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By any measure Colin Powell is an extraordinary public servant. He is America's premier Soldier-Statesman. This designation is but a small gesture to honor his devotion to public service and his lifetime of dedication to the American public.

I support this bill and urge its passage.

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

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Today it is my honor and privilege to bring this legislation, which will recognize the leadership of an outstanding American patriot, someone who serves as a role model for all Americans. I am very proud of Colin Powell and again of his service to our Nation. I urge the support of this bill.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 1413, a bill to designate a staff housing facility located in Kingston, Jamaica as the Colin L. Powell Residential Plaza. The facility currently houses Department of State employees.

Colin Luther Powell was born on April 5, 1937, in Harlem, New York. His parents, Jamaican immigrants to the United States, infused in their son a high work ethic and stressed the importance of education. He attended local public schools in the Bronx, and attended the City College of New York and studied geology. While at City College, Secretary Powell joined the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and, by his own account, claimed he had found his calling. When he graduated in 1958 he was at the top of his ROTC class, with the rank of cadet colonel, the highest rank in the Corps.

Colin Powell served two tours of duty in Vietnam. During his first tour in 1963 he was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. During his second tour in Vietnam between 1968 and 1969 he was injured in a helicopter crash but managed to rescue his comrades for which he was awarded the Soldier's Medal. In all, he has received 11 decorations including the Legion of Merit.

After the war, Secretary Powell attended George Washington University here in the District of Columbia earning an MBA. He was awarded a White House fellowship and was assigned to the Office of Management and Budget, where he worked for both Department of Defense Secretaries Caspar Weinberger and Frank Carlucci. Following his term as a White House fellow, Powell served in Korea. In 1976, he joined the Carter Administration as assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. At the end of the Carter Administration, he assisted Secretary Carlucci during the transition to the Reagan Administration.

In 1986, Secretary Powell left Washington to serve as military commander in Frankfurt Germany. He was recalled to Washington by

Frank Carlucci to serve as his deputy national security adviser. In 1991, as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Powell became a national figure during the successful Desert Shield and Desert Storm operations.

In 2001, President Bush appointed Powell as Secretary of State, the first African American to hold this office. As Secretary of State, he took a leading role in rallying America's allies and the United Nations in the war against terrorism.

Since his retirement in 2004, Colin Powell has written a best selling autobiography, *My American Journey*. He has pursued a career as a public speaker and has remained involved in his work with the Alliance for Youth.

Colin Powell is a true American success story. He is an incomparable public servant, a born leader, able administrator, and exceptional diplomat. He is America's premier Soldier-Statesman. It is fitting and proper that we honor the outstanding contributions of Colin Powell with this designation.

I support this bill and urge its passage.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1413.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR EVENT TO COMMEMORATE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF MILLION MAN MARCH

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 161) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for an event to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Million Man March.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 161

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR EVENT TO COMMEMORATE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF MILLION MAN MARCH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Million Man March, Inc. (in this resolution referred to as the "sponsor") shall be permitted to sponsor a public event on the Capitol Grounds to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Million Man March (in this resolution referred to as the "event").

(b) DATE OF EVENT.—The event shall be held on October 15, 2005, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate.

SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board, the event shall be—

(1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and

(2) arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsor shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

SEC. 3. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsor is authorized to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment, as may be required for the event.

SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board are authorized to make any such additional arrangements that may be required to carry out the event.

SEC. 5. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions in section 5104(c) of title 40, United States Code, concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the event.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) each will control 20 minutes.

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Concurrent Resolution 161.

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

There was no objection.

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

This concurrent resolution takes care of a little bit of a housekeeping chore for our committee and also for the House. House Concurrent Resolution 161 is sponsored by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and it authorizes the use of the Capitol grounds for the 10th anniversary commemoration event of the Million Man March. It is required under our rules that we pass such a resolution for use of the Capitol grounds.

The Million Man March, Inc., is the sponsor wishing to commemorate the march of 10 years ago and to highlight the Millions More Movement.

The current movement is intended to reenergize the efforts and missions of the Million Man March, which was first held in 1995. This event is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2005; and it will include leaders of the African American community. It is free of charge and also open to the public.

I also find it important to note that the sponsor assumes full responsibility for all expenses and liability incident to all activities associated with the event, and House Concurrent Resolution 161 does not authorize any expenditures.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

H. Con. Res. 161 authorizes the use of the Capitol grounds for the Millions More March scheduled for October 15, 2005. It will be on the 10th anniversary of the original Million Man March held here in Washington on the Mall in October of 1995. This event was one of the largest ever to be held on the Mall.

Similar to the original march, the themes and programs of this event will focus on unity, spiritual values, education and economic development. It is going to be extraordinarily timely this year in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and some of the conditions we saw in New Orleans.

It will be very relevant to this march, and hopefully the administration and others will be paying attention to the issues and themes raised at this event. The organizers will work with the office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Capitol Police; and the event will be free and open to the public.

I support the resolution and urge its passage.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS).

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I would take this moment to express appreciation to Speaker HASTERT, Chairman YOUNG, Ranking Member OBERSTAR, and Mr. MICA and Mr. DEFAZIO for bringing this legislation to the floor and for having an opportunity for it to be heard and to be passed.

I rise in support of it. As a matter of fact, it commemorates the 10th-year anniversary of the Million Man March which took place some 10 years ago when more than a million, primarily African American, men came to Washington D.C. for a big national town hall meeting. That is what I really think of this as being, a national town hall meeting where people from all across the country will gather on the Mall and have a day of discussions talking about problems, needs, hopes, and aspirations. It is an opportunity for those who will gather to be heard to experience fellowship and camaraderie and also to project for the Nation to see and feel an understanding of their perception of need.

I want to thank all of those who helped to make this event possible. I appreciate the sensitivity and concern displayed.

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

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Again, I want to commend the gentleman from Illinois for bringing this legislative initiative before the House. On behalf of Chairman YOUNG of the full T&I committee and subcommittee chair Mr. SHUSTER, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, who chairs the Economic Development and Public Buildings and Emergency Management Subcommittee, I am pleased to present this legislation, and ask at this time

for the House's consideration and adoption of the resolution.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, H. Con. Res. 161 authorizes use of the Capitol Grounds for an event to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Million Man March which took place on October 16, 1995. The first Million Man March was one of the largest events to be held on the mall. The 1995 event themes were unity, atonement, and brotherhood.

The anniversary event will rededicate participants to the goals and ideals of the original event. A few of the themes of this year's event include unity, spiritual values, education, and economic development.

Like all events that use the Capitol Grounds, this event is free and open to the public. The event sponsors will work with the Architect of the Capitol to resolve all issues of event preparation. This far reaching national program will include a march on October 15th and religious services on Sunday, October 16.

I support the resolution and urge its passage.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 161.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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AUTHORIZING SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO MAKE EMERGENCY AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GRANTS-IN-AID FOR REPAIRS AND COSTS RELATED TO DAMAGE FROM HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1786) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make emergency airport improvement project grants-in-aid under title 49, United States Code, for repairs and costs related to damage from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1786

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

SECTION 1. EMERGENCY USE OF GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2005 AND 2006.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation may make project grants under part B, subtitle VII, of title 49, United States Code, from amounts that remain unobligated after the date of enactment of this Act for fiscal years 2005 and 2006—

(1) from apportioned funds under section 47114 of that title apportioned to an airport described in subsection (b)(1) or to a State in which such airport is located; or

(2) from funds available for discretionary grants to such an airport under section 47115 of such title.

(b) ELIGIBLE AIRPORTS AND USES.—The Secretary may make grants under subsection (a) for—

(1) emergency capital costs incurred by a public use airport in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, or Texas that is listed in the Federal Aviation Administration's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems of repairing or replacing public use facilities that have been damaged as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita; and

(2) emergency operating costs incurred by an airport described in paragraph (1) as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

(c) PRIORITIES.—In making grants authorized by subsection (a), the Secretary shall give priority to—

(1) airport development within the meaning of section 47102 of title 49, United States Code;

(2) terminal development within the meaning of section 47110 of that title;

(3) repair or replacement of other public use airport facilities; and

(4) emergency operating costs incurred at public use airports in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas.

(d) MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN OTHERWISE APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of any grant authorized by subsection (a)—

(1) the Secretary may waive any otherwise applicable limitation on, or requirement for, grants under section 47102, 47107(a)(17), 47110, or 47119 of title 49, United States Code, if the Secretary determines that the waiver is necessary to respond, in as timely and efficient a manner as possible, to the urgent needs of the region damaged by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita;

(2) the United States Government's share of allowable project costs shall be 100 percent, notwithstanding the provisions of section 47109 of that title;

(3) any project funded by such a grant shall be deemed to be an airport development project (within the meaning of section 47102 of that title), except for the purpose of establishing priorities under subsection (c) of this section among projects to be funded by such grants; and

(4) no project funded by such a grant may be considered, for the purpose of any other provision of law, to be a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) each will control 20 minutes.

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. 1786.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise in strong support of Senate bill S. 1786. This legislation authorizes emergency grants to airports to repair damage caused by both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Specifically, this legislation authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants under the existing Airport