

thoughtful remarks, and I encourage all my colleagues to vote for this resolution.

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

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. KNOTT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1251.

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. KNOTT. 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.

MEMORIALIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Mr. KNOTT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1252) resolution memorializing law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1252

Whereas Federal, State, local, and Tribal police officers, sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers across the United States serve with valor, dignity, and integrity;

Whereas law enforcement officers are charged with—

(1) pursuing justice for all individuals; and
(2) performing the duties of a law enforcement officer with fidelity to the constitutional and civil rights of the public the officers serve;

Whereas law enforcement officers swear an oath to uphold the public trust even though, through the performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer, the officers may become targets for senseless acts of violence;

Whereas, in 1962, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 (36 U.S.C. 136) (referred to in this preamble as the “Joint Resolution”), which authorizes the President to proclaim May 15 of every year as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” in honor of the Federal, State, and local officers who have been killed, disabled, or otherwise injured in the line of duty;

Whereas the Joint Resolution also authorizes the President to designate the week in which Peace Officers Memorial Day falls as “National Police Week”;

Whereas the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, dedicated on October 15, 1991, is the national monument to honor those law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty; and

Whereas Peace Officers Memorial Day, 2026, honors the 363 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty and whose stories were recovered during 2025, including—

(1) Shawn Nixon;
(2) Joe Keith;
(3) Mark A Meadows;
(4) James Phillips;
(5) Gabriel M Facio;

(6) Shawn A Braaten;
(7) Alec J Sanders;
(8) Samuel S Rivers;
(9) Joshua L Byrd;
(10) Terry D Long;
(11) Lauren A Craven;
(12) Charles Crow;
(13) Shiou L Deng;
(14) Osmar E Rodarte-Paez;
(15) Dennis Haley;
(16) Joshua R Kelley-Eklund;
(17) Victor M Lemus;
(18) William C Osborn;
(19) Noah H Rader;
(20) Timothy B Corlew;
(21) Hector A Cuevas Jr;
(22) Andrew Nunez;
(23) Frank T Linehan;
(24) Dennis F Kelly;
(25) Matthew T Snook;
(26) Andres J Lahera;
(27) Jeremy H Cassady;
(28) Craig A Gaines;
(29) Terri J Sweeting-Mashkow;
(30) David A Cajuso;
(31) Devin M Jaramillo;
(32) Alton D Berrian;
(33) Alan I Reffsin;
(34) William P T May;
(35) Luther T Howard;
(36) Charles A Vick;
(37) Brandon R Sikes;
(38) David R Rose;
(39) Patrick J Lappin;
(40) Jeremy R Labonte;
(41) Earnest L Hall;
(42) Helio A Garcia III;
(43) James A Carter;
(44) Suzanne O;
(45) John F Abt;
(46) Kazmer Andrushis;
(47) Walter Bermingham;
(48) Charles C Bishop;
(49) James P Clarke;
(50) William Clifford;
(51) Cornelius Cominsky;
(52) Daniel Coughlin;
(53) William E Eimstad;
(54) Benjamin F Devlin;
(55) John J Fetscher;
(56) Henry E Gorman;
(57) Oscar Hallen;
(58) Timothy L Haynes;
(59) Clarence Hofheinz;
(60) Alex Johnson;
(61) Lars M Larson;
(62) Edward J Madden;
(63) Thomas A Mahoney;
(64) John Malone;
(65) Michael J Mooney;
(66) James Wilson;
(67) Patrick Forde;
(68) George A Gall;
(69) Frank Tatousek;
(70) Maurice F Kain;
(71) Jaroslav J Janecek;
(72) Jeremiah O’dwyer;
(73) Krystal Rivera;
(74) Charles G Schuler;
(75) John H Singleman;
(76) Andrew Sullivan;
(77) Richard Thompson;
(78) Rudolph Tuerk;
(79) John Joseph Walsh;
(80) Glenn T Whallon;
(81) Timothy M Jones;
(82) George Fries;
(83) Charles Chandler;
(84) William Otis Peebles;
(85) Roy James Tipton;
(86) Blake A Reynolds;
(87) John C Stahl III;
(88) Charles Lodine;
(89) Augustus C Becker;
(90) Reuben Fenstermaker;
(91) Robert W Coulter;
(92) Samuel S Cronk;
(93) Samuel H Hamilton;

(94) James W Busby;
(95) Elmer J Lennon;
(96) John Kerr Myers;
(97) Charles Loucks;
(98) Scott W Heimann;
(99) Hunter L Simoncic;
(100) Frank L Stone;
(101) Brandon P Gaede;
(102) Elijah L Ming;
(103) George Ramirez;
(104) Frank Beard Bell;
(105) James Duncan Stevens;
(106) Millard Brock;
(107) Fred Cole;
(108) Caleb M Eisworth;
(109) Charles W Riley;
(110) Joseph J Lyons;
(111) Allen J Credeur Jr;
(112) Grant J Candies;
(113) Marc T Brock;
(114) Brenda J Lowery;
(115) Edward E Ivey Jr;
(116) Joshua T Kingsley;
(117) Kelvin O Patrick;
(118) Rhonda E Morris;
(119) Shannon A Wright;
(120) John Craig;
(121) Richard E Legler;
(122) Felicia D Reilly;
(123) Martin L Shields Jr;
(124) Bryan A Pippin;
(125) Joshua A Brashears;
(126) Eddie A Mays;
(127) Horry M Fish;
(128) Henry J R Franklin;
(129) Robert George Fitzpatrick;
(130) James Arthur Meeks;
(131) James Harvey Ray;
(132) Kyle J McAacy;
(133) Jason P Roscow;
(134) Augustus B Farmer;
(135) Allen Palmer;
(136) Thomas J Ennis;
(137) Andrew Carlson;
(138) Joseph H Riedl;
(139) Joseph Peto;
(140) Lee E Hendrickson;
(141) Steven C Tiboni;
(142) Peter F Bruncati;
(143) William A Casey;
(144) Joseph A Azcona;
(145) John P Patrick;
(146) Timothy S Ontiveros;
(147) Cipriano Bustamante;
(148) Antonio D Aleman;
(149) John Jones;
(150) Patrick W Franzone;
(151) Kathleen M Radziunas;
(152) William G Krupa;
(153) Kevin D Nuckel;
(154) Abraham Cruz III;
(155) Albert Morabito;
(156) Alfredo Varela;
(157) Annmarie Smith;
(158) Clarence E Word III;
(159) David Portalatin;
(160) David E LaJoie;
(161) David P Miller Jr;
(162) Denise A Jones;
(163) Dennis Vitelli;
(164) Dennis P Gallagher;
(165) Didarul Islam;
(166) Ercan Aydin;
(167) Frank J Debenedetto;
(168) Gerard Connors;
(169) James G Becker;
(170) James J Motto Sr;
(171) James R Vanacore;
(172) Jeffrey I Montenegro;
(173) Joseph J Esposito;
(174) Joseph J Panarese;
(175) Kevin G Hanley;
(176) Marc F Lotter;
(177) Maruja Clark;
(178) Michael A Pisano;
(179) Michael O McEntee;
(180) Norman J Kunze;
(181) Philip A Cammarata;

(182) Raymond R Newcomb;
 (183) Richard Teemsma;
 (184) Richard T Handibode Jr;
 (185) Robert A Nobile;
 (186) Robert G Porfert;
 (187) Robert S Fawcett;
 (188) Robert T Ranno;
 (189) Sandro J Rizzotti;
 (190) Steven Ringe;
 (191) Timothy J Keane;
 (192) Vincent J Caruana;
 (193) Vincent N Carney;
 (194) William T McCabe;
 (195) Bret W Martin;
 (196) Frederick W Scheidt Jr;
 (197) Mark A Ondus;
 (198) Michael E Snell;
 (199) Steven W Greene;
 (200) Thomas K Herrick;
 (201) Joseph F Murray Jr;
 (202) Arthur D Ramsey;
 (203) Frank J Hagan;
 (204) Francisco P Flattes II;
 (205) Mark D Laskowski;
 (206) Roger L Smith;
 (207) John W Fogwell;
 (208) Larry R Henderson Jr;
 (209) Phillip C Wagner;
 (210) D Weston Sherrer;
 (211) John C Wagner;
 (212) Thomas H Bayless;
 (213) Peter D Andre;
 (214) Lon W Boring;
 (215) William J Minyoung;
 (216) Lorin B James;
 (217) Grover C Sanderson;
 (218) Nicholas P Cayton;
 (219) Thomas A Duran;
 (220) Clint D Lawrence;
 (221) Meagan Rose Burke;
 (222) Kenneth W Stump;
 (223) Ronald K Jackson;
 (224) Steven D Rozell;
 (225) David Claude Hines;
 (226) Arthur S Hubbard;
 (227) Domenico A Natale;
 (228) George Krouch;
 (229) Isaiah D Emenheiser;
 (230) Mark E Baker;
 (231) Cody M Becker;
 (232) Benjamin Kauffman;
 (233) Benjamin Kine;
 (234) Charles Barnes;
 (235) Charles H Kelley;
 (236) Charles R Weber;
 (237) Dorland Midgett;
 (238) Edward Donnelly;
 (239) Edward J McCaffrey;
 (240) Francis J Robinson;
 (241) Frederick Hofmann Jr;
 (242) Frederick Winters;
 (243) George E Garnett;
 (244) George M Storey;
 (245) Harry H Morton Sr;
 (246) Herman J Spreng;
 (247) Howard H Jolly;
 (248) James Orr;
 (249) John McManus;
 (250) John E B Robinson;
 (251) Mary Cannon;
 (252) Michael E Shortall;
 (253) Michael J Coleman;
 (254) Patrick J Whalen;
 (255) Robert H Elliott;
 (256) Robert John Bell;
 (257) Thomas McAnally;
 (258) Thomas Wiley;
 (259) Thomas J Ferguson;
 (260) William Culbertson;
 (261) William E Lacy;
 (262) William F McMenamin;
 (263) Alexander R McCloskey;
 (264) Charles B Morrison;
 (265) James A Dorsey;
 (266) James Ambrose McCormick;
 (267) John D Richey;
 (268) John Henry Schneider;
 (269) Ralph T Harper;

(270) Robert Sinclair;
 (271) Thomas F McVerry;
 (272) Andrew J Hedrick;
 (273) Charles R Shipe;
 (274) Edward S Mauger;
 (275) Edwin Mondeau;
 (276) Elmer P Anthony;
 (277) George Albert;
 (278) George S Anderson;
 (279) Harry F Bierer;
 (280) James Corcoran;
 (281) John H Harenski;
 (282) John P Weitzel;
 (283) Martin R Pluter;
 (284) Moses Leininger;
 (285) Peter B Hoarty;
 (286) Robert W Mason Jr;
 (287) Samuel Norman;
 (288) Walter H Gant;
 (289) William A O Cratty;
 (290) Andrew W Duarte;
 (291) Richard Carchia;
 (292) F Devin Mason;
 (293) Nathaniel M Ansary;
 (294) Will G Durant;
 (295) Michael Charles Wood;
 (296) Dennis D Ricks Jr;
 (297) Mark S Reynolds;
 (298) Justin B Mowery;
 (299) James F Hood;
 (300) Hugh W Carlen;
 (301) Jonathan D White Jr;
 (302) Jesus Vargas;
 (303) Ruben Garcia;
 (304) Jessie R Perez;
 (305) John C Hamm;
 (306) Alex D Roberts;
 (307) Gary L Crawford;
 (308) Mark A Butler;
 (309) Jerry W Adamick Jr;
 (310) Melissa L Pollard;
 (311) Charles W Mair;
 (312) Eric Estrada;
 (313) Lee D Sorensen;
 (314) Donald R Gotthardt Jr;
 (315) Raymond Shacklock;
 (316) Cameron R Girvin;
 (317) Christopher M L Reese;
 (318) Jeremy L Hall;
 (319) Charles F Headley;
 (320) John F Shank;
 (321) C Ed Ray;
 (322) Lewis H Jacobs;
 (323) Kenneth B Salas;
 (324) Tara-Marysa M Guting;
 (325) Kendall I Corder;
 (326) Joshua A LaForge;
 (327) Daniel C Hansen;
 (328) Sarah D Beckstrom;
 (329) Dennis M Wagner Jr;
 (330) Donald R Kleber;
 (331) Marvin Risen;
 (332) Todd L Spiker;
 (333) Marc A Fischer;
 (334) Eric Cespedes;
 (335) David C Maland;
 (336) Jonathan J Campos;
 (337) Lavalley F Van Etten;
 (338) Almon P Frederick;
 (339) Michael Rice;
 (340) Chastity M Budwig;
 (341) Jerome A Ciereszewski;
 (342) Frederick G Smith;
 (343) William F Urban;
 (344) Jesse A Branch;
 (345) Edward H Fay;
 (346) Alex Lang;
 (347) Frank McCaskey;
 (348) John F Burke;
 (349) William P Price;
 (350) John P Constantine;
 (351) Anthony Hampel;
 (352) Benjamin J Koles;
 (353) Frank M Bolen;
 (354) Jacob J Kucera;
 (355) Jess Anderson;
 (356) John B Merz;
 (357) Louis E Baum;

(358) Richard Kelley;
 (359) Victor C Benner;
 (360) William U Sproun;
 (361) James W Brown;
 (362) Roy Hoyle; and
 (363) Thomas C Logan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) acknowledges that police officers and other law enforcement personnel, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, should be remembered and honored;

(2) expresses unwavering support for law enforcement officers across the United States in the pursuit of preserving safe and secure communities;

(3) recognizes the need to ensure that law enforcement officers have the equipment, training, and resources that are necessary in order to protect the health and safety of the officers while the officers protect the public;

(4) recognizes the law enforcement community for continual unseen acts of sacrifice and heroism; and

(5) expresses condolences and solemn appreciation to the loved ones of each law enforcement officer who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. KNOTT) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KNOTT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to submit extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1252 introduced by my colleagues, Representative GUEST, Representative LETLOW, and Representative PAPPAS.

It is National Police Week, and countless men and women who serve in law enforcement at every level of government have come here to our Nation's Capital, Washington, D.C. While we gather to recognize their courage, we must also confront a very troubling reality: Every day, law enforcement officers across this country are facing increased threats to their safety and well-being.

We know that law enforcement officers answer every call for help regardless of who the person is, what they believe, and regardless of the threat to their own lives.

Tragically, many of those brave men and women who answer the call of duty do not return home. As of April 26, there are nearly 25,000 names of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in Washington. Each name represents a life lost in the line of duty, a family forever changed, and a sacrifice that can never be fully repaid.

According to the Fraternal Order of Police, 347 officers were shot in the line

of duty in 2025 alone. This marks the sixth consecutive year in which over 300 law enforcement officers have been shot.

Mr. Speaker, words alone cannot capture the depth of our gratitude for the service and the sacrifice offered by these brave men and women.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today also in strong support of this resolution, which recognizes the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers across America every day and honors the bravery of those who have fallen in the line of duty and given the rest of us the last full measure of their devotion. These too often unsung heroes have our eternal gratitude, and we must offer our unwavering support to their families and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, 111 officers died in the line of duty last year, and 30 more have fallen already in 2026. They leave behind wives and husbands, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, and partners and colleagues to remember them, and we must remember them too.

This year 363 names will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in D.C., including two officers from Maryland. I would like to mention Sergeant Brenda J. Lowery of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office died suddenly on June 4, 2024, after working the night shift at the Cecil County Detention Center. Those who knew her recalled how, throughout her nearly two decades of service, she managed to make a positive impact in the lives of not only her fellow deputies, but all of those whom she interacted with each day. A dedicated servant to her community and country, Sergeant Lowery, like many officers, was also a military veteran, a veteran of the United States Air Force. She never stopped serving her country and her community.

Former Chief Edward E. Ivey, Jr., of the Fairmount Heights Police Department in Prince George's County has been described by colleagues as a natural leader and a pillar of his community that he served for 28 years. Chief Ivey passed away after an occupational illness on June 14, 2022. He was posthumously honored by the Chiefs of Police Association of Prince George's County with their Hall of Fame Award.

America's law enforcement officers set out every single day to protect our people. They protect our neighborhoods, our loved ones, our businesses, our schools, our property, and even this building and the people who work within it when called upon to do so.

We recognize that our sworn officers do not make these sacrifices alone. Every day, their families live with the knowledge that their loved one may not return home after the shift. These families, too, bear the heavy burdens of their profession, and we honor them today, as well.

Today, I ask all of our colleagues to join us in honoring all the men and

women who took the oath, dedicating their lives to our communities with honor, duty, and courage and who have fallen in the line of duty. We remain committed to remembering them and honoring them. They will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I will close with this.

The observance of National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day marks a time of solemn remembrance when our Nation comes together to honor the courage, the sacrifice, and the dedication of the noble law enforcement officers and personnel all across the country and right here in Washington, D.C., and on the Capitol itself who promote our safety and our security.

Let us rededicate ourselves to awareness of their service to our communities and our country.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the sponsors of this resolution for upholding and honoring the spirit of this moment. I thank my friend from North Carolina for his remarks. I ask all colleagues to support H. Res. 1252, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. KNOTT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) for his thoughtful remarks.

In the same spirit that he just articulated, we, as elected officials, must take a stand against these attacks and honor our fallen law enforcement officers.

This resolution takes an important first step, and we collectively will never forget those who made such high levels of sacrifice in the line of duty. It is up to us in Congress to honor their memory and to stand up to protect those who do so much each and every day to protect each of us here.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. KNOTT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1252.

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. RASKIN. 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.

COMBATING ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME ACT OF 2025

Mr. KNOTT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2853) to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of retail goods and cargo for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods

through physical and online retail marketplaces, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2853

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 "Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2025".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) organized theft groups, involving sophisticated and structured groups of individuals, continue to increase criminal activities carried out by the groups against the retail industry and the supply chain of the Nation, and these activities, at unprecedented levels, involve theft and fraud of both physical and digital goods, leading to escalating financial losses and violence in the workplace—all impacting the national economy and security of the United States;

(2) retailers face mounting thefts and fraud because of organized retail crime in and around stores, online, and throughout the retail ecosystem, and, according to the National Retail Federation, larceny incidents increased by 93 percent in 2023 compared to 2019, with a 90 percent rise in average dollar loss;

(3) these thefts are often orchestrated by organized theft groups reselling and redistributing the stolen goods back into the economy of the United States or overseas to gain illicit profit and to finance other criminal activity, and more than 84 percent of retailers report that violence and aggression from these criminal activities has become more of a concern since 2022, resulting in injuries and deaths among employees, customers, security officers, and law enforcement personnel;

(4) product manufacturers and the supply chain of the Nation are victims of alarming increases in cargo theft across rails, roads, and the various distribution points across the Nation;

(5) CargoNet, a database of reported incidents in the United States, reported a 27 percent increase in cargo theft incidents in 2024 compared to the previous year, while during the same period, the average value per theft rose to over \$202,000;

(6) these thefts range from large-scale physical theft of goods from containers and storage to sophisticated cybercriminal methods that divert shipments to illicit receivers, causing significant financial losses and operational supply chain disruptions;

(7) since 2022, more than 30 State laws have been enacted to address organized theft, allow for aggregation of thefts, and adjust penalties and enhancements, including in 2024, California voters overwhelmingly approving a constitutional reform to allow aggregation of multiple or repeated thefts;

(8) although larceny and organized retail crime are sometimes prosecuted at State and local levels, States face resource and investigative challenges from groups operating beyond local, State, and regional law enforcement capabilities, and more needs to be done to address the cross-jurisdictional, interstate, and international aspects of these crimes;

(9) organized theft groups vary in scope and scale, operating across State jurisdictions to avoid or disrupt local, State, and Tribal law enforcement response, and these organized theft groups build hierarchies to easily redistribute stolen goods and illicit profits back into the economy of the United States or overseas with disregard for product and consumer safety;

(10) the groups exist and operate at the local, regional, and transnational level, targeting goods that include raw and finished materials, various branded retail products across all consumer categories, operational assets in retail