

Graves was elected Representative to Congress for the Ninth Congressional District, State of Georgia.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*

Enclosure.

THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF  
STATE,

June 10, 2010.

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk, House of Representatives, H-154 U.S.  
Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MS. MILLER: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election Runoff held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, for U.S. Representative from the Ninth Congressional District of Georgia show that, as of today's date, Tom Graves received 22,684 votes or 56.5% of the total number of votes cast, and thus far counted, for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Tom Graves was elected as the U.S. Representative from the Ninth Congressional District of Georgia.

At this time, we are not aware of any contest to this election. As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all counties involved, the official "Certificate of Election" will be prepared and forwarded to the Governor's Office for transmittal to you as required by Georgia law.

If we can assist you further, please let us know.

Sincerely,

WESLEY B. TAILOR.

#### SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE TOM GRAVES, OF GEORGIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Georgia, the Honorable Tom Graves, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will Representative-elect GRAVES and the members of the Georgia delegation present themselves in the well.

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 111th Congress.

#### WELCOMING THE HONORABLE TOM GRAVES TO THE HOUSE OF REP- RESENTATIVES

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, Members of the House, it's a great honor to introduce TOM GRAVES, the newest member of the Georgia delegation and, obviously, the newest Member of the United States Congress. TOM comes to us from the Ninth District of Georgia, the seat which was held by Nathan Deal. And we all miss Nathan. He was a leading voice on Medicaid and immigration issues. And I know that TOM will continue that fight for the people of the Ninth District of Georgia.

TOM comes from Ranger, Georgia. You may not know Ranger, Georgia, population 91, but it's a little bit down the road from Red Bud, Georgia, which isn't incorporated, and not too far from Fairmount, Georgia. The three of them collectively are near nothing at all. They are in Gordon County.

Now, TOM served for 7½ years in the Georgia General Assembly and was on the Transportation, Health and Human Services Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. He was a leader in job creation for the State of Georgia, and with his JOBS Act, introduced in 2009, he worked for pro-growth legislation—legislation that would phase out the corporate income tax and eliminate the burdensome inventory tax for Georgia businesses. For this, he was recognized by ALEC, the American Legislative Exchange Council, to which many of us once belonged. He was nominated and earned the title of Legislator of the Year.

TOM has also been recognized by the National Federation of Independent Businesses as the Guardian of Small Business and by the Georgia Retail Association for being Legislator of the Year, and was one of only two State legislators in the country to be selected by FreedomWorks Foundation to receive the Legislative Entrepreneurial Award.

TOM, we're very glad to have you. But we're also especially glad to have your wife, Julie, who's sitting up in the gallery. TOM also has his three children with him today: JoAnn, John, and Janey. And we're glad that you're going to share your daddy with us.

TOM is well known back home for having a beautiful family and a very ugly pickup truck. But he is committed to the truck. He's had it for 13 years—and he thought that was a long time. But I want to introduce you to GARY ACKERMAN, who will tell you how to really take care of a car, which I think now is going on 30 years old.

TOM, I also want to tell my friends CLIFF STEARNS and CORRINE BROWN, who come from a State that likes to pretend like they play football, that TOM Graves is a Georgia Bulldog. We can always use one more in the world. So if any of you people from Florida want to convert, it would be a good time.

TOM, we welcome you to the greatest body, the greatest legislative body the world has ever seen: the United States Congress.

With that, I want to yield to my good friend, Mr. JOHN LEWIS, the dean of our delegation.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank my good friend, JACK KINGSTON, for yielding me time.

As the dean of the Georgia delegation, it is my great pleasure to welcome TOM GRAVES to the United States House of Representatives. Mr. GRAVES is not a stranger to Georgia politics. He served in the Georgia State House of Representatives for almost 8 years. TOM, I not only welcome you, but I am proud to welcome your beautiful wife, Julie, and your three lovely and beautiful children.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Georgia is recognized.

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Madam Speaker and Congressman LEWIS, Congressman KINGSTON, thank you.

As we recognize Flag Day today, it's also a reminder of the greatness of this young Republic, the foundations for which it rests, and the opportunity that awaits.

As one who didn't grow up in wealth or politics but, really, quite the opposite—very simple beginnings in a single-wide trailer on a tar and gravel road in the backwoods of north Georgia—I am here now able to pay tribute to my parents who couldn't give me the material things in life but, instead, they showed me love and they encouraged me to dream big, to work hard, and achieve much.

And while I am standing before you today as a freshman Member, I am the freshest voice from the campaign trail. And the message from the hills of north Georgia to the Hill of this great building is very clear, and that is that it's time to curb spending. It's time to balance the budget, and it's time to empower the people.

While the challenges are great in this Nation, the will and the Constitution of her people are greater. And, you know, my dad was right. If we, as Americans, dream big, work hard, we can achieve much as a Nation.

So on behalf of Georgia Nine, Madam Speaker, I am here to go to work.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Georgia, the whole number of the House is 433.

#### SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TONKO). Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to

the resolution (H. Res. 1409) expressing support for designation of June 20, 2010, as “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 360, nays 0, not voting 72, as follows:

[Roll No. 356]

YEAS—360

Ackerman	Cooper	Herger
Aderholt	Costa	Herseth Sandlin
Adler (NJ)	Courtney	Higgins
Akin	Crenshaw	Himes
Alexander	Critz	Hinchee
Altmire	Crowley	Hinojosa
Andrews	Cuellar	Hirono
Arcuri	Culberson	Holt
Austria	Cummings	Hoyer
Baca	Dahlkemper	Hunter
Bachmann	Davis (CA)	Israel
Bachus	Davis (KY)	Jackson (IL)
Baldwin	Davis (TN)	Jackson Lee
Barrow	DeFazio	(TX)
Bartlett	DeGette	Jenkins
Barton (TX)	DeLauro	Johnson (GA)
Bean	Dent	Johnson (IL)
Becerra	Deutch	Johnson, E. B.
Berkley	Diaz-Balart, M.	Johnson, Sam
Berry	Dicks	Jones
Biggert	Dingell	Jordan (OH)
Bilbray	Djou	Kagen
Bilirakis	Doggett	Kanjorski
Bishop (GA)	Donnelly (IN)	Kaptur
Bishop (NY)	Doyle	Kennedy
Bishop (UT)	Dreier	Kildee
Blackburn	Driehaus	Kilroy
Blumenauer	Duncan	Kind
Blunt	Edwards (MD)	King (IA)
Boccieri	Edwards (TX)	King (NY)
Boehner	Ehlers	Kingston
Bono Mack	Ellison	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Boren	Ellsworth	Kissell
Boswell	Emerson	Klein (FL)
Boucher	Engel	Kline (MN)
Boustany	Eshoo	Kosmas
Braley (IA)	Etheridge	Kratovil
Bright	Farr	Kucinich
Broun (GA)	Filner	Lamborn
Brown-Waite,	Flake	Lance
Ginny	Fleming	Langevin
Buchanan	Foster	Larsen (WA)
Burgess	Fox	Larson (CT)
Burton (IN)	Frank (MA)	Latham
Buyer	Franks (AZ)	LaTourette
Calvert	Frelinghuysen	Latta
Camp	Fudge	Lee (CA)
Cantor	Gallegly	Lee (NY)
Capito	Garamendi	Levin
Capps	Garrett (NJ)	Lewis (CA)
Capuano	Giffords	Lewis (GA)
Cardoza	Gingrey (GA)	Linder
Carnahan	Gonzalez	LoBiondo
Carney	Goodlatte	Loeb
Carson (IN)	Granger	Lofgren, Zoe
Cassidy	Graves (GA)	Lowey
Castle	Graves (MO)	Lucas
Castor (FL)	Grayson	Luetkemeyer
Chaffetz	Green, Al	Lujan
Chandler	Green, Gene	Lummis
Childers	Griffith	Lungren, Daniel
Chu	Guthrie	E.
Clarke	Hall (NY)	Mack
Clay	Hall (TX)	Maffei
Cleaver	Halvorson	Manzullo
Clyburn	Hare	Marchant
Coble	Harman	Markey (CO)
Coffman (CO)	Harper	Markey (MA)
Cohen	Hastings (FL)	Marshall
Cole	Hastings (WA)	Matsui
Conaway	Heinrich	McCarthy (CA)
Connolly (VA)	Heller	McCarthy (NY)
Conyers	Hensarling	McCaul

McClintock	Peters	Sestak
McCollum	Peterson	Shadegg
McCotter	Petri	Shea-Porter
McDermott	Pingree (ME)	Sherman
McGovern	Pitts	Shimkus
McHenry	Platts	Shuster
McIntyre	Poe (TX)	Smith (NE)
McKeon	Polis (CO)	Smith (NJ)
McMahon	Pomeroy	Smith (TX)
McMorris	Posey	Smith (WA)
Rodgers	Price (GA)	Snyder
McNerney	Price (NC)	Space
Meek (FL)	Putnam	Spratt
Meeks (NY)	Rahall	Stearns
Mica	Rangel	Stupak
Michaud	Rehberg	Sullivan
Miller (MI)	Reichert	Sutton
Miller (NC)	Richardson	Teague
Miller, Gary	Rodriguez	Terry
Miller, George	Roe (TN)	Thompson (CA)
Minnick	Rogers (AL)	Thompson (MS)
Mitchell	Rogers (MI)	Thompson (PA)
Mollohan	Rooney	Thornberry
Moore (KS)	Ros-Lehtinen	Tiahrt
Moore (WI)	Roskam	Tiberi
Moran (VA)	Ross	Tierney
Murphy (CT)	Rothman (NJ)	Titus
Murphy (NY)	Roybal-Allard	Tonko
Murphy, Patrick	Royce	Tsongas
Murphy, Tim	Ruppersberger	Turner
Nadler (NY)	Rush	Upton
Neal (MA)	Ryan (OH)	Van Hollen
Neugebauer	Ryan (WI)	Velázquez
Nye	Sánchez, Linda	Visclosky
Oberstar	T.	Walz
Obey	Sarbanes	Wasserman
Olson	Scalise	Schultz
Oliver	Schakowsky	Watson
Ortiz	Schauer	Watt
Owens	Schiff	Waxman
Pallone	Schmidt	Welch
Pascarella	Schock	Westmoreland
Pastor (AZ)	Schrader	Whitfield
Paul	Schwartz	Wilson (OH)
Paulsen	Scott (GA)	Wittman
Payne	Scott (VA)	Wolf
Pence	Sensenbrenner	Woolsey
Perlmutter	Serrano	Wu
Perriello	Sessions	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—72

Baird	Gohmert	Quigley
Barrett (SC)	Gordon (TN)	Radanovich
Berman	Grijalva	Reyes
Bonner	Gutierrez	Rogers (KY)
Boozman	Hill	Rohrabacher
Boyd	Hodes	Salazar
Brady (PA)	Hoekstra	Sanchez, Loretta
Brady (TX)	Holden	Shuler
Brown (SC)	Honda	Simpson
Brown, Corrine	Inglis	Sires
Butterfield	Inslee	Skelton
Campbell	Issa	Slaughter
Cao	Kilpatrick (MI)	Speier
Carter	Kirk	Stark
Costello	Lipinski	Tanner
Davis (AL)	Lynch	Taylor
Davis (IL)	Maloney	Towns
Delahunt	Matheson	Walden
Diaz-Balart, L.	Melancon	Wamp
Fallin	Miller (FL)	Waters
Fattah	Moran (KS)	Weiner
Forbes	Myrick	Wilson (SC)
Fortenberry	Napolitano	Yarmuth
Gerlach	Nunes	Young (FL)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 356. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 1409, Expressing support for designation of

June 20, 2010, as “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.

## REMEMBERING FLASH FLOOD VICTIMS

(Mr. ROSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, in the early morning hours of Friday, June 11, a sudden and devastating flash flood swept through the Albert Pike campground in southwest Arkansas. In just 4 short hours, the Little Missouri River along the Ouachita National Forest rose from 3 feet to 23 feet.

The flood swept away tents, RVs and homes, and, tragically, took 20 lives, including many children, making it one of Arkansas's deadliest flash floods in a generation. However, this tragedy's impact is far-reaching, as many of the victims were from surrounding States, including from Congressman HALL's district in Texas and from Congressman FLEMING's district in Louisiana. They join me here this evening as we remember those who died in this flood.

I also want to commend the outstanding work of our first responders—local, State, Federal—and fellow Arkansans who reacted without hesitation and rescued literally dozens of people from the debris and rushing waters. This weekend, I, along with Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell and Senators BLANCHE LINCOLN and MARK PRYOR, saw the devastation firsthand and spoke with families who lost loved ones.

My deepest thoughts and prayers and those of all Arkansans and all Americans are with the families who lost loved ones in these destructive flash floods.

Mr. Speaker, I join Congressman HALL and Congressman FLEMING in asking that the House now observe a moment of silence in remembrance of each and every life we lost in this tragedy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members will rise and observe a moment of silence.

## EXTENDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF GIFT CARD PROVISIONS OF CREDIT CARD LAW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5502) to amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by