you have, determining what resources you need for living, and setting goals are all part of the financial planning process. Experts suggest setting aside a goal to pay ourselves first, to plan and to manage our spending so that we will be able to save. We then should gradually increase the percentage of our income that we save. Over time, Americans should try to set aside enough savings to meet each of the following needs: Day-to-day living expenses, including debt repayment; common emergencies; large recurrent expenses; short-term goals; long-term goals; and special opportunities that would require substantial sums in the future.

We as individuals are responsible for becoming well-informed and for making thoughtful decisions that improve our prospects for financial security. H. Con. Res. 176 serves as a reminder of how important it is for us to save and to have a financial plan, so that we can improve not only our individual quality of life, but so that we can have a better outlook for our Nation and improve the quality of life for all Americans.

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

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 176, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 176.

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. TURNER of Ohio. 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.

ORVILLE WRIGHT FEDERAL BUILDING AND WILBUR WRIGHT FEDERAL BUILDING

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3118) to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3118

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

SECTION 1. ORVILLE WRIGHT FEDERAL BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Federal building located at 800 Independence Avenue, Southwest, in Washington, District of Columbia, shall be known and designated as the "Orville Wright Federal Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Orville Wright Federal Building".

SEC. 2. WILBUR WRIGHT FEDERAL BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Federal building located at 600 Independence Avenue, Southwest, in Washington, District of Columbia, shall be known and designated as the "Wilbur Wright Federal Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Wilbur Wright Federal Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO).

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3118, offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES), designates the building located at 800 Independence Avenue, Southeast as the "Orville Wright Federal Building," and the building located at 600 Independence Avenue, Southeast as the "Wilbur Wright Federal building."

Recognized as the fathers of aviation, Orville and Wilbur Wright were raised in Dayton, Ohio, the sons of Bishop Milton Wright and Susan Catherine Wright. The two brothers were raised in a home where education was important and creativeness was encouraged.

At an early age, the boys showed an aptitude for mechanics, a skill that was useful in their early career making and selling bicycles.

In 1901, the boys built their first aircraft. Not much more than a glider and flown like a big kite, this initial step was critical in determining the aerodynamics of flight. The brothers tried various designs in their quest for flight and 2 years later, on December 17, 1903, they flew the world's first powered airplane.

Planes are still using the aeronautics developed by the Wright brothers. Their design of the propeller and wing are still the basic shapes we use today. They truly are the fathers of modern aviation.

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It is fitting that we grant the Wright brothers this important honor at this time. This December will mark 100 years since the Wright brothers took their Wright Flyer aircraft on to the dunes of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and ushered in the age of flight. It is doubly fitting that we grant this honor as the buildings in question are in use by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Mr. Speaker, I support this legislation and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I too rise in support of this legislation. It is appropriate for us to designate the Federal Government building located down on Independence Avenue as the Orville Wright Federal Building. As the gentleman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) pointed out, we are approaching the centennial of the birth of flight. I only wish that we had available on the floor the repartee that we had in committee, Mr. Speaker, between our colleagues from Ohio and North Carolina about what State is the true birth place of flight.

Orville and Wilbur were from Ohio. That is where their bicycle shop was located; that is where they did the engineering and the research. There were some, I would not say unkind, but pointed comments from some of our colleagues that they had to go to North Carolina to get the hot air for the lift for the initial flight, although our friend, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES), I think had an interesting rejoinder.

Suffice it to say, this has been an important designation for our country. Aviation has played a critical part in the development of our industry in terms of the United States military might. In terms of today, it is one of the leading employers in our country still. Despite the travail of the industry and the economy, there are still more than 600,000 employees and the United States is the leading aviation country in the world with over 600 mil-

lion passenger flights, including a number of people in this Chamber whose lives would not be possible in two States were it not for aviation.

It is fitting that we honor the matchless contributions of the Wright brothers, not only to American history but to the world.

Mr. Speaker, I support the legislation and urge its passage, but do point out as Chair of the Bicycle Caucus that this is yet another American innovation in infrastructure that owes its founding to the genius behind the cycling community.

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES).

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, as a pilot of 35 years of experience, I appreciate the work that was done by Wilbur and Orville Wright, and I am pleased to sponsor H.R. 3118, which will honor the memory and achievements of Orville and Wilbur Wright by naming the Department of Transportation building, which houses the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington in their honor. It is a fitting tribute to men with a vision and determination to fly.

The first 12 seconds of flight started America down the path to such accomplishments as passing the speed of sound, achieving low-Earth orbit, developing reusable manned space vehicles, and even landing on the moon.

Today the U.S. aviation system is the busiest, safest system in the world, and in large measure we have the Wright brothers to thank for this. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the milestone event, two celebrations in North Carolina deserve special recognition. This past May, Fayetteville, North Carolina held the Festival of Flight Celebration, and in December the State of North Carolina will present the First Flight Centennial Celebration to take place at the National Park in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, not in Dayton, Ohio, where the Wright brothers first flew. A monument to the brothers was placed on the dunes of Kitty Hawk.

As we approach the 100th anniversary of the birth of aviation at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, it is indeed fitting to recognize these two aviation pioneers by naming the Federal buildings at 600 and 800 Independence Avenue in their honor. I thank the Wright brothers.

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, the designation of two Federal Aviation Administration buildings in Washington, DC, in honor of Wilbur and Orville Wright's contribution to history with their invention of powered flight, is a fitting tribute to their conviction and courage.

I am fortunate to represent the hometown of the Wright Brothers, a place where they studied and tinkered over their design for an airplane. The lessons they learned from their failures, over time became the key to their successes.

In a little over a month, the world will celebrate the 100th anniversary of powered flight, one of the human race's greatest achievements. The contributions of powered flight to the world are immeasurable and have pushed the human race forward in countless ways.