

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 my self 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

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

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsor shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

SEC. 3. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsor is authorized to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment as may be required for the event.

SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board are authorized to make such additional arrangements as may be required to carry out the event.

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, with respect to the event.

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. 19.

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. 19 authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 2019 Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

This year's derby marks the 78th running of this event in the District.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the gentleman from Maryland, Mr. STENY HOYER, who has been such a champion for this event for his constituents.

The Soap Box Derby allows children to develop leadership skills and highlight their creativity, dedication, and commitment to their communities.

Not only are these youngsters competing for a trophy and the glory of being the fastest car down the course, but the winners of each division qualify to compete in the National Soap Box Derby at the Derby Downs track in Akron, Ohio.

As with all events using the Capitol Grounds, this event is open to the public and free of charge. Its organizers will coordinate with the Capitol Police and the Architect of the Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support passage of this resolution and urge my colleagues to do the same.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 19 that indeed authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the annual Greater Washington Soap Box Derby on June the 15th.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I am being very clear: had I not risen in support of this, the gentleman from Maryland would have given me what for, not today, not tomorrow, but from now until the end of time. So I recognize the gentleman from Maryland's unyielding support for this particular effort and I join him in that. I certainly also recognize his desire to really support the youth that get involved in this.

I have been one of the few Members of Congress, other than the gentleman I just referred to, to actually witness these races.

We don't have those, Mr. Speaker, in North Carolina. I live in the mountains. If you start a soap box derby up there, we would end up in Atlanta, Georgia, by the time we were finished.

I can tell you we are very pleased to help. The mission of the Soap Box Derby is to build knowledge and character and to teach fair and honest competition. Indeed, it does exactly that.

As the gentlewoman has expressed, it has been around since 1934.

Carrying on this time-honored tradition allows children to demonstrate their dedication and creativity.

Winners from this local competition will actually go on to other races and compete, hopefully, at the world championship in Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) for yielding and I thank my friend, Mr. MEADOWS, for his comments, for his support of this effort, which is, as he said and as Congresswoman CRAIG said, very much about giving young people a sense of competition, a sense of accomplishment, a sense of creating a vehicle through their own hands and their own work and their own efforts. So this is a very good effort for us and for young people.

One of my favorite events of the year is the Soap Box Derby.

I am speaking, of course, from experience in terms of our district, which I am going to talk about.

This resolution that has been called up today, along with other members of the region's Congressional delegation, Representatives CONNOLY, BEYER, and WEXTON from Virginia, and DAVID TRONE, JOHN SARBANES, and ANTHONY BROWN from Maryland, and, of course, the Representative of the District of Columbia, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, who is a big supporter of this, authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the derby.

Now, Mr. Speaker, this is my 28th year sponsoring the Soap Box Derby resolution, and I am pleased that it has

passed every year unanimously. This is the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby's 78th year.

It will be held on, as has been said, June 15, and we will see soap box racers from ages 8 to 17 compete in three divisions: stock, super stock, and masters.

The winners from each division, as has been said, will each have a chance to compete at the National All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio.

Soap box derbies have been called the greatest amateur racing event in the world.

In America, we have a long tradition of families participating, and many adults carry fond memories with them throughout their lives of having built soap box racers with their parents or other relatives during their childhood.

Soap box derbies are educational, teaching children about sportsmanship, engineering, manufacturing, and leadership.

Many of the racers are sponsored by civic groups, police and fire departments, and service organizations, with members coming out to cheer on their participants.

Several greater Washington soap box champions, as it will not surprise you, I am sure, Mr. Speaker, have come from Maryland's Fifth District in recent years, including the winners from 2007, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, and last year, 2018.

So we are really into this and we have some very, very talented young people who are excited about participating, and obviously do well.

Our racers, Mr. Speaker, even won the National Championship in both 2007 and 2008. So the Soap Box Derby is a big deal in the Fifth Congressional District.

Last year, Tyler Jameson from Hollywood, Maryland, won the stock division. His brother Ryan Jameson won "Best Decorated" soap box racer in the super stock division. It was decorated as a Maryland flag, which we love very, very much.

Aspen Tomasello from Waldorf, Maryland, which I represent, won in super stock and then went on to win third place at the National All-American Soap Box Derby race in Akron.

Kenny Tomasello, her brother, prevailed in the masters division and took fifth place in Akron.

I have a lot of confidence in our Fifth District folks, and, Mr. Speaker, you can imagine I would be in a lot of trouble if this resolution didn't pass allowing them to compete in this wonderful event.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the organizers of the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby as well as the cosponsors of this resolution, and in particular, Congresswoman CRAIG and Congressman MEADOWS for their support and help in getting this passed.

Mr. Speaker, it is a fun event, but it is also a great event to teach young people values and participation and competition.

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Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I want to reiterate my support for this particular resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I was very jovial early on, but I want to get serious for just a moment. On this floor, you will see passionate debate, oftentimes, that is divided by this center aisle. Yet, on this particular issue and others like them, the Boys and Girls Club and other things that actually minister to the needs of children in our Nation, the gentleman from Maryland is not only an advocate, he is a champion.

I want to recognize that this day and thank the gentleman from Maryland for his leadership, not only on this but on a number of things that affect our youth in this great country.

Today, we are unanimous in support of promoting that future generation, and I thank the gentleman for his leadership.

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

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the 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. 19.

The question was taken.

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

Mrs. CRAIG. 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, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

LOCAL WATER PROTECTION ACT

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1331) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to nonpoint source management, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1331

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Local Water Protection Act”.

SEC. 2. NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.

Section 319(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1329(j)) is amended by striking “subsections (h) and (i) not to exceed” and all that follows through “fiscal year 1991” and inserting “subsections (h) and (i) \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) and the gen-

tleman 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 in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 1331.

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.R. 1331.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1331 is a bipartisan bill to reauthorize appropriations for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s nonpoint source management grants program.

I thank my colleague, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST), for introducing this bill with me. I also thank the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO) for her support in moving this legislation through committee.

The Clean Water Act was enacted in 1972 to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation’s waters. In 1987, the Clean Water Act was amended to add section 319 to create a nonregulatory program through which EPA administers annual grants to help States develop and implement their own programs for managing nonpoint sources of water pollution.

Under EPA’s 319 program, States retain the primary role for addressing nonpoint source water pollution caused by snowmelt and rainfall runoff, which they do largely through monetary means and financial incentives. However, according to the Government Accountability Office, the extent of available incentives has declined in recent years, as grants to States under the section 319 program have declined by more than 30 percent from a high of about \$240 million annually in fiscal year 2004.

The section 319 program was initially authorized at \$70 million annually in fiscal year 1988, and its authorization level steadily increased to \$130 million in fiscal year 1991, the last year of authorization for this program.

This bill, H.R. 1331, would reauthorize \$200 million annually for the 319 program’s grant fund, which gives local and State governments the flexibility to make conservation practices improvements aimed at decreasing water pollutants through partnerships within their local communities.

In Minnesota, we take the quality of our 10,000 lakes very seriously, and we all want to preserve the quality of these important waterways for generations to come. We also know that local communities are the experts on the most effective and innovative ways to keep these waterways clean.

That is why this bill is so important. It gives local and State governments

authority to create best voluntary conservation programs that work for their communities.

Here are just a few of the examples of section 319 grants in action from Minnesota’s Second Congressional District.

The Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District saved native plants and the shoreline protecting McMahon Lake. The grant also significantly helped reduce pollution throughout the county by planting filter strips, building control grade structures, lining waterways with grass, and planting native grass.

Dakota County created and implemented projects to validate, demonstrate, and refine best management practices for nitrogen fertilizer for corn production that will lower nitrate levels in Dakota County’s groundwater and surface water.

The Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District is currently working to reduce pollutants in the Mississippi River-Lake Pepin watershed by 20 percent.

In Wabasha County, the Whitewater Watershed Project worked with communities to increase awareness of water contamination and provided low-interest loans to improve residential infrastructure and help farmers come into compliance with pollution standards.

The South Washington Watershed District integrated a storm water reuse plan that captures roadway storm water in two existing ponds. This integrates into two golf course irrigation systems and provides new water amenities with the public golf courses. This is estimated to reduce potable water usage by more than 40 million gallons annually.

Finally, in Rice County, the Cannon River Watershed Partnership is working to engage local, regional, and State programs and organizations to develop a way for their local community to engage in pollution reduction in a meaningful and long-term way.

Again, I thank the gentleman from Florida for introducing this bipartisan bill with me. This legislation passed out of committee with bipartisan support. It is a good bill, and I am pleased to support it. I urge my colleagues to do so as well.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1331, the Local Water Protection Act. I thank my colleague from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) for her leadership and my good friend from Florida (Mr. MAST) for introducing this important bill.

H.R. 1331 reauthorizes the Environmental Protection Agency’s section 319, which is a nonpoint source pollution control program under the Clean Water Act. Indeed, the section 319 program takes a cooperative, nonregulatory approach toward addressing nonpoint sources.