

Ms. PELOSI. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I am proud to join you in co-sponsoring this resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of the Honorable JOHN D. DINGELL's service in the House of Representatives. As we celebrated at the National Building Museum before, I am pleased to join you once again in congratulating JOHN DINGELL. It is impossible to acknowledge his service and congratulate him for his great leadership without also acknowledging Debbie Dingell, who has been his partner in so much of his life's work.

As I mentioned, Mr. Speaker, you and I had the privilege of celebrating this milestone with Congressman DINGELL at an extraordinary event at the National Building Museum on October 26. Something phenomenal happened that night when Republicans and Democrats came together in unity to praise this great man. Everyone in the bipartisan group, President Clinton, Vice President CHENEY, Governor Granholm of Michigan, and so many of JOHN's colleagues in the House and Senate, including his chairman, JOE BARTON, who regaled us with DINGELL stories that night, agreed that JOHN DINGELL is an American statesman of the highest order.

President Kennedy could have been describing JOHN DINGELL when he said: "No government is better than the people who serve it. We want the best, we need the best, and we deserve the best." For 50 years in JOHN DINGELL we have had the best.

To the pages in the room, I want to say tonight we could really be celebrating his 54th anniversary in the House because from age 12 to 16, he served here as a page, the longest-serving page in history. It was as a page in 1941 that JOHN DINGELL was standing on the House floor when President Roosevelt asked Congress to declare war on Japan. It was World War II that would ultimately call him to service.

He served in the Army with distinction, rising to the rank of second lieutenant. John would later say of his service, "It taught me the meaning of discipline and respect, two qualities which I believe are key to success in the United States." It also began a public life dedicated to making America strong both at home and abroad.

A member of the Greatest Generation, JOHN DINGELL applied his brilliant mind, his great judgment, and his broad vision to making the future better for generations to come. JOHN always made clear that a strong America had to be a healthy America. Continuing a tradition his father began, in every Congress he has introduced a bill for universal national health insurance. Because of his tireless work in securing health care for the elderly, JOHN presided in the House in 1965 when Medicare was passed into law. The gavel he used that day still sits on his desk. He was a very young man at the time, still is.

As part of his focus on future generations, JOHN was one of the first elected

officials to link public health with environmental health, and he has had a hand in almost every major environmental legislation of the past 40 years. He has done as much to clean up government as he has to clean up the environment. For the last 50 years, Federal agencies have checked their mail with one eye squinted open hoping they have not received what became known as "Dingell-grams."

In the 1980s, the EPA even had an employee whose sole responsibility was responding to Chairman DINGELL's inquiries, and it was recognized that her job was not an easy one. To work alongside JOHN DINGELL is to be inspired by the history of our institution and humbled by the seriousness of our work. JOHN is a giant in Congress and a symbol of continuity.

Fifty years ago on December 13, 1955, JOHN DINGELL took over the seat that had been opened by his father. After hearing his father's colleagues eulogize John, Sr., JOHN stepped up and said, "My father loved and respected the House and all of its Members. If I can be half the man that my father was, I shall feel that I am a great success."

On this 50th anniversary, we say that we love and respect JOHN DINGELL and by any measure his leadership and his success have been unsurpassed. I am sure that John Dingell, Sr., is very, very proud. We may call JOHN DINGELL the Dean of the House, as the Speaker has done; but for many of us here tonight he has also been a teacher.

I know I speak for all of the Members of the House when I say we are proud to call JOHN DINGELL colleague.

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We are all so glad that your lifetime of service continues. The best is yet to come. Thank you, JOHN DINGELL.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, today, December 13, 2005, JOHN D. DINGELL, Jr. marks 50 years of distinguished service to the people of Michigan. I have enormous respect for my friend, the gentleman from Michigan, who serves the people he represents, and the country, well and with distinction.

I was a member of this body when the last gentleman to serve 50 years in the House was acknowledged—Congressman Jamie Whitten. And the tribute Mr. DINGELL paid to Mr. Whitten also is fitting in tribute to Mr. DINGELL—For all the wisdom the gentleman from Michigan has displayed during his tenure in the House, his constituents have shown even more wisdom in returning him to Congress 25 times.

Upon reflecting on Mr. Dingell's career, I am reminded of the quote by Martin Luther King, Jr. who said, "the quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important."

After half a century of service in this body, serving with 10 presidents and in 25 Congresses, all marvel at the longevity of the gentleman's career. But it is the quality of Mr. DINGELL's service that his colleagues, his constituents and the American people remember.

And let us not forget in celebrating the gentleman's past accomplishments and distinguished service that his career is far from over.

True, his efforts on behalf of the Civil Rights Movement, the American laborer and our Na-

tion's neediest individuals helped shape the second half of the 20th Century.

But as we look to the future, a future where JOHN DINGELL will undeniably play a significant role, we are comforted by the fact that the gentleman from Michigan, always true to his word and with a quick wit, will continue to lead us for many years to come.

I am proud of my friend JOHN and thank him for many years of personal kindnesses and professional courtesies.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SMALL PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY ACT

The SPEAKER. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3422, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. OXLEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3422, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 387, nays 2, not voting 44, as follows:

[Roll No. 625]

YEAS—387

Abercrombie	Burgess	Doggett
Ackerman	Burton (IN)	Doolittle
Aderholt	Butterfield	Doyle
Akin	Buyer	Drake
Alexander	Camp (MI)	Dreier
Allen	Campbell (CA)	Duncan
Andrews	Cannon	Edwards
Baca	Capito	Ehlers
Baird	Capps	Emanuel
Baker	Capuano	Emerson
Baldwin	Cardin	Engel
Barrett (SC)	Cardoza	English (PA)
Barrow	Carnahan	Eshoo
Bartlett (MD)	Carson	Etheridge
Barton (TX)	Carter	Evans
Bass	Case	Farr
Bean	Castle	Fattah
Beauprez	Chabot	Feeney
Becerra	Chandler	Ferguson
Berkley	Chocola	Filner
Berman	Clay	Fitzpatrick (PA)
Berry	Cleaver	Flake
Biggert	Cole (OK)	Foley
Bilirakis	Conaway	Forbes
Bishop (GA)	Conyers	Fortenberry
Bishop (NY)	Cooper	Fossella
Bishop (UT)	Costa	Frank (MA)
Blackburn	Cramer	Franks (AZ)
Blumenuauer	Crenshaw	Frelinghuysen
Blunt	Crowley	Garrett (NJ)
Boehlert	Cuellar	Gerlach
Boehner	Culberson	Gibbons
Bonilla	Cummings	Gilchrest
Bono	Davis (AL)	Gillmor
Boozman	Davis (CA)	Gingrey
Boren	Davis (IL)	Gohmert
Boswell	Davis (KY)	Gonzalez
Boucher	Davis (TN)	Goodlatte
Boustany	Davis, Jo Ann	Gordon
Boyd	DeFazio	Granger
Bradley (NH)	Delahunt	Graves
Brady (PA)	DeLauro	Green (WI)
Brady (TX)	DeLay	Green, Al
Brown (OH)	Dent	Green, Gene
Brown (SC)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Grijalva
Brown-Waite,	Dicks	Gutierrez
Ginny	Dingell	Gutknecht

Hall	McCotter	Rush
Harman	McCrery	Ryan (OH)
Hart	McGovern	Ryan (WI)
Hastings (FL)	McHenry	Ryan (KS)
Hastings (WA)	McHugh	Salazar
Hayes	McIntyre	Sanchez, Loretta
Hefley	McKeon	Sanders
Hensarling	McKinney	Saxton
Herger	McMorris	Schakowsky
Herseht	McNulty	Schiff
Higgins	Meehan	Schmidt
Hinches	Meek (FL)	Schwartz (PA)
Hinojosa	Meeks (NY)	Schwarz (MI)
Hobson	Melancon	Scott (GA)
Hoekstra	Menendez	Scott (VA)
Holden	Mica	Sensenbrenner
Holt	Michaud	Serrano
Honda	Millender-	Sessions
Hooley	McDonald	Shadegg
Hostettler	Miller (FL)	Shays
Hoyer	Miller (MI)	Sherman
Hulshof	Miller (NC)	Sherwood
Hunter	Miller, Gary	Shimkus
Inglis (SC)	Miller, George	Shuster
Inslee	Mollohan	Simmons
Israel	Moore (KS)	Simpson
Issa	Moore (WI)	Skelton
Istook	Moran (KS)	Slaughter
Jackson (IL)	Moran (VA)	Smith (NJ)
Jackson-Lee	Murphy	Smith (TX)
(TX)	Musgrave	Smith (WA)
Jindal	Myrick	Snyder
Johnson (IL)	Nadler	Sodrel
Johnson, E. B.	Napolitano	Souder
Johnson, Sam	Neal (MA)	Spratt
Jones (NC)	Neugebauer	Stark
Jones (OH)	Ney	Stearns
Kanjorski	Northup	Strickland
Kaptur	Norwood	Stupak
Keller	Nunes	Sullivan
Kelly	Nussle	Sweeney
Kennedy (MN)	Oberstar	Tancredo
Kennedy (RI)	Obey	Tanner
Kildee	Olver	Tauscher
Kilpatrick (MI)	Ortiz	Taylor (MS)
King (IA)	Osborne	Taylor (NC)
King (NY)	Otter	Terry
Kingston	Owens	Thomas
Kirk	Pallone	Thompson (CA)
Kline	Pascrell	Thompson (MS)
Kolbe	Pastor	Thornberry
Kucinich	Paul	Tiaht
Kuhl (NY)	Payne	Tiberi
LaHood	Pearce	Tierney
Langevin	Pelosi	Towns
Lantos	Pence	Turner
Larsen (WA)	Peterson (MN)	Udall (NM)
Larson (CT)	Peterson (PA)	Upton
Latham	Petri	Van Hollen
LaTourette	Pickering	Velázquez
Leach	Pitts	Vislosky
Lee	Poe	Walden (OR)
Levin	Pombo	Walsh
Lewis (GA)	Pomeroy	Wamp
Lewis (KY)	Porter	Wasserman
Linder	Price (NC)	Schultz
Lipinski	Pryce (OH)	Watson
LoBiondo	Radanovich	Watt
Lofgren, Zoe	Rahall	Waxman
Lowey	Ramstad	Weldon (FL)
Lucas	Regula	Weldon (PA)
Lungren, Daniel	Rehberg	Weller
E.	Reichert	Westmoreland
Lynch	Renzi	Wexler
Mack	Reyes	Whitfield
Maloney	Rogers (AL)	Wicker
Manzullo	Rogers (KY)	Wilson (NM)
Marchant	Rogers (MI)	Wilson (SC)
Markey	Rohrabacher	Wolf
Marshall	Ross	Woolsey
Matheson	Rothman	Wu
Matsui	Roybal-Allard	Young (AK)
McCaul (TX)	Royce	Young (FL)
McCullum (MN)	Ruppersberger	

NAYS—2

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NOT VOTING—44

Bachus	Davis, Tom	Hyde
Bonner	Deal (GA)	Jefferson
Brown, Corrine	DeGette	Jenkins
Calvert	Diaz-Balart, M.	Johnson (CT)
Cantor	Everett	Kind
Clyburn	Ford	Knollenberg
Coble	Gallegly	Lewis (CA)
Costello	Goode	McCarthy
Cubin	Harris	McDermott
Davis (FL)	Hayworth	Murtha

Oxley	Ros-Lehtinen	Solis
Platts	Sabo	Udall (CO)
Price (GA)	Sánchez, Linda	Waters
Rangel	T.	Weiner
Reynolds	Shaw	Wynn

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire) (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4099

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 4099.

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

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING AN AMERICAN GIANT: CONGRESSMAN JOHN D. DINGELL, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Our friend, Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, tonight there will only be unanimous bipartisan agreement on this House floor. Tonight, the Members of this body, both Democrats and Republicans, our Speaker and our Democratic leader join together to recognize the extraordinary and many accomplishments of a great Member of this House. And to honor that service to our Nation we honor an American giant: The Dean of the House, our colleague from the State of Michigan, Congressman JOHN DINGELL, Jr.

This day, December 13, 2005, marks Chairman DINGELL's 50th anniversary as a Member of this great body, the people's House. The people are proud of JOHN DINGELL and rightfully so. He is the third longest serving Member in the history of this institution. That means he has survived a long time. And, frankly, 50 years of service is itself something that ought to be honored, but JOHN DINGELL is deserving of honor for much more than longevity.

As I can attest, Congressman DINGELL shows no signs of slowing down. Only Jamie Whitten of Michigan, with whom I served on the Appropriations

Committee, with 53 years and 10 months of service, and Carl Vinson, the great Representative of Georgia, with 50 years and 2 months of service have served longer. JOHN DINGELL will surpass, God willing, both of those.

Just consider that during the last half century Congressman DINGELL has searched under 10 presidents. No, that is wrong. JOHN DINGELL serves under no one. JOHN DINGELL has served with 10 Presidents. He has cast nearly 22,000 rollcall votes. In fact, one-fourth of the Members who serve here today, 107 Members to be precise, were born after JOHN DINGELL came to the Congress of the United States.

However, no one should be mistaken. As notable as the length of Congressman DINGELL's tenure is, it is eclipsed by his truly remarkable record of substantive legislation over the last five decades on behalf of his people, on behalf of the people of Michigan, on behalf of the people of this country.

JOHN DINGELL, my constituents, are proud of your service and thankful for your contributions. You have made their lives better. You have made the Chesapeake Bay better. You have made Maryland better. In serving Michigan, you have served us all.

Many of the most important pieces of legislation, on health care, as Leader PELOSI pointed out and as Speaker HASTERT pointed out, on the environment and on workers and consumers rights bear JOHN DINGELL's strong imprint, and a significant number of these bills were written by him.

Examples: The 1990 Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Mammography Quality Standards Act. And he is still fighting for a real Patients Bill of Rights. We should have passed and enacted JOHN DINGELL's Patients Bill of Rights a few years ago. That would have indeed been a testimonial that would have been worthy of his service.

In addition, Congressman DINGELL halls helped craft legislation on issues ranging from telecommunications to drinking water quality, and blocked proposals such as electric utility deregulation that he opposed. Said Senator CARL LEVIN of Michigan, "he has a role in almost every major legislative effort to help average families," working Americans, and his fellow citizens.

And when it comes to effective, tenacious congressional oversight Congressman DINGELL has demonstrated that he has few peers. He has fought to ensure that the intent of the laws were carried out and that tax dollars were spent properly. He wanted to invest, but he wanted that investment to be honest, he wanted that investment to be effective, and he wanted that investment to be carefully husbanded.

The work of his Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations led to the firing of the Superfund administrator, the discovery of a defense contractor who charged the Pentagon for boarding a dog, and improper billing practices by universities for research expenses.