

full as President Obama outlined his priorities to solve the challenges that face America. And no matter the issue, I think it is so important that we remember that the best solutions come from Main Street, and not from Pennsylvania Avenue.

The biggest challenge that our Nation faces is the economy. Growing and expanding our economy starts with true tax relief that allows middle-class families and small businesses to keep more of their hard-earned money. It also involves investing in infrastructure and workforce so that we will be competitive.

Today we are scheduled to begin debate on the budget bill. Unfortunately, this bill is loaded with earmarks, over 9,000. One business owner in Spokane recently asked me, "Do you in Washington, D.C. get it? Do you understand that small businesses, families, are having to tighten their belt, make tough decisions?"

We heard the call last night to start living within our means, and I applaud President Obama's commitment to reducing our national debt, just like families and small businesses have to do with their budgets. Now is the time for both parties to back up their promises for fiscal discipline.

I believe that the best solutions come when Republicans and Democrats work together. I look forward to working with Republicans and Democrats to solve these issues.

#### PUTTING NATIONAL SECURITY IN PERIL FOR POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY

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

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, since Mr. Obama became the President, the economy has been his focus. But through executive orders and not so subtle hints in recent speeches, his administration has put some effort into making America less safe than it was 2 years ago.

Some examples: Throwing out the case against the USS *Cole* bomber; the closing down of Guantanamo; limiting our interrogation techniques; cutting defense spending; and announcing a troop surge in Afghanistan without the proper infrastructure or funding to support it.

The French just today released five terrorists that the United States released to them for prosecution. If even one of the brave men and women who carry the burden of our security on their shoulders in Iraq and Afghanistan are harmed by the fact that American operatives can no longer get timely information from the enemy through interrogation or are attacked by a prisoner released because of the closing of Guantanamo, if even one of our men and women in uniform pay the ultimate price for these reasons, it will be a sacrifice made so that President

Obama can score political points with the liberal fringe of his party.

I am a United States Marine and I served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and I will not stand by while our national security is put in peril for political expediency. Let us not betray those who sacrifice for our freedom.

#### 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 later.

#### SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 47) supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

##### H. RES. 47

Whereas there are more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States;

Whereas law enforcement officers selflessly protect the people of the United States and communities throughout the country from harm;

Whereas law enforcement officers serve the country regardless of the peril to themselves;

Whereas more than 18,340 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty since the first recorded police death in 1792;

Whereas September 11, 2001, was the deadliest day in law enforcement history with 72 officers killed while responding to the terrorist attacks;

Whereas 140 law enforcement officers were killed in 2008;

Whereas Public Law 87-726 designates May 15th of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and Police Week is commemorated during the calendar week containing May 15;

Whereas section 7(m) of title 4, United States Code, requires that the United States flag on all government buildings be displayed at half-staff on May 15, Peace Officers Memorial Day; and

Whereas law enforcement officers deserve the gratitude of the people of the United States for their service: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor Federal, State, and local peace officers killed or disabled in the line of duty; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States to observe such a day with appropriate ceremonies and respect.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. LYNCH. I yield myself such time as I may consume

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleagues and stand in full support of the consideration of House Resolution 47, which calls for Congress to recognize the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day, which is commemorated on May 15th of each year during what is referred to as National Police Week. House Resolution 47 was introduced by our colleague Representative TED POE of Texas on January 9, 2009, and was considered by and reported from the Oversight Committee on February 11th, 2009, by a voice vote.

The measure has the support and co-sponsorship of nearly 70 Members of Congress and is designed to acknowledge the work and commitment of more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers now serving throughout our great nation. Daily, these selfless men and women place their lives on the line, confronting great risk and challenges in their service to our communities and our fellow citizens, which is why it is so befitting for us to consider the measure at hand, House Resolution 47, supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Over the course of 2008, our country lost nearly 180 law enforcement officers in the line of duty. In remembrance of these fallen heroes, today we in the House of Representatives take a moment to express our gratitude for the service of these courageous Americans by considering House Resolution 47.

By supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day, we are sending a strong message to our country's law enforcement community and their families that we recognize the sacrifices they have made in the name of safety and security for all of our cities, townships and localities.

I would like to specifically mention and thank those officers that serve throughout Bristol, Suffolk, Plymouth and Norfolk Counties in my own congressional district for their great work.

Commemorating Peace Officers Memorial Day dates back to 1962, when then President Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. Since that time, Congress has routinely expressed our support for the goals and ideals of this worthy cause.

I would like to again thank our colleague from Texas, Mr. POE, for reintroducing this year's measure honoring the work of our Nation's police officers, many of whom I might add will now be able to stay on the job because of the recent enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Mr. Speaker, in the coming months, Peace Officers Memorial Day will be celebrated across our great land with various events, memorials and programs, all designed to highlight the work of these great Americans. In closing, let us too join in the commemoration of our country's law enforcement officers by agreeing to pass House Resolution 47.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 47, supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day. Each year, the President issues a proclamation naming May the 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day. I decided to introduce this piece of legislation again because I believe that Congress should pay the tribute to the brave men and women who proudly serve us as law enforcement officers.

Americans have been protected by peace officers for now 217 years, and it all goes back to the early settlers in Boston that established a program called "night watch" to safeguard their citizens.

Not a day goes by that law enforcement officers do not face danger in their mission to keep us safe from crime, acts of violence and now terrorism. On May 17, 1792, New York City's Deputy Sheriff Isaac Smith, became the first recorded peace officer to be killed in the line of duty. Since that time, 18,340 peace officers have been killed while on the job. Each year, over 50,000 police officers are assaulted, and in 2008, 140 of these brave officers were killed protecting their fellow Americans. Of these 140 officers, 10 percent, 14, are from my home State of Texas.

A quote by President George H.W. Bush is engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located in Washington, DC that summarizes the mission of the 900,000 current sworn peace officers in this country. It states that it is an officer's "continuing quest to preserve both democracy and decency and to protect a national treasure that we call the American dream." It is clear this quest is worthy of the respect that our citizens show for their peace officers.

In paying homage to these fallen heroes, we are once again reminded that in 1961 Congress created Peace Officers Memorial Day and designated it to be commemorated each year on May 15th. This yearly tribute to peace officers provides each of us with an opportunity to honor those who lost their lives while protecting the citizens of this country.

Thousands of visitors pay respect to our peace officers at the National Law Enforcement Memorial on May 15th. On May 15th of this year, a flag will be flown at half staff, as it always is on that date, to show respect and gratitude for the fallen peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our citizens.

We appreciate with gratitude all of the peace officers for their dedication and their sacrifice. During my 20 years as a judge in Texas, I had the absolute privilege of working alongside some of America's finest peace officers. Some of those have been killed in the line of duty. Now, as founder and cochair of the Congressional Victims Rights Caucus, I recognize that unfortunately peace officers are too victims, as many citizens are.

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And they are actually, Mr. Speaker, the last strand of wire in the fence between the law and those that violate the law. I'm grateful for the brave and selfless service of this Nation's peace officers.

With that, I ask all Members to join me in support of H. Res. 47.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. We continue to reserve. We have no further speakers.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would like to recognize two gentlemen that not too long ago in this Capitol, the People's House, on July 28, 1998, Jacob Chestnut and John Michael Gibson, Capitol police officers, while we were having a memorial ceremony here in the Rotunda, these two officers protected the lives of other Members of the House of Representatives, and because of that, both of them were killed in the line of duty. So they are two of many peace officers that gave up their lives for the rest of us.

I mentioned that there were 14 peace officers from the State of Texas that were killed last year. Mr. Speaker. They are:

Deputy Constable David Joubert from the Harris County Constable's Office.

Police Officer Matthew Thebeau from the Corpus Christi Police Department.

Corporal Harry Thielepap from the Harris County Constable's Office.

Senior Corporal Victor Lozada, Sr. from the Dallas Police Department.

State Trooper James Burns from the Highway Patrol in Huntsville, Texas.

Police Officer Everett Dennis from the Carthage Police Department.

Sergeant Barbara Shumate from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Police Officer Gary Gryder, a personal friend of mine. He served in the Houston Police Department.

Detective Tommy Keen, Harris County Sheriff's Department.

Game Warden George Whatley, Jr. from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Division.

Sheriff Brent Lee of the Trinity County Sheriff's Department.

Police Officer Robert Davis from the San Antonio Police Department.

Police Officer Timothy Abernethy from the Houston Police Department.

Police Officer Mark Simmons from the Amarillo Police Department.

I would like to include at this time the names of all 140 peace officers killed last year in the line of duty.

Corporal Courtney G. Brooks, Maryland Transportation Authority Police Department, MD, EOW: Tuesday, January 1, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicular assault.

Deputy Sheriff Jason S. Zunker, Chippewa County Sheriff's Department, WI, EOW: Saturday, January 5, 2008, Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle.

Detective James Walker, Miami Police Department, FL, EOW: Tuesday, January 8, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Deputy Sheriff Sean Pursifull, Bell County Sheriff's Department, KY, EOW: Thursday, January 10, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicular assault.

Deputy Constable David Joubert, Harris County Constable's Office—Precinct 7, TX, EOW: Sunday, January 13, 2008, Cause of Death: Motorcycle accident.

Police Officer Ricky Bryant Jr., DeKalb County Police Department, GA, EOW: Wednesday, January 16, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Police Officer Eric Barker, DeKalb County Police Department, GA, EOW: Wednesday, January 16, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Detective Jarrod Shivers, Chesapeake Police Department, VA, EOW: Thursday, January 17, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Senior Border Patrol Agent Luis Alberto Aguilar, United States Department of Homeland Security—Customs and Border US (California), EOW: Saturday, January 19, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicular assault.

Police Officer Matthew B. Thebeau, Corpus Christi Police Department, TX, EOW: Sunday, January 20, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Police Officer Akeem Basil (Teddy) Newton, Virgin Islands Police Department, VI, EOW: Sunday, January 20, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Detective Christopher A. Ridley, Mount Vernon Police Department, NY, EOW: Friday, January 25, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire (Accidental).

Trooper Daniel Roy Barrett, Indiana State Police, IN, EOW: Sunday, January 27, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Police Officer Nicola Cotton, New Orleans Police Department, LA, EOW: Monday, January 28, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Lance Corporal James D. Haynes, South Carolina Highway Patrol, SC, EOW: Friday, February 1, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Sergeant Richard C. LeBow, Arkansas State Police, AR, EOW: Monday, February 4, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Deputy Sheriff Dustin Duncan, Latimer County Sheriff's Office, OK, EOW: Monday, February 4, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Sergeant William King Biggs Jr., Kirkwood Police Department, MO, EOW: Thursday, February 7, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Police Officer Thomas Frederick (Tom) Ballman, Kirkwood Police Department, MO, EOW: Thursday, February 7, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Police Officer Randal (Randy) Simmons, Los Angeles Police Department, CA, EOW: Thursday, February 7, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Criminal Investigator Denise Phoenix, United States Department of the Interior—Bureau of Indian Affairs, US (Montana),

EOW: Thursday, February 14, 2008, Cause of Death: Exposure to toxins.

Corporal Harry Thielepape, Harris County Constable's Office—Precinct 6, TX, EOW: Wednesday, February 20, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Senior Corporal Victor A. Lozada Sr., Dallas Police Department, TX, EOW: Friday, February 22, 2008, Cause of Death: Motorcycle accident.

Police Officer Mark Beck, Baton Rouge City Police Department, LA, EOW: Monday, February 25, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Trooper Kara M. Kelly-Borgognone, Nevada Highway Patrol, NV, EOW: Thursday, February 28, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Police Officer Derek Owens, Cleveland Police Department, OH, EOW: Saturday, March 1, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Special Agent Robert Patrick Flickinger, Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Department, TR (Oklahoma), EOW: Friday, March 7, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Sergeant Edward (Ned) Thompson, New York City Police Department, NY, EOW: Sunday, March 9, 2008, Cause of Death: 9/11 related illness.

Police Officer James D. Fezatte, Millbrook Police Department, AL, EOW: Saturday, March 29, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Border Patrol Agent Jarod Dittman, United States Department of Homeland Security—Customs and Border, US (California), EOW: Sunday, March 30, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Constable Joe Howard, Harlan County Constable's Office, KY, EOW: Tuesday, April 1, 2008, Cause of Death: Heart attack.

Correction Officer Kenneth Duncan, New York City Department of Correction, NY, EOW: Tuesday, April 22, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Trooper James Scott Burns, Texas Department of Public Safety—Texas Highway Patrol, TX, EOW: Tuesday, April 29, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Deputy Sheriff Robert Griffin, Decatur County Sheriff's Office, GA, EOW: Thursday, May 1, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Senior Investigator Laura J. Cleaves, Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office, CA, EOW: Thursday, May 1, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicular assault.

Deputy Sheriff William Howell Jr., Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, SC, EOW: Saturday, May 3, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski, Philadelphia Police Department, PA, EOW: Saturday, May 3, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Special Agent Aaron Garcia, Union Pacific Railroad Police Department, RR (California), EOW: Wednesday, May 7, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Deputy Sheriff James Throne, Kern County Sheriff's Department, CA, EOW: Friday, May 23, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Deputy Sheriff Michael Sean Thomas, Bibb County Sheriff's Office, GA, EOW: Sunday, May 25, 2008, Cause of Death: Motorcycle accident.

Sergeant Leslie (Les) Wilmott, Kiefer Police Department, OK, EOW: Thursday, May 29, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Lieutenant Michael Avilucea, New Mexico State Police, NM, EOW: Friday, May 30, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Police Officer Erik David Hite, Tucson Police Department, AZ, EOW: Monday, June 2, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Police Officer Everett William Dennis, Carthage Police Department, TX, EOW: Tuesday, June 3, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Transport Officer Virgil Lee Behrens, Marion County Sheriff's Department, IA, EOW: Tuesday, June 3, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Deputy Sheriff Anthony Shane Tate, Grundy County Sheriff's Department, TN, EOW: Thursday, June 5, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Police Officer Todd Bahr, Fredericksburg Police Department, VA, EOW: Friday, June 6, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Sergeant Barbara Jean Shumate, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, TX, EOW: Friday, June 13, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Deputy Sheriff Steve Boehm, Onslow County Sheriff's Department, NC, EOW: Saturday, June 14, 2008, Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle.

Deputy Sheriff Jose Antonio (Tony) Diaz, Yolo County Sheriff's Department, CA, EOW: Sunday, June 15, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Trooper David Shawn Blanton Jr., North Carolina Highway Patrol, NC, EOW: Tuesday, June 17, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Correctional Officer Jose Rivera, United States Department of Justice—Federal Bureau of Prisons, US (California), EOW: Friday, June 20, 2008, Cause of Death: Stabbed.

Police Officer Nicholas Heine, Pueblo Police Department, CO, EOW: Saturday, June 21, 2008, Cause of Death: Heart attack.

Correctional Officer Donna Fitzgerald, Florida Department of Corrections, FL, EOW: Wednesday, June 25, 2008, Cause of Death: Stabbed.

Sergeant Richard Findley, Prince George's County Police Department, MD, EOW: Friday, June 27, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicular assault.

Police Officer Gary Gryder, Houston Police Department, TX, EOW: Sunday, June 29, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicular assault.

Police Officer Richard Francis, Chicago Police Department, IL, EOW: Wednesday, July 2, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Police Officer Kenneth (Greg) Surles, Pell City Police Department, AL, EOW: Friday, July 4, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Agent Osvaldo Pérez-León, Puerto Rico Police Department, PR, EOW: Tuesday, July 8, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Police Officer Joshua T. Miktarian, Twinsburg Police Department, OH, EOW: Sunday, July 13, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Police Officer Andrew Widman, Fort Myers Police Department, FL, EOW: Friday, July 18, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Deputy Sheriff Anthony Forgione, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, FL, EOW: Tuesday, July 22, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Police Officer Aldo Rossi, Port Dickinson Police Department, NY, EOW: Sunday, July 27, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicular assault.

Trooper Shawn W. Snow, New York State Police, NY, EOW: Sunday, August 3, 2008, Cause of Death: Electrocuted.

Detective Sandra Joyce Bullock, Bushnell Police Department, FL, EOW: Tuesday, August 5, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Deputy Sheriff Dennis Compton, Colleton County Sheriff's Office, SC, EOW: Wednesday, August 6, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Officer Monte Ruby, CoxHealth Department of Public Safety, MO, EOW: Wednesday, August 6, 2008, Cause of Death: Assault.

Agent Orlando Gonzalez-Ortiz, Puerto Rico Police Department, PR, EOW: Thursday, August 7, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire (Accidental).

Detective Michael Smith Phillips, Virginia Beach Police Department, VA, EOW: Thursday, August 7, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Deputy Probation Officer Irene Beatrice Rios, Imperial County Probation Department, CA, EOW: Wednesday, August 13, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Lieutenant Robert Curry, Gulfport Police Department, MS, EOW: Thursday, August 14, 2008, Cause of Death: Motorcycle accident.

Deputy Sheriff Martha Woods Shareef, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Department, LA, EOW: Wednesday, August 20, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicular assault.

Ordinance Officer Kathy Ann Cox, Gordon County Sheriff's Office, GA, EOW: Thursday, August 21, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Police Officer Thomas Raji, Perth Amboy Police Department, NJ, EOW: Friday, August 22, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicular assault.

Police Officer Melvin Dyer, Duxbury Police Department, MA, EOW: Monday, August 25, 2008, Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle.

Police Officer Timothy A. Haley, Columbus Division of Police, OH, EOW: Tuesday, August 26, 2008, Cause of Death: Duty related illness.

Trooper Evan F. Schneider, Montana Highway Patrol, MT, EOW: Tuesday, August 26, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Deputy Sheriff Anne Jackson, Skagit County Sheriff's Office, WA, EOW: Tuesday, September 2, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Officer Christopher Kane, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, FL, EOW: Thursday, September 4, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Police Officer Isabel Nazario, Philadelphia Police Department, PA, EOW: Friday, September 5, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicular assault.

Police Officer Kenneth Santucci, Belleville Police Department, NJ, EOW: Saturday, September 6, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Deputy Sheriff Marty M. Martin, Franklin County Sheriff's Department, OH, EOW: Saturday, September 6, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Sergeant Paul Starzyk, Martinez Police Department, CA, EOW: Saturday, September 6, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Trooper Andrew Stocks, North Carolina Highway Patrol, NC, EOW: Tuesday, September 9, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Sergeant Dario Aponte, New Haven Police Department, CT, EOW: Wednesday, September 10, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Police Officer Grant Jansen, St. Charles Police Department, MO, EOW: Wednesday, September 10, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Police Officer III Spree Desha, Los Angeles Police Department, CA, EOW: Friday, September 12, 2008, Cause of Death: Train accident.

Sergeant Michael C. Weigand Jr., Latimore Township Police Department, PA, EOW: Sunday, September 14, 2008, Cause of Death: Motorcycle accident.

Detective Tommy Keen, Harris County Sheriff's Department, TX, EOW: Monday, September 15, 2008, Cause of Death: Accidental.

Deputy Sheriff Adam William Klutz, Caldwell County Sheriff's Office, NC, EOW: Friday, September 19, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Officer Kristine Fairbanks, United States Department of Agriculture—Forest Service Law Enforcement, US (Washington), EOW: Saturday, September 20, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Sergeant Patrick McDonald, Philadelphia Police Department, PA, EOW: Tuesday, September 23, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Police Officer Nathaniel Taylor Jr., Chicago Police Department, IL, EOW: Sunday, September 28, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Trooper First Class Mickey C. Lippy, Maryland State Police, MD, EOW: Sunday, September 28, 2008, Cause of Death: Aircraft accident.

Pilot Stephen H. Bunker, Maryland State Police, MD, EOW: Sunday, September 28, 2008, Cause of Death: Aircraft accident.

Sergeant Robert Douglas, Oklahoma City Police Department, OK, EOW: Sunday, September 28, 2008, Cause of Death: Motorcycle accident.

Correctional Officer Douglas Falconer, Arizona Department of Corrections, AZ, EOW: Wednesday, October 1, 2008, Cause of Death: Heart attack.

Correctional Officer Rodney Kelley, Alabama Department of Corrections, AL, EOW: Friday, October 3, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Police Officer Bradley Moody, Richmond Police Department, CA, EOW: Tuesday, October 7, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Deputy Sheriff David Gilstrap, Oconee County Sheriff's Office, GA, EOW: Thursday, October 9, 2008, Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle.

Game Warden George Harold Whatley Jr., Texas Parks and Wildlife Department—Law Enforcement Division, TX, EOW: Friday, October 10, 2008, Cause of Death: Heart attack.

Officer / Paramedic Bruce W. Harrolle, Arizona Department of Public Safety, AZ, EOW: Monday, October 13, 2008, Cause of Death: Aircraft accident.

Deputy Sheriff Christopher Yonkers, Barry County Sheriff's Office, MI, EOW: Friday, October 17, 2008, Cause of Death: Motorcycle accident.

Deputy Sheriff Sarah Irene Haylett-Jones, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, IN, EOW: Sunday, October 19, 2008, Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle.

Second Lieutenant Frank Stecco, Fairfax County Police Department, VA, EOW: Tuesday, October 21, 2008, Cause of Death: Drowned.

Police Officer David Tome, Northern York County Regional Police Department, PA, EOW: Tuesday, October 21, 2008, Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle.

Police Officer Richard Bremer, Frederick City Police Department, MD, EOW: Thursday, October 23, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicle pursuit.

Deputy Sheriff Randy Hamson, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, CA, EOW: Friday, October 24, 2008, Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle.

Police Officer Shane Figueroa, Phoenix Police Department, AZ, EOW: Saturday, October 25, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Sergeant Michael King, University City Police Department, MO, EOW: Friday, October 31, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Police Officer Frank P. Russo, Schaumburg Police Department, IL, EOW: Saturday, November 1, 2008, Cause of Death: Heart attack.

Detective Joseph Airhart Jr., Chicago Police Department, IL, EOW: Tuesday, November 4, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Police Officer Nathaniel Burnfield, South Strabane Township Police Department, PA, EOW: Tuesday, November 4, 2008, Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle.

Police Officer Charles Skinner, North Salt Lake Police Department, UT, EOW: Friday, November 7, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicle pursuit.

Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Canfield, Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, CA, EOW: Wednesday, November 12, 2008, Cause of Death: Motorcycle accident.

Sergeant Monty Carmikle, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, AR, EOW: Sunday, November 16, 2008, Cause of Death: Aircraft accident.

Sergeant Timothy Simpson, Philadelphia Police Department, PA, EOW: Monday, November 17, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicular assault.

Special Agent Samuel Hicks, United States Department of Justice—Federal Bureau of Investigation, US (Pennsylvania), EOW: Wednesday, November 19, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Police Officer Alex Del Rio, Hollywood Police Department, FL, EOW: Saturday, November 22, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Deputy Sheriff Nick Pham, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, FL, EOW: Wednesday, November 26, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Sheriff Brent Lee, Trinity County Sheriff's Department, TX, EOW: Thursday, November 27, 2008, Cause of Death: Vehicle pursuit.

Reserve Officer Curtis Jones, New Orleans Police Department, LA, EOW: Saturday, November 29, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Police Officer Robert Davis, San Antonio Police Department, TX, EOW: Monday, December 1, 2008, Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle.

Police Officer Timothy Abernethy, Houston Police Department, TX, EOW: Sunday, December 7, 2008, Cause of Death: Gunfire.

Deputy Sheriff Brian Denning, Sumner County Sheriff's Department, TN, EOW: Monday, December 8, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Senior Trooper William Hakim, Oregon State Police, OR, EOW: Friday, December 12, 2008, Cause of Death: Bomb.

Captain Tom Tennant, Woodburn Police Department, OR, EOW: Friday, December 12, 2008, Cause of Death: Bomb.

Officer Joseph Sanders, California Highway Patrol, CA, EOW: Monday, December 15, 2008, Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle.

Police Officer Mark Simmons, Amarillo Police Department, TX, EOW: Wednesday, December 17, 2008, Cause of Death: Automobile accident.

Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Keith Carter, Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Department, LA, EOW: Friday, December 19, 2008, Cause of Death: Duty related illness.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, again, I urge my colleagues, in memory of Officers Chestnut and Gibson and others that have been named by my friend from Texas, to join me and Mr. POE of Texas in supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day by voting in favor of House Resolution 47.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 47.

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. POE of Texas. Mr. 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 THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF AMERICA SAVES WEEK

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 180) supporting the goals and ideals of the third annual America Saves Week.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

### H. RES. 180

Whereas financial security is one of the most important issues for most Americans whether it involves saving enough for their children's college education, saving for an unforeseen emergency, a house, or their retirement;

Whereas personal savings as a percentage of disposable income has been low, reaching a 12-month average of 0.6 percent in 2007 before rebounding to a 12-month average of 1.7 percent in 2008, according to Bureau of Economic Analysis data;

Whereas 43.5 percent of American families reported they did not save in 2007, according to the 2007 Federal Reserve Board's Survey of Consumer Finances, which also found that less than half of the population has a savings account, one month of savings or liquid assets, much less the recommended 6 to 12 months worth of emergency savings they might need for an incident such as unexpected unemployment, a medical crisis, rent or a mortgage payment adjustment enabling them to avoid foreclosure;

Whereas a 2008 Survey by the Employee Benefit Research Institute found that there are "savers" and "spenders" in all income classes and almost all have the ability to build wealth through contributions to a workplace retirement program, building home equity, and other savings;

Whereas older Americans are more likely to live within 200 percent of poverty than any other age group, according to the 2009 Employee Benefit Research Institute's Databook, and more than 60 percent of the current elderly population relies on Social Security for over three-fourths of their annual income according to a 2009 Social Security Administration report on Income of the Elderly over Age 55, 2006, and the average savings of retirees remains at \$50,000 according to the Federal Reserve Board's Survey of Consumer Finances for 2007, and the current financial crisis is draining those funds;

Whereas America Saves, managed by the Consumer Federation of America, was established 8 years ago as an annual nationwide campaign that encourages consumers, especially lower-income households, to enroll as American Savers and establish a personal savings goal in an effort to build personal wealth and enhance financial security;

Whereas America Saves now has 53 local, State and national campaigns working with over 500 mainstream financial institutions which provide no-fee or low-fee, low-opening-balance savings accounts that allow small savers to achieve success;

Whereas government and non-government entities at the local, State and national levels organize America Saves campaigns to encourage individuals to open a savings account, participate in workplace retirement programs, and devise a savings plan;

Whereas over 1,000 local, State, and national organizations have motivated more than 145,000 people to enroll as American Savers; and

Whereas establishing automatic and habitual savings is a primary focus for this year's America Saves Week, a theme reflected in the work of the Financial and Economic Literacy Caucus, Federal agencies, non-profits,