

the House Communications Standards Commission.”.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Clause 9 of rule XXIV of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by inserting after “that session,” the following: “or any other unsolicited communication of substantially identical content which is transmitted to 500 or more persons in that session or, in the case of a digital communication of substantially identical content, which is disseminated at a cost exceeding a designated amount, as provided under regulations of the House Communications Standards Commission,”.

SEC. 4. REVISION TO MASS MAILING NOTICE ON TAXPAYER FUNDING.

Section 311(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1997 (2 U.S.C. 506(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(a) Each mass mailing” and inserting “(a)(1) Each mass mailing”;

(2) by striking “the following notice:” and all that follows through “or a notice” and inserting “one of the notices described in paragraph (2) or a notice”;

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) The notices described in this paragraph are as follows:

“(A) ‘Paid for with official funds from the office of _____’, with the blank filled in with the name of the Member sending the mailing.

“(B) ‘Paid for by the funds authorized by the House of Representatives for District _____ of _____’, with the first blank filled in with the name of the congressional district number, and the second blank filled in with the name of the State, of the Member sending the mailing.

“(C) ‘Paid for by official funds authorized by the House of Representatives.’”.

SEC. 5. REVISIONS TO RESTRICTIONS ON MAIL MATTER CONSIDERED FRANKABLE.

(a) EXPRESSIONS OF CONGRATULATIONS.—Section 3210(a)(3)(F) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking “to a person who has achieved some public distinction”.

(b) BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION RELATED TO OFFICIAL AND REPRESENTATIONAL DUTIES.—Section 3210(a)(3)(I) of such title is amended by striking “publication or in response to a specific request therefor” and inserting the following: “publication, in response to a specific request therefor, or which relates to the Member’s or Member-elect’s official and representational duties.”.

(c) PHOTOS AND LIKENESSES INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTERS OR GENERAL MASS MAILINGS.—Section 3210(a)(3) of such title is amended—

(1) by adding “or” at the end of subparagraph (H);

(2) in subparagraph (I), by striking “; or” and inserting a period; and

(3) by striking subparagraph (J).

(d) CLARIFICATION OF ABILITY OF MEMBERS TO USE FRANKED MAIL TO SEND PERSONAL MESSAGES TO CONSTITUENTS.—Section 3210(a)(4) of such title is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the following: “, except that nothing in this paragraph may be construed to prohibit the use of the franking privilege for the transmission of matter which is purely personal to a recipient who is a constituent of a Member of Congress and which is related to the official business, activities, and duties of the Member.”.

(e) HOLIDAY CARDS.—Section 3210(a)(5)(B)(iii) of such title is amended by striking “holiday greetings” and inserting “religious holiday greetings”.

(f) UNIFORM BLACKOUT PERIOD FOR ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—

(1) UNIFORM PERIOD.—Section 3210(a)(6)(A) of such title is amended—

(A) in clause (i), by striking “(or, in the case of a Member of the House, fewer than 90 days)”;

(B) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “90 days” and inserting “60 days”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to the regularly scheduled general election for Federal office held in November 2020 and each succeeding election for public office.

(g) NONAPPLICATION OF BLACKOUT PERIOD TO PARTY NOMINATING CONVENTIONS OR CAUCUSES.—Section 3210(a)(6) of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(G) For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘primary election’ does not include a convention or caucus of a political party which has authority to nominate a candidate.”.

(h) INFORMATION ON CERTAIN MATTERS.—Section 3210(a)(6)(E) of such title is amended—

(1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (ii);

(2) by striking the period at the end of clause (iii) and inserting “; or”;

(3) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iv) providing information exclusively on competitions which are officially sanctioned by the House of Representatives or Senate, nominations to military service academies, official employment listings for positions in the House of Representatives (including listings for positions in the Wounded Warrior Program or the Gold Star Family Fellowship Program), or natural disasters or other threats to public health and life safety.”.

SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as provided in section 5(f)(2), this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to communications disseminated on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF A REVISED AND UPDATED VERSION OF THE HOUSE DOCUMENT ENTITLED “WOMEN IN CONGRESS, 1917–2006”

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 92, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 92

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

SECTION 1. PRINTING OF REVISED VERSION OF “WOMEN IN CONGRESS, 1917–2006”.

(a) IN GENERAL.—An updated version of House Document 108–223, entitled “Women in Congress, 1917–2006” (as revised by the Library of Congress), shall be printed as a House document by the Public Printer, with illustrations and suitable binding, under the

direction of the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

(b) NUMBER OF COPIES.—In addition to the usual number, there shall be printed such number of copies of the document referred to in subsection (a) as does not exceed a total production and printing cost of \$500,000, of which—

(1) 80 percent shall be for the use of the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives; and

(2) 20 percent shall be for the use of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL M. LYNTON AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 87) providing for the reappointment of Michael M. Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 87

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Michael M. Lynton of California is filled by the reappointment of the incumbent. The reappointment is for a term of 6 years, beginning on the later of September 29, 2020, or the date of the enactment of this joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING DEACON WILLIAM FRANCIS XAVIER KANE

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

Mr. MOULTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate Deacon William Francis Xavier Kane.

Deacon Kane served as an Army intelligence officer in Vietnam. He received a Bronze Star and the Soldier’s Medal for Heroism in the war.

When he came home, he became an FBI special agent; and after a long career, he went to seminary school and

became a deacon for the Archdiocese of Boston. He ministered to inmates and learned Spanish to reach more people. Later in life, he organized mission trips abroad.

Deacon William Kane served us, but we failed him. On May 10, he died from the coronavirus while under the care of the Veterans Administration. He is among the 2,083 veterans in the VA's care that this virus has killed.

It is on us to use the powers of this body to protect veterans, and everyone, from this virus. We must get to the bottom of the mistakes at the VA that allowed the virus to spread. It is the least we can do for the memory of Deacon William Francis Xavier Kane.

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HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share a remarkable story of heroism by our first responders in Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District.

On the evening of Saturday, February 15, 2020, in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, a multiple alarm fire was reported at the Broadway Hotel and Restaurant, quickly engulfing the building and the multiple residential apartments in the upper levels of the structure.

The situation quickly escalated as reports indicated that a man was trapped on the third floor.

With complete disregard for their own well-being, Chief Howard Fausey and Assistant Chief Ethan Goodbrod of Citizen's Hose Company Station 45, Jason Clarke, and Ron Daley of Independent Hose Company, and Patrolman Shawn Hummer took decisive action knowing life was at stake.

Under thick smoke and extreme heat, the firefighters breached the structure, retrieved and extracted the victim while sharing their oxygen with the man due to overwhelming conditions.

I am happy to report that the victim has recovered from his injuries and is undoubtedly alive today because of the bravery of these men.

We can all sleep safer knowing that there are dedicated and selfless first responders that stand ready to give their lives for ours.

Madam Speaker, I thank Chief Fausey, Assistant Chief Goodbrod, firefighters Jason Clarke and Ron Daley, Patrolman Shawn Hummer, the police department, and the responding companies for their service and heroism in the line of duty.

RECOGNIZING AUGOSTINA MALLOUS

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Augustina Mallos on her many accomplishments.

Augustina is currently a freshman journalism major at Hofstra University with a 4.0 grade average. Augustina is a member of the competitive dance team and practices 50 hours a week. Augustina is the former Miss New Jersey's Outstanding Teen and is the current Miss Garden State.

During this pandemic, Augustina has made a significant impact on our community. She not only organized a food drive for seniors to help deliver food to those in need, Augustina was also making masks for Cape Regional and Shore Medical Hospitals, along with several nursing homes.

Madam Speaker, Augustina exemplifies the virtues of compassion, honor, integrity, dignity, and sincerity. Augustina's family, friends, and community are proud of her.

Madam Speaker, I thank Augustina for her inspiration, and may God bless her.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DENNIS SHACKELFORD

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dennis Shackelford, who passed away last week.

I got to know Dennis very well during my first campaign for Congress when he ran for State Representative in 2012. Though he was unsuccessful in his campaign, our friendship continued.

Dennis was a small business owner for 30 years, running Hallmark stores across central Illinois, including in my hometown of Taylorville. After that successful career as a small business owner, he continued working in the banking industry in the Springfield, Illinois, area.

Dennis served his community being elected to the Lincoln Land Community College board in 2013, and later he rose to chairman while serving students across central Illinois. Dennis was also elected a trustee for Rochester Township.

Dennis was a great friend, deeply involved in his community, whether it was coaching baseball, youth baseball, or mentoring high schoolers, and countless others throughout his life.

My condolences extend to his wife, Judy, his son, Andrew, and his three daughters, Amy, Lindsey, and Emily as well as his extended family. Dennis was one of a kind and will be deeply missed by all.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. GARCIA).

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I thank my distinguished colleague from Texas for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I stand here this evening inspired. More specifically, I am proud, and I am in awe of our American space program and the monumental step that they took this morning with the launch of the Perseverance Mars rover on the back of an Atlas V rocket. But the rover is just one element of this amazing story.

While humans have lived on this planet for millions of years, it was a mere 117 years ago when Americans were the first to solve the mystery of sustained, powered flight in our own atmosphere. That is a mere blink of an eye in the long arc of our planet and our own species' history. Now, just a few hours ago, besides the rover vehicle, we also launched a small helicopter named Ingenuity that will ultimately fly in the atmosphere of another planet.

Madam Speaker, we will operate a helicopter on Mars. We will also collect samples of the Martian terrain and eventually return those samples back to Earth in about 6 years for further study.

However, even while I and so many others applaud and celebrate these American successes, others question our pursuit of such endeavors amid the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic challenges thereof. They see this endeavor as unnecessary to our survival.

My response to those individuals is simple: You haven't been paying attention. You haven't been paying attention to what makes this country the greatest country this world has ever seen.

As Americans, we carry an inherent desire to push ourselves forward through adversity. In mankind's evolutionary journey from the caves all the way up now to Mars, there is no greater enemy to the American spirit than complacency and self-doubt.

Madam Speaker, when you look back upon our Nation's history, the truth is that there has always been a conflict or a reason not to reach further towards the next milestone of monumental exploration. But we have never let that stop us before, and we cannot allow it to stop us now.

With this mission to Mars, we are inspired not only by the journey, not only by the machinery, not only by technology and this marvelous team that got us here, but by the very name of the rover vehicle: Perseverance. You see, this morning's launch of this precious payload, the combined efforts of the thousands of Americans over the last 10 years working for NASA, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, United Launch Alliance, and others is about to payoff, despite the many technical challenges, as well as the challenges that COVID-19 produced.