

country music performance was broadcast on the radio, and it was a song entitled "Sallie Gooden" performed by fiddler, A.C. Robertson. It was clear at that point that America had created a brand new sound, and it started to take off.

And we know that the influence of American country music is pervasive. Its popularity has extended beyond just the southern part of the United States or the Appalachian Mountains to everywhere in America, all over the world, in fact, with large fan bases in Canada and Australia. And there's many substyles of country-western music, like bluegrass, folk and gospel. They've all combined to provide a unique instrumentation of country-western music with powerful vocals to create one of a kind sounds.

As mentioned, Elvis Presley was one of these. Also Garth Brooks. I think most households will recognize those two names. Elvis Presley has all his faithful fans. In fact, he's imitated in Las Vegas all the time, and he has a charitable foundation that works to provide education and care for those in need. And of course, Garth Brooks, with over 128 million records sold, remains the top-selling solo artist in United States history. The live performances of Garth Brooks set the standard for musicians of all styles in all the world. He continues to use the power of his music to help others, in fact, performing a 2008 charity concert to raise money for victims of the California wildfires.

So having knowledge of history makes us more appreciative of what we have today in country-western music. Willie Nelson states that country music is where you tell your life stories. The history of country music is a great story; it's an American story. I should know. I had the opportunity to manage a Quality Inn, a 156-room hotel, and we had a restaurant, and we had a great country-western bar which I named the Ocala Corral. We taught the two-step dance, and I would bring in bands every 2 weeks—and, perhaps if it was a hot band, it would be six weeks—from Memphis, Tennessee.

And I'd bring these talented bands down to Ocala, Florida. We'd teach the two-step. The number of people that'd come in for a special band, when I hit the right country-western music talent correctly, would just storm the hotel. These bands would provide wonderful entertainment and provided a popular spot for country-western music in Ocala, Florida, which is the heart of Florida, really.

So my colleagues, I rise today in honor of country-western music, its heritage, and hope you all join me and celebrate the impact it's had on our American life.

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I would like to inquire if the gentleman from Wisconsin has any additional speakers.

Mr. PETRI. I do.

Mr. POLIS. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to our colleague from Nashville, Tennessee, MARSHA BLACKBURN.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues today in joyfully rising in strong support of House Resolution 650. The cultural and financial impact of country music on Nashville and indeed our State and our Nation cannot be overstated. From the daily recording sessions on Music Row to the annual CMA Music Festival in June, and the annual awards show that takes place this month, country music is the lifeblood of Nashville and the reason we are affectionately known as Music City USA.

The music industry creates employment opportunities in many industries, including musicians, songwriters, agents, managers, audio engineers, public relations and promotion firms, financial services, security, stage promotion, stage production, transportation operators, and business services. And Madam Speaker, most of these are small businesses, and they are fueled, not only by the love of the music, but also by that entrepreneurial spirit that draws so many people into the music industry.

This vital industry maintains tens of thousands of jobs. And it is responsible for generating hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue and in economic impact for our local economy. The entertainment product created is enjoyed not only coast-to-coast but also around the globe, and it plays a significant role in our Nation's trade products, certainly bringing joy to hundreds of millions of people around the world each and every day, many of those choosing to come to America and choosing to come to the home of country music to visit and experience this uniquely American art form.

So it is with great pride that I, along with my colleagues and on behalf of my constituents in Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District, rise today to take a moment to recognize the tremendous impact of country music, our unique American art form, and to join in asking my colleagues to join with us in this celebration.

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I would like to inquire if the gentleman from Wisconsin has any additional speakers.

Mr. PETRI. I have no additional speakers, and yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I yield back.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 650.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. STEARNS. 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 motion will be postponed.

SUPPORTING READ FOR THE RECORD DAY

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 741) expressing support for designation of October 8, 2009, as national Jumpstart's "Read for the Record Day," as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 741

Whereas Jumpstart, a national early education organization, is working to ensure that all children in the United States enter school prepared to succeed;

Whereas year-round, Jumpstart recruits and trains college students and community volunteers to work with preschool children in low-income communities, helping them to develop the language, literacy, and social skills they need to succeed in school and in life;

Whereas since 1993, Jumpstart has engaged nearly 21,000 adults to serve almost 80,000 young children in communities across the Nation;

Whereas Jumpstart's Read for the Record, presented in partnership with the Pearson Foundation, is an annual campaign, now in its fourth year, that brings national attention to the crisis in early education by organizing the world's largest shared reading experience;

Whereas the goals of the campaign are to raise national awareness about the importance of early education by engaging 1,000,000 children reading the same book on the same day, provide books to children in low-income households through donations and book purchases and sponsorship, and prepare students for school success;

Whereas Jumpstart hopes to engage more than 1,000,000 children to read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" in this record-breaking celebration of reading, service, and fun, all in support of the Nation's preschoolers; and

Whereas October 8, 2009, would be an appropriate date to designate as national Jumpstart's "Read for the Record Day" because it is the date Jumpstart aims to set a new world record for the world's largest shared reading experience on the same day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the designation of "Read for the Record Day";

(2) commends Jumpstart's Read for the Record in its fourth year; and

(3) encourages adults, including grandparents, parents, teachers, and college students to come together with children of all ages to create the world's largest shared reading experience to show their support for early literacy and Jumpstart's year-long program working with preschool children in low-income communities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Members may have 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 741 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 741, which supports the designation of October 8, 2009, as national Jumpstart's "Read For the Record Day."

I would like to yield 5 minutes to the sponsor of the bill, my colleague from the great State of Colorado, BETSY MARKEY.

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of one very hungry caterpillar and the thousands of children eager to hear his story. This Thursday, October 8, marks Read for the Record Day, a day in which we're striving to break the world record for the largest shared reading day ever. On Thursday, adults and children all around the world will gather to read Eric Carle's classic book, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," in celebration of reading and service to preschool children.

In my own house, it was "The Polar Express" that captivated my children's imaginations and hearts at an early age. We would all snuggle up on the couch and enter the world of ringing bells, late-night train rides and the North Pole. Though the days when my three children could fit on my lap have long since passed, the tradition of reading continues. When a child is exposed to books at an early age, it can instill a love of reading and helps to build the foundation for success at school.

Jumpstart is a nonprofit dedicated to such success through early childhood education. College students and community volunteers tutor and mentor preschool children, empowering them with the tools necessary to be successful when they reach kindergarten. Since its inception, Jumpstart has worked with over 70,000 preschoolers.

Now in its fourth year, Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day highlights the importance of early involvement of adults in the lives of at-risk preschoolers. Most children in low-income communities have few, if any, age-appropriate books in their homes. Without the necessary tools and instructions, one in three schoolchildren arrives at the first day of school unprepared to learn, primarily due to economic instability. Jumpstart's Read for the Record campaign raises awareness about the importance of early literacy by encouraging adults to serve and read with young children. Through the campaign, thousands of books are distributed to young children in low-income communities, and Jumpstart's year-round program is supported.

My resolution, House Resolution 741, designates October 8, 2009, as Read for the Record Day and encourages people of all ages to join us in reading for this record this Thursday. I urge support of this resolution.

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

I rise today in support of the resolution before us, House Resolution 741, expressing support for the designation of this Thursday, October 8, 2009, as "Read for the Record Day."

Jumpstart is a national early education organization that recruits and trains college students and community volunteers to work with preschool children in low-income communities. These volunteers help young children to develop language, literacy and social skills. Since 1993, Jumpstart has engaged nearly 21,000 adults to serve almost 80,000 young children.

On Thursday, October 8, Jumpstart is working with its partners, including the Pearson Foundation, Walmart Stores, Inc., American Eagle Outfitters, Sodexo, Penguin Young Readers Group, Chase, and the American Association of Retired Persons, to continue its annual campaign to attempt to organize the world's largest shared reading experience.

In 2006, the international campaign was created to bring preschool children together with valued grownups to read the same book, on the same day, in communities all over the world. In 2008, a world record was set as nearly 700,000 readers shared the classic children's tale, *Corduroy*.

The goals of the campaign are to raise national awareness about the importance of early education. Jumpstart is working to provide books to children in low-income households through donations, book purchases and sponsorship in order to prepare more children for school success.

On "Read for the Record Day" in 2009, the hope is to engage more than 1 million children to read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and set a new world record for the world's largest shared reading experience on the same day. Thursday, October 8, can be a celebration of reading, service, and fun in support of the Nation's preschoolers.

I stand in support of designating October 8 as "Read for the Record Day" in order to encourage grandparents, parents, teachers, and students to come together with children of all ages to create the world's largest shared reading experience to show their support for early literacy.

I ask my colleagues' support, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Research shows that the number of books in a home is the single strongest indicator of a child's future reading ability—setting him or her on a track record for success in school and in life. Unfortunately, many low-income chil-

dren lack age-appropriate books in their homes. With this campaign, Jumpstart gives each participating Jumpstart child a copy of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* for their home library. Jumpstart and its partners have asked libraries and schools to host a reading event so that all children can participate on October 8, even if the kids don't have a copy of the official book at home.

In addition to this campaign, numerous other programs work to enhance early childhood literacy. Jumpstart has sponsored Read Across America Day—which encourages parents to read to their children. Jumpstart also sponsors the Toys for Tots literacy program that promotes children's literacy while fighting poverty.

Recognizing Read for the Record Day encourages children, students, parents, and teachers to show their support for a shared reading experience. By planning a book drive, reading to children, or volunteering with Jumpstart, we can all play a significant role in helping to educate the youth of this country.

With that, I want to thank Representative MARKEY for introducing this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today in support of H. Res. 741, "Expressing support for designation of October 8, 2009, as national Jumpstart's 'Read for the Record Day,'" I would like thank my colleague, Representative MARKEY, for introducing this resolution, as well as the co-sponsors.

As the resolution states, Jumpstart is a national early education organization, which is working to ensure that all children in the United States enter school prepared to succeed. Year-round, Jumpstart recruits and trains college students and community volunteers to work with preschool children in low-income communities, helping them to develop the language, literacy, and social skills they need to succeed in school and in life.

Since 1993, Jumpstart has engaged nearly 21,000 adults to serve almost 80,000 young children in communities across the Nation. Jumpstart's Read for the Record, presented in partnership with the Pearson Foundation, is an annual campaign, now in its fourth year, that brings national attention to the crisis in early education by organizing the world's largest shared reading experience.

The goals of the campaign are to raise national awareness about the importance of early education by engaging one million children reading the same book on the same day, provide books to children in low-income households through donations and book purchases and sponsorship, and raise money to help bring Jumpstart to more children to prepare them for school success. Jumpstart hopes to engage more than one million children to read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" in this record-breaking celebration of reading, service, and fun, all in support of the Nation's preschoolers.

I join this body in supporting the designation of "Read for the Record Day," and agree that October 8, 2009, is the date Jumpstart aims to set a new world record for the world's largest

shared reading experience, and, as such, is a perfect date for this designation.

I also join this body in commending Jumpstart's Read for the Record in its fourth year; and encouraging adults, including grandparents, parents, teachers, and college students to come together with children of all ages to create the world's largest shared reading experience to show their support for early literacy and Jumpstart's year-long program working with preschool children in low-income communities.

Mr. POLIS. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 741, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING DYKE MARSH WILDLIFE PRESERVE

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 701) to recognize the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve as a unique and precious ecosystem.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 701

Whereas the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve on the west bank of the Potomac River just south of Alexandria in Fairfax County is one of the largest remaining freshwater tidal marshes in the Greater Washington, DC, area;

Whereas Congress expressly designated the Dyke Marsh ecosystem for protection in 1959, fifty years ago, under Public Law 86-41 "so that fish and wildlife development and their preservation as wetland wildlife habitat shall be paramount";

Whereas the Honorable John D. Dingell of Michigan, the late Honorable John P. Saylor of Pennsylvania, and the late Honorable Henry S. Reuss of Wisconsin were instrumental in passing this legislation and in preventing proposed development along the Potomac River, thereby protecting the Dyke Marsh ecosystem from further dredging, filling, and other activities incompatible with a preserve;

Whereas Dyke Marsh is 5,000 to 7,000 years old and is a unique natural treasure in the national capital region, with more than 6,500 species of plants, insects, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians contained within an approximately 485-acre parcel;

Whereas the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve is a significant element in the historic character of the Mount Vernon Memorial Parkway;

Whereas freshwater tidal marshes are rare, and the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve is one of the few climax, tidal, riverine, narrow-leaved cattail wetlands in the United States National Park Service system;

Whereas wetlands provide ecological services such as flood control, attenuation of tidal energy, water quality enhancement, wildlife habitat, nursery and spawning grounds, and recreational and aesthetic enjoyment;

Whereas the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve serves as an outdoor laboratory for scientists, educators, students, naturalists, artists, photographers, and others, attracting people of all ages; and

Whereas the Friends of Dyke Marsh is a conservation advocacy group created in 1975 and dedicated to the preservation and restoration of this wetland habitat and its natural resources: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve of Fairfax County, Virginia, as a unique and precious ecosystem that serves as an invaluable natural resource both locally and nationally;

(2) recognizes and expresses appreciation for Representative John Dingell's, Representative John Saylor's, and Representative Henry Reuss's leadership in preserving this precious natural resource;

(3) celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Federal legislation designating the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve as a protected wetland habitat;

(4) expresses the need to continue to conserve, protect and restore this fragile habitat, in which a diverse array of plants, animals and other natural resources is threatened by past dredging and filling, a gradual depletion in size, urban and suburban development, river traffic, stormwater runoff, poaching, and non-native invasive species; and

(5) commends the Friends of Dyke Marsh for its longstanding commitment to promoting conservation and environmental awareness and stewardship, so that the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve may be enjoyed by generations for the next 50 years and into the future.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Guam.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BORDALLO. 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 the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Guam?

There was no objection.

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, one of the largest remaining freshwater tidal marshes in the greater Washington, D.C. area. Established in 1959 under the leadership of Representatives DINGELL, Saylor, and Reuss, this preserve provides habitat for more than 6,500 species of plants and animals along the Potomac River.

Freshwater tidal marshes are rare ecosystems providing ecological services and serving as an outdoor laboratory for scientists, educators, students, artists, birdwatchers, and many others to enjoy this unique and valuable environment.

I commend Congressman JIM MORAN of Virginia for introducing this resolution, and I urge its passage.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I rise in support of H.R. 701 that has been offered by my colleague from Virginia (Mr. MORAN). Fifty years ago, Congress designated Dyke Marsh, a section of the Potomac River shore in northern Virginia, as a wildlife preserve. It is appropriate that we take time today to recognize the 50th anniversary of that act because the marsh provides not only a great recreational setting for joggers, bike riders and birders, but also a place where people from a largely urban background can experience close up this example of the dynamic and resilient natural shoreline marshes provide.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the sponsor of this resolution, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN).

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. I thank my friend and colleague very much.

Madam Speaker, this resolution recognizes Dyke Marsh. It has been around for 5,000 to 7,000 years. It is a unique freshwater tidal marsh. But it also recognizes someone who may not have been around for 5,000 years, but has been around for 50 years, and that is our very distinguished colleague, JOHN DINGELL, who introduced the resolution 50 years ago to preserve Dyke Marsh as a habitat for wildlife and fish and the ecosystem in the Washington metropolitan area.

I want to note that my colleague in the United States Senate, Senator JIM WEBB, last week introduced a companion piece, Senate Resolution 297, which also recognizes this significant milestone.

In 1959, this body passed legislation that designated Fairfax County's Dyke Marsh as a protected ecosystem for the purpose of promoting fish and wildlife development and preserving their natural habitat. Now, at the time, Dyke Marsh was being dredged for commercial purposes. They were going deeper and deeper to get gravel. They were ruining the ecosystem.

For those who live in the Washington metropolitan area or may be visiting the Washington metropolitan area, if you go down the George Washington Parkway toward Mount Vernon, right after the city of Alexandria, you will see Dyke Marsh. Belle Haven Marina is there.

Dyke Marsh is about 500 acres. It's preserved. It's a beautiful area. You can see bald eagles; you can see great blue herons. You can see snapping turtles; a whole lot of bullfrogs. There aren't a lot of places left in the Washington area where you can see this unless you go to the zoo.

But these creatures—the fish, the wildlife, and even the plants, some of which are rare, are in their natural habitat because of Chairman DINGELL's efforts. He got together with John Saylor from Pennsylvania—my friend