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

There was no objection.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, at this time I yield 5 minutes to the chief sponsor of the legislation, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MOORE).

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. I thank the gentleman.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 1264, a resolution supporting the designation of March as Essential Tremor Awareness Month.

As you may know, essential tremor, also known as ET, is a progressive neurological condition that causes a rhythmic trembling of the hands, head, voice, legs, or trunk. It is often confused with Parkinson's disease and dystonia. ET is estimated to affect up to 10 million Americans, including up to 5 percent of people aged 40 to 60, and up to 9 percent of people aged 60 and older.

ET can interfere with a person's ability to perform activities of daily living such as grooming and writing, and in approximately 5 percent of cases is totally disabling. Additionally, research has shown that people with ET have a higher incidence of depression than the general population and that a significant number of these people isolate themselves in their homes.

Because of stereotypes and a lack of awareness, many people with ET never seek medical care, though most would benefit from treatment. While no medications have been developed for people with ET, specifically, the medications currently being used for other conditions may help up to 60 percent of people with ET.

While this number is encouraging, clearly more research is needed to develop treatments from which all people with ET can benefit. Organizations such as the International Essential Tremor Foundation headquartered in my district in Lenexa, Kansas, are leading the way to promote research in an effort to determine the causes, treatment and ultimately the cure for ET, as well as provide information, services and support to individuals and families affected by ET.

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To bolster these efforts and to create more awareness about tremors as well as the need for greater ET research, please join me in supporting our resolution supporting the designation of March as National Essential Tremor Awareness Month.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today to support House Resolution 1264, which expresses support for the designation of March as National Tremor Association Awareness Month. ET is certainly the most common movement disorder, afflicting nearly 10 million Americans. And, of course, for

those who have this disease, everyday life can present some frustrating challenges.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of awareness and stereotypes, many suffering from essential tremor do not seek medical care. Unfortunately, there are no medications that have been developed for people with these tremors; so I thank the gentleman from Kansas for bringing this important issue before us today to raise awareness about ET.

I would also like to thank the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MOORE) for his hard work and years of service—12 years, I think it is, since we came in at the same time—of service in this body and for his work as chairman of the Financial Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, which I have the honor of serving with him as the ranking member. So I really appreciate everything he's done in this body, and I wish him well. We will miss him.

With that, Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to join me in support of this resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I too, like my colleague from Illinois, want to thank my friend and neighbor from Kansas (Mr. MOORE) for introducing this important piece of legislation, but more than that, for his level of service here in this institution and someone that I can truly look to and call a friend.

It has been a wonderful 10 years for us, and thank you for your service to your State and your country, Mr. MOORE.

And with that, Madam Speaker, I would urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure which supports the designation of March as National Essential Tremor Awareness Month.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1264.

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. CLAY. 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 DESIGNATION OF WORLD VETERINARY YEAR

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1531) expressing support for designation of 2011 as "World Veterinary Year" to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1531

Whereas the world's first veterinary school was founded in Lyon, France, in 1761;

Whereas 2011 will mark the 250th anniversary of veterinary education;

Whereas 2011 will mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the veterinary medical profession;

Whereas 2011 will mark the beginnings of comparative biopathology, a basic tenet of the "one health" concept;

Whereas veterinarians have played an integral role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that affect the people of the United States, such as salmonellosis, West Nile Virus, yellow fever, and malaria;

Whereas veterinarians provide valuable public health service through preventive medicine, control of zoonotic diseases, and scientific research;

Whereas veterinarians have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining techniques and instrumentations such as artificial hips, bone plates, splints, and arthroscopy;

Whereas veterinarians play an integral role in protecting the quality and security of the herd and food supply of the United States;

Whereas military veterinarians provide crucial assistance to the agricultural independence of developing nations around the world;

Whereas disaster relief veterinarians provide public health service and veterinary medical support to animals and humans displaced and ravaged by disasters;

Whereas veterinarians are dedicated to preserving the human-animal bond and promoting the highest standards of science-based, ethical animal welfare;

Whereas 2011 would be an appropriate year to designate as "World Veterinary Year" to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary; and

Whereas colleagues in the United States will join veterinarians from around the world to celebrate this momentous occasion: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the designation of "World Veterinary Year";

(2) supports the goals and ideals of World Veterinary Year by bringing attention to and expressing appreciation for the contributions that the veterinary profession has made and continues to make to animal health, public health, animal welfare, and food safety; and

(3) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to "World Veterinary Year" with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CLAY. Madam 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 Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mr. CLAY. At this time, Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to my colleague, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. SCHRADER).

Mr. SCHRADER. I appreciate Mr. CLAY for yielding time to me.

I would like to take a moment here and thank Chairman TOWNS and Ranking Member ISSA and their staffs on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee for helping to bring this resolution to the floor.

As a veterinarian myself and a Member of Congress, I introduced this resolution to bring attention to the veterinary profession at a time when it faces some challenges and to honor the contributions veterinary medicine has made in animal health, public health, animal welfare, and our food safety.

Next year will mark the 250th anniversary of the opening of the first Veterinary school in Lyon, France, and the beginning of our veterinary profession. The school in Lyon was authorized by King Louis XV, August 4, 1761, based on the principles and methods of curing livestock. The reputation of this school soon spread and students from all over Europe attended, and these students became the leading lights of veterinary science when they returned to their own countries.

A second school was established in Alfort, France, and soon secondary schools built on the Lyon model appeared in Germany, England, and other European countries. Since its humble beginnings in Lyon in the year 1761, the practice of veterinary medicine has spread across the globe for the betterment of animals, humans, and our environment.

As a result, veterinarians have become the most qualified health professionals to help us deal with zoonotic diseases, bioterrorism, comparative medicine, and food safety issues on our front lines and leaders in research and scientific innovation as well as the scientific benefits of the animal-human companion bond.

Veterinarians have always been an integral part of their communities and expected to be community leaders. I may have carried it to an extreme.

In my lifetime, I have been actually blessed to see some exponential growth in the veterinary medical field. We went from the James Herriot era of liniments and potions to the ongoing use of antibiotics and steroids; advances in diagnostics and treatments, including IV therapy, dentistry; second and third generation of antibiotics and steroids, new anti-inflammatories; treatments for diabetes, Cushing's, Addison's—diseases we see both in humans and in animals—and advances in nutrition that our human colleagues could take advantage of.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in commemorating this important milestone by supporting H. Res. 1531 and proclaiming 2011 as World Veterinary Year in honor of the 250th anniversary of the veterinary profession.

Mrs. BIGGERT. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today to support House Resolution 1531, which expresses support for designation of 2011 as World Veterinary Year, with the goal of helping to bring attention to and showing appreciation for the veterinarian profession on its 250th anniversary.

I believe that those who choose to enter into the medical profession deserve our gratitude for entering into a life where they help heal the sick, be it human or animal. And for many of us, our pets become a huge part of our family, and our Nation's veterinarians help ensure our furry family members live long and rewarding lives.

So, Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to join me in support of this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, at this time I would like to recognize the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. SCOTT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Thank you, Mr. CLAY, once again. And certainly I want to thank the outstanding leadership of my colleague, Mr. KURT SCHRADER of Oregon, who's the chief sponsor of this bill, for it is, indeed, a very important bill.

I too want to thank the gentlelady from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) for her leadership on this, and Mr. TOWNS, chairman of our Oversight Committee, for assisting us with making sure this bill got on the suspension calendar.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 1531, designating 2011 as World Veterinary Year, is a simple but an extraordinarily important gesture, offering recognition for an often overlooked yet increasingly very important profession, and that is the field of veterinary medicine.

We all know the role veterinarians play in keeping our pets healthy. As a pet owner myself, I've come to depend on the expertise and the skill of my vet to keep my precious dog, Jazz, very healthy.

But the work of veterinarians is so much more vital than just giving rabies shots and passing out medicine. As chairman of our Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, what I would like to highlight, Madam Speaker, is the crucial role that our veterinarians play in keeping our food supply safe—not just keeping our animals safe and healthy, but keeping our food supply safe and healthy.

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They are the ones that we are growing more and more to depend upon for this important role. Whether in the movement with antibiotics or farm animal safety, who better to provide the leadership on these critical issues than the veterinarians, the physicians for the animals.

Veterinarians have an important responsibility to prevent contamination from bacteria and diseases. In a world of rapid trade, food animal veterinar-

ians serve a crucial role in protecting our country from serious food-borne illnesses, from biological hazards, from pathogens. Veterinarians work to curb bacterial infections and diagnose conditions such as foot-and-mouth disease and avian flu before they really have a chance to become a threat to our food supply.

Having someone in the field to monitor these dangers is critical to our safety in a world of global trade, and particularly, constant trading in and out of different countries of food and animals over our wide, incredible differences.

But, Madam Speaker, what worries me the most and worries me greatly is that our Nation is now in dire need of many more veterinarians to provide us with this undeniably vital service. The American Veterinary Medical Association has found several vast regions of the country that currently lack sufficient food animal veterinarians. Throughout the center of this country, from Texas to North Dakota, numerous counties don't even have a single food animal veterinarian despite having more than 25,000 animals. Some areas have many more than 100,000 animals with no food animal veterinarian nearby.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. CLAY. I yield 2 additional minutes to the gentleman.

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Without a serious endeavor to train more large animal veterinarians, the country could be in a position where dangerous pathogens and disease go unchecked, leading to a major, major food safety hazard. We have come close in numerous threats, and we have to keep our food supply safe. At the forefront of that are our veterinarians.

Earlier this year, the House passed H.R. 3519, Veterinarian Services Investment Act. This bill creates grants to develop, deploy, and sustain veterinarian services and provides our Nation's current and future animal physicians with the resources they desperately need. While Senate prospects for this bill are uncertain, unfortunately, as the remaining legislative year dwindles, I am hopeful that the Senate will act soon. It is imperative that we address this dire shortage of veterinarians by supporting the training of new vets and by helping those already in the field by equipping them with the tools they need to maintain successful practices.

So I welcome this resolution, and I commend Mr. SCHRADER for offering it, and any chance we have to mention the crucial work of our veterinarians and highlight the need to train and employ more of them is a chance we must take to do just that.

Once again, Madam Speaker, I offer my wholehearted approval for this resolution for the veterinarians it seeks to honor.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, again let me thank the gentleman from Oregon (Dr. SCHRADER) for introducing this important piece of legislation. And in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting House Resolution 1531 supporting the goals and ideals of World Veterinary Year.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1531.

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. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

HONORING 2500TH ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF MARATHON

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1704) honoring the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1704

Whereas in 490 BC, Athenian warriors defeated foreign invaders and won against overwhelming odds in one of the most significant battles in human history;

Whereas the Athenian victory helped continue the development of a new form of government called "democracy";

Whereas according to legend, a messenger named Phidippides ran from the battlefield of Marathon, Greece, to Athens 26 miles away to carry news of the victory and it is said, that upon delivering the news to the citizens of Athens, Phidippides died from exhaustion;

Whereas Phidippides' run inspired the spiritual origin of what has become the sport of marathoning;

Whereas the first official marathon race was introduced in the first modern Olympics in 1896 held in Athens, Greece;

Whereas officials from the Boston Athletic Association brought the long distance Olympic running event to Boston, Massachusetts, where it has been run annually since 1897;

Whereas a ceremony took place in Marathon, Greece, in 2007 at the Tomb of the Athenians, the burial site of the Greek warriors who gave their lives defending their country;

Whereas this ceremony created the symbolic Flame of Marathon that embodies the strength of the human spirit, fair competition, and peace;

Whereas Hopkinton, Massachusetts, and Marathon, Greece, have a twin-city relationship, the Flame of Marathon traveled from

Marathon, Greece, and was presented to the Town of Hopkinton in 2008;

Whereas the Flame of Marathon has burned continuously in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, since its arrival in the United States;

Whereas the Flame of Marathon reminds us of the sacrifice of the United States Armed Forces and their families, the defenders of democracy;

Whereas the 35th Marine Corps Marathon received the Flame of Marathon as part of its celebration of the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon; and

Whereas the Flame of Marathon was displayed at events leading to and including the Marine Corps Marathon in view of 30,000 runners who embodied the marathon spirit as they ran through Washington, DC: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives joins with the Greek Embassy in Washington, DC, the people of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, the people of Marathon, Greece, and the hundreds of thousands of runners participating in marathons throughout the United States, in celebrating the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon, Greece, one of the most significant battles in human history.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KLEIN) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. 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 gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, H. Res. 1704 honors the anniversary of the Battle of Marathon, a watershed event in the protection of the then-fledgling form of government we continue to practice to this day and we know as democracy.

As the story goes, a messenger ran 26 miles from Marathon to Athens to deliver news of the Greek victory over the Persians, a feat commemorated today by millions of athletes around the world through the running of marathons.

In this anniversary year, the town of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, the sister city to Marathon, Greece, created "Marathon 2010" to encourage a global celebration of the victory at Marathon and to connect marathoners throughout the world in the shared experience of running.

The commemorative Flame of Marathon was brought from Marathon to Hopkinton nearly 2 years ago as a symbol of the twin cities common heritage as caretakers of the sport of the marathon.

As part of the celebration of the 2500th anniversary, the Marine Corps

Marathon in Washington, D.C., celebrated the military roots of long distance running by receiving the flame in October.

We commend the hundreds of thousands of marathon runners throughout the world who exemplify the words of the philosopher Confucius, a contemporary of the battle who said: "I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."

We join together with marathoners around the world in celebrating the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) for introducing this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of the resolution honoring the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon in ancient Greece. This resolution celebrates the victory in the battle—against all odds—by Greek citizens opposing the overwhelming Persian force in the year 450 B.C.

The Battle of Marathon has been cited by historians as one of the pivotal events in ancient European history. The victory at Marathon marked the end of the Persian invasion of Greece. The following years of peace allowed the Greek city-states and the Greek nation to create the philosophy of democratic rule and establish the arts and sciences for which classical Greece is renowned to this day.

The commitment of the Greek warriors to protect their homeland from Persian invasion summoned within them the strength to withstand the attack through 5 long days of battle, and to finally overcome the invading force.

It was that same commitment to victory, Madam Speaker, that propelled a Greek messenger to run over 26 miles without a break in order to deliver the good news of the victory to the people of Athens. That incredible feat has inspired many in the modern age to emulate that runner's achievement—and I have run one marathon, Madam Speaker—with the first marathon races begun in 1896 and following that runner's course from Marathon to Athens.

I want to thank Mr. MCGOVERN for sponsoring this very timely resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the author of the bill, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN).

Mr. MCGOVERN. I want to begin by thanking the gentleman from Florida for not only yielding me the time but for his service here in Congress. He has been an incredible Member, and I look forward to his return.

As well, I thank my friend, my colleague from New Jersey, for his comments.