

General George C. Marshall was a war hero, statesman, master strategist, and one of the most important figures in modern American history. From his distinguished service in both World Wars to his prominent role in shaping the postwar peace, he was the rare American whose service touched every dimension of national strength.

This bill recognizes George Marshall's legacy and ensures that Americans can continue to draw inspiration from his story by designating his historic home and estate as an affiliated area of the National Park System. This designation conveys honor and recognition while keeping the estate's management and fiscal responsibilities within the George C. Marshall International Center. This bill does not put property under Federal management or add to the Federal estate.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, S. 603 would establish the General George C. Marshall House, the home of one of America's most influential historical figures, as an affiliated area of the National Park System.

This would provide a deserved national recognition and allow the George Marshall House to receive technical assistance and limited financial aid from the National Park Service.

General Marshall lived at the residence in Leesburg, Virginia, between 1941 and 1959, critical years during his career.

He held an impressive resume, serving as Chief of Staff of the Army, special envoy to China, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and president of the American Red Cross.

He was renowned for organizing the Allied victory in World War II and for his dedication to rebuilding European economies and democracies through the Marshall Plan, which earned him the Nobel Peace Prize.

His home was designated a historical landmark in 1996 for the National Park Service, and then, after a 10-year, \$7 million restoration, it became a public museum on Veterans Day in 2005.

The home meets all requirements for designation as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and the designation authorized by S. 603 will ensure that the contributions and values of George Marshall are recognized and commemorated by all Americans. I cannot wait to visit.

Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not mention that this is the second time that the House has passed this bill. Back in May of this year, we sent the Senate H.R. 1352, the House companion introduced by Representative SUBRAMANYAM. Instead of passing our bill and sending it to the President for his signature, the Senate passed its own version after a disconnect among Republican leadership. But we should not let this infighting get in the way of a good thing.

Again, I thank Representative SUBRAMANYAM and all members of the George C. Marshall International Center for their dedication to preserving the history and legacy of General Marshall.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support S. 603, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I am prepared to close, and I join my colleague in her frustration with the Senate. I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues, despite the bureaucracy, to support the legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support S. 603, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YAKYM). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 603.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REMEMBRANCE, SUPPORT, AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACT

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 309) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding for the National Law Enforcement Museum, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 309

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

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support, and Community Outreach Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) *FUND.*—The term "Fund" means the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

(2) *SECRETARY.*—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to the availability of appropriations made in advance for such purpose, beginning on the first fiscal year the begins after the date of the enactment of this Act, and for each of the following 6 fiscal years, the Secretary shall award a grant in the amount specified in subsection (c) to the Fund to be used solely for the purposes described in subsection (b), if upon review of the application submitted pursuant to subsection (d), the Secretary makes a determination to award such grant pursuant to subsection (e).

(b) *PURPOSE.*—The purpose of the grants authorized under subsection (a) shall be for the ex-

penses associated with operating and enhancing the community outreach, public education, and officer safety and wellness programs of the National Law Enforcement Museum, including programs to—

(1) memorialize law enforcement heroes who die in the line of duty and compile statistics on law enforcement fatalities and injuries;

(2) honor and commemorate the extraordinary service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers;

(3) develop and make available accurate, relevant, and accessible resources to promote the understanding of law enforcement history and officer safety and wellness training, which include digital resources and other types of resources, such as print resources and traveling exhibitions;

(4) increase technical resources to better engage the public in person and via online platforms to educate and inform the public about community policing and officer safety and wellness;

(5) create, expand, and disseminate scholarly work through research, curricula, in-house and traveling exhibitions, publications, and other outreach initiatives;

(6) expand the collection acquisition and collection processes, including staffing, conservation, processing, and digitization;

(7) augment law enforcement history and officer safety and wellness education activities, including the development, dissemination, and implementation of principles of sound pedagogy for teaching about law enforcement history and officer safety and wellness;

(8) promote professional development, including local, regional, and national workshops, teacher trainings, and partnerships, with appropriate entities to better educate and inform the public about law enforcement history and officer safety and wellness education;

(9) engage with local and independent educational agencies and expand teacher engagement to cultivate and support the development of leaders in the teaching of law enforcement history and officer safety and wellness education;

(10) engage with State and local education leaders to encourage the adoption of resources supported under this Act into curricula across diverse disciplines;

(11) create, develop, implement, replicate, or take to scale entrepreneurial, evidence-based, field-initiated innovations for museum and officer safety and wellness improvement, and rigorously evaluate such innovations;

(12) provide for the free admission to National Law Enforcement Museum for active and retired law enforcement officers and family members of fallen officers, and dedicated free admission hours for the general public at least once a week; and

(13) develop online Law Enforcement History and Officer Safety and Wellness Education Resources for the general public and scholarly research.

(c) *GRANT AMOUNT.*—Each grant authorized under subsection (a) shall be for \$6,000,000.

(d) *APPLICATION.*—To be considered for an award of a grant under this section, the Fund shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(e) *REVIEW; DEADLINE FOR AWARD.*—If the Secretary, after review of the application from the Fund, determines that the Fund satisfies any requirements established by the Secretary under subsection (d), the Secretary shall award the grant to the Fund, not later than 90 days after the date of receipt by the Secretary of the completed application submitted by the Fund.

(f) *CONDITION ON RECEIPT OF GRANT.*—As a condition on receipt of a grant under this section, the Fund shall—

(1) provide for—

(A) free admission to National Law Enforcement Museum for active and retired law enforcement officers and family members of fallen officers; and

(B) dedicated free admission hours for the general public at least once a week; and

(2) allow for annual Federal audits of the financial statements of the Fund, including revenues associated with ticket sales, charitable donations, grants, and all expenditures on salaries and operations, which shall be subject to review by the Secretary and made available to the public.

(g) *REPORTS.*—Not later than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year for which the Fund obligates or expends funds made available to the Fund pursuant to this section, the Fund shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report that includes, for the fiscal year covered by the report, each of the following:

(1) Information relating to the amount of grant funds obligated or expended for the preceding fiscal year.

(2) Information relating to any purposes for which such funds were obligated or expended.

(3) Information relating to the progress in delivering public education, community outreach, and officer safety and wellness programming using funds provided under this section.

(3) Any other information the Secretary may require to effectively administer the program under this section, as determined by the Secretary, if not later than the last day of the fiscal year the Secretary notified the Fund of such requested information.

(h) *NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.*—No additional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements of this section, and the activities authorized by this section are subject to the availability of appropriations made in advance for such purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. ELFRETH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 309, the bill now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 309, the National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support, and Community Outreach Act, which provides temporary grants from the Department of the Interior to enhance the community outreach, public education, and officer safety and wellness programs of the National Law Enforcement Museum here in Washington, D.C.

Supporting our brave men and women in law enforcement should not be a partisan issue, and the overwhelming support behind this bill is a true testament to that scenario.

This bill is led by Representative NEHLS of Texas. The bill has 124 bipartisan cosponsors. This legislation has also been endorsed by numerous law enforcement organizations across the Nation, including the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund,

the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Association of Police Organizations, and the National Sheriffs' Association.

In my home State of Arkansas, this legislation also enjoys support from the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police; the city of Sheridan, Arkansas, Police Department; and the Arkansas Game Warden Association.

In fact, Chief Gary Sipes, the executive director of the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police, said: A sustained national effort to restore confidence and understanding in law enforcement is urgently needed, now more than ever. That is precisely what this bill would do. I could not agree more.

Every day, law enforcement officers across the country put themselves in harm's way to protect their fellow Americans. They make tremendous sacrifices to keep our communities safe, uphold the rule of law, and answer the call when their neighbors need them most. They deserve our respect, our gratitude, and our support.

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Here in the heart of our Nation's Capital, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial honors Federal, Tribal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Nearby, the National Law Enforcement Museum helps share the history of American law enforcement through exhibits, educational programming, historical collections, and outreach.

H.R. 309 builds on that mission by authorizing the Department of the Interior to provide grants to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund to expand its education and community outreach initiatives. These grants will support free museum access for officers, expansion of digitized collections, and broader distribution of officer safety and wellness resources to law enforcement agencies across the country.

I am proud to support this legislation, stand with our police officers across the country, and honor the service and sacrifices of America's law enforcement officers.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative NEHLS for his leadership on this legislation. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 309, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 309, the National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support, and Community Outreach Act, was introduced by my colleagues, Representative NEHLS and Representative PANETTA, so this is a bipartisan effort.

This bill takes an important step toward establishing a program at the Department of the Interior and supports community outreach, public education, and officer safety and wellness pro-

grams at the National Law Enforcement Museum.

In 1984, Congress passed a joint resolution to authorize the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund to establish the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. The memorial fund built and continues to maintain the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, the Nation's monument dedicated to officers killed in the line of duty. The fund also maintains the largest, most comprehensive database of line-of-duty officer deaths, conducts research into officer fatality trends and issues, and serves as an information clearinghouse.

In 2000, President Clinton signed the National Law Enforcement Museum Act, which authorized the fund to build and operate the National Law Enforcement Museum. Opened in 2018, the museum tells the story of American law enforcement through exhibits, collections, research, and education.

H.R. 309 would take additional steps toward authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to establish and award a grant to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund for 7 fiscal years to take that work outside of the museum. Such grants would have an annual \$6 million limit during that period. As a condition of receiving the grant funding, the fund would be required to submit annual reports to the Secretary, documenting and accounting progress and expenditures.

This funding would allow the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and their museum to continue supporting officers and educating the public on the important work our law enforcement officers do every day to keep our communities safe.

This bill is an important step forward in continuing Congress' longstanding support of this important memorial and museum and the men and women who keep our communities safe.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support for H.R. 309, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. NEHLS), the lead sponsor of this bill and someone who personally knows about law enforcement, having served as a sheriff.

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 309, the National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support, and Community Outreach Act. I thank Chairman WESTERMAN for his support and his work on this.

Congressman PANETTA and more than 120 Members—120 of us—all came together in this bipartisan effort to support our law enforcement officers. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 309.

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, I urge support for this bipartisan legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative NEHLS for his leadership on this bipartisan legislation. I urge my colleagues to vote

“yes” on H.R. 309, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 309, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED ADVANCEMENT FOR TRAINING, EDUCATION, RESTORATION, AND SCIENCE (WATERS) ACT

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6893) to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6893

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 “Chesapeake Bay Watershed Advancement for Training, Education, Restoration, and Science (WATERS) Act”.

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION CHESAPEAKE BAY OFFICE.

Section 307 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992 (15 U.S.C. 1511d) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “(in this section)” and all that follows and inserting a period;

(B) in paragraph (2), to read as follows:

“(2) The Office shall be headed by a Director, who—

“(A) shall have knowledge and experience in research or resource management efforts in the Chesapeake Bay; and

“(B) shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the Office and the implementation of this section.”; and

(C) by striking paragraph (3);

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “Secretary of Commerce” and inserting “Administrator”;

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by inserting “with and represent” after “coordinate”;

(ii) by striking “, the Chesapeake Bay Regional Sea Grant Programs, and the Chesapeake Bay units of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System,” and inserting “for the Chesapeake Bay Program and that relate to the Chesapeake Bay watershed in furtherance of such Administration’s coastal resource stewardship mission.”;

(iii) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) in clauses (vi) and (vii), by striking “and” at the end; and

(II) by adding at the end the following:

“(viii) coastal hazards; and

“(ix) education; and”;

(iv) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the end;

(II) in clause (iv), by inserting “and” after the semicolon; and

(III) by adding at the end the following:

“(v) integrated ecosystem assessments.”;

(C) in paragraph (4)—

(i) by striking “Environmental Protection Agency” and inserting “Chesapeake Executive Council”; and

(ii) by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: “as appropriate to further the purposes of this section”;

(D) by striking paragraphs (5) and (7);

(E) by redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph (5); and

(F) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) perform any functions necessary to support the programs referred to in paragraph (3).”;

(3) by striking subsections (c), (d), and (e); and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, acting through the Director, shall implement the program activities authorized by this section to support the activity of the Chesapeake Executive Council and to further the purposes of this section.

“(2) ENSURING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL MERIT.—The Director shall—

“(A) establish and use an effective and transparent mechanism to ensure that projects funded under this section have undergone appropriate peer review; and

“(B) provide other appropriate means to determine that such projects have acceptable scientific and technical merit for the purpose of achieving maximum use of available funds and resources to benefit the Chesapeake Bay area.

“(3) CONSULTATION WITH CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—The Director shall, in the implementation of the program activities authorized under this section, consult with the Chesapeake Executive Council, to ensure that the activities of the Office are consistent with the purposes and priorities of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement and plans developed pursuant to the such agreement.

“(4) INTEGRATED COASTAL OBSERVATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, acting through the Director, may collaborate with scientific and academic institutions, State and Federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other constituents in the Chesapeake Bay watershed to support an integrated observations system for the Chesapeake Bay consistent with the purposes of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.).

“(B) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—To support the system referred to in subparagraph (A) and provide a complete set of environmental information for the Chesapeake Bay, the Director shall—

“(i) coordinate monitoring with Federal and State agencies in the tidal portions of the Chesapeake Bay to understand impacts of water quality on living marine resources;

“(ii) identify new data collection needs and deploy new technologies, as appropriate;

“(iii) collect and analyze the scientific information necessary for the management of living marine resources and the marine habitat associated with such resources; and

“(iv) organize the information described in clause (iii) into products that are useful to policy makers, resource managers, scientists, and the public.

“(C) CHESAPEAKE BAY INTERPRETIVE BUOY SYSTEM.—To further the development and implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System and associated monitoring assets to improve weather and ecological forecasts, monitor habitat conditions for living marine resources, the Director may—

“(i) support the establishment and implementation of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail;

“(ii) delineate key waypoints along the trail and provide appropriate real-time data and information for trail users;

“(iii) interpret data and information for use by educators and students to inspire stewardship of the Chesapeake Bay; and

“(iv) incorporate the observational data from the Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System into the Integrated Ocean Observing System regional observing system network.

“(5) CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, acting through the Director, may establish a Chesapeake Bay watershed education and training program. The program shall—

“(i) continue and expand the Chesapeake Bay watershed education programs offered by the Office immediately before the enactment of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Advancement for Training, Education, Restoration, and Science (WATERS) Act;

“(ii) improve the understanding of elementary and secondary school students and teachers of the living resources of the ecosystem of the Chesapeake Bay;

“(iii) provide education and career pathway internships; and

“(iv) meet the educational goals of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

“(B) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Director may award grants for the purposes of this paragraph. Grants awarded under this subparagraph may be used to support education and training projects that enhance understanding and assessment of a specific environmental problem in the Chesapeake Bay watershed or a goal of the Chesapeake Bay Program, or protect or restore living resources of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, including projects that—

“(i) provide classroom education, including the development and use of distance learning and other innovative technologies, related to the Chesapeake Bay watershed;

“(ii) provide meaningful watershed educational experiences in the Chesapeake Bay watershed;

“(iii) provide professional development for teachers related to the Chesapeake Bay watershed and the dissemination of pertinent education materials oriented to varying grade levels;

“(iv) demonstrate or disseminate environmental educational tools and materials related to the Chesapeake Bay watershed;

“(v) demonstrate field methods, practices, and techniques including assessment of environmental and ecological conditions and analysis of environmental problems; and

“(vi) build the capacity of school districts and their partners to deliver high quality environmental education programs.

“(C) COORDINATION.—The Director shall implement the education and training program in coordination with the heads of other Federal agencies, as the Director determines appropriate.

“(6) COASTAL AND LIVING RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND HABITAT PROGRAM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, acting through the Director, may establish a Chesapeake Bay Coastal Living Resources Management and Habitat Program to support coordinated management, protection, characterization, and restoration of priority Chesapeake Bay habitats and living resources, including oysters, blue crabs, salt marshes, submerged aquatic vegetation, and economically and ecologically important fish species such as striped bass and menhaden.

“(B) ACTIVITIES.—Under the Chesapeake Bay Coastal Living Resources Management and Habitat Program, the Director may