

Committee. Such report shall show the amount and purpose of such expenditure and the budget to which such expenditure is attributed. A copy of such monthly report shall be available in the Committee office for review by members of the Committee.

RULE XVI. COMMITTEE STAFF

(a) **APPOINTMENT BY CHAIRMAN.**—The Chairman shall appoint and determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the employees of the Committee not assigned to the minority. The staff of the Committee not assigned to the minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the Chairman, who shall establish and assign the duties and responsibilities of such staff members and delegate such authority as he or she determines appropriate.

(b) **APPOINTMENT BY RANKING MINORITY MEMBER.**—The ranking minority member of the Committee shall appoint and determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the staff assigned to the minority within the budget approved for such purposes. The staff assigned to the minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the ranking minority member of the Committee who may delegate such authority as he or she determines appropriate.

(c) **INTENTION REGARDING STAFF.**—It is intended that the skills and experience of all members of the Committee staff shall be available to all members of the Committee.

RULE XVII. TRAVEL OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

(a) **APPROVAL.**—Consistent with the primary expense resolution and such additional expense resolutions as may have been approved, the provisions of this rule shall govern travel of Committee members and staff. Travel to be reimbursed from funds set aside for the Committee for any member or any staff member shall be paid only upon the prior authorization of the Chairman. Travel shall be authorized by the Chairman for any member and any staff member in connection with the attendance of hearings conducted by the Committee or any subcommittee and meetings, conferences, and investigations which involve activities or subject matter under the general jurisdiction of the Committee. Before such authorization is given there shall be submitted to the Chairman in writing the following:

- (1) The purpose of the travel.
- (2) The dates during which the travel is to be made and the date or dates of the event for which the travel is being made.
- (3) The location of the event for which the travel is to be made.
- (4) The names of members and staff seeking authorization.

(b) **SUBCOMMITTEE TRAVEL.**—In the case of travel of members and staff of a subcommittee to hearings, meetings, conferences, and investigations involving activities or subject matter under the legislative assignment of such subcommittee, prior authorization must be obtained from the subcommittee chairman and the Chairman. Such prior authorization shall be given by the Chairman only upon the representation by the chairman of such subcommittee in writing setting forth those items enumerated in subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of paragraph (a) and that there has been a compliance where applicable with Committee Rule VI.

(c) **TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**—(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In the case of travel outside the United States of members and staff of the Committee or of a subcommittee for the purpose of conducting hearings, investigations, studies, or attending meetings and conferences involving activities or subject matter under the legislative assignment of the Committee or pertinent subcommittee, prior authorization must be obtained from

the Chairman, or, in the case of a subcommittee from the subcommittee chairman and the Chairman. Before such authorization is given there shall be submitted to the Chairman, in writing, a request for such authorization. Each request, which shall be filed in a manner that allows for a reasonable period of time for review before such travel is scheduled to begin, shall include the following:

- (A) The purpose of the travel.
- (B) The dates during which the travel will occur.
- (C) The names of the countries to be visited and the length of time to be spent in each.

(D) An agenda of anticipated activities for each country for which travel is authorized together with a description of the purpose to be served and the areas of Committee jurisdiction involved.

(E) The names of members and staff for whom authorization is sought.

(2) **INITIATION OF REQUESTS.**—Requests for travel outside the United States may be initiated by the Chairman or the chairman of a subcommittee (except that individuals may submit a request to the Chairman for the purpose of attending a conference or meeting) and shall be limited to members and permanent employees of the Committee.

(d) **REPORTS BY MEMBERS AND STAFF.**—Within 15 legislative days from the conclusion of any hearing, investigation, study, meeting, or conference for which travel has been authorized pursuant to this rule, each member and staff member involved in such travel shall submit a written report to the Chairman covering the activities and other pertinent observations or information gained as a result of such travel.

(e) **APPLICABILITY OF LAWS, RULES, POLICIES.**—Members and staff of the Committee performing authorized travel on official business shall be governed by applicable laws, resolutions, or regulations of the House and of the Committee on House Administration pertaining to such travel, and by the travel policy of the Committee.

HONORING JOHNNY ROSS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas, thirty four years ago a tenacious man of God accepted his calling to serve in the Internal Revenue Service in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mr. Johnny Ross began his career with the IRS as a Control Clerk in the Collection Branch and today retires as a Case Advocate in the Taxpayer Advocate Service Team; and

Whereas, Mr. Ross has shared his time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to insure that the system works for everyone; and

Whereas, Mr. Johnny Ross is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Johnny Ross on his retirement from the Internal Revenue Service and to wish him well in his new endeavors;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim September 24, 2010, as Mr. Johnny Ross Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, This 24th day of September, 2010.

IN MEMORY OF AMANDA ROS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Amanda Ros, the mother of our colleague ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN. Amanda was a proud mother, who taught her daughter ILEANA to live life to the fullest.

Amanda was known for her loving personality and her positive outlook on life. ILEANA has said that her mother was the glue that held her family together and that she always placed ILEANA and her brother in the center of her universe.

Amanda was a devoted and faithful wife. She was married to her husband, Enrique Ros, for 65 years, overcoming the naysayers that said a marriage between a Catholic man and Jewish woman could not last. In fact, Enrique held his wife in the highest esteem and has stated that she was always able to bring out the best in him.

Amanda's life was also marked by her devotion to freedom and democracy. Throughout her life she strove with her husband to bring freedom, democracy and liberty to Cuba.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Amanda Ros, whose legacy as a loving mother and wife, and firm believer in freedom and liberty will continue to benefit others well into the future. I extend my sincerest condolences to our colleague ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, her brother, her father Enrique Ros and Amanda's four grandchildren.

HONORING THE CAREER OF RHETT BICKLEY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, for over 40 years Rhett Bickley has dedicated his time and effort to ensuring the preservation of South Carolina's ecosystem. From 1966 to 2000, Rhett worked for the South Carolina Forestry Commission where he served in numerous capacities ranging from Urban and District Forester to Director of Training and Safety.

From 2000 to 2010, Rhett served as the Lexington County Landscape Administrator. In addition to his roles with the South Carolina Forestry Commission and as the Lexington County Landscape Administrator, Rhett served as Chairman of the Lexington County Soil and Water Conservation District and as Vice-chairman of the Greater Columbia Landscape Association. He has encouraged community leaders such as attorney Jake Moore of IRMO to promote Labor Day tree plantings. Rhett also served as Commissioner of the Lexington County Soil and Water Conservation District

from 2000–2010 and as Treasurer of the South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts from 2003–2008.

Throughout his esteemed career Rhett has been the recipient of many distinguished awards. He was a Clemson University Outstanding Forestry Alumnus in 1982 and the South Carolina Wildlife Federation Forest Conservationist of the Year in 1985. Moreover, Rhett received the prestigious honor of being named a Certified Forester by the Society of American Foresters in 1999.

Recently, Rhett retired from a 44 year career dedicated to ensuring the well-being of South Carolina's ecosystem. I appreciate Rhett's steadfast dedication to the Palmetto State and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING CHARLES DARWIN AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF SCIENCE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution in support of designating February 12th as "Darwin Day." Charles Darwin was born on February 12, 1809, and his life has had a profound impact on the course of human history. Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection has not only provided a compelling explanation for the diversity of life, it is also the foundation of modern biology and genetics. Darwin exemplified the scientific curiosity that has led to new scientific breakthroughs that have helped humanity solve numerous problems and improve our quality of life.

Charles Darwin is worthy of recognition and honor. His birthday should be a time for us to celebrate the advancement of human knowledge and the achievements of reason and science. It should also be a time for Congress and other elected officials to ensure that children are being taught scientific facts and not religious dogma in our public schools. It is also an opportunity to push back against those that seek to undermine the science of climate change for political ends.

I urge all of my colleagues celebrate Darwin Day on February 12th and recognize the important role of science in our society.

HONORING THE KINGS DAUGHTERS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas, since its founding, the Kings Daughters continues to be a worthy instrument for good; and

Whereas, the Kings Daughters through Word Church International, has enhanced the lives of young girls in DeKalb County; and

Whereas, the Kings Daughters goals are to provide a safe, structured and conducive environment for the youth to express themselves,

learn and grow; to teach girls to love themselves as God does; and

Whereas, this unique organization has seen its members give of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to provide support for all the young ladies involved; and

Whereas, the Kings Daughters continues to serve by tutoring and mentoring our youth; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Kings Daughters for their outstanding leadership and service to our District;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim October 16, 2010, as the Kings Daughters Day, in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, This 16th day of October, 2010.

HONORING DAGMAR WILSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, the promise of peace in our society begins with our own personal commitment to living a life of non-violence—by rejecting our nation's reliance on weapons and war, and by making a commitment to more peaceful methods of conflict resolution.

During the U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms race, a homemaker named Dagmar Wilson picked up the telephone and organized a group of over 50,000 women across the country for a one-day demonstration calling on President Kennedy to end the arms race. Demonstrations were held in 60 cities across the country.

Through the simple use of person-to-person communication, Wilson and her allies created a movement for nonproliferation at a time when the nation most needed it. She later went on to co-found Women Strike for Peace, a group with around 500,000 members.

Mrs. Wilson died earlier this week, but her legacy of grass roots organizing for peace remains. As the cosponsor of legislation to establish a cabinet-level Department of Peace, I believe that government has a role in addressing violence and lessening its impact on our lives. Let us all act as Mrs. Wilson did and reach out to our family and friends and organize for peace.

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR THE 112TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(2) of rule XI, I submit the rules of the Committee on Rules for printing.

RULE 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) The Rules of the House are the rules of the Committee and its subcommittees so far as applicable, except that a motion to recess from day to day, and a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution, if printed copies are available, are non-debatable privileged motions in the

Committee. A proposed investigative or oversight report shall be considered as read if it has been available to the members of the Committee for at least 24 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such day).

(b) Each subcommittee is a part of the Committee, and is subject to the authority and direction of the Committee and to its rules so far as applicable.

(c) The provisions of clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House are incorporated by reference as the rules of the Committee to the extent applicable.

(d) The Committee's rules shall be published in the Congressional Record not later than 30 days after the Committee is elected in each odd-numbered year.

RULE 2—REGULAR, ADDITIONAL, AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Regular meetings

(a)(1) The Committee shall regularly meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday of each week when the House is in session.

(2) A regular meeting of the Committee may be dispensed with if, in the judgment of the Chairman of the Committee (hereafter in these rules referred to as the "Chair"), there is no need for the meeting.

(3) Additional regular meetings and hearings of the Committee may be called by the Chair.

Notice for regular meetings

(b) The Chair shall notify in electronic or written form each member of the Committee of the agenda of each regular meeting of the Committee at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting and shall provide to each member of the Committee, at least 24 hours before the time of each regular meeting:

(1) for each bill or resolution scheduled on the agenda for consideration of a rule, a copy of—

(A) the bill or resolution;

(B) any committee reports thereon; and

(C) any letter requesting a rule for the bill or resolution; and

(2) for each other bill, resolution, report, or other matter on the agenda a copy of—

(A) the bill, resolution, report, or materials relating to the other matter in question; and

(B) any report on the bill, resolution, report, or any other matter made by any subcommittee of the Committee.

Emergency meetings

(c)(1) The Chair may call an emergency meeting of the Committee at any time on any measure or matter which the Chair determines to be of an emergency nature; provided, however, that the Chair has made an effort to consult the ranking minority member, or, in such member's absence, the next ranking minority party member of the Committee.

(2) As soon as possible after calling an emergency meeting of the Committee, the Chair shall notify each member of the Committee of the time and location of the meeting.

(3) To the extent feasible, the notice provided under paragraph (2) shall include the agenda for the emergency meeting and copies of available materials which would otherwise have been provided under subsection (b) if the emergency meeting was a regular meeting.

Special meetings

(d) Special meetings shall be called and convened as provided in clause 2(c)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the House.

RULE 3—MEETING AND HEARING PROCEDURES

In general

(a)(1) Meetings and hearings of the Committee shall be called to order and presided