

and they put a very heavy emphasis on how important they thought it was to support our first responders.

How ironic it was, then, on that very same day to hear allegations that a Democrat Member of this House struck a Capitol Police officer, and how disheartening to hear the response of the Democratic leader of this House. It was, she said, no big deal.

To those who might agree with the Democrats that allegedly assaulting a Capitol Hill Police officer is no big deal, I would respectfully remind them that just a few years back two members of the Capitol Police were shot and killed in the line of duty by a deranged man who was trying to attack the majority whip, and that during moments of danger and evacuation Capitol Police stand their posts while the rest of us seek to secure ourselves and the safety of others.

This is only my second term here, so the Capitol Police don't always recognize me and occasionally they do check my identity. They stop me and check my identity. No problem.

Madam Speaker, I wish to go on record as supporting the jobs that the brave men and women in the Capitol Police do to protect all of us, and let me just say to them thank you.

MEDICARE PART D

(Mr. GINGREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, I rise and share yet another story of success regarding the Medicare part D prescription drug benefit. Today I would like to tell you about Lola Squires of Cedartown, Georgia.

Lola is a widow and lives on a fixed income. As you can imagine, every dollar of her monthly budget is precious to her livelihood. Due to chronic illness, Lola was paying \$1,000 a month for her prescription drugs, which used up almost all of her income.

Lola is now enrolled in a Medicare part D plan. As my office was assisting her, we learned that she did qualify for the extra help due to her limited resources, and I am happy to report, as of today, Lola is paying a mere \$27 a month for her medication. \$27 a month. That is a saving of more than \$900 every month for Lola.

Madam Speaker, the Medicare part D success stories are pouring in. Seniors have until May 15 to enroll in a plan without penalty; so in the next few weeks, it is absolutely essential that Congress put real people over partisan politics and help our seniors get the medicine they need to stay well.

INDONESIA IS A STRATEGIC FRIEND

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as supporters of freedom confront terrorism worldwide, it is appropriate to recognize the Republic of Indonesia's extraordinary efforts to advance democracy. Newly appointed Ambassador Sudjandnan Parnohadinin-grat recently made a convincing presentation in the Washington Diplomat regarding the significance of his country, which is the world's third largest democracy of over 220 million and the world's largest Muslim population which spreads across 17,000 islands.

Despite al Qaeda terrorist attacks and economic collapse, and the catastrophic tsunami, Indonesia has rebounded with fair and free elections and an economic growth rate from 5.5 to 6 percent annually. America is fortunate to be a friend and partner of Indonesia, a dynamic nation which joins us in working for regional peace and winning the war on terrorism.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PHILLIP FROST AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 81) providing for the appointment of Phillip Frost as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.J. RES. 81

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Manuel L. Ibanez of Texas on May 4, 2006, is filled by the appointment of Phillip Frost of Florida. The appointment is for a term of 6 years, beginning on the later of May 5, 2006, or the date of the enactment of this joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan.

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

House Joint Resolution 81 provides for the appointment of Phillip Frost to serve on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

This 17-member board, which governs the Smithsonian Institution, is comprised of the Chief Justice and Vice President of the United States, three Members each from the House and Senate, and nine citizens who are nominated by the Board and approved jointly in a resolution of Congress.

Our first regent nominee, Phillip Frost, founded Ivax Corporation, and has served as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board since 1987; he also served as President of Ivax from 1991 to 1995. Before founding Ivax, Dr. Frost chaired the Department of Dermatology at the Mount Sinai Medical Center of Greater Miami from 1972 to 1990. His other work involved joining the University of Miami School of Medicine faculty in 1966. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Frost was named the 2001 National Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst & Young.

A native of Philadelphia, Dr. Frost attended the University of Paris from 1955 to 1956. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York in 1961.

Dr. Frost and his wife Patricia, who currently serves as Chair of the Smithsonian National Board, have displayed a genuine commitment to the arts through personal leadership and philanthropy. In 1986, they gave their entire 113-piece collection of American abstract art to the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

Dr. Frost has experience serving on a variety of boards and possesses significant fiscal experience with matters of government oversight.

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I believe the Smithsonian can benefit greatly from Phillip Frost's financial, educational, and leadership experience. And I urge my colleagues to support House Joint Resolution 81.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I too rise in support of House Joint Resolution 81 to appoint Dr. Phillip Frost of Florida for a 6-year term as a citizen regent of the Smithsonian Institution.

Dr. Frost, who is a medical doctor, is a noted collector of American abstract art and a philanthropist, who, since 1987, as was mentioned, has served as the chairman of the board and CEO of the IVAX Corporation, which develops and markets pharmaceutical products.

Dr. Frost and his wife, Patricia, gave their 113-piece collection of American abstract art to the Smithsonian American Art Museum in 1986. In another major philanthropic donation, they previously gave a \$33 million gift to the University of Miami for its school of

music. Subsequently, the school of music was named after Dr. Frost and his wife, Patricia.

Dr. Frost's broad background in medicine, science, business, and culture will be a valuable asset to the Smithsonian.

And, Madam Speaker, just as a personal aside, I have a personal relationship with Dr. Phil Frost. He is a renowned philanthropic contributor both in the community in south Florida and across this country. I have worked with him on several projects and also would like to note his deep commitment and involvement in the Jewish community in south Florida, and I am privileged to be able to stand before this House today and ask unanimous support for this resolution.

I urge my colleagues to support House Joint Resolution 81 so that this joint resolution can be signed into law before the May meeting of the Smithsonian regents.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of House Joint Resolution 81, which appoints Dr. Phillip Frost as a Citizen Regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Frost and his wife Patricia have long been ardent supporters of the arts, especially in my Congressional District of South Florida.

Dr. Frost grew up living above his father's shoe store as a child in Philadelphia. While in college at the University of Pennsylvania, he traveled to Paris for a year to study French Literature. While in Paris, his life long commitment to the arts began.

Dr. Frost came to South Florida to complete a one-year senior residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. Fortunately for South Floridians, he has remained for over forty years. In 1966, he joined the faculty of the University of Miami School of Medicine. From there he moved on to Mount Sinai Medical Center in 1972, chairing their Department of Dermatology until 1990.

Dr. Frost's success in medicine translated into business, and he has used his success to enhance the South Florida Community. Dr. Frost has distinguished himself nationally as a business leader. It came as no surprise that in 2001; he received the National Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Dr. Frost's contributions to our community in South Florida have been invaluable. Dr. Frost has been a huge supporter of the University of Miami's Music Department, which is now named after he and his wife.

In 1993, Florida International University presented him with an honorary degree for his many contributions in medicine, business, and community service. He also has been a strong advocate of the Miami Art Museum.

I would like to commend Dr. Frost for his dedication to enriching the lives of South Floridians through the arts. I urge my colleagues to support House Joint Resolution 81 and promote Dr. Frost as a Citizen Regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 81.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam 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 question will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.J. Res. 81.

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

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ALAN G. SPOON AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 82) providing for the reappointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.J. RES. 82

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Alan G. Spoon of Massachusetts on May 4, 2006, is filled by the reappointment of the incumbent for a term of 6 years. The reappointment shall take effect on May 5, 2006.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS) and the gentleman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan.

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

House Joint Resolution 82 provides for the reappointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Alan Spoon has served as a member of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History Board of Regents

since 2000 and, by all accounts, has done an excellent job. His diverse background in finance, management, and technology has served the institution very well. We would be privileged to have him continue to serve as a member.

Mr. Spoon has a unique skill-set, stemming from his 25 years of service in various dynamic business atmospheres. Mr. Spoon currently serves as a managing partner of Polaris Venture Partners, which invests in Internet-related businesses, networking, biotechnology, and medical technology.

Prior to his position with Polaris, he served in a variety of capacities at The Washington Post Company. These included positions as president, chief financial officer, chief operating officer, president of Newsweek, head of newspaper marketing, and head of corporate business development.

Prior to serving on the Board of Regents, Mr. Spoon served on the National Museum of Natural History's Board of Directors. Mr. Spoon received his BA at M.I.T., his MS at M.I.T.'s Sloan School of Management, and his JD from Harvard Law School.

In light of his distinguished service with the Smithsonian Institution, I urge my colleagues to support House Joint Resolution 82 and reappoint Mr. Spoon to an additional 6-year term.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I too support H.J. Resolution 82 to reappoint Alan G. Spoon of Massachusetts for a new 6-year term as a citizen regent of the Smithsonian Institution.

I want to mention that my colleague, the Hon. Congressman BARNEY FRANK, joins me in the support of this resolution as well.

Alan Spoon was previously appointed to the Board of Regents by Congress in 2000. He is a member of the executive committee of the board and chairman of the Finance and Investment Committee. As was mentioned, Mr. Spoon is the managing partner of Polaris Venture Partners, an investment company, and was previously president of The Washington Post Company. Prior to that experience, Mr. Spoon also served as president of Newsweek magazine, an impressive accomplishment. He also brings previous experience to the Smithsonian as a member of the National Museum of Natural History's advisory board.

I believe the Smithsonian will continue to benefit from Alan Spoon's financial, marketing, and management background and continuing experience on the Board of Regents.

I urge my colleagues to support House Joint Resolution 82 so that this joint resolution can be signed into law before the May meeting of the Smithsonian regents.

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