

House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2006

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today pursuant to this order, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2006, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 382, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, April 26, 2006.

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

There was no objection.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING FIREFIGHTERS FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE NATION

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order at any time to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 764); that the resolution shall be considered as read; and that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and its preamble to its adoption without intervening motion except 10 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House today, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 764) recognizing and honoring firefighters for their many contributions throughout the history of the Nation, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 764

Whereas in 1736 Benjamin Franklin founded the Union Fire Company, the first volunteer fire company;

Whereas there are more than 1,100,000 firefighters in the United States;

Whereas approximately 75 percent of all firefighters are volunteers who receive little or no compensation for their heroic work;

Whereas career and combination fire departments protect 3 out of 4 Americans;

Whereas there are more than 30,000 fire departments in the United States;

Whereas approximately 100 firefighters die in the line of duty each year;

Whereas Congress recognizes that Christopher Nicholas Kangas was a heroic firefighter;

Whereas more than 340 firefighters died responding to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001;

Whereas firefighters respond to more than 24,000,000 calls during an average year;

Whereas firefighters also provide emergency medical services and life safety education; and

Whereas it is estimated that on April 6, 2006, more than 2,000 firefighters will attend the 18th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and Seminars: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives honors and recognizes the more than 1,100,000 firefighters in the United States for their contributions to and sacrifice for the Nation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) will each control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 764. Each year in this country heroic firefighters respond to more than 24 million calls. These brave men and women provide all kind of lifesaving services such as emergency medical care, life safety education and fire prevention education. Many of these firefighters are volunteers and risk their lives every day. For this reason it is important that we adopt this resolution and honor the bravery and perseverance of these individuals that they show on a daily basis.

I congratulate the gentleman from Pennsylvania on bringing forth H. Res. 764.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON).

(Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank my distinguished friend and chairman, Mr. DAVIS, who is a cosponsor of this legislation, and my good friend and partner, the distinguished minority whip, Mr. HOYER, for their leadership in bringing forth the resolution to pay proper tribute to the 1.1 million men and women across the country in 32,000 departments that protect our communities.

The Fire Service of America is older than America as a country. The fire service is in every community, both

large and small. They are the backbone of our country, the heart and soul of the Nation. They are the people that make this country great.

Tonight, 2,500 of these brave leaders are assembled at the Washington Hilton, and they are looking forward to this recognition, which we will take to them as Mr. HOYER and I travel to the Washington Hilton and pay our respects.

In addition, this resolution goes one step further. In recognizing a recent Federal court decision that junior firefighters are in fact fire fighters, this resolution is affirming the Court decision that a junior firefighter is in fact recognized when the States in this country allow junior firefighters to be so designated. This is an important piece of legislation.

In honor of one of my constituents, Christopher Kangas, I am happy to have this bill come up so that all of us can provide true support for all of those men and women, including those younger junior firefighters, who aspire to take over the protection of our towns and cities across America.

I thank my colleagues for their support.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my good friend, Mr. DAVIS, the chairman of the committee, for bringing this resolution to the floor in such a timely fashion.

I certainly want to thank my good friend, CURT WELDON, the cochair of the Fire Service Caucus, who has been the leader of the Fire Service Caucus, and the Fire Service of America and emergency medical response teams have no better friend than CURT WELDON in the Congress of the United States or, frankly, in any place else.

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I am pleased to rise in support of our Nation's firefighters on this day that 2,100 of them from around the country are gathered in Washington for the annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner.

As Mr. WELDON said, we will be bringing them this resolution in just a few minutes as we go down to the Hilton to address them. I am proud to have cosponsored this resolution.

And I want to say that the Fire Caucus has long championed initiatives to improve the safety and well-being of our Nation's firefighters. Specifically, we have worked to establish and fund the assistance to the Firefighters Grant program, which has provided more than \$3 billion in equipment and training grants for career and volunteer departments across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great honor to enthusiastically stand before you, Mr. HOYER, and to join with the two outstanding co-Chairs of the Fire Caucus to acknowledge our brothers and sisters who are now being hosted at the

Hilton Hotel to say thank you. Thank you to the 1 million firefighters, who every single day, and emergency operators, stand up and fight for the American people and protect the American people.

Coming from a city of firefighters and a district of firefighters and a district that has a number of devastating fires because we are elderly and we have old housing, never have we had a situation where a firefighter has not been willing to put their life on the line.

So let me simply thank you for this Resolution 764. Thank you again for acknowledging that we will never forget, and not on our clock will we forget to say thank you to America's firefighters. Congratulations to you both. Thank you for your leadership. And I hope to see you down at a great celebration for all of these great men and women.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for her comments. I again thank the chairman and Mr. WELDON for their leadership on this issue.

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

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I just would add that I want to give my thanks once again to Mr. WELDON for bringing this to our attention today and to Mr. HOYER for his continued leadership on this issue. We are happy to expedite this and move it through the House, and I urge its adoption.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SODREL). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the resolution is considered read and the previous question is ordered on the resolution and on the preamble.

The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. FRANK R. WOLF TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH APRIL 25, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, DC, April 6, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through April 25, 2006.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF CLASSIFIED ANNEX AND SCHEDULE OF AUTHORIZATIONS

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I wish to announce to all Members of the House that the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has ordered the bill, H.R. 5020, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, reported favorably to the House with an amendment. The committee's report will be filed today.

Mr. Speaker, the classified schedule of authorizations and the classified annex accompanying the bill will be available for review by Members at the offices of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in room H-405 of the Capitol beginning anytime after the report is filed. The committee office will open during regular business hours for the convenience of any Member who wishes to review this material prior to its consideration by the House. I anticipate that H.R. 5020 will be considered on the floor of the House after the recess, as early as the week of April 24.

I recommend that Members wishing to review the classified annex contact the committee's director of security to arrange a time and date for that viewing. This will assure the availability of committee staff to assist Members who desire assistance during their review of these classified materials.

I urge interested Members to review these materials in order to better understand the committee's recommendations. The classified annex to the committee's report contains the committee's recommendations on the intelligence budget for fiscal year 2007 and related classified information that cannot be publicly disclosed.

It is important that Members keep in mind the requirements of clause 13 of House rule XXIII, which only permits access to classified information by those Members of the House who have signed the oath provided for in the rule. Members are advised that it will be necessary to bring a copy of the rule XXIII oath signed by them when they come to the committee offices to review the material.

If a Member has not yet signed that oath, but wishes to review the classified annex and schedule of authorizations, the committee staff can administer the oath and see to it that the executed form is sent to the Clerk's office. In addition, the committee's rules require that Members agree in writing to a nondisclosure agreement. The agreement indicates that the Member has been granted access to the classified annex and that they are familiar with the rules of the House and the committee with respect to the classified nature of that information and the limitations on the disclosure of that information.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, our national security depends on strong border security. We need to know who is coming into our country, where they are from, and what they are doing here. Without properly securing our borders, we are vulnerable to terrorists and others who may come here seeking to harm Americans. And nothing is more important than maintaining the safety and security of our citizens.

I am proud of House Republicans for taking the lead in finding solutions to this very serious problem. Last year my Republican colleagues and I passed the Border Protection, Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act. Republicans also passed the REAL ID Act, which would establish rigorous proof of identity requirements for driver's licenses and ID cards in order to help keep terrorists from having easy access to fraudulent IDs like they had on 9/11.

Now, the Democrats apparently have a newfound commitment to increasing our border security. That is great, but the American people sure could have used their support when the House was taking up these border security bills last year: 164 Democrats voted "no" to the Border Security Act, and 152 voted "no" to the REAL ID Act. Actions sure do speak louder than words.

EMPLOYEES OF THE DELPHI CORPORATION

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, last week the Delphi Corporation, a key auto parts supplier which employs 33,000 workers in the United States and has been in bankruptcy for several months, filed motions with the bankruptcy court to cancel its labor contracts and impose massive wage and benefit and job cuts on its workers and cut 21 of its 29 U.S. plants.

And yet the House of Representatives has failed to hold a single hearing on this crisis. Unable to engage this crisis in an official hearing, I was joined by over a dozen Democratic colleagues in holding an e-hearing this past December to ask the workers and retirees at Delphi and General Motors to testify on the Internet about how this crisis impacts them and their families. We swung open the virtual doors of Congress to make sure that their voices could be heard. Over 700 witness statements poured in. The workers' testimony was deeply personal and heartfelt. And I want to share it with the House.

From Rena Miller, a Delphi worker from Tanner, Alabama. From William J. Conrad from Dagsboro, Delaware.