

and women who not only serve this Nation, but families who serve this Nation by allowing their family member to serve. Such bravery and such patriots. As long as we have them, this Nation will always sustain.

When we lose these types of patriots who are willing to give everything to this beautiful, wonderful Nation, then we no longer will have a Nation. Freedom is not free. But the least we can do is allow their family members to learn how to get engaged in the congressional process on a national and strategic level and to influence our decision so that we take care of those great patriots who left this country behind.

We will never forget, and we will never leave behind a fallen comrade or their survivor. So for our Gold Star families, thank you and God bless you. Their sacrifice was not in vain.

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

□ 1700

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I think this has been an excellent debate highlighting the bipartisan support for this fellowship, a bipartisan gratitude to those who served and those who gave their lives for this country and for the families they left behind. There is no honor big enough that we could possibly give to them, but this fellowship is a token. It is a token that is important, and it is something that we have done in a bipartisan way.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that every Member of this body will be supportive of it, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 107—the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program Act.

As the Representative of Fort Bragg, NC, the epicenter of the universe, and one of the fastest growing veteran populations in the country, I am all too familiar with what it means to be a “Gold Star Family”. Our community has many of these families who have lost a loved one in the line of duty while serving our country and we remember them each and every day.

This resolution before us today would give a renewed sense of optimism to some of these family members by providing them the unique opportunity to take part in a 12-month congressional fellowship in a Congressional office. This fellowship would be modeled after other successful programs to include the wounded warrior fellowship that already exists.

Many of our offices have benefited by adding various types of fellows to our staff and I’m sure we would all stand to benefit from having a gold star family member as well. Nothing will ever be able to replace the loss of a loved one, but today we have the opportunity to provide an opportunity to those who have already sacrificed so much. I would ask all of my colleagues to support this resolution and look forward to its passage and having a gold star family fellow in my office soon.

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I’d like to thank the Chairwoman from California,

my esteemed colleague from Illinois, and their staffs for helping us get this bill to the floor.

From the immortal words of Thomas Jefferson and Ronald Reagan, “The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.”

H. Res. 107, The Sergeant First Class Sean Cooley and Specialist Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program Act takes a monumental and vitally important step toward educating the members of this chamber on the true costs of armed conflict.

Named after two warriors who lost their lives fighting America’s enemies, this program provides the spouses, the children, and the siblings of those who gave their lives in service to our great nation in armed conflict or combat-related training, a paid fellowship with the Congressperson of their choice, here in Washington, or in their home district.

When our servicemembers make the ultimate sacrifice, there is no award, no amount of money or no program that can ever make their families whole again. But what this program does do, is it gives the families left behind a chance to participate in our great democratic process at the national level.

Their experiences, their trials, and their tribulations will now have a voice in these hallowed halls. A voice that will serve as a constant reminder that it is the military family that is the backbone of this great Republic and when we make the decision to send our nation’s best to war, we must always be prepared to take care of those left behind.

General George Patton once said that “it is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived.”

I stand here today Mister Speaker and truly thank God for our men and women in uniform who are willing to sacrifice their lives for this great nation.

I would like to especially thank Mrs. Jane Horton for her tireless effort and dedication to the families of the fallen and all the Gold Star families in the Gallery this afternoon.

Your service and your sacrifice are a true inspiration to us all.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 107, as amended.

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. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. 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, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Agreeing to House Resolution 296; and

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 4695; and

Agree to H. Res. 107, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

AFFIRMING THE UNITED STATES RECORD ON THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 296) affirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 405, nays 11, answered “present” 3, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 591]

YEAS—405

Abraham	Castor (FL)	Doyle, Michael
Adams	Castro (TX)	F.
Aderholt	Chabot	Duncan
Aguilar	Cheney	Dunn
Allen	Chu, Judy	Emmer
Allred	Cicilline	Engel
Amash	Cisneros	Escobar
Amodei	Clark (MA)	Eshoo
Armstrong	Clarke (NY)	Espaillat
Arrington	Clay	Estes
Axne	Cleaver	Evans
Babin	Cline	Ferguson
Bacon	Cloud	Finkenauer
Balderson	Clyburn	Fitzpatrick
Banks	Cohen	Fleischmann
Barr	Collins (GA)	Fletcher
Barragán	Comer	Flores
Bass	Conaway	Fortenberry
Bera	Connolly	Foster
Bergman	Cook	Frankel
Beyer	Cooper	Fudge
Biggs	Correa	Fulcher
Bilirakis	Costa	Gaetz
Bishop (GA)	Courtney	Gallagher
Bishop (NC)	Cox (CA)	Gallego
Bishop (UT)	Craig	Garamendi
Blumenauer	Crawford	Garcia (IL)
Blunt Rochester	Crenshaw	Garcia (TX)
Bonamici	Crist	Gianforte
Bost	Crow	Gibbs
Boyle, Brendan	Cuellar	Gohmert
F.	Cunningham	Golden
Brindisi	Curtis	Gomez
Brooks (AL)	Davids (KS)	Gonzalez (OH)
Brown (MD)	Davidson (OH)	Gonzalez (TX)
Brownley (CA)	Davis (CA)	Gooden
Buchanan	Davis, Danny K.	Gottheimer
Buck	Davis, Rodney	Granger
Budd	Dean	Graves (GA)
Burchett	Defazio	Graves (LA)
Burgess	DeGette	Graves (MO)
Bustos	DeLauro	Green (TN)
Butterfield	DelBene	Green, Al (TX)
Byrne	Delgado	Griffith
Calvert	Demings	Grijalva
Carbajal	DeSaulnier	Grothman
Cárdenas	DesJarlais	Guest
Carson (IN)	Deutch	Guthrie
Carter (GA)	Diaz-Balart	Haaland
Cartwright	Dingell	Hagedorn
Case	Doggett	Harder (CA)
Casten (IL)		Hartzler

