

collections to the United States Trustee System Fund, and increase bankruptcy filing fees. All of this would lead to a better and more efficient bankruptcy judicial system.

My state of Georgia has the third highest personal bankruptcy rate in the nation. According to the National Bankruptcy Research Center, Georgia's federal bankruptcy courts handled 66,925 filings during the first 11 months of 2009. This was 22 percent higher than the same period of 2008. This resolution will give the bankruptcy judicial system the resources necessary to review cases in a thorough yet timely manner, and turn the hectic bankruptcy process into a much more manageable one. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this legislation, and vote in the affirmative for H.R. 4506, the Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2010.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4506, as amended.

The question was taken.

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

Mr. COHEN. 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.

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR ENRIQUE "KIKI" CAMARENA

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1115) expressing appreciation for the profound dedication and public service of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena on the 25th anniversary of his death.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1115

Whereas in March 1985, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena made the ultimate sacrifice in the fight against illicit drugs;

Whereas Special Agent Camarena, an 11-year veteran special agent of the DEA, was kidnapped, tortured, and murdered in the line of duty;

Whereas Special Agent Camarena joined the DEA in June 1974 as an agent with the Calexico, California, District Office;

Whereas Special Agent Camarena was assigned to the Fresno District Office in September 1977, and transferred to the Guadalajara Resident Office in July 1981;

Whereas, on February 7, 1985, when leaving the Guadalajara Resident Office to join his wife Geneva for lunch, Special Agent Camarena was surrounded by 5 armed men, forced into a vehicle and taken away;

Whereas the body of Special Agent Camarena was discovered on March 5, 1985, on a ranch approximately 60 miles southeast of Guadalajara, Mexico;

Whereas to date, 22 individuals have been indicted in Los Angeles, California, for their

roles in the Camarena murder, including former high ranking Mexican Government officials, cartel drug lords, lieutenants, and soldiers;

Whereas of the 22 individuals indicted in Los Angeles, 8 have been convicted and are imprisoned in the United States, 6 have been incarcerated in Mexico and considered fugitives as a result of outstanding warrants in the United States, 4 are believed deceased, 1 was acquitted at trial, and 3 remain fugitives believed to be residing in Mexico;

Whereas an additional 25 individuals were arrested, convicted, and imprisoned in Mexico for their involvement in the Camarena murder;

Whereas the men and women of the DEA will continue to seek justice for the murder of Special Agent Camarena;

Whereas fugitives Guillermo Chavez-Sanchez and Ricardo Chavez-Sanchez are still wanted as hostile material witnesses in Los Angeles, California;

Whereas during his 11-year career with the DEA, Special Agent Camarena received 2 Sustained Superior Performance Awards, a Special Achievement Award and, posthumously, the Administrator's Award of Honor, the highest award granted by DEA;

Whereas prior to joining the DEA, Special Agent Camarena served 2 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, as well as serving as a fireman in Calexico, a police investigator, and a narcotics investigator for the Imperial County Sheriff Coroner;

Whereas Red Ribbon Week, nationally recognized since 1988 and now the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the Nation, reaching millions of young people each year and celebrated annually from October 23 to 31, was established to help preserve Special Agent Camarena's memory and further the cause for which he gave his life, the fight against drug crime and addiction; and

Whereas Special Agent Camarena will be remembered as an honorable public servant, his sacrifice should also be a reminder every October during Red Ribbon Week of the dangers associated with drug use and trafficking: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) expresses appreciation for the profound dedication and public service of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena on the 25th anniversary of his death;

(2) offers its deepest sympathy and appreciation to his wife, Geneva, his three children, Enrique, Daniel, and Erik, and to the entire family, friends, and former colleagues of the Drug Enforcement Administration;

(3) encourages communities and organizations throughout the United States to commemorate the sacrifice of Special Agent Camarena through the promotion of drug-free communities and participation in drug prevention activities to support healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles; and

(4) directs the Clerk of the House to transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COHEN. Mr. 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 gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 1115 expresses appreciation for the profound dedication and public service of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena on the 25th anniversary of his passing.

On February 7, 1985, Special Agent Enrique Camarena, known to his friends as Kiki, left the American consulate in Guadalajara to meet his wife, Mika, for lunch. As Kiki walked to his truck, he was approached by five men who kidnapped him and sped away. He was found dead on March 5, 1985, after being tortured and brutally beaten by his captors. Kiki was 37 years of age—survived by his wife and three children, Enrique, Daniel, and Erik.

During his 11 years with the DEA, Kiki received two Sustained Superior Performance Awards and a Special Achievement Award as well. He also received posthumously the Administrator's Award of Honor, the highest award granted by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Mr. Camarena was born on July 26, 1947, in Mexicali, Mexico. He graduated from Calexico High School in Calexico, California, in 1966. In 1968, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps, and after serving 2 years, he joined the Calexico Police Department as a criminal investigator in 1970.

In May 1973, he started working as a narcotics investigator with the El Centro Police Department. He stayed there until 1974, when he joined the DEA.

His first assignment as a special agent with DEA was in Calexico, California. In 1977, he was reassigned to the Fresno district office in northern California. After working in the Fresno office, he was later assigned to the Guadalajara, Mexico, DEA office for 4½ years and worked undercover on the trail of the country's biggest marijuana and cocaine traffickers. Before being kidnapped, Kiki was extremely close to unlocking a multibillion-dollar drug pipeline.

Officer Camarena gave his life in the fight against drug traffickers, and after his death, many people wanted to do something to remember the ultimate sacrifice he made. Soon after his death, people everywhere started wearing red ribbons to symbolize their commitment to help reduce the demand for drugs in their communities. The act of wearing red ribbons took on national significance and grew into what is now known as the Red Ribbon Campaign. During Red Ribbon Week, Kiki is remembered as a man who wanted to make a difference in the war on drugs, and his legacy still lives on.

In honor of Kiki Camarena's legacy and in recognition of the 25th anniversary of his death, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1115.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise in support of H. Res. 1115, honoring the legacy of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena on the 25th anniversary of his murder.

Words are not sufficient to express the debt that our country owes to Special Agent Camarena and to his family. His life of selfless service, courage of conviction, and dedication to protecting the American people will be remembered in our hearts and minds forever.

Twenty-five years ago, Agent Camarena gave his life in the line of duty after he was abducted. He was tortured and eventually was murdered. Agent Camarena was working undercover as a DEA special agent gaining valuable intelligence and evidence against Mexican drug cartels when he was kidnapped in broad daylight on a street in Guadalajara, Mexico. It is believed that he was tortured for around 2 days, and eventually he was bludgeoned to death.

We honor his life, we mourn his death, and we renew our commitment to ensure that his legacy is never forgotten.

When asked why he wanted to be a DEA agent, Special Agent Camarena replied, “Even if I am only one person, I can make a difference.” Thousands of individuals across our Nation can attest to the difference he has made in their lives.

Every day and every night, law enforcement officers across this Nation go to work aware of the dangers they face. These brave men and brave women put their lives at risk so the rest of us can sleep better at night and live safer lives. As we go about our daily lives, as we sleep in the safety of our homes, these individuals fight against the violence that threatens our neighborhoods, our communities, and our loved ones. And much of that violence is drug related.

I stand before the House today with heartfelt gratitude for every law enforcement officer who serves the communities throughout this country, and especially for those who have given their lives in the line of duty for the rest of us.

As we take a moment to pause and reflect on the heroic life and tragic death of this individual, the drug cartels continue. They continue to wage war on our borders and threaten the safety of so many people, and they do so all in the name of money. Yet they will soon come to learn that our pursuit of justice will not waiver and it will not weaken just because they continue their criminal enterprises north and south of our borders.

To the family of Special Agent Camarena, we share in their grief and we will ensure that his legacy lives on. We will relentlessly fight against the drug cartels and the border violence that they have caused. We want to

thank this family for sharing with our country a man who truly is an American hero.

To the individuals who continue to pursue those who abducted and tortured and murdered Special Agent Camarena, we thank them, we support them, and we have committed to those individuals that we will not rest until the perpetrators are brought to justice and tried for their evil deeds.

To our Nation’s law enforcement officers, we thank them for risking their lives each day to protect our lives and the lives of our loved ones. Their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families shall always be remembered. Across our Nation, there are countless stories of men and women who have given their time, their resources, and their lives to protect and defend America.

Although we each have only one life to live, Special Agent Kiki Camarena has shown us the difference that one individual can make. Although we remember Special Agent Camarena’s tragic death today, I am encouraged by his life and the lives of so many who have dedicated themselves to public service. Without the sacrifices of these brave men and women, America would not be what we are today. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JOHNSON) will control the time.

There was no objection.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER), the sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas, a great prosecutor and judge in his own right.

Mr. Speaker, we are all familiar with the dangerous duties undertaken by the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Oftentimes, their accomplishments go unnoticed, but these agents continue making significant contributions to the seemingly unending effort to protect our communities from drug crime and addiction.

This is a responsibility that DEA agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena took seriously over the course of his career in law enforcement. It was 25 years ago this March that agent Camarena’s body was discovered after he was kidnapped by armed men in front of the U.S. consulate in Guadalajara, Mexico. He had been severely tortured by his captors. More than two dozen people, including Mexican Government officials, cartel leaders, and associates were convicted for Agent Camarena’s murder. Still, his memory has not been forgotten.

The circumstances surrounding his death are a vivid reminder of the violence and danger attributable to illegal drugs, whether it is directly along our borders, in our neighborhoods, or within the homes of families facing the struggles of addiction.

Today, Agent Camarena is perhaps the best-known hero of the war on drugs, and his story continues to inspire millions of Americans to lead drug-free lives. In fact, shortly after his death, Camarena Clubs were launched throughout southern California. Hundreds of club members wore red ribbons and pledged to lead drug-free lives in honor of Agent Camarena and others who gave their lives for the same purpose. In 1985, club members presented a proclamation to First Lady Nancy Reagan which brought the club national recognition, and ultimately prompted thousands of schools, communities, and States to recognize Red Ribbon Week, now celebrated during the last week of October.

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So on this anniversary of Agent Camarena’s death, let us take time to honor the contribution and profound dedication and public service of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena on the 25th anniversary of his death.

I would like to offer my deepest sympathy and appreciation to his wife, Geneva, and his three children—Enrique, who is a prosecutor, Daniel and Erik—and the entire family, friends, and former colleagues at the Drug Enforcement Administration.

It is important that we focus on securing and enforcing our southern border so that these past sacrifices and future endeavors by those in the DEA are not in vain. Mr. Speaker, we in San Diego are honored to be home to this legacy of “Kiki” Camarena and his family.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the special agents that work in the Drug Enforcement Administration, the DEA, are special agents indeed. Many times they work alone, they work deep undercover, they work not only in the United States, but in foreign countries, and they work for the sole purpose of trying to capture those outlaws who are in the drug business, who, in the name of money, try to sell their wares and profit on that illegal enterprise. They are an international crime cartel syndicate. Our DEA agents do a wonderful job. We sometimes forget the work that they do. This is just one of many who have worked and dedicated their lives to helping protect the rest of us.

As my friend from California (Mr. HUNTER) has pointed out, much of this violence occurs on our borders because the drug cartels operate on international borders, on our border with Mexico especially. Because the drug cartels, in the name of money, are very violent, they are well armed, they are well financed, and they will do anything in their relentless effort to bring drugs into the United States.

We need to be aware that they have committed a war against the United States and all people who oppose their

activities. And so it is quite appropriate that today we honor and commemorate the life of one of those special agents who gave his life trying to protect us from the drug cartels.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am a proud original cosponsor of H. Res. 1115.

As my colleagues have explained, this resolution recognizes the life and public service of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena.

On February 7, 1985, Special Agent Camarena was on his way to meet his wife for lunch when he was kidnapped outside the U.S. Consulate in Guadalajara, Mexico by five armed men.

Almost a month later, his body was discovered on a ranch nearly 50 miles away, brutally murdered by the same kind of violent drug traffickers he had dedicated his life to fighting.

This month marks 25 years since that fateful day.

As an 11-year veteran of the DEA, Special Agent Camarena received two Sustained Superior Performance Awards, a Special Achievement Award and, posthumously, the Administrator's Award of Honor, the highest award granted by DEA.

Prior to joining the DEA, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps, as a fireman, a police investigator, and a narcotics investigator.

Special Agent Camarena was deeply committed to public service throughout his life.

In honor of his memory, each October, thousands of schools, communities, and state and local drug abuse prevention organizations celebrate Red Ribbon Week.

Further, the anniversary of Special Agent Camarena's death reminds us of the importance of continuing the close cooperation between the United States and Mexico in fighting the narcotraffickers.

The Mérida Initiative, a partnership between the Government of Mexico and the United States, has been successful in presenting new opportunities for expert collaboration on these fronts.

Through operations such as Operation Firewall and Operation Panama Express, the DEA and Mexican law enforcement authorities are dismantling drug cartels and seizing tons of illegal drugs destined for America's streets.

I am sure that Special Agent Camarena would have been pleased to see how far we have come.

Again, I am proud to be an original cosponsor of this important measure in honor of Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena and his dedication to public service.

My most sincere thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Geneva, his sons Enrique, Daniel, and Erik, and his entire family.

I thank Congressman HUNTER for introducing this important measure.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 1115, which honors the profound dedication and public service of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena on the 25th anniversary of his untimely death.

Mr. Camarena led an exemplary life of service to his community and his nation. As a member of the Marine Corps, fire fighter, police officer, and DEA special agent, he demonstrated an extreme passion for fighting crime and eliminating drugs to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities. He led a commendable 11-year career at the

Drug Enforcement Administration earning him the distinguished Administrator's Award of Honor.

In February 1985, Mr. Camarena lost his life in the line of duty. I had the opportunity to attend a memorial for Mr. Camarena and witness the impact his sacrifice made and hear from some of the many lives he touched. I am glad that twenty-five years after this tragedy, his passion and spirit still live on. His commitment to fighting drugs inspired millions of people around the world to live drug-free lives. We must continue to honor this legacy by promoting drug-free communities and supporting healthy drug-free lifestyles.

Again, I would like to express my appreciation for the outstanding service Mr. Camarena provided for this nation and offer my support and deepest condolences to his wife, children, and to the entire family, friends, and former colleagues at the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Mr. POE of Texas. With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SALAZAR). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1115.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING OFFICERS' ACTIONS DURING LAS VEGAS COURT- HOUSE ASSAULT

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1061) honoring the heroic actions of Court Security Officer Stanley Cooper, Deputy United States Marshal Richard J. "Joe" Gardner, the law enforcement officers of the United States Marshals Service and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and the Court Security Officers in responding to the armed assault at the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse on January 4, 2010.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1061

Whereas, on January 4, 2010, during an assault at the entrance of the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse in Las Vegas, Nevada, Court Security Officer Stanley Cooper was fatally wounded and died heroically in the line of duty while protecting the employees, occupants, and visitors of the courthouse;

Whereas Deputy United States Marshal Richard J. "Joe" Gardner was wounded in the line of duty while protecting the employees, occupants, and visitors of the courthouse;

Whereas the Court Security Officers and members of the United States Marshals Service and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department acted swiftly and bravely to subdue the gunman and minimize risk and injury to the public; and

Whereas the heroic actions of Court Security Officer Stanley Cooper, Deputy United

States Marshal Richard J. "Joe" Gardner, and the law enforcement officers who responded to the attack prevented additional harm to innocent bystanders: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the brave actions and quick thinking exhibited by Court Security Officer Stanley Cooper during the assault at the entrance of the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse;

(2) offers its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Court Security Officer Stanley Cooper, who valiantly gave his life in the line of duty;

(3) commends Deputy United States Marshal Richard J. "Joe" Gardner for his actions and bravery in responding to the assault;

(4) wishes Deputy United States Marshal Richard J. "Joe" Gardner a speedy recovery from the wounds he sustained in the line of duty; and

(5) applauds the Court Security Officers and members of the United States Marshals Service and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for their brave and courageous actions in responding to the assault at the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days 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 gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution honors the heroic actions of Court Security Officer Stanley Cooper, Deputy United States Marshal Richard J. "Joe" Gardner, the law enforcement officers of the United States Marshal Service and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, as well as the court security officers involved in responding to the armed assault at the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse in Las Vegas, Nevada, this past January 4, 2010.

On January 4, 2010, a man entered the lobby of the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse, pulled a shotgun from underneath his jacket, and began firing indiscriminately from outside the security area where visitors pass through the metal detectors. Through a swift response, law enforcement officers were able to chase the gunman from the courthouse and ultimately subdue him.

Court security officers and members of the United States Marshal Service and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department acted bravely to subdue the gunman and minimize risk and injury to the public. Without regard for their own safety, they performed their