

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Washington (Mr. KILMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILMER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF KATE IRWIN

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

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of a member of my district staff, Kate Irwin, who passed away this morning following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

While she was taken far too soon, I feel so lucky that she was part of my team and part of our lives. Kate was the ultimate public servant.

If she was meeting with the Navy about issues of national security, she had a smile on her face.

If she was serving food to folks who were down on their luck at the Salvation Army, she had a smile on her face.

If she was visiting a local high school and getting to try out a flight simulator, Kate had a really big smile on her face.

She looked at every day that she got to serve the people of Washington's Sixth Congressional District as a blessing because she knew that every day on this Earth was one as well.

When I interviewed Kate for a job on my team, she memorably said: "I will work harder and will care more than anyone you'll ever meet." And every day that she came into work, every time she staffed an event, every time she followed up with a constituent in need, she showed that extraordinary commitment, even in the face of impossible circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my condolences to Kate's amazing family, and I want to thank them for sharing such an extraordinary young woman with us.

You are in our prayers.

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS INVASIVE SPECIES MONTH

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, April is Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month. These species, commonly known as hungry pests, begin to emerge in the warmer months and can be spread easily by the public.

They attack trees, plants, and agriculture products, and it costs the United States nearly \$40 billion each year in damages and extermination ef-

forts. The transfer of these invasive species hurts our American farmers and contributes to the destruction of forests and public lands.

In Pennsylvania the spotted lanternfly is a threat to apples, grapes, peaches, stone fruits, and various tree species—specially hardwoods—throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Pests can be spread by human activities like moving into a new home, traveling in the U.S. or internationally, mailing plants and food, and moving untreated firewood. The USDA offers a free checklist for those moving into a new household that would help reduce the risk of spreading hungry pests into their new home.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to be mindful of these risks and utilize the great resources available to reduce the spread of invasive species.

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW VITAL FOR HIS WIN AT AUGUSTA

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matthew Vital, an eighth grader from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and his entire family.

Yesterday, Matthew became a national golf champion, winning the Drive, Chip & Putt national title for the boys 12 to 13 age group. He holed a difficult chip and drained a 30-foot putt at Augusta's 18th green, the same course where PGA professionals will compete at the Masters in a few days.

The Morning Call, our hometown newspaper, features a great photo of Matthew that captures the focus and determination that he demonstrated in this tournament and has demonstrated throughout his already impressive golfing career.

Mr. Speaker, I say to Matthew that the qualities that led him to this victory—a powerful work ethic and a commitment to setting goals and seeing them through—will serve him well not just on the course, but also in school and in every aspect of life: Keep working hard. Your family, your community, and your Congresswoman are proud of you. Congratulations.

HONORING MOTORSPORTS LEGEND TONY STEWART

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a motorsports legend and perhaps the most famous son of my hometown, Columbus, Indiana.

From the dirt tracks to the high banks, to the Brickyard, Tony Stewart amassed a racing career that includes nearly 50 NASCAR wins, three NASCAR Cup titles, a USAC Triple Crown, and an IndyCar Series championship.

Tony won his first championship at the Columbus Fairgrounds when he was just 8 years old. He is synonymous with racing, and we are proud to call him a Hoosier.

On behalf of the people of Columbus, the Sixth Congressional District, and race fans across Indiana, I want to congratulate Tony Stewart on his recent nomination to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

I also want to thank Tony for his work in our community as part of the Tony Stewart Foundation. Through December 2017, the foundation has awarded over \$7 million to outstanding charities serving children with special needs, endangered animals, and injured drivers.

We honor his achievements on and off the track, and we look forward to cheering him on in years to come.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Thursday, April 4, 2019:

S. 725, to change the address of the postal facility designated in honor of Captain Humayun Khan.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4:45 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR) at 4 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

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 votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 16) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 16

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the 38th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service (in this resolution referred to as the “Memorial Service”), on the Capitol Grounds, in order to honor the law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 2018.

(b) DATE OF MEMORIAL SERVICE.—The Memorial Service shall be held on May 15, 2019, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate, with preparation for the event to begin on May 11, 2019, and takedown completed on May 16, 2019.

SEC. 2. USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL HONOR GUARD AND PIPE BAND EXHIBITION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition (in this resolution referred to as the “Exhibition”), on the Capitol Grounds, in order to allow law enforcement representatives to exhibit their ability to demonstrate Honor Guard programs and provide for a bagpipe exhibition.

(b) DATE OF EXHIBITION.—The Exhibition shall be held on May 14, 2019, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate.

SEC. 3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board, the event shall be—

(1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and

(2) arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsors of the Memorial Service and Exhibition shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the events.

SEC. 4. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsors referred to in section 3(b) are authorized to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment, as may be required for the Memorial Service and Exhibition.

SEC. 5. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 5104(c) of title 40, United States Code, concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the events.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Minnesota.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Con. Res. 16.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 16. H. Con. Res. 16 authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds this May for the annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

The use of the Capitol Grounds is a worthy recognition of the honorable sacrifice of our Nation’s brave first responders and their families.

This year, the National Peace Officers Memorial will honor 228 women and men, including 158 officers who were killed in the line of duty last year and 59 officers who responded to the attacks of September 11 and recently succumbed to illnesses resulting from their service on that tragic day. There are an additional 11 officers, as defined by the Honoring Hometown Heroes Act, being memorialized who passed away between 2014 and 2018.

Unfortunately, this year’s honorees also include two officers from Minnesota: Corrections Officers Joseph Gomm and Joseph Parise.

Officers Gomm and Parise’s deaths are a clear reminder of the sacrifices that law enforcement officers make every day, putting their lives on the line to keep our communities safe.

My sincere condolences to the families of these fallen officers who have had to endure the tragedy of their loved ones’ deaths.

I have a deep appreciation for all of these fallen officers being honored and the ultimate sacrifice that they have made on behalf of their local communities.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this resolution and urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this tribute to law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty.

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

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join my colleague opposite in support of this particular resolution. I am actually an original cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 16, which authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard Pipe Band Exhibition.

Now, this year we will be honoring those fallen soldiers, including more than 150 who died in the line of duty in 2018; and eight, Mr. Speaker, are from my home State of North Carolina. I would like to recognize them right now.

They are: Officer Jason B. Quick of the Lumberton Police Department; Of-

ficer Jared Franks of the Greensboro Police Department; Corporal Travis Wells from the Dallas Police Department; Trooper Kevin K. Conner of the North Carolina Highway Patrol; Trooper Samuel N. Bullard of the North Carolina Highway Patrol; Senior Police Officer Christopher Driver; Deputy Sheriff David L. Manning of Edgecombe County; and Deputy Sheriff Alexis Locklear.

It is with sadness that I recognize them, but in honor of their great service, Mr. Speaker, this resolution demonstrates our bipartisan support, not only for the men and women in law enforcement who put their lives on the line each and every day, who leave their families to serve their community, but the broader family of law enforcement in general.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, seeing that the gentlewoman has no additional speakers, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 16.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR GREATER WASHINGTON SOAP BOX DERBY

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 19) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 19

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR SOAP BOX DERBY RACES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association (in this resolution referred to as the “sponsor”) shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, soap box derby races (in this resolution referred to as the “event”), on the Capitol Grounds.

(b) DATE OF EVENT.—The event shall be held on June 15, 2019, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate.

SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board, the event shall be—

(1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and