

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2638, CONSOLIDATED SECURITY, DISASTER ASSISTANCE, AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

Ms. SUTTON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-875) on the resolution (H. Res. 1488) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2638) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Ms. SUTTON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-876) on the resolution (H. Res. 1489) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LANCE CORPORAL ERIC PAUL VALDEPEÑAS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 6874) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 156 Taunton Avenue in Seekonk, Massachusetts, as the "Lance Corporal Eric Paul Valdepeñas Post Office Building," and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6874

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

SECTION 1. LANCE CORPORAL ERIC PAUL VALDEPEÑAS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 156 Taunton Avenue in Seekonk, Massachusetts, shall be known and designated as the "Lance Corporal Eric Paul Valdepeñas Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Lance Corporal Eric Paul Valdepeñas Post Office Building".

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 351) honoring the 225th Anniversary of the Continental Congress meeting in Nassau Hall, Princeton, New Jersey, in 1783, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON RES. 351

Whereas, in response to the financial difficulties of the times, the Continental Congress departed the city of Philadelphia suddenly due to a possible uprising by discontented Continental Army soldiers who had not been paid;

Whereas the President of the Continental Congress, Elias Boudinot, established a temporary capital at Princeton "in order that further and more effective measures may be taken for suppressing the present Revolt, and maintaining the Dignity and Authority of the United States";

Whereas members of the Continental Congress were instructed to meet in Princeton on June 26, 1783;

Whereas the 300 residents of Princeton took members of the Congress into their homes;

Whereas Princeton University offered the prayer hall and the library in Nassau Hall for Congress to use to conduct the governmental business of the United States;

Whereas the Congress conducted essential business in Nassau Hall, which helped shape the foreign relations of the fledgling Nation;

Whereas General George Washington was called to Princeton by a letter from President Boudinot to receive the formal thanks of the Nation for his dedicated service as commander-in-chief;

Whereas, on August 18, General Washington left Major General John Knox in charge of the encamped army at Newburgh, New York, and traveled with a guard of dragoons and his wife, Martha Washington, to the Rockingham estate in Rocky Hill, New Jersey, which was made available for his use over the next three months;

Whereas General Washington met with the Continental Congress in Nassau Hall on August 26 and received the public thanks of his country for his success in the struggle for liberty;

Whereas, in late October at Rockingham, Washington completed writing his Farewell Orders to the Armies of the United States dismissing the troops and announcing his retirement;

Whereas, while Congress was meeting in Princeton, the Treaty of Paris was signed in Paris by John Adams, John Jay, and Benjamin Franklin on September 3, 1783, marking the end of the American Revolution and establishing the boundaries of the new Nation; and

Whereas Congress departed Princeton in early November 1783 to winter in Annapolis, Maryland: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the 225th Anniversary of the*

Continental Congress meeting at Nassau Hall in Princeton, New Jersey, should be commemorated.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAMING OF PITTSBURGH

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1000) to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Naming of Pittsburgh as the culmination of the Forbes Campaign across Pennsylvania and the significance this event played in the making of America, in the settlement of the Continent, and in spreading the ideals of freedom and democracy throughout the world, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1000

Whereas the Forks of the Ohio at today's Pittsburgh should forever be remembered as the place where an army of British and Colonial soldiers took control of Fort Duquesne from the French, a turning point in the French and Indian War, the first world war;

Whereas the British victory in the French and Indian War sowed the seeds of Colonial discontent with British rule, beginning the chain of events that led to the American Revolution;

Whereas the British Army under the leadership of General John Forbes built the first road across the Allegheny Mountains, thus securing the Gateway to the West for British and later American settlement;

Whereas General Forbes and Colonel George Washington named the location Pittsburgh, in honor of William Pitt the Elder;

Whereas Fort Pitt provided a safe haven for peoples from around the world to follow in Forbes' and Washington's footsteps to travel to Pittsburgh to settle the continent and to pioneer advancements in industry, science, technology, education, the environment and the arts;

Whereas Pittsburgh went on to become the Crucible of the Industrial Revolution, producing glass, steel, and aluminum that have a place in every American skyline; and perfecting the technologies that made it possible for alternating current to illuminate the Nation;

Whereas the people of the Pittsburgh region pioneered modern philanthropy, implemented the first smoke control regulation, developed the polio vaccine, and conquered rejection of transplanted organs, improving countless lives worldwide;

Whereas Pittsburgh is today a global leader in such emerging fields as materials science, regenerative medicine, nanotechnology, electro-optics, robotics, data storage, computer science, and commercial nuclear power;

Whereas Pittsburgh is home to more than 100 multi-billion dollar global corporations

that improve the lives of people around the world;

Whereas Pittsburgh provides a high quality of life to its residents, offering unparalleled arts and cultural opportunities for a place of its size;

Whereas Pittsburgh has been named America's Most Livable City, the only place in America to earn that honor twice;

Whereas Pittsburgh is commemorating its naming and its impact on the world with Pittsburgh 250, a year-long celebration involving communities in 14 Pennsylvania counties, parts of seven states and the District of Columbia;

Whereas Pittsburgh 250 has connected Washington, DC to Pittsburgh by supporting the completion of the Great Allegheny Passage Trail, the longest hiking and biking trail east of the Mississippi and the most accessible great trail experience in the world, providing an important new outdoor recreational asset to the people of the Mid-Atlantic United States; and

Whereas Pittsburgh has accomplished all of these things with an unparalleled history of public and private partnership: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the 250th anniversary of the Naming of Pittsburgh, known as a significant event in American history;

(2) recognizes that Pittsburgh 250 is organizing the commemoration on behalf of 14 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania;

(3) encourages participation for all Americans to learn how the Forbes Campaign, the opening of the Gateway to the West, the Industrialization of America, and the environmental transformation of Pittsburgh helped to make America; and

(4) commends the contributions of those who have followed trails to Pittsburgh for 250 years to shape the world we live in and the Nation we have become.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### CONGRATULATING MICHAEL PHELPS ON WINNING EIGHT GOLD MEDALS IN THE 2008 BEIJING OLYMPICS

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1418) congratulating Michael Phelps, 2008 Beijing summer Olympic champion swimmer, on winning eight gold medals in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and becoming one of the most decorated athletes in Olympic history, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1418

Whereas Michael Phelps swam in 17 races over the course of 9 days in the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympic Games and surpassed Olympic icon Mark Spitz by becoming the only athlete to win 8 gold medals in a single Olympics;

Whereas Michael Phelps set 7 world records and 8 Olympic records in 8 events in those Olympic Games;

Whereas Michael Phelps is one of the most highly decorated Olympians ever, with 14 gold medals and 2 bronze medals over his Olympic career;

Whereas as a member of the United States men's relay swim teams, Michael Phelps helped set world records and win 3 gold medals for the United States 2008 Olympic swim team; and

Whereas Michael Phelps epitomized the Olympic spirit by demonstrating patriotism, strength, and humility throughout the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympic Games: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates Michael Phelps of Baltimore, Maryland, for his outstanding athletic achievements during the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympic Games, achievements that set him apart as one of the most highly decorated and accomplished Olympic athletes in world history;

(2) recognizes the achievements of Michael Phelps and all the members of the United States 2008 Olympic swim team; and

(3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to Michael Phelps; Mark Schubert, head coach of the United States 2008 Olympic swim team; and Bob Bowman, chief executive officer of the North Baltimore Aquatic Club and assistant coach of the United States 2008 Olympic swim team for appropriate display.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REVEREND EARL ABEL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 6198) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Cleveland Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Reverend Earl Abel Post Office Building," and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6198

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

#### SECTION 1. REVEREND EARL ABEL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Cleveland Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri, shall be known and designated as the "Reverend Earl Abel Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Reverend Earl Abel Post Office Building".

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1453) supporting the goals and ideals of sickle cell disease awareness month, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1453

Whereas Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited blood disorder that is a major health problem in the United States, primarily affecting African-Americans;

Whereas Sickle Cell Disease causes the rapid destruction of sickle cells, which results in multiple medical complications, including anemia, jaundice, gallstones, strokes, and restricted blood flow, damaging tissue in the liver, spleen, and kidneys, and death;

Whereas Sickle Cell Disease causes episodes of considerable pain in one's arms, legs, chest, and abdomen;

Whereas Sickle Cell Disease affects over 70,000 Americans;

Whereas approximately 1,000 babies are born with Sickle Cell Disease each year in the United States, with the disease occurring in approximately 1 in 300 newborn African-American infants;

Whereas more than 2,000,000 Americans have the sickle cell trait, and 1 in 12 African-Americans carry the trait;

Whereas there is a 1 in 4 chance that a child born to parents who both have the sickle cell trait will have the disease;

Whereas the life expectancy of a person with Sickle Cell Disease is severely limited, with an average life span for an adult being 45 years;

Whereas, though researchers have yet to identify a cure for this painful disease, advances in treating the associated complications have occurred;

Whereas researchers are hopeful that in less than two decades, Sickle Cell Disease may join the ranks of chronic illnesses that, when properly treated, do not interfere with the activity, growth, or mental development of affected children;

Whereas the House of Representatives recognized the importance of researching, preventing, and treating Sickle Cell Disease by authorizing treatment centers to provide medical intervention, education, and other services and by permitting the Medicaid program to cover some primary and secondary preventative medical strategies for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease;

Whereas the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. remains the preeminent advocacy organization that serves the sickle cell community by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, public awareness, and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for Sickle Cell Disease; and

Whereas the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. has requested that the House of Representatives designate September as Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month in order to educate communities