

Mr. Speaker, the union of Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee was among the most fruitful acting partnerships in American history. Together, they made well over 150 films and plays. They also made history. During the fiery days of the Red Scare, Davis and Dee, who were nearly blacklisted themselves, stood up for their friend Paul Robeson, and for America's key freedoms. Reflecting on those trying years, Davis told the Boston Globe in 2003, "I'm sure my wife and I suffered, but we never knew whether we were being punished for being black or being red."

Mr. Speaker, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee fought for an end to racism in American cities and in American film. They crusaded for civil liberties and protested for peace. They served as MC's during the 1963 March on Washington. They worked with black leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and Fannie Lou Hamer. Upon their deaths, Davis eulogized Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ossie Davis understood the value of hard work, the potential for collective action, and the crucial responsibility of government. When President Reagan proposed a 50% cut in the National Endowment for the Humanities budget, Davis registered his dissent to the House Appropriations Subcommittee. He said, "I was able to pull myself up by my bootstraps—but only because the Federal Government provided the boots."

Ossie Davis was an actor and activist, a player and a poet, a husband and a father, an example to us all. Mr. Speaker, my words are insufficient to memorialize this great man. Instead, I leave you with Ossie Davis's wise words, from an interview with Tavis Smiley on National Public Radio. "We can't float through life, we can't be incidental or accidental. We must fix our gaze on a guiding star as soon as one comes up on the horizon. And once we've attached ourselves to that star, we must keep our eyes on it and our hands on the plough."

Mr. Speaker, let us let Ossie Davis's words be our guiding star. May he rest in peace.

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 69, a resolution honoring the life and accomplishments of the late actor, director, veteran, and civil rights activist Ossie Davis.

Ossie Davis was born in Cogdell, Georgia in 1917. Davis realized his love for acting and writing while attending Howard University, here in Washington, D.C. After finishing his education, Davis moved to Harlem, New York on a quest to start his acting career. Before he could move into acting, Davis was drafted by the United States Army. He served in the Army medical unit during World War II.

Ossie Davis appeared in almost all forms of entertainment. He was brilliant to watch on stage and knew how to captivate an audience. On screen he made all the characters he played come to life right before our eyes. Even as great as he was on stage and film, Davis' passion was writing. He wanted to move audiences not just by his acting but by his written word.

Davis and his wife Ruby Dee, also an established actor, were very active in civil rights issues and promoting African-Americans in the entertainment industry. They sued for African-American voting rights, and when their friend, Paul Robeson, was blacklisted, they stood by his side only to become a victim themselves. Ossie and Ruby Dee were proud participants in the March on Washington in 1963.

Davis received several awards throughout his career, including the Screen Actors Guild Lifetime Achievement award and the Kennedy Center Honor, which he received with his wife in 2004.

In particular, I will recall his powerful voice as host of the annual National Memorial Day Concert held on the West Lawn of the Capitol. As an eleven-time host of the concert, his appearance each and every year was an inspiring addition to our remembrance of those who served our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I was truly saddened upon learning of his passing this past Friday. I would like to express my deepest condolences to Ossie Davis' family. My thoughts are with his wife Ruby Dee and his three children Guy Davis, Hasna Muhammad, and particularly Nora Day, a proud resident of Montclair, NJ.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H. Res. 69, honoring the life and accomplishments of the late Ossie Davis.

Ossie Davis was a devoted African American, husband, father, actor, director, soldier, activist, and pioneer. He was born in 1917 in Cogdell, GA and was the son of a railroad worker. Ossie Davis was passionately involved in civil rights issues and efforts to advance the cause of African Americans in the entertainment industry. Known for taking roles that tackled racial injustice, he understood the importance of black song, black music, and black arts.

His career as an actor began in 1939 with the Rose McClendon Players in Harlem. It was there that he met and mingled with some of the most influential figures of his time, including Langston Hughes, A. Phillip Randolph and W.E.B. DuBois.

His acting career was interrupted when he was asked to serve in the Army during World War II. He served in Libya at an African American medical unit as an Army Surgical technician, where he stabilized some of the 700,000 soldiers wounded in that war.

In 1948, Ossie Davis debuted on Broadway in "Jeb," a play about a soldier returning home. His co-star was Ruby Dee, his wife of 56 years, whose stage career paralleled his own. The couple went on to write, direct, and star in several films, most notably "Cotton Comes to Harlem" in 1970 and "Countdown at Kusini" in 1976. Ossie appeared in over 80 productions and was honored by the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in 2004.

I had the unique opportunity to meet and spend time with Ossie Davis over the years, and cherished every moment. He was a man of character, wisdom, dignity, and excellence. He embodied a sly humor and genuine kindness that many will remember him by. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and all who loved him. As we celebrate Black History Month, let us remember the life and accomplishments of the late Ossie Davis, a true pioneer and advocate of African Americans in the entertainment industry and in life.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, 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 Georgia (Mr. WESTMORELAND) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 69.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 6, by the yeas and nays;

House Concurrent Resolution 26, by the yeas and nays; and

House Concurrent Resolution 30, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONTINUE TO EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 6.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 6, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 7, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 24]

YEAS—418

Abercrombie	Boozman	Clay
Ackerman	Boren	Cleaver
Aderholt	Boswell	Clyburn
Akin	Boucher	Coble
Alexander	Boustany	Cole (OK)
Allen	Boyd	Conaway
Andrews	Bradley (NH)	Conyers
Baca	Brady (PA)	Cooper
Bachus	Brady (TX)	Costa
Baird	Brown (OH)	Costello
Baker	Brown (SC)	Cox
Baldwin	Brown, Corrine	Cramer
Barrett (SC)	Brown-Waite,	Crenshaw
Barrow	Ginny	Crowley
Bartlett (MD)	Burgess	Cubin
Barton (TX)	Burton (IN)	Cuellar
Bass	Butterfield	Culberson
Bean	Buyer	Cummings
Beauprez	Calvert	Cunningham
Becerra	Camp	Davis (AL)
Berkley	Cannon	Davis (CA)
Berman	Cantor	Davis (FL)
Berry	Capito	Davis (IL)
Biggert	Capps	Davis (KY)
Bilirakis	Capuano	Davis (TN)
Bishop (GA)	Cardin	Davis, Jo Ann
Bishop (NY)	Cardoza	Davis, Tom
Bishop (UT)	Carnahan	Deal (GA)
Blackburn	Carson	DeFazio
Blunt	Carter	DeGette
Boehlert	Case	Delahunt
Boehner	Castle	DeLauro
Bonilla	Chabot	DeLay
Bonner	Chandler	Dent
Bono	Chocola	Diaz-Balart, L.

Diaz-Balart, M.	Kildee	Pence	Wamp	Weldon (FL)	Wilson (SC)	Davis (AL)	Jackson-Lee	Northrup
Dicks	Kilpatrick (MI)	Peterson (MN)	Wasserman	Weldon (PA)	Wolf	Davis (CA)	(TX)	Norwood
Dingell	Kind	Peterson (PA)	Schultz	Weller	Wu	Davis (FL)	Jefferson	Nunes
Doggett	King (IA)	Petri	Waters	Westmoreland	Wynn	Davis (IL)	Jenkins	Nussle
Doolittle	King (NY)	Pickering	Watson	Wexler	Young (AK)	Davis (KY)	Jindal	Oberstar
Doyle	Kingston	Pitts	Watt	Whitfield	Young (FL)	Davis (TN)	Johnson (CT)	Obey
Drake	Kirk	Platts	Waxman	Wicker		Davis, Jo Ann	Johnson (IL)	Olver
Dreier	Kline	Poe	Weiner	Wilson (NM)		Davis, Tom	Johnson, E. B.	Ortiz
Duncan	Knollenberg	Pombo				Deal (GA)	Johnson, Sam	Osborne
Edwards	Kolbe	Pomeroy		NAYS—7		DeFazio	Jones (NC)	Otter
Ehlers	Kuhl (NY)	Porter	Blumenauer	Lee	Woolsey	DeGette	Jones (OH)	Owens
Emanuel	LaHood	Portman	Frank (MA)	McDermott		Delahunt	Kanjorski	Oxley
Emerson	Langevin	Price (GA)	Kucinich	Stark		DeLauro	Kaptur	Pallone
Engel	Lantos	Price (NC)				DeLay	Keller	Pascarell
English (PA)	Larsen (WA)	Pryce (OH)				Dent	Kelly	Pastor
Etheridge	Larson (CT)	Putnam	Eshoo	Hinojosa	Snyder	Diaz-Balart, L.	Kennedy (MN)	Paul
Evans	Latham	Radanovich	Feeney	Ros-Lehtinen	Stupak	Diaz-Balart, M.	Kennedy (RI)	Payne
Everett	LaTourette	Rahall	Hinchev	Rush		Dicks	Kildee	Pearce
Farr	Leach	Ramstad				Dingell	Kilpatrick (MI)	Pelosi
Fattah	Levin	Rangel				Doggett	Kind	Pence
Ferguson	Lewis (CA)	Regula				Doolittle	King (IA)	Peterson (MN)
Filner	Lewis (GA)	Rehberg				Doyle	King (NY)	Peterson (PA)
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Lewis (KY)	Reichert				Drake	Kingston	Petri
Flake	Linder	Renzi				Dreier	Kirk	Pickering
Foley	Lipinski	Reyes				Duncan	Kline	Pitts
Forbes	LoBiondo	Reynolds				Edwards	Knollenberg	Platts
Ford	Lofgren, Zoe	Rogers (AL)				Ehlers	Kolbe	Poe
Fortenberry	Lowey	Rogers (KY)				Emanuel	Kucinich	Pombo
Fossella	Lucas	Rogers (MI)				Emerson	Kuhl (NY)	Pomeroy
Fox	Lungren, Daniel	Rohrabacher				Engel	LaHood	Porter
Franks (AZ)	E.	Ross				English (PA)	Langevin	Portman
Frelinghuysen	Lynch	Rothman				Etheridge	Lantos	Price (GA)
Gallely	Mack	Royal-Allard				Evans	Larsen (WA)	Price (NC)
Garrett (NJ)	Maloney	Royce				Everett	Larson (CT)	Pryce (OH)
Gerlach	Manzullo	Ruppersberger				Farr	Latham	Putnam
Gibbons	Marchant	Ryan (OH)				Fattah	LaTourette	Radanovich
Gilchrest	Markey	Ryan (WI)				Ferguson	Leach	Rahall
Gillmor	Marshall	Ryun (KS)				Filner	Lee	Ramstad
Gingrey	Matheson	Sabo				Fitzpatrick (PA)	Levin	Rangel
Gohmert	McCarthy	Salazar				Flake	Lewis (CA)	Regula
Gonzalez	McCaul (TX)	Sánchez, Linda				Foley	Lewis (GA)	Rehberg
Goode	McCollum (MN)	T.				Forbes	Lewis (KY)	Reichert
Goodlatte	McCotter	Sanchez, Loretta				Ford	Linder	Renzi
Gordon	McCrery	Sanders				Fortenberry	Lipinski	Reyes
Granger	McGovern	Saxton				Fossella	LoBiondo	Reynolds
Graves	McHenry	Schakowsky				Fox	Lofgren, Zoe	Rogers (AL)
Green (WI)	McHugh	Schiff				Frank (MA)	Lowey	Rogers (KY)
Green, Al	McIntyre	Schwartz (PA)				Franks (AZ)	Lucas	Rogers (MI)
Green, Gene	McKeon	Schwarz (MI)				Frelinghuysen	Lungren, Daniel	Rohrabacher
Grijalva	McKinney	Scott (GA)				Gallely	E.	Ross
Gutierrez	McMorris	Scott (VA)				Garrett (NJ)	Lynch	Rothman
Gutknecht	McNulty	Sensenbrenner				Gerlach	Mack	Royal-Allard
Hall	Meehan	Serrano				Gibbons	Maloney	Royce
Harman	Meek (FL)	Sessions				Gilchrest	Manzullo	Ruppersberger
Harris	Meeks (NY)	Shadegg				Gillmor	Marchant	Ryan (OH)
Hart	Melancon	Shaw				Gingrey	Markey	Ryan (WI)
Hastings (FL)	Menendez	Shays				Gohmert	Marshall	Ryun (KS)
Hastings (WA)	Mica	Sherman				Gonzalez	Matheson	Sabo
Hayes	Michaud	Sherwood				Goode	McCarthy	Salazar
Hayworth	Millender	Shimkus				Goodlatte	McCaul (TX)	Sánchez, Linda
Hefley	McDonald	Shuster				Granger	McCollum (MN)	T.
Hensarling	Miller (FL)	Simmons				Graves	McCotter	Sanchez, Loretta
Herger	Miller (MI)	Simpson				Green (WI)	McCrery	Sanders
Herseth	Miller (NC)	Skelton				Green, Al	McDermott	Saxton
Higgins	Miller, Gary	Slaughter				Green, Gene	McGovern	Schakowsky
Hobson	Miller, George	Smith (NJ)				Grijalva	McHenry	Schiff
Hoekstra	Mollohan	Smith (TX)				Gutierrez	McHugh	Schwartz (PA)
Holden	Moore (KS)	Smith (WA)				Gutknecht	McIntyre	Schwarz (MI)
Holt	Moore (WI)	Sodrel				Hall	McKeon	Scott (GA)
Honda	Moran (KS)	Solis				Harman	McKinney	Scott (VA)
Hooley	Moran (VA)	Souder				Harris	McMorris	Sensenbrenner
Hostettler	Murphy	Spratt				Hart	McNulty	Serrano
Hoyer	Murtha	Stearns				Hastings (FL)	Meehan	Sessions
Hulshof	Musgrave	Strickland				Hastings (WA)	Meek (FL)	Shadegg
Hunter	Myrick	Sullivan				Hayes	Meeks (NY)	Shaw
Hyde	Nadler	Sweeney				Hayworth	Melancon	Shays
Inglis (SC)	Napolitano	Tancredo				Hefley	Menendez	Sherman
Inslee	Neal (MA)	Tanner				Hensarling	Michaud	Sherwood
Israel	Neugebauer	Tauscher				Herger	Millender	Shimkus
Issa	Ney	Taylor (MS)				Herseth	McDonald	Shuster
Istook	Northrup	Taylor (NC)				Higgins	Miller (FL)	Simmons
Jackson (IL)	Norwood	Terry				Hobson	Miller (MI)	Simpson
Jackson-Lee	Nunes	Thomas				Hoekstra	Miller (NC)	Skelton
(TX)	Nussle	Thompson (CA)				Holden	Miller, Gary	Slaughter
Jefferson	Oberstar	Thompson (MS)				Holt	Miller, George	Smith (NJ)
Jenkins	Obey	Thornberry				Honda	Mollohan	Smith (TX)
Jindal	Olver	Tiahrt				Hooley	Moore (KS)	Smith (WA)
Johnson (CT)	Ortiz	Tiberi				Hostettler	Moore (WI)	Sodrel
Johnson (IL)	Osborne	Tierney				Hoyer	Moran (KS)	Solis
Johnson, E. B.	Otter	Tommy				Hulshof	Moran (VA)	Souder
Johnson, Sam	Owens	Turner				Hunter	Murphy	Spratt
Jones (NC)	Oxley	Udall (CO)				Hyde	Murtha	Stark
Jones (OH)	Pallone	Udall (NM)				Inglis (SC)	Musgrave	Stearns
Kanjorski	Pascarell	Upton				Inslee	Myrick	Strickland
Kaptur	Pastor	Van Hollen				Israel	Nadler	Sullivan
Keller	Paul	Velázquez				Issa	Napolitano	Sweeney
Kelly	Payne	Visclosky				Istook	Neal (MA)	Tancredo
Kennedy (MN)	Pearce	Walden (OR)				Jackson (IL)	Neugebauer	Tanner
Kennedy (RI)	Pelosi	Walsh					Ney	Tauscher

NOT VOTING—8

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Mr. McDERMOTT and Ms. WOOLSEY changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. BUTTERFIELD changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 26.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ROGERS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 26, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 423, nays 0, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 25]

YEAS—423

Abercrombie	Blunt	Capuano
Ackerman	Boehert	Cardin
Aderholt	Boehner	Cardoza
Akin	Bonilla	Carnahan
Alexander	Bonner	Carson
Allen	Bono	Carter
Andrews	Boozman	Case
Baca	Boren	Castle
Bachus	Boswell	Chabot
Baird	Boucher	Chandler
Baker	Boustany	Chocola
Baldwin	Boyd	Clay
Barrett (SC)	Bradley (NH)	Cleaver
Barrow	Brady (PA)	Clyburn
Bartlett (MD)	Brady (TX)	Coble
Barton (TX)	Brown (OH)	Cole (OK)
Bass	Brown (SC)	Conaway
Bean	Brown, Corrine	Conyers
Beauprez	Brown-Waite,	Cooper
Becerra	Ginny	Costa
Berkley	Burgess	Costello
Berman	Burton (IN)	Cox
Berry	Butterfield	Cramer
Biggert	Buyer	Crenshaw
Bilirakis	Calvert	Crowley
Bishop (GA)	Camp	Cubin
Bishop (NY)	Cannon	Cuellar
Bishop (UT)	Cantor	Culberson
Blackburn	Capito	Cummings
Blumenauer	Capps	Cunningham