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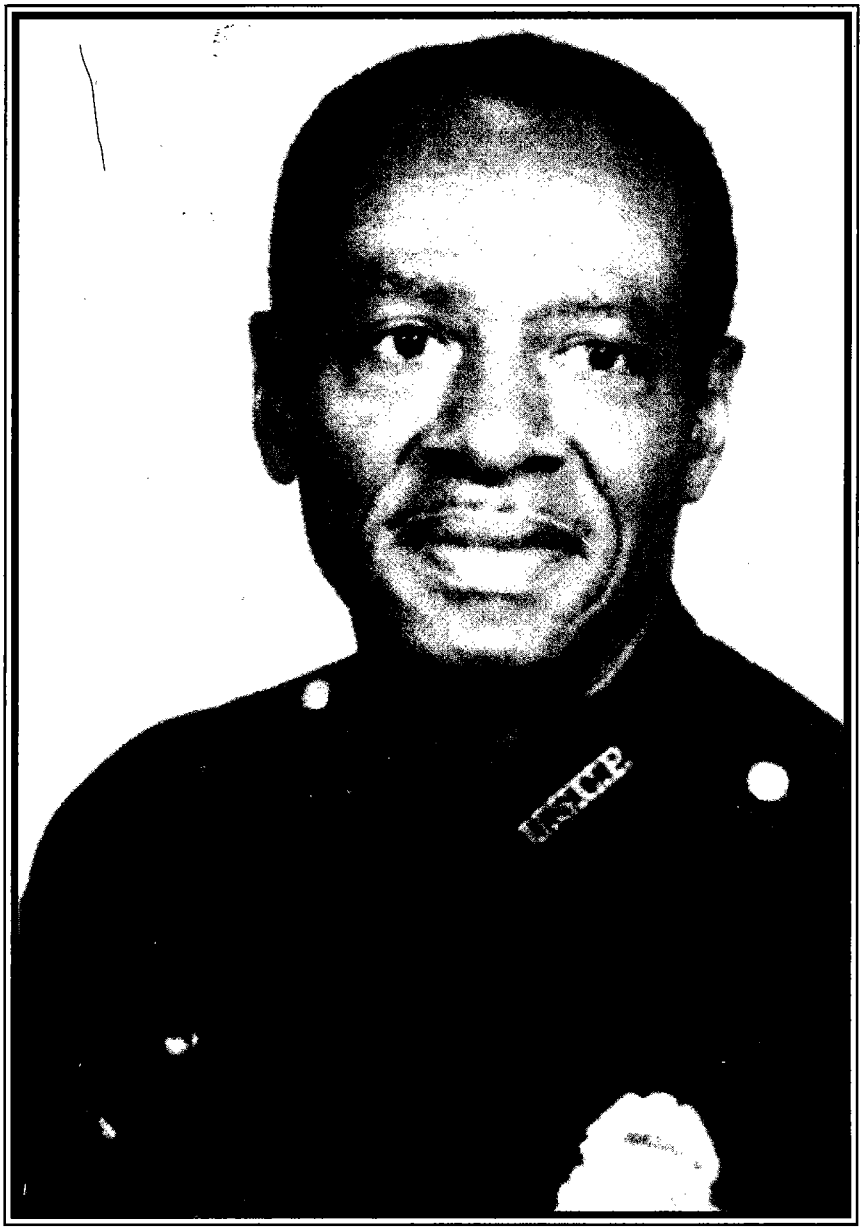

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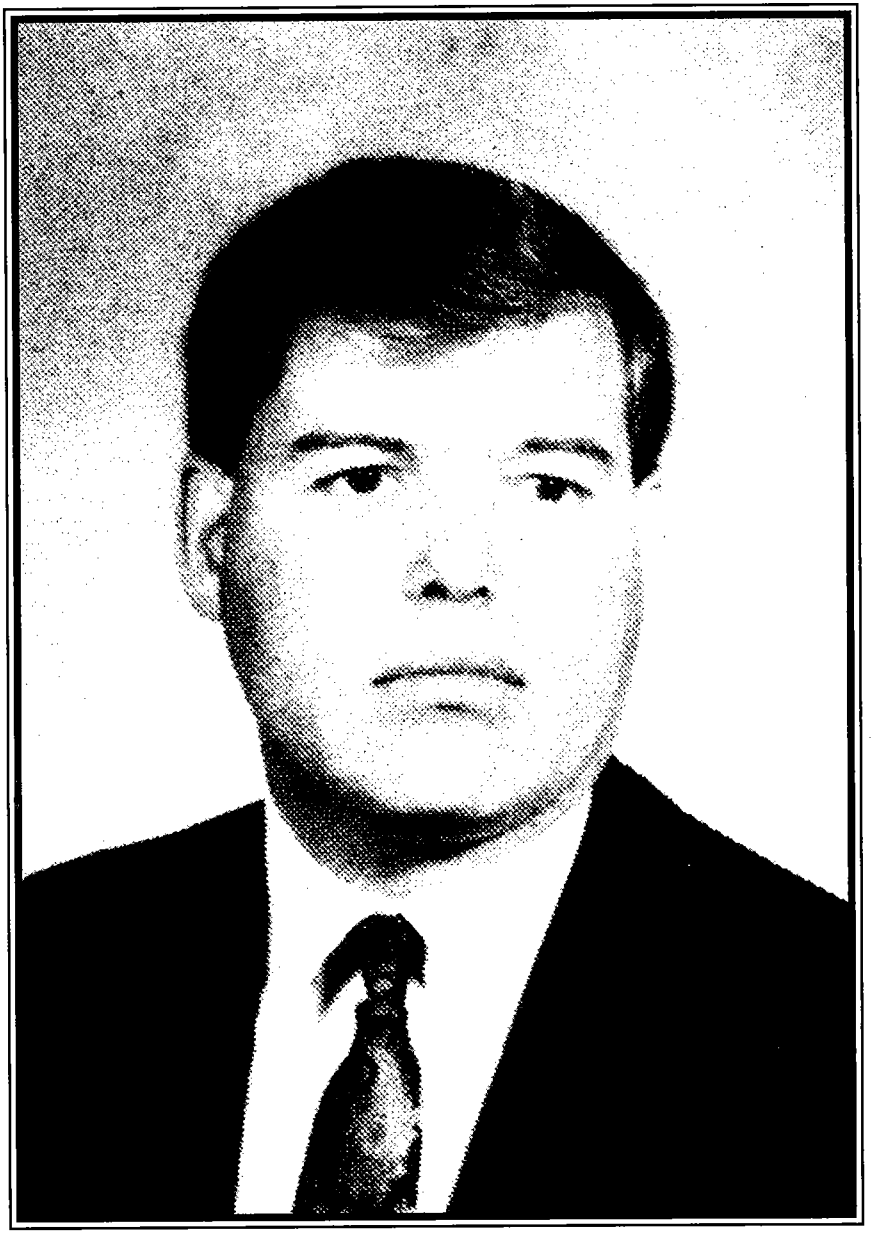

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AND

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Concurrent Resolution

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the eulogies for Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police, as expressed in the House of Representatives and the Senate together with the text of the memorial services, shall be printed as a tribute to Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut, with illustrations and suitable binding. The document shall be prepared under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing. There shall be printed 300 casebound copies; 50 to be delivered to each of the families of Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut, and 200 for the use of the United States Capitol Police.

Attest:

GARY SISCO
Secretary of the Senate.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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BIOGRAPHIES

JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT

Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the U.S. Capitol Police force was born April 28, 1940, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force from 1960 to 1980, including a tour of duty with the 633rd Security Police Squadron in Vietnam. Among other citations, Officer Chestnut was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars and the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service.

He started his career with the U.S. Capitol Police force in January 1980, and was ultimately assigned duty guarding the Document Door of the U.S. Capitol. His file contains numerous letters of appreciation from citizens and staff for assistance provided and attention to duty. In 1994 he was given the Sustained Superior Performance Award for "providing emergency medical assistance to a citizen suffering an allergic reaction requiring emergency hospitalization."

While serving with the 374th Security Police Squadron at Ching Chuan Kang Air Base in Taiwan, he met Wen Ling, his wife of twenty-three years. They have five children: William, 19; Karen, 22; twins Janet and Janece, both 27; and Joseph, 35. They also have three grandchildren: Ashton, Brandy, and Joyce.

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JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON

Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON of the Dignitary Protection Division of the U.S. Capitol Police was born March 29, 1956, in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from Boston State College in 1979 and from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in 1980. Detective GIBSON began his career with the U.S. Capitol Police in August of 1980. He was promoted to Detective and assigned to the Dignitary Protection Division in December 1989.

Detective GIBSON has received numerous letters of appreciation ranging from helping citizens change a flat tire or assisting with keys locked in vehicles to providing protective services to members for the Republican Conference. In 1988, Detective GIBSON received a certificate of commendation for "going to the aid of a citizen who had suffered possible cardiac arrest and providing CPR, possibly saving their life." In May 1998, Detective GIBSON received a commendation from Senator Reid for quick response to his wife's medical emergency while at the Democratic Issues Conference in Williamsburg.

Detective GIBSON is married to Evelyn M. Gibson. They have three children: Daniel J., 14; John M., 16; and Kristen E., 17.

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MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

FOR

JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT

AND

JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON

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Proceedings in the House of Representatives

MONDAY, *July 27, 1998*

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

We gather together for prayer as we do every day when we ask for guidance and blessing for the day ahead.

But on this day, O God, we come with hearts that are saddened and with souls distressed with the knowledge that violence has been done to our community. As we gather for our prayer we come as people who have the honor of service in this special place, but today we mourn the loss of two of our colleagues who gave their lives so others would live.

From this time onward the names of JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON will be remembered with honor and dignity and praise and thanksgiving. O loving and eternal God, whose mercies are without end, we ask Your blessing upon the families of these men. Comfort them in their sorrow, strengthen them in their need, grant solace and peace in their hearts. You have promised, O God, that though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, You are with us with Your grace and Your promise of eternal life.

We also remember in our prayer Angela Dickerson and offer our prayers for her recovery. May Your spirit be with her and her family and sustain them in the days ahead.

We pray, O loving God, that your strong hand will give a special blessing to those men and women who have devoted their lives to the protection of all of us who work in our Capitol, and also the many who visit this place. For all the police who serve with faithfulness and dedication and who mourn the loss of two of their own, we ask for Your healing presence. Be with them in their grief.

May your peace, O God, that passes all human understanding, be with all who mourn, now and evermore. Amen.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Hoyer) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I would ask all Members and guests to join me in pledging allegiance to the flag, which stands for the principles for which Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT have so recently given their lives.

Mr. HOYER led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Oversight be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 310) and I ask for its immediate consideration and adoption by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the concurrent resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 310

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZING USE OF ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DETECTIVE JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

The rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used for a memorial service and proceedings related thereto for Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police on Tuesday, July 28, 1998, under the direction of the United States Capitol Police Board.

SEC. 2. PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE IN CAPITOL IN MEMORY OF DETECTIVE GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHESTNUT.

The Architect of the Capitol shall place a plaque in honor of the memory of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police at an appropriate site in the United States Capitol, with the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

SEC. 3. PAYMENT OF FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR JOHN GIBSON AND JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make such arrangements as may be necessary for funeral services for Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police, including payments for travel expenses of immediate family members, and for the attendance of Members of the House of Representatives at such services, including payments for expenses incurred by Members in attending such services.

(b) SOURCE AND MANNER OF MAKING PAYMENTS.—Any payment made under subsection (a) shall be made from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives, using vouchers approved in a manner directed by the Committee on House Oversight.

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SEC. 4. PAYMENT OF SURVIVOR'S GRATUITY TO WIDOWS OF JOHN GIBSON AND JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the first sentence of the last undesignated paragraph under the center heading "HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES" in the first section of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1955 (2 U.S.C. 125), the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to pay, from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives—

(1) a gratuity to the widow of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON of the United States Capitol Police in the amount of $51,866.00; and

(2) a gratuity to the widow of Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police in the amount of $47,280.00.

(b) Treatment as Gift.—Each gratuity paid under subsection (a) shall be held to have been a gift.

SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITOL POLICE MEMORIAL FUND.

It is the sense of Congress that there should be established under law a United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund for the surviving spouse and children of members of the United States Capitol Police who are slain in the line of duty.

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, obviously I will not object, but at this time I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. DeLay), the majority whip, who lost a good and true friend, as all of us lost two good and true friends.

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland for yielding, and I appreciate the gentleman's expression of sympathy. The gentleman has always shown a true regard for the Capitol community and the people that work here, and particularly the Capitol Police that protect us. I appreciate the gentleman joining me in this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution will do several things. I want Members to understand that this is not the only resolution we will be doing today. Later on today, when Members come back and get into town, they will be able to express themselves when we will have another resolution honoring Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT.

Mr. Speaker, this particular resolution establishes some very real principles. First of all, it authorizes the use of the Rotunda for a memorial service for Detective GIBSON and Private First Class CHESTNUT. It also, for the first time that I know of, authorizes the placement of a plaque in honor of

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Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT in the general area where they lost their lives, commemorating those two spots in the Capitol.

We also obviously want to pay for their funeral expenses. This resolution allows us to do that. We want to make sure that their surviving widows are taken care of and make sure that they do not have any concerns about their future and the future of their children, and, therefore, we authorize one year's annual salary to be paid to the widow of Detective GIBSON and to the widow of Officer CHESTNUT. We also establish a Capitol Police Memorial Fund that will be used for whatever the needs may be of the families of Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT.

Later on today, as I said, we will consider a concurrent resolution that honors the memory of these two officers, of these two fine, fine gentlemen. Some, probably cynically, are already asking why we are using the Capitol Rotunda to honor these two brave men. After all, police officers are slain in the line of duty all over the country; why should these two particular men receive special treatment? Is it simply because they died defending Members of Congress and their staff?

Besides their personal bravery, these men died defending the Capitol of the United States of America, the symbol of freedom across this world. They are the first Capitol Police officers to die in the line of duty since the Capitol Police Department was created 170 years ago. They died saving lives. They died doing their job. They died being professionals and representing a fine, fine law enforcement group of officers that protect this Capitol and everybody in it, whether they be tourists, Americans, people from other nations or Members of Congress and their staffs.

I just feel that it is absolutely fitting, and I greatly appreciate the leaders of both the House and Senate in agreeing to use the Rotunda to honor these two officers. By paying tribute to their sacrifice, we all pay tribute to the sacrifices of law enforcement officers all across this country. What more fitting place to honor law enforcement officers than in the Rotunda of the building that is the symbol of freedom across the world?

JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT were members of this Capitol Hill community. One of the most gratifying things that I know the families have received, as well as me and my staff, who have had a very difficult weekend, is all the calls from all across the country honoring these two wonder-

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ful men as heroes. They are leaving behind many grieving friends and associates here in this Capitol Hill community.

I saw J.J. CHESTNUT every night when I left this building. He was always standing there by the document door. He was always grinning, and he was always giving me, in a very warm, openhearted way, a hearty, sincere, "Good night, Congressman. You take care of yourself." And every night I would respond with, "J.J., you be careful."

He was careful, but, unfortunately, not enough, and a man came in and shot him. But my enduring vision of J.J. will be of a professional officer who loved his job, loved his post, fought to keep his post, and he was dedicated to his duty in protecting the Nation's Capitol and everyone that was in it.

JOHN GIBSON was a member of my security detail, and, therefore, he was a member of my staff. But, as important, my wife and my daughter and I feel very strongly that he was a member of our family. JOHN and I went everywhere together. We had many long talks about life, about family, about duty and about country.

JOHN loved his detective badge. In fact, he would get in trouble for wearing it, but he wore it because he was so proud about the fact that he was a detective in the Capitol Police Corps, that he had made detective, that he was a man who believed in duty, and that he knew that it would be possible some day that he would have to throw his body in front of me or someone like me and my staff.

One never thinks that that is really going to happen, but it happened on Friday, and JOHN did throw his body between my staff and a shooter, and he lost his life for it. The President said it so well, because it is in scripture, that "No greater gift is there than the gift of laying down your life for another," and JOHN gave the ultimate gift.

JOHN loved his country. He loved sports. JOHN GIBSON was a solid man. He was a patriot. He exemplified everything that was good about America.

Both JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT are also members of another community, and that is the Nation's community of police officers. As such, their sacrifice represents the sacrifices of thousands of police officers across the Nation who do their duty to serve and protect the public, sometimes under great abuse, sometimes under great disregard, and many times people take them for granted. It all comes together when an incident like this happens and we realize how much we owe to police officers all across this country.

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So I think by using the Rotunda to honor these fallen heroes we are honoring not only the specific acts of courage that have saved so many other Americans and we are not only honoring them because this was their building and they were protecting it, but we also honor them, all fallen law enforcement heroes who have died defending the American people from evil.

My heart goes out to the families of JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT, and particularly those young kids who have lost a father. We have lost two wonderful heroes who have saved so many from harm, two heroes who were dedicated husbands and wonderful fathers, and I urge all my colleagues and the American people in general to pray for these families as they try to cope with this great loss.

Mr. Speaker, I will add that if people around this country want to donate to the memorial fund created by this resolution, they can send their contributions to the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund, United States Capitol, Washington, D.C., 20515.

Let me also add, if the gentleman will further yield, something that really touched me just a while ago. One of the pages came up to me and handed me this, and I want to put it in the *Record*, from the pages that serve here in the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, the pages would like to say "We salute these two fallen heroes who gave their lives for ours. In the line of duty, these men stood strong and brave for their country. For that, we all owe a great debt of gratitude.

"We are all aware of their courageous sacrifice, and we hold these officers deep in our hearts. God bless their families, and God bless America."

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding, and I include for the *Record* the tribute by our pages.

FROM THE PAGES OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

We salute these two fallen heroes who gave their lives for ours. In the line of duty, these men stood strong and brave for their country. For that, we all owe a great debt of gratitude.

We are all aware of their courageous sacrifice, and we hold these officers deep in our hearts. God bless their families, and God bless America.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, under my reservation, I sadly join the majority whip, whose comments are personal but express as well the sentiments of his colleagues.

More than 14,622 law enforcement officers have lost their lives in the history of our country. The first one lost his life

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in 1794. Since that time, we have asked some of our fellow citizens to take upon themselves the responsibility and the risk of defending freedom here at home.

When I began the Pledge of Allegiance, I said that Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON died defending the principles for which it stands. That was literally and figuratively true. Every morning those whom we ask to bear the responsibility of maintaining order in a civil society, without which we would not have freedom and justice and the rule of law, put on their uniform or their plain clothes and badge, and most of them attach a gun to their hip or to their shoulder. They and their families know that daily they risk their lives. In this instance, of course, because no previous Capitol police officer has lost his or her life in a confrontation, that risk seemed remote.

Mr. Speaker, Friday, July 24, reminds us once again that the risk is always present for those we ask to defend this free society. The vagaries of life are such that there are those, either demented or angry or for whatever reasons, take onto themselves the opportunity to commit violence.

In this instance, Officer CHESTNUT, Detective GIBSON and, indeed, the hundreds of Capitol police officers who responded to this crisis, gave their lives so that many others might be safe and, more important, so that the Capitol of the United States, Freedom's House, will, in fact, be accessible, but it will also be protected.

Our community on this Hill is a grief-stricken community, and it is a reflection of a country that shares that grief. I have had the opportunity of talking to family members of these officers. I and so many others on this floor know the personal grief that they are experiencing. They have lost a loved one. They have lost a friend. They have lost a dad or brother, uncle, friend, or neighbor. They have a very personal grief.

But our country has a collective grief, and it is appropriate that we honor these men, both as individual American heroes, but also, as the majority whip has indicated, as two members of a group of some 700,000 Americans who daily leave their homes and take to their duties to defend America's principles, to defend Americans, to defend an orderly society.

These men and women of law enforcement, like those we ask to join the Armed Services and defend freedom abroad, are equally responsible for us being able to meet in this body in a society that honors the peaceful resolution of disputes.

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We are the land of the free because we are the home of the brave. This resolution honors two of those brave who ensure that this will be, in fact, the land of the free.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Shimkus). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I offer a concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 311) honoring the memory of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police for their selfless acts of heroism at the United States Capitol on July 24, 1998, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the concurrent resolution.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 311

Whereas the Capitol is the People's House, and, as such, it has always been and will remain open to the public;

Whereas millions of people visit the Capitol each year to observe and study the workings of the democratic process;

Whereas the Capitol is the most recognizable symbol of liberty and democracy throughout the world and those who guard the Capitol guard our freedom;

Whereas Private First Class JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON sacrificed their lives to protect the lives of hundreds of tourists, staff, and Members of Congress;

Whereas if not for the quick and courageous action of those officers, many innocent people would likely have been injured or killed;

Whereas through their selfless acts, Detective GIBSON and Private First Class CHESTNUT underscored the courage, honor, and dedication shown daily by every member of the United States Capitol Police and every law enforcement officer;

Whereas Private First Class CHESTNUT, a Vietnam veteran who spent 20 years in the Air Force, was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police, and was married to Wen Ling and had five children, Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen and William;

Whereas Detective GIBSON, assigned as Rep. Tom DeLay's bodyguard for the last three years, was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police, and was married to Evelyn and had three children, Kristen, John and Daniel;

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Whereas Private First Class CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON were the first United States Capitol Police officers ever killed in the line of duty;

Whereas Private First Class CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON, and all those who helped apprehend the gunman, assist the injured, and evacuate the building, are true heroes of democracy, and every American owes them a deep debt of gratitude: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) Congress hereby honors the memory of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police for the selfless acts of heroism they displayed on July 24, 1998, in sacrificing their lives in the line of duty so that others might live; and

(2) when the House of Representatives adjourns on this date and when the Senate adjourns or recesses on this date, they shall do so out of respect to the memory of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be debatable for 2 hours and 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled by myself or my designee and the minority leader or his designee.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Gingrich) is recognized for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

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

Mr. Speaker, let me first thank everyone who rose to their duty or went beyond their duty in the last few days: the Capitol Police, the various emergency teams, the medical centers, the Washington Metropolitan Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, staffs here in the Congress, Members of the House and Senate.

A lot of people, including, let me say, the visitors to the Capitol, responded in a human way to a human need. For myself, I particularly want to thank Senator Connie Mack, who voluntarily called and went around with me on Friday night to visit the family of officer J.J. CHESTNUT and the family of JOHN GIBSON, and also to visit the family of the visitor who had been injured, Angela Dickerson, and her family, who were visitors to the Capitol.

Because I think had every American been able to visit those families in this time of shock, pain, and loss, and to see the courage, dedication, and pride that the families felt, I think it was a very humbling experience. I know that for me and for them, it was enriched by Senator Mack taking

the time to be with them, to express his concern on behalf of the entire Senate.

Let me also say that I have been very grateful to Senator Lott for responding again and again, to Senator Daschle, and to the minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. Gephardt), and the majority leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Armey), because together we have made a series of decisions that are without precedent, because frankly, this is an event without precedent.

In all the history of the United States, no one had ever been killed defending the Capitol. In all the history of the Capitol Police, never before had officers been killed in the line of duty.

I believe that it drove home to all of us, certainly to me and those Members and staff with whom I have talked, how real and how serious the process of security is, and how much we are a Capitol Hill family; that the larger family of freedom has within it a smaller family of individuals who work together every day.

In a few minutes, the majority whip, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DeLay) will talk, and he will talk from the heart about Detective JOHN GIBSON. But I was very struck, both that Mrs. DeLay said to me when I called to chat with her that JOHN GIBSON had become like family because they are so close; and then when I went out to the hospital, Mrs. Gibson, Evelyn, said how proud JOHN GIBSON was to have worked with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Tom DeLay), how much he enjoyed his assignment, how close they had become.

To further drive home how much a family this is, I learned later that Evelyn Gibson is the niece of the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. Joe Moakley), so it becomes an ever tighter and more human tying together of families.

Let me also thank President Clinton, who responded immediately with concern on Friday afternoon; who on Saturday helped the Nation come to grips with this tragedy; and who has been extraordinarily cooperative in making arrangements for Arlington Cemetery and in agreeing to be at the memorial service tomorrow.

I talked with the various staff members who had been in the whip's office at the time that the Capitol was attacked, at the time that Detective GIBSON gave his life saving their lives. I think anybody who talked with them and heard from those staff their feelings, their sense of the degree to which JOHN GIBSON rose to the occasion, the degree to which he

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immediately told them to protect themselves, told them to be safe, the degree to which he then literally placed his body between danger and innocent people, cannot help but be moved by this level of dedication.

If you had talked to the visitor who was standing next to Officer J.J. CHESTNUT when he was killed and you learned that, literally, Officer CHESTNUT was in the process of giving directions to the subway to help visitors to the Capitol, and then you learned that his partner was a few feet away because he was getting a wheelchair to help other visitors, it reminded you that they are both our protectors and our ambassadors, and how much they do to make this Capitol a better place, and how tragic their deaths are.

Let me also thank all of the visitors who Marianne and I saw on Saturday when we walked over to the Capitol. Because of their commitment, the visitors have said it is important not to let madmen or terrorists frighten us away from freedom; it is important to come to our House, the People's House, to our building, the people's building. Tourists were there as an act of patriotism, not just to visit in the normal sense but deliberately to go there the day after the shootings to say that they were going to show their solidarity, and I was moved to tears walking up the main steps when I saw a bouquet of flowers that had already been put there at 9:30 that morning with a message wrapped around it, "To our heroes who save our freedom." I think no person who has a heart could have passed those flowers without tears because the words captured the heartfelt sentiment.

These two men are genuine heroes. They did their job. The system worked but at terrible personal cost. We are safe because of their sacrifice.

It is totally appropriate that we have suspended any other business for today in honor of their memory. It is totally appropriate that for the first time in history, two officers will be lying in honor in the Rotunda tomorrow. It is totally appropriate that we recognize them both for what they have done here at the Capitol and for the reminder that safety and freedom come at a very human cost; that there are uniformed personnel in the police, in the Border Patrol, in the military, who even as I speak are putting their lives on the line in order that this civilization can continue.

I want to say to Officer CHESTNUT's family, to Wen Ling, his wife, to Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen and William, that you can be very proud of your father. He served his country in the Air Force and he served his country in the Capitol Po-

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lice. He was a man I saw every day, as did most Members of the leadership, because that was the door we went in and out of every day. He was always courteous. He was always firm. He was always disciplined. He always did his job. He will be very sadly missed, but your family can be proud that your father is a genuine hero.

Let me say to Detective JOHN GIBSON's family, to his wife Evelyn and to his three children, Kristen and John and Daniel, that Detective GIBSON had made a real mark here. At one point he had helped me a number of years ago. Then he was assigned to help the whip, Tom DeLay. He was an active supporter of Heroes, which is a nationwide program which helps families of officers who are killed in the line of duty. He was a man dedicated to law enforcement and a man who for 18 years had served this Capitol and this country very well.

While you cannot replace him, I hope that your memory of him as a genuine hero is a memory that will bring you some warmth in these difficult times.

I think I speak for every Member of the House and Senate and for every staff person who works here in saying to these two families that our hearts go out to you; that we were proud to announce on Saturday the establishment of a memorial trust fund at the Capitol Police; that we believe that every citizen who wants to have an opportunity to participate should have that opportunity; and that these families deserve an outpouring of concern and of affection because they have literally given the highest full dedication to their country that anyone can give.

We will continue to protect the Capitol and to protect freedom. We will not allow terrorists or madmen to block this from being the People's House and the people's building. We recognize with sadness and a clearer sense of duty just how vital the role is of the Capitol Police, and I believe every citizen who comes to this building will, for many years to come, recognize that the men and women who are protecting this building are truly doing a vital job if freedom is to survive.

Mr. Speaker, I now yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. DeLay), the majority whip.

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, I greatly appreciate those words. I really want to thank the Speaker and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. Gephardt), the minority leader; the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Bonior), the minority whip; the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Armey), the majority leader; and the

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majority leader in the Senate, Senator Lott; and the minority leader of the Senate, Senator Daschle; for quickly understanding the importance of what happened on Friday around 3:40 p.m. and how important it is to the Nation, as well as to the Capitol community, to honor these two heroes.

They understood the importance, understood how we needed to come together and figure out some way to honor them, and that is why we will honor them tomorrow in the Rotunda. That is why I greatly appreciate the President understanding how important this is to the Capitol community; and he just announced that, even though Detective GIBSON is not a veteran, he will be allowed to be buried in Arlington Cemetery. I greatly appreciate that, and the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON greatly appreciate that.

I understand that even if we run out of time this evening, those Members who wish to speak, but who could not speak tonight, will be able to speak in honor of these gentlemen tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, we dedicate this resolution to honor the memory of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Officer JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT. And tomorrow, as I have said, we must live our lives knowing that this country was a better place because of the dedication and the courage of these two men.

It is, after all, the lives of these men that we celebrate today. Both were family men who loved their jobs and loved their country. Both gave their lives defending the United States, the Capitol, and the people who either worked here or visited here.

JOHN GIBSON was especially close to my staff and to me and my family, as everyone knows. And as I have said before, JOHN was part of my family and in many ways he was and is our guardian angel.

There are so many stories to talk about JOHN. I have said already probably anything and everything I could say, so I decided to take this time not for me to speak about JOHN, but to allow my staff to speak about JOHN. This is the day I asked my staff, anyone who wanted to say something about JOHN, to put it in words; and if I may, I will take a little time so that people understand how important JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT were to our family.

Tony Rudy said, "My fondest memory of JOHN is when we used to rush to get the 4 o'clock mail and try to get the Boston Herald and the Boston Globe. We would talk about

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UMass hoops and the Bruins. He worked very hard to get Tom to understand and enjoy hockey."

John Russell said, "Officer CHESTNUT would scold me whenever I walked past him entering the building after I had a cigarette outside, and said it was his mission to get me to quit and be as healthy as he was."

Frank Maguire, "With both JOHN and I being Irish Catholic with a Massachusetts heritage, we exchanged family stories about growing up and found many similarities that we could laugh about. I had described JOHN to my wife as my vision of what a Catholic priest would be like who was allowed to marry and raise a family. I will never forget that mental image of JOHN GIBSON.

"He was from a bygone era, one where people actually stopped and took time to learn about you as a person and your family, before focusing on what function you were to perform in the office."

John Feehery said, "I remember feeling a real sense of security every time I saw Officer CHESTNUT. You could tell he took real pride in his work and who he was as a police officer."

Mary Ellen Wright, the dear girl who saw JOHN shot, said,

> When you remember JOHN, remember that grin. His grin that could melt your heart or tell you that you had done wrong with just one look.
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> When you remember JOHN, remember that twinkle in his eye. It was often a twinkle of mystery and sometimes a mischievous twinkle, but always a twinkle of compassion, a twinkle of love.
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> When you remember JOHN, remember his honesty, his willingness to express his opinions, whether you agreed with him or not. Yes, that was JOHN. He always spoke from his heart.
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> When you remember JOHN, remember his outstanding character, his commitment to his family, his commitment to his friends, to his work, and his overall commitment to excellence in all of his pursuits.
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> When you remember JOHN, consider yourself lucky to have crossed paths with such a fine man. Remember JOHN with a smile. Cherish the precious moments, the precious memories, of which there are many. Everyone knows what a hero is, the many qualities that define such a unique person. JOHN GIBSON is not only a hero, but an angel. He was our angel on earth and is now our angel in heaven.

Lindsey Darrah, whose desk was 10 feet from JOHN, said, "Officer CHESTNUT, the watchdog, was the officer who recognized us as staff, but regardless, made us show our IDs. He was the officer who was never quite convinced the silver tins were in fact filled with Popeye's Fried Chicken. Oftentimes, we would bring in five or six loads from the car. Yes, he not only made us open every single tin to see what was inside, but then he would make us put the chicken on the conveyor

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belt just to make sure it was really and truly that chicken from Popeye's. You can imagine that we were always highly annoyed with sweet Officer CHESTNUT, and I am sure he knew it. But he was just doing his job, and he would say so and we would all laugh every time."

Joe Connolly is the young man who sat just across the desk from JOHN. JOHN, on hearing the shots fired, knew that it was coming our way and told Joe to get under his desk. The shooter fell right beside Joe as JOHN took him down. Joe said, "I just want people to realize how close everyone in our office really is. Most people may think, oh, he was just a cop. But it was definitely more than that, especially to me. He saved my life, and I will never have a chance to thank him personally."

Autumn Hanna said,

I remember about a month after I started working here, I had to staff a large televised event with Mr. DeLay. I was incredibly nervous and JOHN could tell. He walked into the hotel ballroom with me right behind Mr. DeLay, put his arm around me and whispered in my ear, 'Don't worry, I'll stay with you.'

He stood right next to me throughout the evening and drove me home afterward. His action that night revealed the dynamic of the relationship JOHN had with all the whip staff. He was our protector, a reassuring presence in the midst of the chaos and the confusion we encountered in our work days and nights here at the Capitol.

He was that in his last moment. He gave his life in the midst of chaos and confusion. He gave his life protecting us, and I am still reassured by his presence. Our guardian is now in heaven instead of at the back door, but he will always be with us.

Deana Funderburk said,

Last year when I was working in the scheduling department of the whip office, Mother Theresa visited the Capitol. Congressman DeLay, accompanied by JOHN GIBSON, went to the Joint Session in the Rotunda to welcome her. Before Congressman DeLay and JOHN left the office, JOHN asked me if I was going to be able to go. I unfortunately was not able to attend.

The ceremony commenced and in remembrance of that momentous event, each person in attendance was given a pendant with an engraving of the Virgin Mary on it. After the welcoming ceremony was finished, JOHN came up to my desk and held out his hand in a fist. He said that since I was not able to attend, he wanted me to have his special pendant.

I cannot express how much that gesture meant to me, and how generous and kind a man he was. I still have that pendant, which I will always treasure.

Pamela Mattox said,

In church yesterday, I looked at the crucifix and for the first time truly understood the sacrifice of giving up one's own life for others. That is what JOHN GIBSON did for all of us in the whip office. We lived because he cared enough to protect us.

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But in reflection, every day he did more than that. His way of life exemplified the best of the Golden Rule, at worship, at home, at play, and at work.

JOHN GIBSON was, in a most unassuming way, simply the best. We have lost someone precious and JOHN is now with the Lord. He was very much needed by all of us and greatly loved. We thank you for allowing him to enlighten our lives and will forever miss him.

JOHN, thank you for making the world a far better place and leaving us with so many special memories.

Mr. Speaker, there are others on my staff who would like to say things, but maybe tomorrow we can put that in the *Record*. These are some of the things that my staff wanted to express about Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON.

So, Mr. Speaker, this gives a sense of the kind of men they were and how tragic it is that they have been taken away from us. The entire whip staff wants to send its condolences and prayers to the GIBSON and CHESTNUT families and to the community, the Capitol community here. We all feel a great loss. We will always be grateful for their sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, at a later date, hopefully we can come back and honor those Capitol Police who also were heroes and lived, those who were involved in the incident and did some very heroic things. They also deserve to be honored.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, first, I want to thank the Speaker of the House and the majority leader and the majority whip and all of the Members of the House who today with one voice bring this resolution and honor the memory of these two great officers, Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON.

On Friday, at 3:40 or so in the afternoon, the family of the People's House was attacked by a deranged killer. We rise today in anguish and in real sorrow and devastation at the loss that occurred here in our House of Representatives and our Capitol.

But our loss is not nearly the loss that is felt by these dear families.

On Saturday, I had the opportunity to go to the House of Officer GIBSON and to meet his wife and his children. Imagine putting yourself into the shoes of his wife who has lost her husband of many years without even so much as the opportunity to say goodbye. Imagine putting yourself into the shoes of a 13-year-old or a 15-year-old who adored their father and now he is gone. Their loss is unimaginable, unfathomable, and impossible to understand.

I hugged his wife and told her how sorry all of us are and how much we loved them and cared for them. And I told the children that even though they had lost their father, that in

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a real sense they now have 435 additional fathers and mothers, and that we will never, ever forget and we will never, ever let them down.

We will be there for them, for Officer GIBSON's children and wife, Officer CHESTNUT's wife and children. I know that we will all be there to see that the injury that they have sustained, while it can never be taken back, while the loss can never be restored, that all of us together, functioning as a family, will be certain that they will not be injured further and, to the extent we can, we will love them forever.

Supreme Court Justice Brandeis, one of the greatest justices in our Nation's history, said that courage is the secret of liberty. The courage that Justice Brandeis was talking about is usually quiet and unheralded and unnoticed. But today we stand to recognize the public acts of courage of two brave human beings who literally gave their lives in the line of duty and so that others could live.

They lost their lives by the narrowest of margins. They could have been at another door. They could have been at another place. They could have been on another shift. But it is precisely that margin, measured out again and again on battlefields far, far from this place, on streets close to here, and last week only steps from where we stand, that marks out democracy from the darkness.

These two good men, strong and decent, rank in the legion of honor of those who died so that liberty may live on in the lives of others. They remind us of the lesson of all of our history, that the survival and success of a free society depends far less on grand speeches than on countless individual acts of duty and courage.

The ultimate sacrifice of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON literally saved the lives of countless Members of our congressional family and countless numbers of visitors who pass through these halls. The scope of this tragedy could have been so much worse and touched so many more lives, had they not automatically responded so professionally and expertly to the horrible threat, the horrible violence that invaded this citadel of democracy.

The tragic and senseless event was a horrible reminder that our liberty and the liberty of all Americans face a silent threat from the dark side of human nature. Those of us who spend so much of our lives in this public place often forget about the daily reality of this threat. But the men and women of the Capitol Police never forget. They are our guardians, not just of offices and officials, but of our city on

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the hill, the place that is the pride of our government and our country and the heart of our self-government. They allow the business of democracy to thrive, open to the citizens to whom it belongs.

We are here today to honor the fallen officers, but we also take this opportunity to salute the quiet courage of all the officers of the Capitol Police who come to work each day without notice, without heralding, without publicity, who get up and put their uniform on, pin their badge on and come into this place and face the threat of immediate death and violence. They are the salt of the earth. They are the reason our democracy can live, and they should be honored and they should be held up for all of our public to see and to notice today and always.

The members of the force believe in this great House. They are dedicated to working hard to protect the Members, the staff and, yes, the visitors who pass through here every day. And they do their job well, and they do it professionally. And they do it with courtesy.

As the Speaker said, Officer CHESTNUT was writing out directions for visitors to be able to get through the building. Another officer who was involved was also off getting a wheelchair. They have not just been guardians and policemen. They have been ambassadors of goodwill to the public which come to this building and want to understand what is happening here. Until a tragedy strikes, they never get the publicity or the attention they deserve for making this institution work and keeping it free and strong every day, every minute of every day and night.

Today we honor their sacrifice and their service to this Nation and to all of us.

I have the honor of being served also by a plainclothes officer, Ed Pence. Until Friday, I guess I never understood or was particularly conscious of the threat that he has faced every day over the last 9 years. I want to thank him. I want to thank his family. I want to thank all the officers and all of their families for their brave and dedicated service.

It is easy for us on the other side of the thin blue line to forget that law enforcement is the most dangerous job in our country, but it is a fact that our officers and especially their families are reminded of every day. So we pay tribute to these brave officers who gave their lives in defense of all of us and for our liberty. We especially honor their families who will never be made whole no matter what we say or what we do in this place.

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To those families we offer our prayers, we offer our gratitude. We cannot quench your sorrow. We can share it with you. We can stand in your shoes. We can imagine your hurt. We can imagine your anguish. We can pledge that you will be made whole, as best human beings can make you whole. We will never forget what your fathers did. They have made the ultimate sacrifice, and we will never forget it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Bonior), the minority whip.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my leader and the Speaker and the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. DeLay).

Today we come together to mourn two fallen heroes, JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT. They laid down their lives so that others might live and in defense of all this Capitol represents. Their heroism reminds us, once again, of the great sacrifices people have made so that our democracy might endure.

We honor their memories today, just as they honored our democracy with years of dedication, hard work, and bravery.

Many people take for granted the fine work the Capitol Police do under extraordinary circumstances. Every day, as the Speaker and as the leader and as Mr. DeLay have said, they are responsible for protecting hundreds of Members of Congress, thousands of staff, tens of thousands of tourists who come to visit Capitol Hill. They deal with people from all walks of life, the young, the old, from just about every country on earth, people on vacation and those in a hurry, and they do it with efficiency, with friendliness, with courtesy and with professionalism. It is a difficult job but they do it with pride and dignity.

Few of us ever pause to ponder how much courage they summon every single day. We saw just how much courage on Friday and how quickly and how bravely they reacted to save the lives of those around them.

All of us owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude, and none of us will ever forget the sacrifice of JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT. Our hearts go out to their families, Jacob's wife, Wen, and their children, Joseph, Janece, Janet and Karen and William. And JOHN's wife, Evelyn, and their children, Kristen, John and Daniel. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We have been touched by the tremendous outpouring of emotion from the American people, the flowers on the Capitol steps, the tears of sadness and the visitors who have re-

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turned to their Capitol in reverence and mourning. The heroism of these two officers has stirred the soul of our Nation.

To people all over the world, this Capitol is the home of freedom. JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT gave their lives protecting it and all that it represents. Nothing we say today can ease the grief or bring them back. But we can honor their memory, and we can recommit ourselves to the work of democracy for which they died.

On a personal note, I, as well as the other leaders, had come and gone through that door, and over the years I have gotten to know JACOB CHESTNUT. He was a wonderful man. He had a bearing that represented everything that was right about this institution. He exuded dignity. If there was a word that captured him, it was his enormous dignity, his bearing.

He was, as we have heard, always kind to those who came into this building; he smiled when proper, but always giving the signal to those who entered that they were entering the citadel of democracy. He was a a very gentle man. Many nights when we would work late and I would come down and he would be the only one at the door and it was closed to the visitors, we had a chance to chat, especially when my wife Judy was still gathering things up in the office.

He was a Vietnam veteran, as the Speaker mentioned. He gave 20 years of service to his country. We shared experiences serving in the Air Force, he as a military police and I as a cook. You would have to know something about the cooks and the military police to understand that relationship. But it was special.

He talked about his family, whom he loved enormously. He was a gardener, a good gardener who provided peppers and cucumbers and squash to the neighbors on a regular basis.

I was watching a clip on television the other night of a neighbor who talked so genuinely about him and what a wonderful, decent man he was. He was always volunteering to do work for his neighbors, mow their lawn, take care of things that needed to be taken care of in the neighborhood. He was described as the best husband and the best father Imaginable. Leaving the Capitol each night for maybe 7, 8, or 9 years, you get to know someone and you engage in conversation; you knew that he, like JOHN GIBSON, had many friends.

I would like to just end with some words by Wallace Stegner. Wallace Stegner is a writer from the West, and he talked about friendship, and he said this:

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Friendship is a relationship that has no formal shape. There are no rules or obligations or bonds as in marriage or the family. It is held together by neither law nor property nor blood. There is no glue in it but mutual liking. It is therefore rare.

These two fine people were not only liked, they were loved by many, many people. We will miss them. We will miss their devotion to their work, their love of their family, their love of this institution. We thank them for their service. They will remain forever in our hearts.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Hastert), the chief deputy whip.

Mr. HASTERT. I thank the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Speaker. I want to express my condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the families of our fallen heroes, J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. I knew both these men and am proud to be able to call them friends.

I came to know J.J. CHESTNUT through his warm smile and his kind words and upbeat personality. Every afternoon and then later in the evening, he would greet me at his guard post and he would say, "Hello, Congressman Hastert," and I would say, "Hello, Officer CHESTNUT," and for 4 years, we have developed a camaraderie, an understanding. I have a great deal of respect for him.

When we brought guests into the Capitol, my son and others, I would always make sure that I introduced them to Officer CHESTNUT. Because I thought that was the best that we could show of people who are here, who care about this place although they are not always in the limelight, who care about the substance and the pride that this Capitol can show and the parts that many people play in keeping it a place of respect and honor. He was a professional certainly in every sense of the word.

As for JOHN, our friendship grew over the many hours and particularly the late nights spent in the majority whip office. Despite the frantic pace or the pressure of the given moment, I always remember JOHN as calm, yet focused, doing his job while we were counting votes or conducting whatever congressional business was at hand, and all the while JOHN seemed to have a cheerful comment for the moment that would put folks at ease around him.

I always remember coming through that door, up until Friday afternoon, maybe six or eight or 10 times a day because that is kind of the way that I wind my way back from the

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floor, down the staircase and in that side door, and every time I would open the door, JOHN would be there, he would look, he would check, see who it was, a cheerful hello, but he was always vigilant, always there, something that I took for granted.

I also took for granted that Officer CHESTNUT would come through there and the stature that he would have. Those were people that were there; they were there to protect you; and you never think about what might happen.

As many of you already know, this tragedy hits particularly close to home. As the chief deputy whip, I work out of that whip's office as do a few of my staff. In fact, my staff and my wife were waiting for me to return from the floor that day. I can absolutely and positively say that were it not for the valor of Officer CHESTNUT and certainly Special Agent JOHN GIBSON, the lives of people who are very close to me would have been in jeopardy. This tragedy could have been much worse. It certainly comes as no surprise that when duty called, Officer CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON answered. Unfortunately, they and their families now must pay the ultimate price. They died so others could live.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Officer CHESTNUT's wife Wen and his children Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen and William; and to JOHN's wife Evelyn and their children Kristen, John and Daniel. As difficult as it is for the CHESTNUT and the GIBSON families coping with this loss, I hope that they can take some comfort in knowing that their loved one's bravery protected thousands of others in the U.S. Capitol. I am not just talking about July 24 but every day that they put on the badge and went to work. Their actions are evidence that the system worked, even though a routine day turned terribly bad. For all Americans, we owe a debt of gratitude not only to officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON and their families but to all those who proudly wear a uniform in order to defend democracy and fight for our freedom. We should honor them, we must remember them, and most of all we must thank them. They are heroes and they deserve our most appreciative respect.

I have to say, I think about the things that we are able to do in this place from time to time. As an elected Member who serves in this People's House, we have some outstanding times, some times when the light shines, you can accomplish something, that short span of time, in 5 or 10 or whatever, however many years a person has as the right or the privilege of serving in this House. There are some short times

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that we can do some very great things. We live for those times.

And then you think of the people who help make this place work. The time for Officer CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON came on July 24. Their short time to excel and do the bravest thing that they could for their country and the people who work here, for their families, and for the ideal of democracy came in just a short period of time. When that challenge came, they excelled. We could not ask them to do any more than they did.

So, with all our heads held high and respect for those gentlemen, I thank them, I thank their families, and we can be proud of this institution.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Hoyer).

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I said earlier today that this was a sad and solemn occasion for us all. Obviously, it is. The discussions have led to that conclusion. Some knew these two brave men better than others. Let me suggest, however, all of us know their comrades in the defense of freedom and defense of our safety and the defense of civil order, without which democracy and freedom cannot flourish.

I see my very close friend on the floor, Curt Weldon from the State of Pennsylvania. He and I are honored to co-chair the effort we know as the Fire Service Caucus. It honors men and women who respond to emergency, at time of crisis, not just to fire but to flood and to earthquake and to the cat in the tree, all types of emergencies that confront us.

As I sat here thinking of those who had spoken about these two brave officers—one who frankly was unable to make an immediate decision because the assailant did not give him that time, the other who had to make instantaneous decisions and responded in the best traditions—I think of them as being among the men and women showing the greatest courage who serve in the police forces of our Nation. But as I thought further, each one of them made a decision that required courage and commitment to their fellow men and women in this country. That was a decision daily, as the minority leader has said, to get up, put on the uniform or their plainclothes gear and to put on a badge, a badge of honor, a badge of commitment, a badge indicating their courage in making that daily decision to defend civil order and democracy.

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J.J. CHESTNUT was not given the opportunity by this assailant to make a decision of exactly how to respond. But J.J. CHESTNUT had already made that decision. He was at that door, he was at the perimeter, he was at risk voluntarily, placing himself in harm's way. That decision was a brave and honorable and courageous decision.

Detective JOHN GIBSON also had made a decision earlier that morning to be in harm's way. And when harm came, he was not found wanting. In fact, he was found to have the full measure of devotion and courage that he had pledged to give, not solely to Tom DeLay, not solely to the Congress of the United States, not solely to this building, this hallowed citadel of freedom and democracy, perceived by all the world to be the center of freedom and justice. He was there to defend that very idea, that torch of freedom.

As we have all come to honor those two men and their colleagues in the police forces of America, one of whom dies every other day in America, we understand what a real risk they undertake, a knowledgeable risk that they undertake. Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg said it well, that we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate this field beyond that which those two brave men and their colleagues have done.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleagues in honoring the memory of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON and in honoring their decision to show the kind of courage and commitment necessary to maintain our democracy, our freedom, our civil society.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. Dunn).

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, it is my deep honor and privilege to rise today on behalf of the people I represent in the Eighth Congressional District of Washington State and myself and my family, and really on behalf of the Nation, to offer our deep gratitude for the heroism of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON.

On Friday afternoon Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON embodied all that it means to be an American hero. They were ordinary people who went to extraordinary lengths to protect and defend freedom not just for Members of the large congressional family, but also for all Americans. These two brave officers literally laid down their lives so that others could live, and for that dedication of courage we are eternally grateful.

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Every day in the People's House we are surrounded by the protection of the United States Capitol Police. In serving our country, the men and women of the police force touch all of us who visit and work in the Capitol. They become our friends, they become our colleagues, and of course they are our protectors. J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON epitomize this dedication of service and commitment to all that we value as good in this world.

Mr. Speaker, I considered J.J. a friend, as did countless Members and staff. My office is very near where he stands, and we had shared a few words the night before he died as we Members left the Capitol very close to midnight, and we talked about how the next day would be a little easier, and we did not know that that would be his very last night. Nor did I know that the next afternoon, the first shot that I heard from behind my closed door was the shot that took J.J.'s life.

No words we utter here today can help the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families begin to heal, but I do want to say to each family that as they grieve and seek support from God above, a Nation mourns their loss, the congressional family grieves with them, and we will never forget them.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. Norton).

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding this time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I come to praise the two valiant officers who sacrificed their lives on Friday, to comfort their families and to thank the Capitol Police who daily live up to their reputation as one of the finest police departments in the country.

On Friday, Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON showed that the reputation of the Capitol Police for dedicated professionalism is fully earned and richly deserved. These two men were part of a police force that operates at once like a friendly small town police department and a crack security force. It is hard to pull that off, but they do it every day.

Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON were devoted men who were part of a splendid force. In FY 1997 there were 286 reported crimes on the Capitol grounds, and the Capitol Police made arrests in 252 of them. What a record.

The Capitol Police patrol part of the Capitol Hill community as well. In the first 5 months of this year, these dedi-

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cated officers made 413 arrests in the community, up from 258 for the entire previous year.

Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON did not expect to lose their lives, but they clearly were prepared to do so. They knew that they were part of a department that protects the highest-profile, most accessible building in the Nation. They knew that this duty put them in harm's way. They were prepared to pay the price for this temple of democracy and all who visit or work here, and tragically they did. There are no words that fit that price.

May the CHESTNUT family and the GIBSON family know that our hearts go out to them and that Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON have a place of honor among us that no Member has ever attained.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. Thomas).

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding this time to me.

Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues know, there are a lot of young people in this country who have sung many times the last line of our National Anthem, and I take the floor primarily to let the CHESTNUT and the GIBSON family know that three of my Health Subcommittee staff better understand the last phrase of the Star Spangled Banner because they were one thin wall away from the jungle, and the separation between civilization and the jungle is sometimes one individual.

That occurred on Friday, and no amount of words that we can say here will illustrate more to the young people of this country the deeds that are necessary to indeed make sure that we are the land of the free. Ann Marie Lynch, Allison Giles, and Bill Walters were in a room, crouched in fear, with one person between them and the jungle, and they wanted me to come to the floor to thank the GIBSON family and to recognize the heroics of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON for making sure that they better understood in a moment of terror what sacrifice really means to keep us free.

Mr. Speaker, we all will continue to thank J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, but what we have to remember is that it is not the word, it is the deed. When it was necessary, these two individuals made the highest possible sacrifice that one individual can give another to keep them free: their lives. We will remember them and honor them.

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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the distinguished gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. Wise).

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, this building offers a great challenge, and that is it is a balance that has to be reached between where the people's elected representatives meet and where the people come to view their elected representatives and their Nation's heritage. Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON met that test and kept that balance on Friday.

This is a sad and anguishing day. My wife, who has worked on this Hill longer than I have, I think, probably summed it up for me as we discussed this and shared our thoughts and our prayers which were with the two families. She noted that two wives had lost their husbands as their husbands protected many other husbands and wives, and likewise children have lost their fathers as their fathers protected other children. There are thousands of children from each of our districts that come through these halls every day, and they owe their safety and protection to men and women like Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON.

Mr. Speaker, there is no way you can cope with loss like this except you try to hang onto the memories. And to the families that we know have those strong memories I would just say this: that as you have the memories to hang onto, please know that there is a much larger family and community that have those memories, and they are hanging onto them too, and that the memories of your fathers and husbands and loved ones, Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON, are strong in all of us, and they will live on. And they live also through the democracy that is functioning, through the visitors that are in the gallery today, through the people that are streaming through this Capitol, made safe by the sacrifice of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON, whom we will remember.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Davis).

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on this solemn occasion I would like to join my colleagues and the people of the 11th Congressional District of Virginia to pay special tribute to Special Agent JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT who gave their lives on July 24 to keep our seat of democracy safe.

Special Agent GIBSON was a resident of my congressional district. It is tragic that these brave men were cut down in the prime of their lives, but they will never be forgotten for

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the bravery that they displayed, the lives that they saved, and the ultimate sacrifice that they made. Both men were dedicated 18-year veterans of the U.S. Capitol Police Force, and both were devoted to their families, and they will certainly be missed by everyone who knew them.

Special Agent GIBSON was much more than a Capitol Police officer, however. He was a father, a husband, a sports fan who was beloved and respected in his community. He was Santa Claus at Christmas time. He was loving to his family, generous to his neighbors, loyal to his job.

Special Agent GIBSON will be remembered for all those things, but his enduring legacy will be heroism he displayed on that day. With his own life in danger, he acted quickly and selflessly to save others. He commanded the staff in the whip's office to hide while he faced the gunman alone, and he will be remembered as a great hero for sacrificing his own life to save the lives of others and for continuing to do his duty in the face of great peril. If Special Agent GIBSON did not stop the gunman, this terrible tragedy would have spread and been even more severe.

Officer CHESTNUT was an avid vegetable gardener and shared his squash, his cucumbers and peppers with his friends and family. He was a Vietnam veteran and retired Air Force officer. Only two months before retirement, he planned to pursue his hobbies of fishing and golf. It is heartbreaking that his plans ended as abruptly and as brutally while guarding the interests of the Capitol. And he was known by his colleagues for his dedication as a police officer, for following the rules of his post.

I extend my sympathies to the family and friends that these heroes left behind, and I know that their wives and children will carry this loss with them forever but pray that they will be comforted by the gratitude of those that Special Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT protected, and the families could be proud that these men defended the Nation's Capitol with bravery and honor.

A tragedy such as this reminds all of us of how fragile life can be. Even at the center of our Nation's democracy we cannot take our security for granted. We owe our freedom as Americans to our dedicated law enforcement officials and military service officers.

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military service members. This fragility reminds us to be grateful for the many gifts and freedoms that we enjoy, many hard-fought. We are fortunate to have had Special Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT on the Capitol Police Force who are well trained and loyal to their duties. When called upon to put their own safety and life above those they were sworn to protect, they did their job, no questions, no excuses. They did what they were trained to do. These men exemplified the best in law enforcement and the best in America. Their excellent work assures that Americans can visit this Capitol in peace and security. In death they will continue to serve as genuine heroes and role models for their colleagues and for all those who believe in the American dream.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Maine (Mr. Baldacci).

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the whip for yielding this time to me.

I have to say that when I heard about this at the airport as we were leaving on Friday, I was shocked at what had transpired here. I immediately called the Sergeant at Arms Office, who was in a leadership meeting, to get a briefing on the casualties and circumstances surrounding all of it and thinking that we had just been here a short while ago to have this tragedy occur.

My heart and prayers and sympathies go out to the families of JOHN GIBSON and Officer J.J. CHESTNUT, for they made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom and liberty and put their lives on the line, and their families will never be able to erase that burden and that void in their lives. And I appreciate our House leadership and the leadership of Congress and what they are doing to make sure that as much as we can do we will do for these families and that we will never forget.

I want to commend all of the Capitol Police, and particularly the officers who responded during that circumstance, from all over, because I heard from them as they all came here together to shoulder and support each other.

Sometimes we as Members take for granted their esteemed professionalism and the caliber of that service that they perform on a daily basis. But the Sergeant at Arms Office, the Metropolitan Police, and all of the services that huddled together, and how proud I was in the response and

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the timely information that was dispensed to the people as to what was taking place.

It was a very tragic moment in the People's House, but it was a moment in which people pulled together, and I know that will be something that will be an enduring quality as we all pull together on both sides of the aisle throughout America to stand there with these families as they have endured the ultimate sacrifice.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Wolf).

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I thank the majority leader for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, the entire country was shocked and saddened to learn of the terrible tragedy that happened on Friday afternoon, when U.S. Capitol Police Special Agent JOHN GIBSON and Capitol Police Officer Jacob J. Chestnut were killed in the line of duty.

I want to express my condolences to the families of these two brave men. They were both true heroes. They gave their lives to protect the lives of the rest of us.

The Capitol is really like a campus in many respects; people all know each other, it is a small community. So when a tragedy like this hits, it affects all of us very deeply. There are no words that can adequately express the sorrow and the grief that we all feel as a community over this terrible loss.

My dad was a Philadelphia policeman for 20 years, and I know how difficult the job can be and the uncertainty that begins each day for the officer's family.

Our hearts go out to the families of Special Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT, and all of the men and women of the Capitol Hill Police Department and all of the policemen around the country who give their lives. Our hearts also go out to Angela Dickerson, the young woman who was wounded during the shooting. We also recognize the trauma and the experience by so many others who were there on Friday afternoon. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. Farr).

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I find it such a privilege to rise today in this hallowed House of Representatives, the People's House.

I think when we left here Friday there were some harsh words exchanged between the caucuses, and we rise today to

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pay tribute to two men who may have done more to pull us together, to realize what this building is all about.

I bring condolences from the district that I represent, far away from here, the central coast of California. For those of us who work here every day, I think sometimes we take what we do in this building for granted.

Following the tragic shooting just 48 hours ago, Capitol Police Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON have given us all pause to think more seriously and more respectively of the job we do in this building, because this is the people's building and this is the People's House. Just look at the visitors who are outside this hall today, coming into the Capitol, paying tribute with flowers, notes, and condolences.

Yes, the government must go on. It never stops. But sometimes in history it pauses for a moment, it pauses to pay tribute. Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON gave their lives while standing their duty. For this building, its workers, and, more important, this Nation, we pause to honor them. Their lives were not lost in vain, because, for now, our Nation joins in mourning their loss. Perhaps today our democracy is a little bit stronger as each American reflects on the sacrifice these men gave.

Each of us knows the pain. We have all lost loved ones. We know how much Wen Ling Chestnut and her five children, Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen and William, and Evelyn Gibson and her three children, Kristen, John and Daniel, feel the sudden emptiness of losing their husbands and fathers.

My district, this Nation, joins in their loss and in the mourning tomorrow.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. Gilman), the distinguished chairman of the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I consider it an honor and a privilege to be able to join my colleagues in support of this resolution, H. Con. Res. 311, honoring two American heroes, our slain U.S. Capitol Police Officer JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT and U.S. Capitol Police Special Agent, JOHN M. GIBSON. These two dedicated police officers gave their lives in the line of duty to protect our Capitol, its visitors, and all of us in this body.

We join in extending our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the families of these two American heroes, our distin-

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guished Capitol Police officers. J.J. CHESTNUT always had a ready smile and a friendly word for all of us. His warm personality and assistance will be sadly missed by all of us in the Congress and by the visitors to the Capitol.

JOHN GIBSON will long be remembered as a hero who gave his life in preventing further tragedy from occurring. I remember JOHN's visits to my office with his partner, Bob Vitarelli, the husband of my staff member. His dedication as a police officer is vividly remembered.

Yes, the Capitol is the People's House, and it would be an outrage if all Americans could not feel safe in visiting our Capitol.

Let us bear in mind the statistics disclose that every other day, another man or woman is killed while serving as a law enforcement official, illustrating the incredible risk that these dedicated men and women of the police undertake to keep our Nation safe. It is hoped that our words and actions on this resolution in honoring Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON will remind all Americans to recognize the importance of the work and action of the Capitol Police. They will long be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

Let us reflect that their lives, like so many of our police officers across our Nation, are dedicated to protecting the rule of law and our free and democratic institutions. All of us who cherish these important values in institutions in America join in honoring these two dedicated, courageous officers for their ultimate sacrifice in helping to preserve our institutions and legacy just a few days ago in this very building. These officers, CHESTNUT and GIBSON, symbolize the very best of our Nation.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Holden).

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Officer JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN M. GIBSON of the United States Capitol Police Force. Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives this past Friday in the protection of this building and this body.

July 24, 1998, will long be remembered as a dark day in the history of the United States Capitol. However, Mr. Speaker, I also feel that July 24 should be remembered as a day of pride for the United States Capitol Police Department. When the gunman entered the document door en-

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trance Friday afternoon, he was detected immediately by Officer CHESTNUT and contained very quickly thereafter by Special Agent GIBSON, avoiding possible injury to all but one of the many innocent visitors and staff in the area.

Because of their top-notch training and professionalism with which they carry out their duties each day, a much larger potential tragedy was averted. Their training and procedures worked, and last Friday's successful apprehension of a gunman, however tragic, is a testament to the skill and professionalism of the United States Capitol Police.

The loss of JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT is very difficult for all of us. They were not strangers protecting us and the millions of visitors to the Capitol each year; they were our friends. They were members of our community.

Capitol Police officers are people we see each day and warmly exchange a smile and a greeting with. Very rarely do we give acknowledgment to the fact that at any given moment, any one of these brave men and women are prepared to put their life on the line, to place their body in the way of a bullet to protect us, our staffs and the many visitors to the Capitol each day.

Mr. Speaker, the Members of the Capitol Police Force not only deserve our condolences today for the loss of two of their fellow officers, they also deserve our gratitude for their efforts in making our Capitol, a symbol of freedom throughout the world, a safe place to work and visit.

Mr. Speaker, as a former county sheriff and a 13-year member of the Fraternal Order of Police, I have a special appreciation for the sadness and difficulty experienced by the survivors of a fallen officer. JOHN GIBSON left behind a wife and three children. J.J. CHESTNUT is survived by a wife and five children. My thoughts and prayers are with the families of Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT in this most difficult and trying time.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Weldon).

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, during the past 12 years that I have had the honor of serving this institution, I have had the pleasure of working in a very close relationship with public safety officials throughout America and especially here on the Hill. In fact, working with our very capable Sergeant at Arms, Bill Livingood, and Chief of Police, Gary Abrecht, I have been able to see our officers not just in the tragedy of this past weekend, but responding to

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fires and EMS calls and calls for bomb threats in our buildings. In fact, just 3 years ago, the distinguished gentleman from Maryland and I called together, with the Sergeant at Arms and our Police Chief, almost 40 of our Capitol Hill Police officers to give them citations and thank them for protecting the lives of our staffers and Members in what could have been a very tragic situation in the Longworth Building.

Mr. Speaker, as we come here tonight to pay tribute to these very special people, there is really a message for our entire Nation. Mr. Speaker, that message is for all America: As we as a Nation, in our 200 years of existence, look out for heroes, we sometimes look to Hollywood or we look to our ball fields, our football fields and baseball fields, and we get frustrated because we cannot find them there.

Well, Mr. Speaker, this tragedy reminds us that our heroes are not in Hollywood, they are not on TV, they are not on our ball fields. They are in our neighborhoods. They are our law enforcement officials, our sheriffs, our fire officials, our EMS personnel, who every day risk their lives, and who, unfortunately, time and again, lose their lives, as these two brave heroes did last Friday.

I join with our colleagues today, Mr. Speaker, in recognizing that we celebrate the heroes of this institution, the heroes of our neighborhood, who we have lived with and worked with for the time we have spent working in this Nation's Capitol.

I rise to join with my colleagues in honoring the families and the memory of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, two real American heroes.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. Meek).

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply moved by the untimely deaths of these brave heroes who have shown both valor and bravery in a time like this.

We honor Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Mr. JOHN GIBSON, a Special Agent, for caring about us. We honor them for caring about the American people. We honor them ourselves today for keeping us safe and sound.

I have a great deal of respect the Capitol Police. To me they are an elite corps. We see them every day. They represent to us the best that is in America. Mr. CHESTNUT and Mr. GIBSON showed us what real bravery is all about.

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There is a saying that the measure of a man's life is not how he died, but how he lived, and these two men lived for our protection.

I am thinking about the words of Walt Whitman:

O Captain! My Captain! Our fearful trip is done,
The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we sought is won,
The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting,
While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring;
But O heart! heart! heart!
O the bleeding drops of red,
Where on the deck my Captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.
O Captain! my Captain! rise up and hear the bells;
Rise up—for you the flag is flung—for you the bugle trills,
For you bouquets and ribbon'd wreaths—for you the shores a-crowding,
For you they call, the swaying mass, their eager faces turning;
Here Captain! dear father!
This arm beneath your head!
It is some dream that on the deck,
You've fallen cold and dead.
My Captain does not answer, his lips are pale and still,
My father does not feel my arm, he has no pulse nor will,
The ship is anchor'd safe and sound, its voyage closed and done,
From fearful trip the victor ship comes in with object won;
Exult O shores, and ring O bells!
But I with mournful tread,
Walk the deck my Captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.

Goodbye to you, Mr. J.J. CHESTNUT; goodbye to you, Mr. GIBSON. We will never forget your bravery and your valor.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. Solomon), the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Rules.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time. I thank the minority leader and the two whips for offering this tribute to two fallen heroes, J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, two great friends.

To these officers I would just like to personally thank both of you for the comfort that you and all of the other police officers give to all of us, but particularly my staff up in the Committee on Rules in the third floor gallery there that work the wee hours of the night so many times when there is not too much around to protect these loyal staff that work these late hours, except the police officers that are always on guard.

It just is so sad that we have to be here today, because no finer police officers ever served this Capitol. My colleagues have noted today what great individual human beings they

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both were. We will never forget them as police officers, but more important, we will never forget them as friends.

Mr. Speaker, there is a stanza from a Memorial Day poem I think that really typifies the kind of heroes that we pay tribute to today. That poem goes something like this: "I am the unknown soldier, and maybe I died in vain, but if I were alive and my country called, I would do it all over again."

These are two individuals that I think personify that stanza, that poem.

I would just like to say to Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON that you mean so much to all of us, but you did give that last full measure of devotion for your country and the protection of decent, innocent human beings, and you paid the ultimate price for it. You are truly heroes, and may God bless you both.

To your families, we can never repay you for the sacrifices of these two heroes. But you must always know that you can call on any one of us in the future if we can ever be of any kind of service to you.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Lewis), the distinguished chief deputy whip.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my friend and colleague for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two American heroes, Officer JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT, and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, this is a very sad day, for these two men, members of the Capitol Hill Police Force, gave their lives last Friday in defense of this, the People's House. They are heroes. They are patriots. They put their bodies on the line. They are the victims of a senseless act of violence. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these two brave officers, and to all of the members of the Capitol Hill police family.

These young men and women who provide security for the Capitol, for the People's House, are like members of our own family. They are part of the Capitol Hill family. When we are here in session, we see them every day, sometimes many times a day. We mourn with the members of the Capitol Hill Police Force.

The men and women of the Capitol Hill Police Force put their lives on the line every day just as police officers in so many other cities and communities all across America. Today, Mr. Speaker, we pay tribute, we pay honor, to Offi-

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cers CHESTNUT and GIBSON, but we also say a prayer and give thanks for the safety of people serving in uniform everywhere.

Mr. Speaker, God bless JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT. We are forever in their debt. They will never be forgotten.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. McInnis).

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Most people of America did not know Officer GIBSON and they did not know Officer CHESTNUT, but they know what they did here, and now most people in America honor and respect and know these officers.

Every 48 hours in this country somewhere we have a police officer who loses his or her life in the line of duty. It is unfortunate that it takes a tragedy like this to move the word "hero" from the sports page back to the news page.

Many years ago, I lost a very close friend whom I was with about an hour before his death. He was very young. And I remember at the service the story that I think we can relate to here very easily, and I think it applies here.

His grandpa was an old cowboy, I live in the mountains of Colorado, and he was weathered, very seasoned, very wise. I was crying, I was very upset. And much like here, I think his comments rest. Those comments were, despite all of this tragedy, "do not be too sad, because all that has really happened here is that Officer GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT have just saddled up their horses, they have ridden ahead on the trail, they have set up camp, and they have put the coffee on for us."

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Colorado (Mr. Skaggs).

Mr. SKAGGS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

There are so many things that we all want to try to express at this difficult time. We all want to say "thank you" to Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON. Thank you for your dedication to duty, your bravery, your courage, your heroism. We want to say to their families how very, very sorry we are for your terrible loss. We want to honor you as we honor your husbands and your fathers.

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We want to say to all Capitol Police that we are grateful for all you do to keep this Capitol safe for all who work and visit here. We offer sympathy to you for the loss of your fellow officers.

This congressional community feels this tragedy so deeply. It was an assault on each of us who is privileged to serve here. We all are touched by the great sacrifice of these two good men who died for us.

This life is fragile; this democracy is fragile. These two great Americans helped so profoundly to protect these fragile and precious things. They gave, as Lincoln said, their last full measure of devotion. May they rest in peace and may all the honor we can grant them be held in God's generous grace.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Mica).

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to express my very deepest sympathy to the wives, the children, and the families of Officer GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT. Their tragic deaths have a very special significance to me as a Member of Congress. These men gave their lives to protect me, other Members, staff, and visitors to our Nation's Capital.

I cannot think of any greater sacrifice than they gave. They gave up their lives to protect ours. With their deaths this Capitol building and this Congress will never be the same.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Civil Service of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, I commend these great civil servants who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow men. They acted with courage, they acted unhesitantly, with devotion to their job and their duty.

Together, we come this evening to honor the memory of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON. I join my colleagues, their colleagues, our staff and the American people to say thank you to our fallen heroes.

We also now have a new appreciation for all our civil servants and all of our Capitol Police officers who put their lives at risk each day. To each and every one of these dedicated civil servants we say thank you. Thank you for a job well done.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Bentsen).

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Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my most heartfelt sympathy to the families of Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON. On behalf of my constituents and my family, my deepest gratitude for their service to our Nation. They died doing their jobs.

How many times have we told our constituents as we take them on tours, just ask one of the officers? How many times do we pass the officer coming in for a vote or going to a meeting, say hello, and pass them by, never knowing that in a moment they could be gone as a result of some violent act?

I, like many of my colleagues here, have spent a good part of my life working in the Capitol, first as congressional staff and now as a Member of this body, the People's House. It is easy for us to take for granted what a magnificent Capitol this is and what it symbolizes to the Nation and to the world and forget the price that has been paid throughout our history to preserve freedom and democracy. Last Friday afternoon, we were reminded all too sadly of that price.

Last Friday's violent assault was an attack not just on Members, congressional employees and visitors, but it was an assault on our Nation's most cherished values. Random violence permeated the very halls that give life and meaning to the practice of democracy. Our Nation owes a debt of gratitude to Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON and to the brave men and women of the U.S. Capitol Police who risk their lives to protect this Capitol, the people who come here, and all that it represents every day.

The two whom we mourn today put their lives on the line every day to protect our democracy and the rule of law from those who would change our laws or government through violence rather than civil debate and fair, open, and legitimate elections. Just as important, they protect the Capitol so that all the world's citizens can watch the Congress and monitor the business of democracy.

How many times have we had visitors from other countries who say they cannot believe how open our Capitol is? It is because of those like Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON and the fact that they gave their lives so democracy could live.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. Diaz-Balart).

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my voice to the salute by all of the American people and all of their representatives to the fallen heroes of the Capitol Police Force, Officer JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON.

How appropriate it is indeed that the bodies of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON will lie in honor in the Rotunda of the Capitol that they honored each day with their work. Indeed, they risked their lives to protect the Capitol and its many visitors and those of us who have the honor of working here.

It is not often, Mr. Speaker, that we have the honor of paying tribute to genuine heroes in our midst. It is with the most profound reverence and admiration that all of us in this Congress stand as one tonight to pay our respects to these fallen heroes, Officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, and we stand in solidarity with their families, to whom we commit our endless friendship and for whom we offer our prayers.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DeLauro), the chief deputy whip.

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues tonight to pay tribute to Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON for their bravery in last week's tragic shooting. Those of us who work in the United States Capitol know the dedication of all of the U.S. Capitol Police. We see them each and every day in the halls, by the doors, by the parking garages. They are our friends, and indeed, they are our protectors.

The U.S. Capitol is truly the People's House. It is among the most open and accessible in the world. The Capitol Police make that possible, while protecting the safety of those who work and who visit here. They do not just protect the visitors who come here every day, or the Members of the Congress, or our staffs. They protect the ideal of freedom that our Nation was founded upon.

We all know that if not for their bravery and swift reaction, many more innocent lives would have been lost. J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON truly made the ultimate sacrifice, and we will never forget them for what they have done.

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My heart goes out to the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families as they struggle to come to terms with this terrible loss. Words are often meaningless at this time, but I know that we all hope that they know that they are in our hearts and our prayers during this difficult time.

I also wanted to extend my sympathies to the entire U.S. Capitol Police Force, officers who have been carrying on their duties while carrying a huge burden of grief. We thank them for everything that they do. They are all heroes.

On a personal note, I would just like to say that several Members, including myself, were in the press gallery at the time of the incident. We were in the Capitol, and the Capitol Police came in to secure our safety and to escort us to safety. I say thank you to those officers who came in to secure our safety. I say thank you, and my family says thank you.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. Lewis).

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate very much the distinguished majority leader yielding me the time.

I think we all from time to time step back and wonder what is the view of the American people of this great Capitol and the work that is done in both bodies. Ofttimes the shrill voices displayed on C-Span dwell upon the negative, those things that divide us. Indeed, all too often we find ourselves in the well of the House exchanging dialogue that certainly is far from the picture that is being displayed at this moment.

Is it not a tragedy that we have a circumstance where two of our very, very finest have given their lives on behalf of the country, as well as for us, and that such a tragedy in a different way causes us to pause and recognize that we are a family; that we work together, and all of us have much more in common than we have in difference.

Indeed, the men and women who work in the Capitol, the Members of both bodies, come here in commitment to our country in a belief that by being here, we can make a difference in peoples' lives and strengthen our Nation. It is very, very important that we take away from this a lasting memory of this family of which we are all a part. Members of Congress, professional staff, police officers, support personnel, all of us are a part of a great American family.

Tomorrow JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT will be honored in a ceremony befitting the finest of America's fallen leaders. I must say that my last picture of JOHN GIBSON re-

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minded me of this in a special way. I was coming back from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, walking toward the House floor for a vote, walking past the office of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DeLay), and JOHN GIBSON said, "How are you doing, Congressman," as he always does; a reminder that we are in this together.

Let us in the months ahead remember these two great heroes, and at the same time, have them remind us that our family is much, much more important than the differences we may have day in and day out.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Moran).

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON worked among us on Capitol Hill every day helping tourists, providing directions, greeting visitors, and protecting our lives. Because they did their jobs so well, we hardly ever thought of the danger that always lies just below the surface of all law enforcement activities.

The tragic events of last Friday demonstrated to the Nation and the world the full peril of the law enforcement profession that is so often hidden from the public, but carried with quiet resolve by those responsible for our safety.

Officer CHESTNUT planned to retire in September, ending an 18-year career with the Capitol Hill Police Department. His ready smile was a constant greeting to Capitol visitors. His deep, warm, velvety voice that always made you smile; his warm, helping manner, was familiar to all of us. In fact, he was writing out directions for a tourist when the gunman entered the Capitol and shot him in the head. His last act was one of professional and selfless service.

Officer GIBSON was from Massachusetts, and was married to the niece of our good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. Joe Moakley). While detailed to the majority whip's office, he impressed everyone with his quiet dignity and dedication. His dedication led him to save many lives while bringing down the gunman, and in so doing, lay down his own life.

All who work in and visit the Capitol Hill complex owe a special debt of gratitude to these brave officers, but all Americans honor them today. In this citadel of democracy, the United States Capitol, whether we perform the tasks of government or celebrate our historical heritage, we walk freely. We can do so because of the dedication and skill of our Capitol Hill police officers. Officers CHESTNUT and GIB-

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SON performed their duties with excellence, and died in the noble exercise of their profession.

Today we mourn their deaths, sympathize with and pray for their families, and rededicate ourselves to reducing violence, punishing lawlessness, and celebrating the qualities of courage and sacrifice that stand as the ultimate testament to the lives of these two heroes.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. Shays).

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the Fourth Congressional District of Connecticut, my family, and staff, I want to express our love and admiration for "two heroes of democracy," as our Speaker described them, Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer J.J. CHESTNUT, and to their dear families, JOHN's wife, Evelyn, and his three children, Kristen, John, and Daniel; and Officer CHESTNUT's wife, Wen Ling, and his five children, Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen, and William.

To them I say, your husband and father was required, as protector, to guard this place, and at the same time, as ambassador, to welcome with open arms all the people to this House. JOHN and JJ fulfilled both tasks with extraordinary distinction.

I thank them for protecting our majority whip, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Tom DeLay), and his devoted staff, and for protecting all of us who serve here and all who visit here.

Behind the Speaker pro tempore is the American flag, with its 50 white stars embedded in a sea of blue and outlined by brilliant red and white stripes. As we look at our flag we could think of how those stars came into being. As we look at our flag we could think of the great history of our Nation. If we were veterans, we might think of our buddies who fought for this flag and never came home, and of their families who never got to talk or hug them again.

When I look at our flag and pledge allegiance to it when we begin each session, I will think of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and I will think of Officer JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT, and I will think of their families, with deep humility, gratitude and love.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Wynn).

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Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in expressing our sincerest condolences to the families of Officer JACOB J.J. CHESTNUT and to Detective WILLIAM GIBSON, and to the entire Capitol Hill Police Department.

As is the case with many people who are employed here on the Hill, Officer CHESTNUT was actually a constituent of mine. He was a kind man, a gentle man, a man who is beloved by his fellow officers. He was a man within months of retirement. Thus the tragedy, obviously, was compounded.

Saturday I had the occasion to visit with his family. I spoke with his son, and the pain he was experiencing was very obvious. I also had a great deal of admiration for the way the son stood tall in his father's spirit and greeted visitors and accepted their well wishes.

Today we all speak with a great deal of eloquence and admiration for our fallen heroes, but I often think of how sometimes, in fact, in our own sense of self-importance we did not even take the time to speak or to say hello or we rushed past because we are too busy with our concerns.

Sometimes when issues of compensation or work conditions arose, we were slow to respond. I am hopeful that as part of our gratitude and part of our expression of sentiments, we will recognize the role of the Capitol Police and acknowledge them in our actions as well as through our words.

In that vein, I would like to compliment and thank the leadership of both parties for joining in according these fallen heroes the distinction of lying in honor, and also in according their families the practical honor of seeing that their expenses are taken care of. I think it speaks well of the sense of this House.

Words are inadequate on occasions such as this. To the families, I commend the power of prayer. That is perhaps the greatest solace of all.

These men met the challenge in preserving the safety and the accessibility of this House, the People's House. They stand as true American heroes. May we never forget their sacrifice and may they rest in peace.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. Horn).

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker I thank the majority leader for yielding time to me.

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Mr. Speaker, last Friday's tragedy continues to haunt our Capitol Hill community and our Nation. For those of us who work every day under the protection provided by the Capitol Police, it is particularly disturbing and saddening. My condolences and prayers go out to the family members and the friends of Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON.

Without Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON, more lives would have been lost on Friday afternoon. They are heroes in every sense of that word, and deserve our deepest gratitude for their ultimate sacrifice.

One can only wish that the heroism and the bravery of the Capitol Police Force could have been brought to our Nation's attention under less tragic circumstances. The Capitol Police officers are our friends and our colleagues. The protection of freedom is a goal that we share with them. They work to ensure that the Members of Congress can do their jobs without fear of intimidation or harm.

On a more personal note, I have the highest appreciation for the Capitol Police, for the assistance that they have provided to me and to my staff, with great skill, courtesy, and professionalism.

Few of us are asked to risk our lives in the performance of our daily job duties. All of our Nation's law enforcement officers face that risk of death every day. Each day they leave their homes and their families to go to work, knowing that they might not return home. They accept the risk of death as the price of our freedom and the ability to live in a peaceful society. Because of their courageous selflessness, they do all of this without hesitation or complaint.

For elected Members, our support staff, and the Capitol Police officers, Capitol Hill is our workplace and in many cases at least our part-time neighborhood. This tragedy hits close to home for all of us. We all have walked countless times in the area where the shootings occurred. We have taken our families, friends, and constituents on tours that pass through that part of the Capitol. One of my staff had individuals there at that time and the police protected them.

The Capitol is the People's House. There is no more recognizable symbol of democracy than the dome and the flags flying over each wing, and it is the hallmark of democracy and the right of all Americans to come to Washington to meet their representatives, and Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON have helped thousands of people over the last few years in every possible way. We must continue the

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openness of the symbols of democracy that they died to protect.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Klink).

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I find myself here in the Chamber transfixed and moved by the statements of all of my colleagues today, and very proud that I have an opportunity to pay tribute to our two fallen friends.

In my previous career as a journalist, I was so proud of my friendships with police officers. I had been in that career only 3 years when, in 1972, two Penn Hills police officers were gunned down. They were shot to death in the parking lot of a shopping mall just east of Pittsburgh by, of all people, a suspected shoplifter.

I thought I would never see such a scene as that again, and I thought that I would never have those feelings again, to see two keepers of the peace struck down suddenly, unexpectedly, needlessly; to think of the wives and the children and the community left behind as those officers made the ultimate sacrifice.

But here now we have this tragic shooting of two police officers here in the Nation's Capitol inside the Capitol building. It shows us again that that thin blue line that protects each and every one of us bleeds red, and that the hearts of those peacekeepers beat bravely, beat courageously on duty, and now they are silenced. They will beat no more. Except they will beat in our unending love for them, our memories of them, and our appreciation for the sacrifices that they made on our behalf.

Our sympathies and God's blessing on their families, and our prayers that their souls may know enduring peace for all eternity.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Fox).

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Armey), our majority leader, for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, it is a person of astonishing character who takes up a profession of not merely public service but defense of the public. Those who preserve public safety and enforce our Nation's laws should be held in nothing but the highest regard. Each day brings uncertainty as their job places them between the public and potential threats to their

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well-being. Every law enforcement officer, these men and women who wear the blue uniform on the Federal, State, and local level, and every firefighter and every member of our Armed Services and emergency medical service personnel, has made a conscious decision to fulfill the highest level of public service, placing their lives on the line so that others may be safe.

Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer J.J. CHESTNUT were among those individuals of astonishing character who worked every day in defense of liberty guarding our Capitol, its staff, its visitors, and the freedom for which it stands.

These officers are true heroes of democracy, and every American owes them a deep debt of gratitude. I believe that is one debt we will never be able to adequately repay. If not for their quick and courageous action, more civilians and officers could have been injured or killed. They gave their lives to protect hundreds of tourists, staff, and Members of Congress who visit and work in the People's House.

I believe that we need to remember their families, their friends, and our special prayers also go out to their fellow officers who have lost not only colleagues but friends, brothers, and family as well.

The tragic events of July 24 amounted to a senseless tragedy which we may never fully understand. But the action of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON and all those who helped to apprehend the gunman, assist the injured, and evacuate the building, truly underscore the dedication, commitment, and astonishing character of these heroes of democracy.

JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT, we will never forget you.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Turner).

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, Friday, July 24, 1998, will be remembered as a tragic chapter in the history of our Capitol. A lone gunman, Russell Weston, rushed into an east entrance of this building we call the "People's House" and in a few brief moments of terrifying exchange of gunfire, took the lives of United States Capitol Police Officers JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT.

These men had dedicated the last 18 years of their lives protecting the safety of the Members of Congress, our staffs, and our constituents who visit these halls by the hundreds of thousands each year.

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On that fateful Friday, Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives that others might live. No words can adequately praise their heroism or their courage, nor can we fully express our sorrow and sympathy to their families whose loss is so personal and difficult to understand.

This afternoon, as my wife Ginny and I joined with hundreds of Americans who have placed flowers on the east steps of the Capitol in expression of sympathy to the families of these two men, it seemed clear that all Americans are reaching out today to the families of these two brave Americans. Their commitment to duty and their unflinching willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice humbles each of us who were beneficiaries of their protections.

Mr. Speaker, our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families. May their sorrow be tempered in time by an ever-deepening pride that they died in service to our country that others might live.

The Scriptures say that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend. Our friends, JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT, loved their families, they loved their country, and they showed each of us what love really means. May God rest their souls and may we ever cherish their memory.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Gilchrest).

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Armey) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, it is a little quieter today in Washington in thoughtful reference for Mr. GIBSON and Mr. CHESTNUT. Our hearts collectively here in the Nation's Capitol reach out to the families of Mr. GIBSON and Mr. CHESTNUT, to comfort as best we can their sorrow. These two brave men have not only saved our lives, but these two brave men have changed our lives and this place forever.

Their friendly presence and their warm smile will be with us as a Nation as we go to work, as we go to school, as we travel through the hallowed places of this country. We will feel the presence that Mr. GIBSON AND MR. CHESTNUT have left.

A summer afternoon at a ball game, we will feel their friendly presence. During the gentle spring rain or a cold winter night, we will feel their warm smile. When we experience joy, they and their spirit will be with us. When we experience sorrow, these two men will be there as well.

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Mr. CHESTNUT and Mr. GIBSON, their lives were the essence of humility, commitment, compassion, faith, and love. They have set the mark for all of us to follow.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. Menendez), chief deputy whip.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Bonior) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, we have gathered in these hallowed Chambers to pay tribute to two fallen heroes, Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON. When tragedy strikes, we are often left groping for answers. Over the past couple of days, we have all asked ourselves the same haunting questions: Why has this tragedy occurred? Why have people of such valor suddenly been taken from our lives? Why have these devoted husbands and fathers been taken from their families?

We may never have adequate answers to these questions, but we must work to ensure that they did not die in vain.

Mr. Speaker, that means that after paying our respects and mourning we must remember that it was a man not alone but with a gun who committed this tragedy. Ensuring that they did not die in vain means that we recommit ourselves to the freedom and values they sought to defend.

It can be said that they defended a Capitol, a building, a national landmark. It can be said that they defended those who work and visit here, and that would be true as well. But in my mind what they were really defending is our most precious gift as Americans, the freedom to come to the seat of our government, the most open and democratic of the entire world, and see it, speak to it, or even peacefully protest against it.

It is the job of the living to remember their sacrifice and to ensure that violence never wins over the principles this country was founded upon. Now and forever, the Capitol must remain a sanctuary for democracy and for the American people.

May God bless the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON. They are in our hearts, our thoughts, and in the prayers of the people of the 13th District of New Jersey.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. Pappas).

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Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Armey) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in expressing my deep sympathy to the families of Mr. CHESTNUT and Mr. GIBSON. I had the opportunity to know each of them, and admired them. They are an example, Mr. Speaker, of all of the Capitol Hill Police who are here each day to protect me, to protect my staff, to protect the literally hundreds if not thousands of constituents from Central New Jersey that visit this building each year. And, in fact, this causes each of us to pause and to think of and hopefully express in various ways our deep debt of gratitude to all law enforcement officials.

This past weekend, being home, Friday night, Saturday, Sunday, interacting with the people of Central New Jersey, it was very moving to see how many people approached me to ask me about the tragedy. They asked me if I knew these two gentlemen, asked me what I thought. How moved they were. How saddened they were by this tragedy. And what a legacy that is to these two gentlemen, to the men and women that they have served with, and to all law enforcement officials across the country.

Yesterday morning in church, my pastor asked me to say a word about what took place. When I did, I was overcome, as so many of us have been, with emotion because that could have been me. I could have been somewhere else, could have been in the line of fire, and I was not, by the grace of God.

What these two gentlemen did in trying to preserve the peace, trying to preserve not just this edifice but preserve and protect the people who work and visit here, is a tribute to them and to what they did so selflessly for all of us.

May God bless their memory.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Sisisky).

Mr. SISISKY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Bonior) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, there are no words to express my sorrow about the tragic deaths of Capitol Police Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON.

That they died in the line of duty while serving their country and protecting this hallowed shrine of democracy can provide little solace to their families. For their families, the lives of loving husbands and fathers have been taken forever. There are no words, no sentiment that can make up this terrible loss to their wives and children.

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I think it is safe to say that every Member of the Congress, every Senator, every staff member, every visitor has taken for granted the safety of this place and this building. That is no longer the case. And if we ever reach the point where our safety is ever once again taken for granted, it will be largely because their dedicated fellow officers do their duty like they always have and once more restore the sense of peace and protection to these hallowed halls.

The risks that are accepted by these officers on a daily basis, as well as the courage they are prepared to display, as did Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON last Friday, should be humbling to us all.

A Bible story about those who gave their lives for others says, and I quote, "They were beloved and pleasant in life and in death they were together; they were swifter than eagles, and they were strong as lions."

It is our responsibility to love and support their families, protect and defend their country, defend the institution for which they gave their lives, and honor their memory forever. But those who survive face the toughest challenge. And I want their families to know that all Americans are deeply grateful for their sacrifice for us and for this Nation.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Foley).

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the majority leader for according the Members this time to pay tribute to two fallen heroes. I join my colleagues in reiterating what most are no doubt feeling today, that sadly our Nation has lost two American heroes.

When I first heard of the shooting last Friday and subsequently about the tragic deaths of Capitol Police Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON, I was reminded of a point I tried to make more than 5 months earlier during a speech in this very Chamber.

When I took to the floor last February, I paid tribute to the Capitol Police force and another selfless officer, David Lyon, who rescued the passenger of a car that had plunged into the Potomac River. I did not realize how apropos my words would be these many months later.

At that time I said it is important to note that the Capitol Police force who man security around this building are of the finest caliber and quality. They do serve the public and the people of the United States of America in not only protecting our guests and visitors, which number in the millions on an

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annual basis, but also the property that we consider sacred, this Chamber and the monuments that surround this wonderful complex.

I added at that time that it is a very dangerous job. Often their families do not know whether in fact they will return safely because of the dangers of just doing their job.

Little did I know how prophetic these words would be. Let me join the rest of the Nation expressing my profound sadness at the loss of officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON, who selflessly laid down their lives so that I and every other person who visits or works in this building could remain safe.

I offer my deepest condolences to their families, and I ask God to bless their children. Their daddy is not coming home anymore, but their daddy cared deeply about them. He cared for every man and woman in this building. They did their job proudly, and God bless them for that.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. Roemer).

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Michigan for yielding me the time.

As we look to the ceiling of this great historic Chamber in the direction of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON, we see inscribed on this great Chamber ceiling an eagle with the words *e pluribus unum*. From the many, one.

Today, I think it is from one to the many. From a detective and an officer, from their sacrifices, from their professionalism and expertise to the many families, the many Americans and the many freedoms that we enjoy in this great country.

On Friday, I, like many of my fellow colleagues, brought children to this Chamber, my 5-year-old and 4-year-old. My 4-year-old fell asleep in this Chamber in the front row.

It is because we feel, as Members of Congress, 435 of us, so secure with the professionalism of these officers and what we want our children to see up here with this great institution that we have this security. We thank the families of these officers.

The 6 to 8 million people of this great country who visit this historic Chamber and this great Capitol are thankful to these families and these two courageous officers.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, what price can you put on freedom, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and the ability of legislators to get together to make laws? These officers, this Capitol Hill Police force, allows that to take place.

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On behalf of our families, on behalf of our freedoms, on behalf of the American people, we thank these two great men for their courage, bravery, and heroic acts.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. Hayworth).

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, we struggle in vain to find the right words to try and make sense of the senseless. In the final analysis, we realize that no words can compensate, no words can comfort, no words can change the reality of loss confronted by the families of JOHN and J.J.

In the end, Mr. Speaker, we are left not with words but with examples. In the New Testament Book of James, the writer reminds us that words are one thing and actions are something else. In the midst of this tragedy, Mr. Speaker, we saw a devotion to duty that transcends the horror and mayhem of that hour of uncertainty, because J.J. and JOHN reflexively answered their call to duty.

In the end, that remains the truth and reality, that as professionals, befitting their brothers and sisters who wear the badges of honor in this House, they understood the true meaning of public service, which is not restricted to those who hold public office but in fact includes all of those willing to stand and put their lives on the line for an idea and a notion greater than themselves.

Mr. Speaker, our Founders, in the Declaration of Independence, the first place we see in print those words, "the United States of America," said in closing, we pledge our lives, our fortunes, our sacred honor.

So, too, did JOHN and J.J. Rest in peace, job well done.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. Skelton).

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I wish that I could say the words that would assuage the grief of the families of Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT, but I cannot.

I wish I had the words to properly express how they have protected this democratic institution, but I cannot. I can only say a word of gratitude. It was Cicero, the great Roman orator, who once said that gratitude is the greatest of all virtues. So that is what we are here about this evening, expressing in our own way the gratitude of our Nation, of our people and of each other.

My first experience with police officers on Capitol Hill was when we arrived in December 1976. I was dressed in blue

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jeans and a ratty old overcoat. My family, my wife Suzy and I, my three boys were in the Capitol to look around. I asked directions of one of the officers, and he called me by name. Yet I was not a Member of Congress. I thought then they were a special group, and they are. Quiet competence, knowledgeable, friendly.

On top of that we have examples of two who were quietly competent, knowledgeable and friendly, but also heroes.

I say to this body, Mr. Speaker, as well as to all across the country, that every one of the Capitol Police that serves us today is quietly competent, friendly and knowledgeable, but each one, Mr. Speaker, is also a potential hero.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. Forbes).

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the first district of New York, I join with all of our colleagues and our Capitol Hill family and, indeed, all Americans, as we mourn the loss of two brave heroes, Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON.

To their loving wives and their precious children and, indeed, all of their family and friends, we extend our heartfelt sympathies and prayers. Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON brightened our days. They watched out for us. They made us feel secure and, just as we come here today to mourn them, so, too, do we celebrate the kind of men that they were. They, like so many of their colleagues on the Capitol Hill Police force, are a special breed of courageous, devoted, and conscientious protectors.

May the Lord continue to shine upon them his infinite love and mighty graces.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. Waters).

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the 35th congressional district and the people of the State of California, I, along with all of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus, join with the President and other Members of Congress and, of course, the citizens of this entire Nation in sending our heartfelt condolences to the families of slain Capitol Police Officer JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT and Capitol Police Detective JOHN M. GIBSON.

We, too, are pained by the tragic death of two very fine officers who lost their lives while serving and protecting those of us who work and visit the Nation's Capitol each day.

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Officer CHESTNUT was shot while guarding the east entrance of the Capitol. Detective GIBSON was shot twice while protecting majority whip Tom DeLay's leadership office. They were the first officers in our history slain while protecting the Capitol of the United States.

These officers, these husbands, these fathers served their country unselfishly before they lost their lives last Friday. Both were 18-year veterans of the Capitol Police. Yes, each was a father and each was indeed a husband. Officer CHESTNUT was married with 5 children. He also was a grandfather. Detective GIBSON was married with 3 children.

We may never be able to make sense of why Russell Eugene Weston, who had a history of mental illness, barged into the Capitol on Friday to shoot innocent people.

We do know this, however: We know that Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON are heroes. They made the ultimate sacrifice. They gave their lives so that others might live. For that, we are indeed eternally grateful.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say to the Members of the House, please remember to take time to acknowledge all our officers and, really, all of the workers who protect and maintain the Capitol and the office buildings. Say hello to them. Ask them how they are doing. Treat them with respect on a daily basis. After all, their lives are at risk every day to protect us and the citizens of this country who visit their Capitol.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. Quinn).

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the majority leader for yielding me the time this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, I came over with prepared remarks to talk about the heroes whom all of us have talked about this afternoon and will tonight and tomorrow. But after listening and thinking about these prepared remarks, Mr. Speaker, I have to go off topic to simply say that, in all the confusion on Friday, I went home, caught a flight back to Buffalo, New York. All of us went home. I talked to constituents, and I talked to my family, and I discussed with people back home in Buffalo how they were happy that I was safe, that I made it home to be with my own family.

Mr. Speaker, it seems at times that we worry about all of our inconveniences and all of our own problems and all of our differences here at work each week, but not only did I return home to my family but I am back at it again today,

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here in the Nation's Capitol. Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON are not.

At times, our inconveniences and our problems and our differences seem to be bigger than they should be. We only have to look at these two fine gentlemen to understand how unimportant our inconveniences and our problems and our differences really are.

So what do we do and where do we go from here after services tomorrow? I might suggest, Mr. Speaker, that the Members of the House return to work and put aside those differences and those inconveniences and those problems and we get to the people's work in the People's House, in this building, to do what is right for Americans, and we do it because we know that there are officers just like J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON who protect us and put their lives on the line every day who want us to do it that way.

On behalf of my own family and the people of the 30th Congressional District in New York, I pledge to do that in memory of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Indiana (Ms. Carson).

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, it was written some years ago, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Certainly I rise today in behalf of the 10th Congressional District, State of Indiana, and for those who wish they were in this place tonight to pay special tribute to two brave police officers who gave their lives to protect the safety of visitors, the Capitol staffers, and Members of Congress and to ensure that all Americans can freely walk the halls of Congress.

Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON are two of my heroes. I had the privilege of meeting both of the gentlemen when I would go in the second entrance over there and was always endeared by their sweet smiles, their professionalism and their attentiveness.

As we debate what could have happened and what did not happen, I do not believe that there is anything under God's sun that we could have done to have prevented that awesome tragedy of last Friday. Because certainly Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON especially did all that he could in terms of even giving up his own life for the sake of others.

I would like to convey my heartfelt sympathy to the families of those valiant officers and to assure them that they are

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in our thoughts and prayers, not just after tomorrow but eternally, especially while we come in and out of the House of Representatives.

I would like to add that I come from a district where the violence has eclipsed; we are surpassing the incidents of violence that we incurred last year in terms of homicides. I would trust that, rather than overreact to this situation, because there is certainly nothing we can do to erase that horrible tragedy that occurred at the Capitol last Friday, I think we, as Members of Congress, now must lean on the poet who wrote, "Blessed are the peacemakers," and do everything that we can in our power to ensure safe and peaceful schools and neighborhoods and parks and workplaces.

Let us come to grips with the violence in our Nation to make sure that this type of tragedy that claimed Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON is no longer a part of American life. We owe that to Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON to do nothing less. And while we honor these two men, let us remember that we have much work to do in terms of assuring the health and the safety of Americans everywhere.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. Pascrell).

Mr. PASCRELL. I thank the gentleman from Michigan for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, the people of the 8th District of New Jersey join all Americans in pausing to think about the lives of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON cut short by a madman. They represented family, dedication, hope; and the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families should know that we here will not forget. You can count on this Congress.

Second, this house of the people should not be turned into a barricaded camp in the name of providing more security to the Congress. I feel secure. And democracy is, also. We shall be vigilant.

Recently, Mr. Speaker, I had a group of students come here. They wanted to go, four or five of them, to a place, a remote place in this building where usually people do not go. So I took them down to the bowels of the Capitol. We stopped for a moment, and I said, "Do you know where we are? This is where part of the War of 1812 was fought. And at the time it was being fought here, they were trying to burn down the White House down the street."

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They could not believe that, because we take a lot of those things for granted, do we not? When they came out of the building, they turned and looked at it differently than they looked at it when they went into this building.

Mr. Speaker, from now on, I will bring those groups to where Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON fell. Democracy is secure because of them. Democracy is better because of them. Yet these things happened outside of a war. God bless them, God bless their families, God bless America.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. Sanders).

Mr. SANDERS. I thank the minority whip for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, when I was home over the weekend, several Vermonters asked me to make certain that I express on their behalf their sorrow at the tragic deaths of Capitol Police Officers JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT. I know that I speak for all the people of the State of Vermont as well as my wife Jane when I do just that.

Mr. Speaker, these two extraordinarily brave officers did the job that they were trained to do and that they pledged to do. When their moment of truth came on Friday, they did not shirk from their responsibilities, and they did what I think all of us hope that we have the courage and the strength to do when our moment of truth might come. They gave their lives protecting congressional staff, visitors, and elected officials.

It is appropriate that we honor these men and their families because they not only protected and saved the lives of many individuals, but they helped assure that the People's House remains open to all Americans. If democracy means anything, it means that the people have the right to visit with their elected officials, to go to the meetings that are of importance to them, to make their opinions known. That is what democracy is about. It is terribly important that no deranged individual, no terrorist stops that process and closes the door. Our hearts go out to these brave officers. They are true American heroes.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Mrs. Cubin).

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, today we gather here to show our respect and honor for the two men who died Friday heroically in the line of duty. I knew both of them. They were

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both very fine men, family men. Their sacrifice needs to remind all of us how very much we owe to all policemen and law enforcement officers across this Nation who similarly put their lives on the line every single day for the public safety and to protect the freedom that so often we take for granted.

It is very sad that it takes something like this for us to express our appreciation to those people who protect us and look out for us every day, as we cross the street and the officers stop the traffic. There are so many things that we just take for granted. From the bottom of my heart, I thank them both, and their families as well.

Last Friday, I was in my office until late. I instructed my staff to lock the doors, because we did not know how many shooters were out there. We did not know what was happening. I instructed them to lock the door and call their families and tell their families they were okay. When I called my mother, she said that certainly she was grateful that I called and that she could go to bed and her life would go on as usual but that the families of the people who were shot and the person who shot them would be forever changed. I express my sincere condolences to all of them and thank them for the sacrifice that they have made for us.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Traficant).

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, when I was sheriff, I had a deputy gunned down by the name of Sonny Litch. I want to commend the Democrat and Republican leaders of the House the way they have handled this tragedy, because transition to normalcy will be very difficult. On behalf of all the people of the 17th Congressional District of Ohio, I, too, want to join my colleagues in saluting and paying tribute to JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT.

There are words to describe them. They are policemen, D.C. Capitol Police who, for many years, were looked at as country club policemen, and it took this stark reality. Ladies and gentlemen, the Capitol Police are of the highest standards. JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT have just raised the bar for all policemen in America. They prevented any loss of life on their appointed duties except their own.

I want to remind the Congress today, because I was to offer an amendment to an appropriation bill and I was asked to not do it this year, that the D.C. Capitol Police are paid less than the Uniformed Division of the Secret Service who perform the same duties. That is unbelievable to me. The

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suburbs are robbing us of our good young men and women who qualify through the FBI scrutiny for background checks. We must change that. The Uniformed Division of the Secret Service is paid more.

I salute JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT. They have raised the bar and the standards for all policemen in our country.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Boehner), our conference chairman.

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, the afternoon of Friday, July 24, seemed just like another busy Friday afternoon in our Nation's Capitol. The House had just concluded business for the week, Members were headed home, and my staff and I had huddled in the Capitol for a routine meeting to wrap things up for the week. What happened next was anything but routine; sad, tragic, heartbreaking. I do not think there is any description that quite does it justice.

Capitol Police Officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON gave their lives stopping a deranged gunman who tried to blast his way into the people's Capitol. Working only a few dozen steps down the hall from Majority Whip Tom DeLay's office, my staff and I heard the shots. Like millions of others shaken by this tragic event, we feel we owe these two fallen heroes an almost unimaginable debt. Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation in keeping the Capitol safe and accessible for about 22,000 people who come to our Capitol every day to have an opportunity for direct contact with their legislators. That kind of openness is unheard of in societies that place a lesser value on human freedom.

It is an important feature of American democracy that Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON gave their lives in its defense.

Speaker Newt Gingrich spoke for all of us in recognizing their sacrifice and their grieving families when he said: "These two gentleman are genuine heroes. They literally every day, knowingly and voluntarily, put their lives on the line. They understood that to be free, somebody had to be willing to take this risk."

The tragedy was an awful reminder that freedom inevitably comes with a price, a price that these two officers were willing to pay.

And as the gentleman from California (Mr. Thomas) said emotionally just minutes afterward: Freedom is not free. There is always a cost, and today it cost the lives of two se-

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curity officers sworn to protect the safety of the People's House.

Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON's mission was to keep the Capitol open and accessible to citizens while guarding against those who would bring violence to its sacred halls. Nobly and courageously they succeeded, and we must honor what they fought for by keeping the Capitol open and accessible and preserving the freedom they died valiantly to defend.

America will never forget the sacrifice that these two officers and other law enforcement personnel do every day in protecting our Capitol and our society as a whole, and we pray that the grieving families of those two fallen heroes will find comfort in knowing that freedom will be their loved one's enduring legacy. They gave their lives to protect it for all of us, and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts, and may their souls rest in peace.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. Brown).

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, with profound sadness and great pride, I remember Special Agent JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT. To the families of these two heroes, we are incredibly grateful and fortunate to have had your fathers and your husbands protecting the People's House.

While at home this weekend, constituents expressed to me time and time again the trauma of these events and their profound respect for those two men and all of the men and women protecting the People's House. I offer my prayers to these two families from thousands of families throughout Florida, and, Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by reading one of my favorite scriptures:

"Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me.

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may also be."

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Davis).

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to two individuals who have given

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to this country their last measure of true devotion: JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. They reinforce for us the fact that America, my country t'is of thee, is the land of the common woman and the common man. It is composed of people who struggle every day to make ends meet, put food on the table, provide for their loved ones.

We often hear of the great leaders, star entertainers, athletes, musicians and others, but in a real sense history is made by ordinary people whose names are often unknown or forgotten. Mr. GIBSON and Mr. CHESTNUT are indeed unsung heroes. They are part of a group of men and women who put their lives on the line each day. They are the people who have made America.

And so, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the Seventh District of Illinois, I humbly salute these two heroes and pray for their families as we pray for America and as we relook at the gun laws and mental health needs of our country.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. Andrews).

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the minority whip for yielding this time to me.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my family and on behalf of the people of the First Congressional District of New Jersey, I rise to offer my condolences and thanks to the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON. They have given us many gifts in their lives, a gift of courage, a gift of discipline, ultimately the gift of their very lives.

Let me also suggest that I believe they have given us a gift in death.

I have had the privilege of standing in this Chamber for eight years, and I have never once felt what I feel here this evening of a truly collective broken heart of those of us who stand on this floor and those who serve their country and us around these environs. Their deaths have served to remind us that we are not Republican and Democrat, or liberal and conservative, or northerner or southerner; we are men and women, people bonded by the human spirit. Today that spirit is bruised and broken, but as they have given to us in their lives, I believe they will give to us in their deaths and hereafter a spirit of unity and cooperation.

May God bless their families, and we thank them for their contribution.

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Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. Hunter).

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my condolences to the families of the officers.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Stokes).

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished minority leader for yielding this time to me.

Mr. Speaker, on Friday, July 24, Capitol Hill witnessed a very tragic event. Two Capitol Hill Police officers were slain while serving in the line of duty. Capitol Hill Police Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON were fatally wounded by a lone gunman who attempted to shoot his way into the Capitol Building. Hundreds of tourists and hundreds of aids were undoubtedly saved from harm as these two police officers performed their duties.

The loss of these two men was profound. Following the tragedy, many people used the term "hero" to describe Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON. Many others were stunned by the sudden twist of events and were at a loss for words. Instead, they paused for a quiet moment of remembrance in honor of these two members of the Capitol Hill Police Force. The brave men and women who serve on the Capitol Hill Police Force are charged with protecting Members of Congress, Capitol Hill employees and tourists from around the world who visit our Nation's Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, these brave men gave the ultimate sacrifice. We offer our condolences to their families.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. Spratt).

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, we all know why we are here and for whom the bells toll. When JAKE CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON died, they died for all of us. And we live, we go on, we move freely about this Capitol because they did their duty, they did it without flinching, they did it at the price of their lives.

They died for us, but they really died for something more. They died to keep this Capitol a place the people can come to and leave feeling this is their Capitol, the seat of their government.

We pay a high price in dollars to keep this the most open Capitol in the world. On Friday we paid far more dearly. We lost the lives of two good men.

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It was not my privilege to know Mr. GIBSON. I did know Mr. CHESTNUT. I knew the first minute I saw him and noticed his name tag, that he was from South Carolina. He was professional from head to toe. He had a polished bearing about him, polished by 20 years in the Air Force. But beneath that polished bearing was a warm-hearted man.

I know his family loved him because all of us who came in contact with him did. To their families we open our hearts. Officer GIBSON died young, Officer CHESTNUT died before enjoying a well-earned retirement. But they raised the bar of duty, they left the country two shining examples of courage, and they helped make this Capitol the land of the free, the Capitol of the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs. Kennelly).

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, we gather to pay tribute tonight to the lives of the heroes who died on Friday, true heroes Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON.

Like many of my colleagues, on Friday I had a hearing, I had meetings, I went back and forth to the Capitol, but I did not think about my safety. I certainly did not think about the safety of the tourists because I know that the Capitol Police are here, brave men and women sworn to protect those who come to this building to visit and all of us who work in this building.

Tragically, I was right. Two of those individuals were on duty and were suddenly thrust into the most deadly of circumstances. That this building reopened on Saturday testifies to the awesome truth as they did their duty of protecting this building. They protected the liberty and freedom and democracy that it stands for.

We gather tonight to pay this tribute to these men, and we feel so strongly and so sadly about their deaths, but we stand here tonight, all of us gathered today, in sympathy to say that we will make sure that their memories are preserved by keeping this building the way they wanted it, a place of peace, a place of hope, a place of democracy.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. Pallone).

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleagues from both sides of the aisle in paying tribute to these

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fallen heroes, Capital Police Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, and in extending my deepest condolences to their families.

As my colleague, the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DeLauro), mentioned a little while ago, several of us were upstairs briefing the media after the votes in the House on Friday when the shooting happened. Capitol Police officers immediately came up to the press gallery to secure the area and make sure that we were safe.

The death of these police officers hits me in a personal way because my father is a retired police officer. Every day that my father headed off to work, I knew that he was potentially putting himself in danger to keep our community safe. There was, of course, a sense of fear and concern for his safety that I felt, but I also felt a sense of pride. I knew he was doing an extremely important job, and I know that the men and women who serve here in this Capitol feel that same sense of pride and purpose.

For the families of JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, I just hope that the sense of loss that they are experiencing will be alleviated somewhat by the tributes today, and, Mr. Speaker, I hope that their sadness will be mitigated by the private knowing that Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON gave their lives to protect the lives of others.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 45 seconds to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. Clement).

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, this is a sad time. J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON will always be remembered by the families and friends and all of us who love and respect them.

I grew up in a family where we had a lot of security around. My father was Governor of Tennessee in the 1950s and 1960s, and I have a lot of appreciation for people who wear the uniform.

And to those men: You have helped us protect freedom in the world because there is no building on the face of the Earth that is more recognized than the U.S. Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, these two men put their life on the line for all of us. God bless Officer CHESTNUT and Officer GIBSON.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. Green).

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Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in honoring Special Agent JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT. These two brave men gave their lives to save other Members, staff, and tourists from the most vicious attack in recent memory. Special Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT are truly American heroes, and it is fitting that we honor their memory today.

As the country unites to offer the families of these fallen heroes our condolences and prayers, I cannot begin to express my sorrow. The United States Capitol is a great example of freedom our country enjoys. No other country allows its citizens as much access to its government as the United States of America. I know everyone in this body appreciates and understands the importance of this freedom, and we thank Special Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT for protecting us, our families, our friends, and our freedom from the evil and hatred the attacker carried within himself.

The Book of John, Chapter 15, verse 13 states: Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. I believe this message has special meaning today and forever. As a father of two children, I cannot begin to understand the pain and heartache being felt by the GIBSON and CHESTNUT families. I hope and pray that these deaths were not in vain, and we all join together to pray for them and their families.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in honoring the memories of these two brave men. Our Nation owes them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. July 24, 1998, will be remembered as a day of heroes at the United States Capitol and we must never forget the ultimate sacrifice JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON made for their country.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. Owens).

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, without excessive repetition, I would like to join my colleagues in the House to pay tribute to Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON who gave their lives dutifully protecting this hallowed institution.

It is important that we all come together across party lines and across all other differences to pay homage to these two heroes. And as we pay tribute to the dead, let us also honor the other police and protective forces and other staff members whose reverence for this institution is no less than and sometimes even greater than the reverence of the elected Members.

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In paying tribute to our defenders, we reaffirm the fact that this House of Representatives and the democratic process, this government belongs to all of the people. We reaffirm the fact that we are the guardians of a sacred process that takes place within the walls of this Capitol. This democratic process cannot survive without institutional support. The process and the institution have become inseparable.

This is the great democratic process that guarantees our freedom and guides our progress. It is the process that inspired the bravery and the courage on the beaches of Normandy. It is the process that applauded and rewarded the returning World War II heroes with more than merely marches and medals; Congress, this institution, passed the GI Bill that offered unprecedented educational opportunities to every veteran.

This is the process and the institution that followed the leadership of the assassinated President Abraham Lincoln and passed the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments. This is the process and institution that, while mourning the death of John F. Kennedy, accepted the wise and forceful guidance of President Lyndon Johnson in the passage of the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act.

This is a sacred place and a sacred process that must at all times be protected and defended. Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON instinctively understood the nature of our mission. The workings of this institution are more complex than the wiring and gadgets of any nuclear submarine. The impact of the results of what we conclude here has more explosive power and long range consequences than any rocket ever fired at NASA.

To keep this institution relevant and capable of meeting the challenges of our rapidly changing and demanding world we need the elevator operators, the cleaning staff, the receptionists, the analysts, the secretaries, directors, chiefs of staff, coordinators, counsels, information specialists, administrative assistants; and yes, we need the detectives and the police; all are vitally necessary. A complicated world demands an intricate governmental infrastructure.

The democratic process within this infrastructure must be protected because the twin monsters of insanity and violent savagery are always scratching at the door. In the last fifty years, the bullets of assassins have dramatically altered history in America: President John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr.; Robert Kennedy; and the almost murdered President Ronald Reagan.

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Against the twin monsters of insanity and savagery we must do more than merely mourn the loss of our heroes. Most Americans can only grieve with the families of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. We, 535 Members of Congress, can do much more.

In paying tribute to these heroes, we Members of Congress should seek a solidarity across party lines and beyond the usual philosophical and ideological agendas. In defense of this great institution and to protect all vulnerable Americans, we must unite and act as one. Let this be a time of new reflections, new insight, and new resolve to find ways to disarm the proliferating number of insane and savage assassins.

The second amendment was designed to make us safe from tyranny, to bolster our sense of security. No well regulated militia should allow the rampant and random distribution of firearms among the populace. In the name of our Capitol heroes, Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON, and for the sake of the families of all similar victims, let us resolve as powerful decision makers, as Members of Congress, to end the escalating terror of handguns in America.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield our last minute to the distinguished chairman of our caucus, the gentleman from California (Mr. Fazio).

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with sadness in my heart to remember the two brave members of our Capitol Hill family who died in the line of duty last Friday. Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON selflessly gave their lives protecting all of us and in the larger sense protecting our democracy. In the course of doing our daily business we may sometimes lose sight of the fact that the people who work on Capitol Hill share a special bond as Americans and as public servants.

It is what makes us a family. Like any family, we have our battles and our disagreements, but we also share in one another's joys and sorrows.

Over the course of long days that are filled with issues of national importance, we often get caught up in the weight of our obligations to the people that we serve. We may even become a little jaded. But a quick walk through this awesome Capitol building reminds us of why we are here, all of us, elected and unelected.

Every day thousands of tourists wander through these halls with us. They may watch some debate, they may pe-

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ruse some of the historical displays placed throughout the buildings, or they may meet with their representatives. In short, they are literally taking part in this democratic experience.

Throughout that experience, it is the Capitol Hill Police who help us do our job while they help the American people participate in their democracy. We have the rare privilege to conduct the people's business peacefully and safely, thanks to the hard work and dedication of this Capitol Hill Police Force.

So as we lay these two courageous officers, these two loving family men to rest, we must remember that this Capitol Hill family is composed of a cross-section of hard-working men and women brought together by a common interest in serving their country.

Thank you, JACOB CHESTNUT; thank you, JOHN GIBSON. God bless you both and your families.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. Edwards), the deputy minority whip.

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, with heartfelt sympathy to the families of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON, I express my gratitude to them and their families for serving our country.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Bonior) has expired.

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. Armey) has 2½ minutes remaining.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Con. Res. 311.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, let me begin by thanking all my colleagues for their contributions to this debate.

Mr. Speaker, in a few short minutes we will have a vote. I feel it is a great honor to end this debate, and I would like to close by daring to be presumptuous. We have heard from so many Members of Congress about these two fine officers, these two genuine heroes, Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT. But dare I, Mr. Speaker, presume to speak on be-

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half of their associates and colleagues, fellow officers in the Capitol Hill Police Force?

We would, first of all, realize that I am so little equipped to do that, Mr. Speaker; but they do not have access to this floor to speak on behalf of their colleagues, their friends, their fellow officers. In truth of fact, they knew these two men better than we. Officer CHESTNUT was for so many a mentor; Detective GIBSON, so many times a friend to so many of the other officers.

But if they could speak here today, and if they could speak about Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT, I think all of the men and women of the Capitol Police would say, Mr. and Mrs. America, know our fallen comrades; know them, for they are we, and we are them. We served together, and we serve you. Come to the People's House from all corners of our great land; come to America and visit this hall of freedom; come and see; and we will welcome you, we will aid you, we will assist you, we will give you courteous advice, we will give you a helping hand. If there is danger, we will shield you. If there is discomfort, we will aid you. We will help you in every way we can to know that in America, where democracy is constructed in this great hall of Congress, the people are welcome, for the people truly own this place where we work.

But then they would say, as you know Detective GIBSON and as you know Officer CHESTNUT, know also that if you come here to disturb the peace, if you come here to trouble others, if you come here to trespass against freedoms or threaten the security of other people, you will be met with a well-trained and professional force, a force of disciplined officers of the law and a force of men and women who believe that Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON, by, first, their friendly service to so many people, and, then, finally, their dedicated protection of the rights of all, the safety of all, the security of all, Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT are exemplary of who we are. We love this place; we love this Nation; we love the people of this great land; we love the men and women who serve here; and we will stand in service and protection for all who are on these properties.

I think they would finally close with God; God bless you, Detective GIBSON; God bless you, Officer CHESTNUT. Well done.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great shock and sadness that I come here to speak about the deaths of two fine officers who were so brutally shot down only a few feet

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from this Chamber on Friday afternoon. These heroes put their own lives on the line to save thousands of Capitol employees and visitors.

My heart goes out to their families and their friends. I know that it must not be much consolation to know that they are heroes no longer with us when in reality we all would much rather have them with us, and because of them no tourists or workers died—if they hadn't been there it would have been much worse. JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON showed us that the Capitol is safely guarded and that it is safe for folks to walk, enjoy, and learn about the "People's House."

This unexpected and sudden tragedy apparently was the result of a disturbed individual. Unfortunately there is no way to make sure that Americans will not be exposed to such risk. However, I feel better walking the Halls of Congress on Capitol Hill knowing that officers of this dedication and ability are there to protect me, my constituents, and my staff. The Capitol Hill Police Force should be commended for the bravery and efforts in the way that this very difficult situation was handled. Let us hope it will never have to be repeated.

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, July 24, 1998, a Congress, a City, a Nation was shaken to its very foundation. The People's House, the U.S. Capitol Building, was violated when two of Capitol Hill's finest were killed in the line of duty: Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON. The ultimate and supreme sacrifices of these officers prevented the deaths of untold other constituents, citizens, and colleagues. Not only do we owe these men and their families our thanks, but we owe them our eternal gratitude. We must ensure that their memory will live on forever.

As a Member of the House Oversight committee, my colleagues and I have the duty to ensure that Congress remains accessible to all, and safe to ensure the democratic and timely debate of issues of the day. In our Committee rooms and offices, sometimes it is easy to forget the very difficult duty and burden that we place on the police officers of Capitol Hill everyday. Indeed, it is up to the officers of the Capitol Hill Police Department to carry out the orders and directions of the House Oversight Committee. These officers must allow our citizens to exercise their First Amendment right to freedom of speech, while ensuring that no ill will or harm befalls any individual person. The Capitol Hill Police Department has been doing a very difficult task extremely well for over

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150 years. As a matter of fact, it is very easy to take for granted the safety and security of our Capitol, as many of my colleagues and I do everyday.

As a result of the recent horror and tragedy, it is important that we remember that the U.S. Capitol belongs to all who love democracy, freedom and justice. I am sure that the House Oversight Committee will begin in all due haste to review the security and safety of the U.S. Capitol and its environs, keeping in mind the openness and freedom that separates the United States of America from all other nations in the world.

Let us keep the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON in our prayers. While I did not know Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON personally, I do know of the fine work of many, many other of the other officers of the U.S. Capitol Police. The Bible says that no woman or man has a greater love than to lay down her or his life for their friends. The Bible also orders us to love our neighbor as ourselves. In the wake of this senseless loss, it is my desire and hope that all of us, Members of Congress and citizens alike, learn to care for our fellow human beings in the manner in which Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON loved not only their jobs, but their families, their fellow officers, and their country.

My prayers, as well as the prayers of the 15th Congressional District of Michigan, are with the families of these two fine men. These officers have made a difference in Congress: May they rest in peace.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I add my voice in tribute to the two fallen officers who lost their lives in performing their duty last Friday. This tragedy has brought us all together in grief as we remember the dedication of these two fine men, Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. They are the first Capitol Hill Police officers to be killed in the line of duty and we owe it to them and their fellow officers to work to ensure that they are the last.

However, we must also ensure that the public will continue to have access to the Nation's Capitol for its historic significance and as the seat of the legislative branch of government. By not keeping this great building open to the some 23,000 people who visit it daily, we will be surrendering a part of our freedom and our heritage. Let me remind my colleagues that Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON died defending our freedom and our heritage.

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These deaths show us not only just how fragile life is, but also the invaluable service provided by those who put their life on the line as law enforcement officers. Let us never forget the sacrifice of these officers and those of everyone killed doing their duty. These two families and the entire Nation have lost two outstanding individuals. I join in praying for their families and I extend to them by deepest sympathies.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in paying tribute to Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police who lost their lives Friday, July 24, 1998 defending the United States Capitol, the tourists who visit it, and the Members and staff who serve there. It is thanks to their dedication to duty that an already tragic day did not result in additional loss of life. It is thanks to their heroism, and the heroism of their fellow United States Capitol Police Officers, that the People's House is and can remain open to the American people.

Today, flags fly at half staff over the United States Capitol to honor the fallen officers. Officer CHESTNUT, an 18 year veteran of the U.S. Capitol Police, had served in the U.S. Air Force. Detective GIBSON was an 18 year veteran who was assigned to the dignitary protection division of the Capitol Police. Both officers leave behind a wife and children, as well as countless family and friends. At this very difficult time, it is my hope that they will find some solace in knowing that their loved ones died protecting America's hard-won freedom. Of this, they can be proud.

Friday's criminal act should not result in calls to close the Capitol and have Congress work away from the citizens it represents. Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON gave their lives so the American people can visit their Capitol and see their Congress at work. The officers' sacrifice cannot have been made in vain.

My thoughts and prayers, along with those of every Member of this House, are with the fallen officers and their families at this difficult time. Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT served their country well. The service and heroism they displayed is exemplary, and we will always be thankful for the sacrifice they made.

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in memorializing Capitol Police Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT. Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT made the supreme sacrifice to protect Members of

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this body and our visitors. I extend my deepest condolence to their families and fellow officers.

As many other Members have said, the Capitol Police are a part of our family. We see them every day, we exchange pleasantries, we come to know them by name. Hundreds of thousands of visitors interact with them every year. However, many of us rarely stop to think that members of the Capitol Police Force face the very same dangers as officers in our largest cities. Unfortunately, it takes a tragedy to bring that reality home.

The reality is that the officers stationed throughout the complex can be confronted on any given day by an individual or group committed to harming Members and visitors. The reality is that we live and work in a violent society—not in an isolated island. The reality is that too many Americans believe that guns, rather than words, are the solution to their problems. The reality is that not every one who visits the Capitol on a daily basis is here to experience how their government works.

Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON understood the risks; they did not shrink from them. They acted as they were trained. As a result, they prevented one committed individual from inflicting much more damage. They have been called 'genuine American heroes.' Like millions of other Americans, I share this sentiment. However, they are heroes not only for laying down their lives to protect others. They are heroes because they acted to preserve the openness that makes the House of Representatives different from any other legislative body on the face of the earth. I believe the best tribute to these heroes is to ensure that the House remains as accessible to the American people as possible.

Mr. Speaker, Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON represent the very best qualities of America—commitment to public service, selflessness and courage. I am saddened that a tragedy, rather than the work they did every day, brings us to the floor tonight.

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and dedication of two of our finest public servants, officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON of the Capitol Police. These two men paid the ultimate sacrifice to see that the Capitol and its occupants could conduct the business of democracy in the light of day, in plain view of the people.

Mr. Speaker, I think it's important to remember these men as more than names on a plaque. JOHN GIBSON was an 18-year veteran who lived in Woodbridge, Virginia. He is mar-

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ried to the niece of one of our colleagues, Rep. Joseph Moakley. Compounding the tragedy of the death of JOHN GIBSON is the loved ones he leaves behind, his three children—a 17-year-old daughter and two boys aged 15 and 14.

A story from the newspaper tells us more about JOHN GIBSON, the man. He was regarded as a handyman around the neighborhood. John once ordered gravel to build a patio behind his house—only he ordered too much. There stood a big load of gravel dumped at his house. So, John ended up supplying the neighborhood with gravel. He did what any of us would do. He was just a regular guy.

JACOB CHESTNUT—or "JJ" as his colleagues called him—was a 20-year Air Force veteran. He served in Vietnam. His neighbors knew him as a gardener who generously shared his latest crop of cucumbers or Chinese cabbage. JACOB CHESTNUT, who is survived by five children from his current and previous marriages, planned to retire soon and play golf and travel with his wife.

As presidents and national heroes are honored, so are Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON. They acted with the highest courage. They performed their duty selflessly and prevented possible serious injury to scores of others. Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON are a testament to our national values and have earned the distinction of being national heroes.

They, like other everyday heroes—the men and women of the Capitol Police Force—conduct themselves with distinction so that we might do the business of the American people in the open and share with the public the workings of this wonderful institution and symbol of democracy.

Mr. Speaker, these two men have been taken from our congressional family. We have suffered a grievous loss. May the Lord bless officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON and their families and protect those who put their lives on the line every day so that we may live free.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues and the American people in paying tribute to two American heroes.

On Friday afternoon, Capitol Police Officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON laid down their lives in defense of this building, in defense of the Members of this House, in defense of the thousands of tourists and staff members who work and visit here, and in defense of this country.

J.J. CHESTNUT was a dedicated Capitol Police officer who came to work every day and did his job well. While I didn't know him personally—I was certainly very familiar with his

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face. Part of the ritual of being a Member of Congress is walking into this building and casting a vote. How many times have we walked past these officers? How often before Friday have we really stopped to think about the sacrifices they make?

I personally knew JOHN GIBSON as the husband of Congressman Moakley's niece. I had the privilege of working for Cong. Moakley for 13 years, and during that time I got to know JOHN GIBSON as a family man, as a Massachusetts native, and as a life-long Red Sox fan.

You know, a lot of people have remarked about JOHN GIBSON's "Boston accent," and how strange they thought it was. But I'll tell you, to me, listening to John talk served as a reminder of home.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-3. I'd like to think that somewhere, JOHN GIBSON is looking at that box score and smiling.

I also want to say a few words of appreciation and admiration for the response of the entire Capitol Police Force, who with professional efficiency and control, ensured that Members of Congress, congressional staff, and tourists were safe and secure, either inside the Capitol or outside on the grounds as soon as the call went out that a gunman was loose in the Capitol Building.

I join the American people in mourning for these two brave men. I extend my sympathies to their families, friends and loved ones. And I express my respect for the Capitol Police force who work every day to ensure that the American people may safely visit and work within the Nation's Capitol.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, on Friday afternoon, July 24, 1998, tragedy struck the Nation's Capitol. A lone gunman burst through an entrance of the Capitol building, fatally wounding two Capitol Police officers who saved the lives of so many through their own bravery.

Two of the finest members of our Capitol Hill family were shot and killed in the line of duty. Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON gave their lives defending Congress and its visitors from a gunman who savagely discharged his weapon on anyone who stepped in his way. Officer CHESTNUT was the first to be shot as he vigilantly guarded his post. After the gunman shot and wounded a fleeing tourist, he crashed into Majority Whip DeLay's office, shooting and mortally wounding Special Agent GIBSON.

The actions of this man were reprehensible, but they were also the actions of a very disturbed person. Officers GIBSON

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and CHESTNUT displayed a heroism and bravery which we should all be proud and thankful for as Americans and members of the Capitol Hill family.

Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT gave their lives in order to save the lives of so many others who were in harm's way. My thoughts and prayers go out to both families as well as to the United States Capitol Police, as I am sure the past few days have been very trying times. It is a comforting feeling to know that we are all being guarded by such a competent, dedicated, and brave group of officers.

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in commemorating our valiant Capitol Police officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON will have our undying gratitude and remembrance for making the greatest sacrifice in serving their country. Our prayers and best wishes go out to their family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, as a former New York City police officer, my sadness and pain at this senseless loss is difficult to put into words. Once you have worn the uniform, you become part of an extended family for the rest of your life. And, while you know firsthand the senseless violence that occurs all too often in our country today, you still feel very personally each loss of a member of that "thin blue line" that serves to protect every one of us.

Mr. Speaker, these slain officers were heroes in the truest sense of the word. Not because of unusual feats, but because they died simply as a result of doing the job we ask them to do. We all are indebted to Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON for their sacrifice. We offer our sincerest condolences to their families. And, we all owe the members of the Capitol Police Force our respect and admiration for the work they do.

In closing, I believe it was President Theodore Roosevelt who wrote, "Death is always and under all circumstances a tragedy, for if it is not, then it means that life itself has become one."

Mr. Speaker, let us here today swear that the tragedy our extended congressional family experienced last Friday shall always remind us of the value of life; of the valiant work of our Capitol Police Force; and of the need to be vigilant against the pointless violence that, sadly, pervades our society.

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Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep and sincere condolences to the families of Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON.

Those of us who are privileged to work on Capitol Hill feel we are part of a very large and extended family. Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON were vital parts of that family.

If the Capitol Police officers did not perform their jobs so professionally, they would be better known. Unfortunately, in today's society, we seem to focus on the negative rather than on the positive. But the Capitol Police do an excellent job and so the American people are not familiar with these dedicated men and women who patrol the United States Capitol grounds day and night.

Our Nation's Capitol, the most recognizable symbol of freedom and democracy in the world, is also one of the most accessible government buildings in the world. Visitors from across our Nation and the globe marvel at the ease with which they can sit in the gallery and watch the inner workings of Congress. They walk in awe throughout this grand and historic building. Yet, it is the dedication and professionalism of the Capitol Police which makes this access to the Capitol possible.

A few months ago, there was a fire in the Longworth Building. The fire alarm didn't go off on every floor, so Capitol Police officers ran up and down the stairs and into each office to remove people from harm's way. A few officers suffered smoke inhalation as they risked themselves to do their duty.

Every summer we read about tourists overcome by the heat, collapsing on the Capitol grounds, only to receive swift and needed care from Capitol Police.

Every day we see the Capitol Police direct traffic to ease the morning and evening commute. We see them giving tourists directions and helping lost children find their parents.

They patrol our corridors and insure order and safety in our Nation's most important public building.

When I think about the choice which Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON made to serve the public as police officers, I am reminded of what Thucydides once said, "the bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet notwithstanding, go out and meet it."

As I offer my sympathy to the families of these two fallen heroes, I am also reminded of what the Bible says, "No

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greater love has a man, than he lay down his life for another."

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, this is a difficult and solemn time in the House of Representatives. It is a day in which our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the two heroic members of the Capitol Police Force who lost their lives last Friday, Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. They were part of our family here in the House, and all of us today are experiencing the emotions of a death in the family. These were well-liked and well-regarded men whose jobs it was to protect the institution of the House and the people who serve in it. And in protecting us, they sacrificed their lives to save the lives of many others working and visiting the Capitol building. Despite the many words expressed in the House and Senate today, there can be no tribute grand enough to express our true appreciation for the selfless actions of JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT. To their families, we owe a great debt of gratitude and we, as an institution, will never forget their placing their sense of duty above personal safety.

It is my hope, Mr. Speaker, that the Members of this body will focus on the important messages that flow from this tragic incident. First, I believe it is important that we recognize how capable and well-trained the members of the Capitol Police Force are. We see them everyday in many of their diverse roles, but when called upon to respond quickly to life-threatening situations, the force reacted swiftly and superbly, preventing an even more tragic result. As we seek to learn the lessons of this incident, it is abundantly clear that the people in charge of the mission of protecting this Congress are indeed quite capable and well-trained.

There may be security enhancements that can be accomplished to make this important public building even safer for the millions of visitors who come here each year. Certainly we must consider all the suggestions that flow from the thorough analysis of the shooting incident last week, including new physical protection measures and procedures that may guard against new and different threats here at the Capitol. Let me echo the sentiments of many of my colleagues here today, however, in expressing my personal hope that whatever security improvements may be implemented, they should preserve—to the greatest extent possible—this building's character as the "People's House," one which Americans from across the land can enter to view their representative government in action. Though we may be able to make the

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United States Capitol building safer, I believe we should be careful to understand the actual and symbolic needs for access.

There is perhaps another message here, Mr. Speaker, relevant to this individual who crashed through the security station at the East Front of the Capitol last Friday. While all of the facts and motivations may not be clear to us at this early time, the interviews of his family convincingly demonstrate that Russell Eugene Weston was unstable, with a long history of mental illness. I believe that this incident calls into question the way in which potentially dangerous, mentally-unstable individuals are ignored until they cause harm to themselves or to others, and certainly this must cause some reevaluation. If we are too quick to release mentally-ill individuals like this from institutions, we must at the same time recognize that the result will be additional challenges for law enforcement—though hopefully never with such a tragic result as occurred last Friday.

So, Mr. Speaker, let me join all of my colleagues in bowing our heads in solemn memory of JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON today, and to remark that any honor we can bestow upon them will pale in relation to the sacrifice they have made for us.

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in mourning the deaths of Capitol Police officers JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT, and in recognizing the dangers and challenges that members of the Capitol Police force face every day.

The Capitol complex is a large, busy place in the middle of a busy metropolitan area. As the seat of democratic self-government in this country—and as a symbol of democracy around the world—the Capitol is an obvious target for terrorists, as well as mentally unbalanced individuals. In fact, as others have observed in recent days, the Capitol building has been the target of violent acts several times before in this century.

Despite the obvious concern about security, Congress has consistently decided—quite correctly in my opinion—that a high priority should be placed on keeping the Capitol complex as open to visitors and observers as possible. Congress and the Capitol Police have to constantly weigh security concerns against the need for openness. The outcome is inevitably a delicate balance, but Congress has wisely decided to preserve the public's access to the Capitol.

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The Capitol Police force has the difficult mission of maintaining security in the Capitol complex while allowing thousands of visitors into its buildings each day. The Capitol Police go on duty each day never knowing when they may be attacked or drawn into some deadly confrontation. Despite this risk and uncertainty, they provide courteous service to the thousands of people who visit the Capitol each day while protecting the Capitol, its occupants, and visitors.

This Nation has been fortunate in the relatively small number of violent attacks that have been made on the President, Congress, and our federal employees. But every so often, as in the bombing of the Murrah Office Building in Oklahoma City or the terrible events that took place here in the Capitol on Friday, a violent attack does take place.

A natural human response is to say how could this happen—why couldn't something have been done to prevent it? Sadly, such tragic events are inevitable in a free society. We can work to make such events more infrequent, but we can not eliminate them. As this sad event reminds us, the benefits of a free society come only at a high price. These two fine Capitol Police officers, who died in the line of duty, gave their lives to preserve that freedom. They also gave their lives to protect the lives of the hundreds of other people who were in the Capitol building at the time the gunman opened fire. Their sacrifice will not go unnoticed.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I extend my heart-felt sympathy and deepest condolences to the families of these two American heroes. And I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of the Capitol Police Force, who—like Officers JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT—carry out their duties day in and day out with courage, dedication, and skill.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a tremendous sense of loss and sadness that I rise today to express my sincere condolences to the families and friends of Detective JOHN GIBSON and Capitol Police Officer JACOB CHESTNUT, and to their colleagues in the Capitol Police.

I'd also like to offer my sincerest gratitude to all of our Capitol Hill security personnel, who each day risk their lives for us and whom we often take for granted. Thank you for your service, your commitment, and your valor.

Detective GIBSON was truly an officer's officer: his work exemplified the truest meaning of service. He is remembered by colleagues, friends, and neighbors alike as someone who

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would do whatever he could to help, someone who made people feel safe.

Officer CHESTNUT was a stalwart of service and professionalism. He always exhibited genuine kindness and gentleness to all of us who were privileged to know him. My family and I remember his assistance during my swearing-in ceremony, his incredible kindness, his guidance, his tremendous warmth.

These two heroes gave their lives in the line of duty protecting their fellow citizens. They leave behind families, friends, co-workers, communities, and Americans who will never forget their commitment and their sacrifice. Their passing leaves a void that will never be filled. We join with the families to remember special times and, in doing so, Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT will have a permanent place in our hearts. May they rest in peace.

Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 311 to honor the two Capitol security officers, JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, who gave their lives last Friday in service to our Nation. I offer my deepest sympathy to their families.

I also honor all of the other law enforcement personnel throughout the Nation who put their lives on the line each day for the safety of our Nation's citizens.

The Capitol Police responded to this situation swiftly and effectively. They told the staffers and tourists what to do during the melee and comforted them afterward. They shielded people and saved lives. I would like to extend a thank you to all of these officers.

I would like to share an editorial printed in the *Kansas City Star* on Monday, July 27, 1998. This editorial honors Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON, as well as the other dedicated security personnel across the country who are committed to protecting all of us.

HEROISM IN CAPITOL SHOOTING

The shooting deaths of two police officers in the U.S. Capitol are a tragic reminder that thousands of law enforcement and security personnel put their lives on the line every day so that the rest of society can go on about its business.

All too often their willingness to put themselves at risk is taken for granted. But as events inside the Capitol demonstrated last week, these brave men and women may be called upon at a moment's notice to protect hundreds of innocent people from harm.

One day something goes wrong—an alarm goes off, a suspicious figure rushes by, shots ring out in a hallway—and suddenly their years of training

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and experience, their sheer speed in determining what must be done and their courage in doing it, become absolutely critical.

Capitol Police officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty on Friday, will be remembered by thousands of friends and colleagues in Washington and by millions of people across the country for their heroism.

CHESTNUT was shot while attempting to protect an entrance to the Capitol. Hearing shots, GIBSON ordered the people around him to get down to protect themselves. He then confronted the gunman and was fatally wounded. But the dying officer fired on the gunman, saving government officials and tourists from harm.

It appears that the gunman was someone suffering from a mental illness that included bizarre delusions—someone who, fearing trouble with the government, traveled across the country to find that trouble.

But in the midst of Friday's crisis, Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON did not know who he was. These Capitol Police veterans simply knew that one of the central institutions of the U.S. government was under attack—and they found themselves on the front line of its defense. They did their duty without hesitation, and for that the entire Nation honors them.

As the work week begins, many Americans will feel an extra measure of respect and appreciation for the many other police officers and security personnel who stand guard in government buildings and private offices around the country.

As the result of this tragedy, the already elaborate security system on Capitol Hill will be reviewed. Perhaps some changes will be made.

But as President Clinton and other officials have indicated, it would be a mistake to reject the commitment that has been made to keep the Capitol so accessible to the public.

Many other public places, after all, have been targeted by sick individuals and terrorists. Reasonable steps must be taken to discourage such violence. But we should not allow fear to dominate our lives, either at home or in our Nation's capital city.

Given the visibility of the Capitol as a symbol of the government, and the thousands of people who move through it on a daily basis, the overall security record there appears solid; this was reported to be the first shooting in the building in decades.

Brave, dedicated people like Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON have been at the heart of that system. They will always play the critical role in protecting American institutions from confused individuals and those who wish our Nation harm.

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON who were tragically slain in the line of duty this past Friday. Words do little to reveal the sense of gratitude we feel for their heroic actions or the sense of loss accompanied with their passing. Few of us could ever hope to equal the level of courage displayed by these individuals. My thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends in this time of great sorrow.

While we mourn the loss of these two fine officers, we must also pay homage to all members of the Capitol Police Force. These brave men and women perform their duties

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with smiles and kind words, always standing at the ready to put themselves in harm's way if danger calls. Unfortunately on Friday, danger did call. Without regard for personal safety, they responded to the situation shielding Members, staff, and visitors from harm, losing two of their own in the process. I thank them for their selflessness, their sense of duty and their courage. I extend to them my great sympathy on the loss of their comrades and my hope that such condolences are never again required.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, this is a somber and solemn day for Congress and our Nation. Our Capitol Hill family has suffered great loss with the deaths of Officers JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. The entire country was both shaken by violence at our Capitol and inspired by the ultimate heroism of these two men.

Mr. Speaker, how can we adequately thank our heroes? How do we comfort their wives and children who suffered the ultimate loss?

I have no answers to those questions, Mr. Speaker. I only know that we owe two law enforcement heroes more than words can express. I hope everyone listening will pray tonight for the families and friends of these two brave fallen officers.

As Co-Chair of the House Law Enforcement Caucus, I know that senseless tragedies are not new. Since our Nation's founding, nearly 15,000 police officers have been killed in the line of duty. Their names are etched in the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, just blocks from here. Sadly, we now know two new names that will be added to the wall next year.

In this Capitol, we are protected by nearly 1,300 sworn officers and security aides. Their presence is so steady and reassuring that at times people have forgotten to notice. And the Capitol Police are joined by hundreds of thousands of law enforcement officers across America, who get up each morning and put on their badge, committing to protect people whose names they may never know. They have taken an oath to die for us. They are all American heroes. I am humbled to call them both my protectors and my friends.

If the events of last week hold any lesson, it is this: we must never take these courageous men and women for granted. They deserve our thanks, every opportunity we get.

J.J. and John will be remembered for the way they died, and also for the way they lived. They make us want to be better people. The greatest tribute we can offer these men is

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to have the same single-minded focus on our jobs in this great building, the People's House.

Remembering how Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT worked together to protect the People's House, I hope we will work together in a bipartisan way to make our country a safer place for all.

I hope, too, that the legacy of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON will be a Capitol that is open and accessible to the people to which it belongs. That is what they would have wanted. That is why they made the ultimate sacrifice.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON. You will always be remembered in these halls, and especially in our hearts. You are true American heroes, and we will miss you.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to mourn the loss of two members of our American and our Capitol families—JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON.

Their names are quickly becoming synonymous with the word "hero," and rightly so. These two men, and the entire Capitol Police force, daily summon the courage to stand in defense of lawmakers, staffers, tourists—every one of us—along with this bastion of American Democracy we call the United States Capitol.

Friday that dedication was put to the test. JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON did not waiver. They laid down their lives in defense of this Capitol and all it represents in the hearts of every American.

Jacob and John, I only wish that you were here with us today, to hear how grateful our Nation is to you both for protecting our democracy. We are grateful for your dedicated public service to our country, your valor, and your courage.

As Rollo May has said, "courage is not a virtue or value among other personal values. It is the foundation that underlies and gives reality to all other virtues and personal values." Your courage on Friday and throughout your careers is a symbol for all law enforcement officials, public officials, and every citizen to follow.

Mrs. Chestnut—Mrs. Gibson—my prayers and condolences go out to you and your families. And my prayers and gratitude go out to the entire Capitol Hill police force during this difficult time of grieving. God bless you and God bless every one of us.

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, my father always taught me that there was no higher calling than to do your duty. In the

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words of Robert E. Lee, "Duty, there is the sublimist word in our language. Do your duty in all things . . . You cannot do more, you should never wish to do less."

A few great Americans have had the honor of lying in state in the Capitol Rotunda. They have ranged from President Abraham Lincoln to the unknown soldiers of the wars of this century. But few Americans have done their duty to their country better than the two officers we are honoring here.

These two Americans represent the best in our Nation's values. They were both devoted family men, leaders in their churches and neighborhoods, and always ready with a kind word and a smile. I cannot regret more the sacrifice that gained them fame, but we cannot do better as examples to hold before our children.

I am honored that Officer CHESTNUT comes from Myrtle Beach, SC. He grew up among the palmetto trees and beaches, and some of his family remains there to this day. Officer CHESTNUT will never get to use the new golf clubs that his brother gave him for his retirement next month. However, his sacrifice, and that of Special Agent GIBSON, will remain a legacy that his family can turn to for comfort in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert in the Record a copy of the editorial from this morning's Myrtle Beach Sun-News:

JACOB J. CHESTNUT, TRUE AMERICAN HERO

The death of a front-line hero in the cause of freedom and democracy crashes around us all the harder because it is supposed to be peacetime. The firing of bullets in the Capitol on Friday, apparently triggered by a shooter's unhinged response to a directive to get back in a metal detector queue, makes death more unexpected than on a war's battlefield, but no less tragic.

Such is it with Capitol Police Officer JACOB J. "J.J." CHESTNUT, who lived in Maryland with his family but who, according to his family, called Myrtle Beach home. CHESTNUT died in the line of duty, attempting to create at his Capitol post what precious little safety there can be in a democracy that prides itself on openness.

If this were a police state—God forbid!—Officer CHESTNUT might have had a chance to survive because there would not have been an entrance for the public to what is called "the People's House." But after 20 years in the Air Force and 18 in the Capitol Police, nearing a second retirement, CHESTNUT would not have stood for anything less than freedom of movement, within few guidelines.

This is a man who must have sincerely understood from its benefits what freedom is all about. He must have relished the ability to enjoy what the government has provided through its institutions and its lasting policies. This is a man who enjoyed his family, close to him in Maryland and Myrtle Beach, where he doted on kinship.

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In praising CHESTNUT and Capitol Police Special Agent John GIBSON, who also died in the shooter's fusillade, President Clinton argued, "I ask you to think about what our Capitol means . . . We must keep it a place where people can freely and proudly walk the halls of their government. And we must never, ever take for granted the values for which it stands or the price of preserving them."

Added Speaker Newt Gingrich, "No terrorist, no deranged person, no act of violence will block us from preserving our freedom and from keeping this building open."

Those are among the values for which Officer CHESTNUT died. He knew they were worth it. We sympathize with his family, but glory in his heroism. We here in Myrtle Beach must find a way to honor for all time the officer, this man.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, while carrying out their duties, more than 150 police officers are killed every year—a rate of one death every 52 hours. And every year more than 65,000 police officers are assaulted and 23,000 injured.

On Friday, those statistics were brought close to home when, tragically, Officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON were killed in the line of duty. These brave men died protecting the lives of the Members of Congress, staff, and those who were visiting the Capitol. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of both officers, and with their friends and colleagues in the U.S. Capitol Police.

The Capitol is known around the world as the symbol of democracy. It has been called the "People's House"—a place where citizens can freely come to meet with their elected officials and watch democracy at work. Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON died protecting our right to have a free and open democratic form of government. All Americans, not just those who work in the Capitol, have suffered a loss.

In the area I represent, we are sadly familiar with the sacrifices that law enforcement officers make far too often. Last December, we lost two distinguished members of Cincinnati's police department—Officer Daniel Pope and Specialist Ronald Jeter—in a senseless act of violence. Just a month later, Officer Mike Partin of the Covington (KY) police department was killed while pursuing a suspect who was attempting to escape into Cincinnati.

Shortly after their deaths, I visited the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in Washington to lay a wreath in their memory. The Memorial, which was dedicated in 1991, contains the names of more than 14,000 American police officers who have died in the line of duty since the first recorded police death in 1794.

There is a quote inscribed on the memorial that is a fitting tribute to Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT—and all law en-

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forcement professionals who have given their lives in service to the public. It reads, "It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is now they lived."

These fallen U.S. Capitol Police officers—and their colleagues nationwide—deserve our respect and support for putting their lives on the line every day to protect the safety of us all.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying deepest respect and highest tribute to Officers JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, who gave their lives last Friday afternoon in the tragic shootings just a few short steps from the House chamber.

Both of these fine officers—like the other men and women who serve as members of the Capitol Police force—are committed to preserving and protecting the security of those of us who serve as Members of Congress, our staff, and the public who have, and should continue to have, access to the U.S. Capitol building.

Mr. Speaker, last Saturday morning following the tragic death of these two brave men, President Clinton paid outstanding tribute to these fine police officers and made a powerful restatement of the importance of our Capitol building as a symbol of our Nation's democratic government. As the President said, this "majestic marble building is the symbol of our democracy and the embodiment of our Nation. We must keep it a place where people can freely and proudly walk the halls of their government. And we must never, ever take for granted the values for which it stands or the price of preserving them."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the full text of President Clinton's remarks be placed in the Record.

[FROM THE WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING ROOM, JULY 25, 1998]

The President: Good morning. The shooting at the United States Capitol yesterday was a moment of savagery at the front door of American civilization. Federal law enforcement agencies and the United States Attorneys Office are working closely with the D.C. police and the Capitol police to ensure that justice is pursued.

Meanwhile, I would ask all Americans to reflect for a moment on the human elements of yesterday's tragedy. The scripture says, Greater love hath no man than this: that he lay down his life for his friends. Officer JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON laid down their lives for their friends, their co-workers, and their fellow citizens—those whom they were sworn to protect. In so doing, they saved many others from exposure to lethal violence.

Every day, a special breed of men and women pin on their badges, put on their uniforms, kiss their families good-bye, knowing full well they may

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be called on to lay down their lives. This year alone, 79 other law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice. Every American should be grateful to them for the freedom and the security they guard with their lives, and every American should stand up for them and stand against violence.

Officer CHESTNUT was a Vietnam veteran, a member of the Capitol Police for 18 years, just months away from retirement. Detective GIBSON was a deeply religious man, beloved by his co-workers, and, being from Massachusetts, devoted to the Red Sox and the Bruins. Both leave behind loving wives and children, the affection of neighbors, friends, and co-workers, and the deep gratitude of those who are alive today because of their bravery.

In this one heartless act, there were many acts of heroism, by strangers who shielded children with their bodies, by officers who fanned across the Capitol, by Dr. Bill Frist, a renowned heart surgeon before his election to the Senate from Tennessee, who had just put down his gavel when he rushed to tend the injured. To all these and others who stood for our common humanity, we extend the thanks of our Nation.

To the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON, nothing we say can bring them back. But all Americans pray that the power of a loving God and the comfort of family and friends will, with time, ease your sorrow and swell your pride for loved ones and the sacrifice they made for their fellow citizens. To Angela Dickerson, the young woman who was injured in the shooting, we extend our prayers and hope for your speedy recovery.

To every American who has been shaken by this violent act, to the millions of parents who have taken your children through those very same doors, I ask you to think about what our Capitol means. All around the world, that majestic marble building is the symbol of our democracy and the embodiment of our Nation. We must keep it a place where people can freely and proudly walk the halls of their government. And we must never, ever take for granted the values for which it stands or the price of preserving them.

Thank you very much.

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, Capitol Police Officers JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT were tragically killed in the line of duty protecting Members of Congress, staff and tourists. Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT are heroes in every sense of the word. These brave, selfless men gave their lives protecting the very foundation of our democracy—the People's House.

Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON'S heroism and sacrifice will not be forgotten by a grateful Nation. We are forever in their debt as individuals, as Members of Congress, and as an institution. It is a debt that can never be repaid but one that is now enshrined in the very fabric of our democracy and in the hallowed halls of Congress.

Since the shocking and bloody events of Friday, my thoughts and prayers have been with the families of JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT, and with Angela Dickerson, the young woman who was wounded during the shooting. While the loss of Officer GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT is

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deeply felt by their friends and co-workers in Congress, it is their wives and children who must now bear that terrible burden—the loss of a husband and a father. It is a sacrifice that no child should be asked to make. It is a sacrifice that no spouse should have to make.

So as we mourn the deaths of Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT, and pay tribute to their memory, let us pray for the well-being of their families. Let us remember the enormous sacrifice their wives and children have made in the name of freedom and democracy. And let us reflect upon the valor of the men and women of the U.S. Capital Police Force who make it possible for us to conduct the people's business free from harm's way.

God Bless JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON.

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of two true American heroes. Capitol Hill Police Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Special Agent JOHN M. GIBSON sacrificed themselves in the line of duty, putting their country and their commitment to democracy over their very lives. These men trained for the possibility of confronting violence, and when the time came, both acted professionally, responsibly, and heroically. We can only offer our most heartfelt condolences and prayers to the families of these inspiring men.

Officer CHESTNUT was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Hill police force, having spent twenty years as part of the U.S. Air Force before that. He was a highly-trained professional who spent the overwhelming majority of his life protecting others. Special Agent GIBSON was similarly selfless, working long hours at the Capitol as part of the Dignitary Protection Detail, constantly protecting others by putting himself in harm's way.

Those of us who work on Capitol Hill are used to seeing armed officers on a regular basis. We smile and chat with the friendly Capitol Hill police, and appreciate their warmth as people, and the sense of community they lend to our sometimes insular environment. They answer questions and direct tourists, just as Officer CHESTNUT was doing during the exact moment his killer confronted him. We rarely contemplate the seriousness of their task.

However, protection is their ultimate goal. Not only were officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON here to protect Members of Congress, visiting dignitaries, and the millions of tourists who visit the Capitol, they were here to protect our very system of government. The Capitol is one of the most open government buildings in the world, a fact that is directly attrib-

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utable to the commitment of the Capitol Hill police. For instead of forcing us to make our Nation's capitol impregnable, closing the doors and letting only those with government business enter, the Capitol Police stand in the breech, using themselves as barriers, while allowing the "People's House" to truly belong to the people.

Neighbors and families of Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON describe them as generous, giving, and kind. But they were also hard-working, authoritative, and took their jobs very seriously. Because even though their task was comprised partly of peopling our Capitol community with friendly faces and helping hands, they were also here to provide us with the very serious service of protection from violence. And, just as they excelled at working with the public, Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON both proved that they excelled at the task of protecting us, our staffs, and the public from mortal danger. Quite simply, we owe them our lives. And we owe them our lives not only for their actions last Friday, but for their habitual actions—smiling, chatting, continuing the routine of security, all the while putting their lives at risk, every single day.

Mr. Speaker, these men are honored as heroes because they were called upon to make the supreme sacrifice, but they are also heroes because they were constantly prepared to make that sacrifice—for their families, for us, and for the country they believed in. Our words cannot bring them back, but we can honor the men, and the values for which they risked, and sacrificed, their lives.

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the two officers who lost lives saving others. The extraordinary acts of heroism demonstrated by Detective GIBSON and Private First Class CHESTNUT of the Capitol Police are actions for which every American should be grateful.

Friday's tragic incident took the lives of two dedicated men who proved through their actions that they exemplified the true meaning of duty, honor, and love of their country. Their actions not only showed courage but they were able to put an end to the violence with true valor.

Tragic events are no longer something we hear about; they have now penetrated the halls of the people's building right in our very own back yard. The shots taken in the Capitol on Friday were not only heard just inside the Capitol, they were heard around the world as a warning to all that violence can happen at any moment and anywhere.

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Friday's horrifying violent act took the lives of two brave men who died protecting what they believed in. We will never again take the presence of the Capitol police for granted because knowing that they are there makes us all breathe a lot easier.

My condolences and heartfelt prayers to the families, friends, and colleagues of officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT. I ask Americans around our Nation to reflect upon the incident and keep the victim's families in their thoughts and prayers. God bless the brave men and women around the world, and God Bless America.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to reflect on the tragedy that occurred this past Friday in the House. Two of our finest in uniform in the United States Capitol Police Force, Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON, valiantly defended the hundreds of visitors, Members of Congress, and their staffs who were milling about on that fateful Friday afternoon of July 24. Because they died, others lived.

I would like to quote a verse from the Bible which states "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends," John 15:13. Surely love, honor, and duty were on the minds of these brave policemen as they stood to meet the challenge, never hesitating for a moment for their own safety.

Capitol Hill has lost outstanding policemen and two families have lost a loved one but Heaven has gained two angels with badges of honor. We look to the skies knowing that they continue to protect us. We will never forget them and what they did for us. We pray that God, in His infinite mercy, will be with the families in their grief; that he will grant them peace and strength to carry on. I send them my deepest condolences.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues to honor the memories of two American heroes, U.S. Capitol Police Officers JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, who gave their lives last Friday so that others might live.

The U.S. Capitol Police is a unique law enforcement institution in America. It is charged with protecting Members of the House and Senate, the Capitol itself, our congressional staffs, and the millions of tourists from around the world who visit this building. In performing this task, the officers are more than security personnel. They are ambassadors for

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our country, helping Americans find their way through the Capitol safely, answering questions, providing a helping hand. They help congressmen and staffs get to where they need to go. And over time, we get to know the Capitol Police well, by face if not always by name, so much so that they become like family to those of us who do the American people's work here as their elected representatives.

Officer CHESTNUT and Officer GIBSON were family, Mr. Speaker. And as with the passing of any relative, near or distant, we feel sadness and a sense of loss. They died protecting people, and protecting a monument to represent government known by peoples around the world, both free and oppressed.

The Bible says, "greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends." Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON laid down their lives for us, and for the ideals of freedom and liberty that we hold dear. Our prayers are with their widows and their families. Our thanks are due to Chief Gary Abrecht and all of the U.S. Capitol Police, to House Sergeant at Arms Wilson Livingood and his staff, and to all of America's law enforcement officers, who have tragically lost two brave colleagues in the force.

And, Mr. Speaker, we should work to preserve the memory of these brave officers by continuing the work that they did for so many years: by keeping the Capitol open to the people. In doing so, we will remember the price that we have paid to obtain our freedom, the high price America must occasionally pay to keep it, and the terrible price that the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families paid for it on Friday, July 24, 1998.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am both personally honored and saddened to join those who have offered us an opportunity to express our feelings about Friday's senseless tragedy.

Last Friday afternoon, the People's House was in its normal, hectic state. Visitors, young and old, reverently roamed the halls where their government resides. Mothers and fathers provided their children with historical information about the work that goes on within the United States Capitol. Representatives had just concluded their legislative business and were rushing to return to their districts. Staff were busy finishing their duties for the week. Members of the Capitol Hill Police force, both seen and unseen, stood proudly in protection of the Capitol complex and those within it. All and all, this was a very normal Friday afternoon in the Nation's Capitol.

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As we all know now, a lone, mentally disturbed individual had already made his plans to forcibly deliver horror, grief, and anguish within our Capitol. This individual clearly had thoughts of causing chaos as he rushed his way past Officer JACOB (J.J.) CHESTNUT. Officer CHESTNUT was giving directions to the subway, as he had cheerfully done many times before. The gunman, without warning, drew his gun and shot Officer CHESTNUT, mortally wounding him. Officer CHESTNUT in this moment of turmoil stood gallantly at his post and died trying to save the lives of both friends and strangers. Officer CHESTNUT's actions were consistent with his training and with his personal values and beliefs. In life, Officer CHESTNUT lived an honorable life. At the moment of his death, Officer CHESTNUT became a genuine American hero.

A few doors away, Special Agent JOHN GIBSON was at his post. His duties were to protect the Majority Whip, Representative Tom DeLay. From his post, Special Agent GIBSON, upon hearing gunfire, was ready to defend Representative DeLay, his staff, and visitors from a mad man. He willingly stood tall in the face of imminent danger. In those frantic moments, Special Agent GIBSON made a profound decision. By his actions, he refused to allow this gunman to hurt anyone under his protection. In the moment when Special Agent GIBSON came face to face with evil incarnate, he vigilantly stood his ground. With just a few feet between them the gunman shot Special Agent GIBSON. Despite his mortal wounds, Special Agent GIBSON remained steadfast in his duties and brought this insane rampage to an end. In his sacrifice, Special Agent GIBSON made certain that those whom he had sworn to defend would remain safe. In this moment, Special Agent GIBSON instinctively and without hesitation became a genuine American hero.

At this time, when Americans look high and low in search of heroes, we can take some solace knowing that this search has ended. Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON, through the selfless actions have become our newest American heroes. They paid an ultimate price so that all Americans could continue to wander the halls of the People's House. All Americans owe them their deepest admiration and their profound respect. Americans must be willing to stand together as an American family, to reach out to console their families, colleagues and friends. We must repay this debt, although we also know in our hearts and souls that this is impossible.

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I recall the words of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, speaking in Indianapolis on April 4, 1968, shortly after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Kennedy addressed a crowd informing them of Dr. King's death. He concluded his remarks saying "Let us dedicate ourselves to what the Greeks wrote so many years ago: to tame the savageness of man and to make gentle the life of this world. Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON willingly and bravely gave their lives in pursuit of this noble ideal.

Robert F. Kennedy concluded his remarks saying "Let us dedicate ourselves to that, and say a prayer for our country and for our people."

This tragedy is deeply personal. Special Agent GIBSON was my niece Evelyn's husband. I am proud to have recommended him for employment with the Capitol Police. Throughout his career, I have watched him as he progressed from being a uniformed officer to that of Special Agent protecting the leaders of the House of Representatives. Even then, I knew John was special. One of the qualities I admired was his loyalty to his Boston roots. John followed all Boston sports teams, both collegiate and professional. Just a few weeks ago, he had stopped by to ask me to help him get a couple of tickets to an upcoming Notre Dame versus Boston College football game. He constantly sought out news from Boston hoping to keep his Massachusetts roots strong.

John was a religious man who sought strength and comfort from his Lord. As a family man, John excelled. He always made time for his wife and their three children. It comes as no surprise that John had earned the respect and admiration in both his personal and professional lives. From the Speaker of the House, the Majority Whip, his fellow officers, his neighbors and friends, I am humbled to learn of the high esteem in which they held John. I hope the kind words spoken about John will provide his family with some small measure of comfort in these dark times. I will always remember John as a kind, honest, devout, caring, and giving human being.

In conclusion, I ask all Americans to join me in these difficult moments as we seek comfort, both for their grieving families and for ourselves.

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to find the right words to express our sorrow at the tragedy that struck the Capitol on Friday afternoon.

Today we honor the memories of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, the Capitol Police officers who gave their lives pro-

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tecting others. I join my colleagues in sending my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of these heroic men. I pray that in this time of such sorrow, they will be comforted by their own warm memories. I also hope that the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families will take solace in the knowledge that people all over the world share in their grief. Tomorrow we will honor these men in an unprecedented fashion by paying our respects as they lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda.

Here on Capitol Hill we have lost two beloved members of our community, indeed our family. Private First Class CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON loved their jobs, loved their Congress, and loved their country. They were fixtures at their posts, J.J. at the Document Door, and John walking with the Majority Whip. They were the ultimate professionals, and each day went out of their way to improve the quality of life on Capitol Hill. We will never forget them.

Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Capitol Police force has been thrust into the limelight under the most terrible circumstances. Anyone who works here or visits these grounds knows what great people these women and men are, yet they never seem to receive the credit they deserve. When my husband, Congressman Walter Capps, passed away last October, Capitol Police personnel were incredibly comforting and helpful to me, my family, and my staff. These acts of kindness and compassion will always remain close to my heart.

As we commend the Capitol Police, I want to pay particular tribute to two officers. Officer Douglas B. McMillan took quick and decisive action after his partner J.J. CHESTNUT was shot. And Capitol Police spokesman Sgt. Dan Nichols has labored around the clock since the shootings providing the press and the American people with timely and sensitively delivered updates. We are all indebted to the service of these men as well.

Mr. Speaker, nothing we can say or do will bring J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON back to us. But for the sake of their families, their colleagues, and the American people, we must pause and give them the tributes they deserve. We honor their memories and celebrate their lives. And we pray that violence and murder never again befall the People's House.

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

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Everett). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the concurrent resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the concurrent resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, on that, I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 392, nays 0, not voting 43.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 310. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a memorial service for Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate passed a concurrent resolution of the following title, in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution to authorize the printing of the eulogies of the Senate and the House of Representatives for Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 112) to authorize the printing of the eulogies of the Senate and the House of Representatives for Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

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The Clerk read the Senate concurrent resolution, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 112

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the eulogies for Detective John Michael GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police, as expressed in the House of Representatives and the Senate together with the text of the memorial services, shall be printed as a tribute to Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT, with illustrations and suitable binding. The document shall be prepared under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing. There shall be printed 300 casebound copies; 50 to be delivered to each of the families of Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT, and 200 for the use of the United States Capitol Police.

The Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LaHOOD. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 311, I move that the House do now adjourn in memory of the late Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 311, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 28, 1998, at 10 a.m. in memory of the late Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

TUESDAY, *July 28, 1998*

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, on this solemn day, I rise to join my colleagues in paying tribute, a special tribute, to the heroic actions of Officer JACOB J.J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON. The quick and professional actions that cost them their lives undoubtedly saved the lives of many innocent people last Friday.

My thoughts and prayers, like all Americans, are with their families, friends, and fellow officers. As always, the Capitol Police act in a very professional manner and work tirelessly to ensure our safety each day. While diligent agents of security, they are also the friendly ambassadors to the emergencies of visitors who come to visit this great building that symbolizes the freedom of our great Nation.

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While we mourn the tragic deaths of these two men, and rightly so, it is more important that we should thank God that two such men once lived.

As Members of Congress, we must all take time from our hectic schedules to stop and thank them for the daily sacrifices they make to protect the innocent visitors to our Capitol. JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, thank you for your heroism and your sacrifice. May you rest in peace in God's arms.

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Officer JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT. Last Friday, these two men willingly gave their lives to defend our Nation's Capitol and its citizens. Their courage and conviction to duty should be a lesson to all of us.

As family men, these two officers had much to live for, much to look forward to, yet day in and day out these two family men worked their jobs knowing that some day they may have to put their lives on the line.

When that day came, they met the challenge with the strength of many, and selflessly placed themselves in harm's way to protect so many others.

I and the people of the 15th District of Illinois greatly appreciate the fact that they gave their lives defending the People's House. Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON will be missed by all of us, and may their sacrifice never be forgotten.

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today a saddened but grateful Nation pays tribute to two brave men, JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, who gave their lives to protect the lives of others. There are some among us, even as I speak, who might not be here to celebrate the courage of these two men were it not for their actions in a moment of crisis.

Let us pay tribute as well to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center located in Brunswick, Georgia, for the outstanding training of Federal law enforcement officials and the protection they provide.

The Capitol Police undergo intensive training at this state-of-the-art facility, and they learn not only the skills that will allow them to act decisively in the moments of danger but the professional attitudes and corporate culture that make all the difference in a job that serves all America.

The outstanding performance of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON was no accident. The arduous training they received at the FLETC Training Center saved the lives of so many

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who are here today to say thank you and God bless you, Officer CHESTNUT and Officer GIBSON.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Traficant) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the American people have come to learn something that the Congress has dramatically now started to realize. These are not country club jobs. The Capitol Police place their lives on the line like every other police department in the Nation.

My district, the 17th Congressional District of Ohio, joins with the Congress and the Nation in mourning the loss of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON.

The standards of the Capitol Police were always very high, but Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON have now raised the bar several notches, and that bar of excellence is very high. We are all proud, and we all join in as the Nation mourns these two great policemen.

But I want to talk to the Members who may be watching this telecast in their offices; to the Speaker; to my good friend, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. Gibbons) in the back; and to all the staff here. The Uniformed Division of the Secret Service makes more money than the Capitol Police for basically the same service.

I take to the floor today as a former sheriff to say security needs of the Nation's Capitol and the Nation's buildings should be addressed. For all of the Members of Congress, on the tragic bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City, there was only one guard on duty for the three Federal buildings in Oklahoma City, and that guard was a contract guard, not a full-service, Federal protective service system guard.

We now have to put ourselves in Congress under the microscope. Are we doing all we can? Have we gotten involved with budgetary numbers? I think the time to raise the level of compensation of the Capitol Police is at hand. It will cost $4 million a year to elevate them to parity with the Uniformed Division of the Secret Service.

Let me also say this to the Congress, it is good economics. Good economics I say to the gentleman from New York (Mr. Walsh). Because if we do not, we spend $50,000 to train our Capitol policemen, then Montgomery County, Fairfax County, Alexandria come in and hire after the scrutinization of the FBI background checks, and they recruit and take our

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young men and women, and they disrupt the flow of continuity. That must not happen.

H.R. 2828 should be now brought to the floor under the unanimous consent, and that is the tribute that should be paid to these two great policemen, CHESTNUT and GIBSON.

They say words are hard to describe them. As a former sheriff, I would just like to use these words to describe them: They were policemen. Our police officers, the Capitol Police, are some of the best in the world.

The only deaths that occurred were to the officers of the Capitol Police. The people they were responsible for are all breathing. There is not a police department in the United States that could have reacted any better to a crisis of such volatility.

I say to the gentleman from New York (Mr. Walsh), I think H.R. 2828 should have been done. But I understand the legitimate concerns. I know Congress now is reviewing that whole matter. I think the most fitting tribute would be for the Congress of the United States to bring out H.R. 2828 under unanimous consent and take our Capitol Police into parity with the Uniformed Division of the Secret Service. They do the same job. By God, if the Uniformed Division of the Secret Service can do it any better, I would like someone to try and convince me of that.

To the families of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON, your husbands, your fathers, they were really heroes. They were policemen for one of the finest law enforcement departments in the Nation, the Capitol Police that protects every one of us.

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, the tragic events of last Friday here in the Capitol have been felt across our entire Nation. Many of my colleagues have risen to praise and honor our two fallen Capitol Hill Police Officers, J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, for their heroism on that fateful afternoon. I will simply state that I echo those sentiments.

I wish to add my own personal message of sympathy along with the people of New York State's 25th Congressional District in Central New York to the families of both officers. Words do not express, words cannot express, the sadness that we all feel and the grief that we all feel for those innocent men and for their families.

This is an unwritten bond that exists here between and among all those who work on the Hill. We are a family; a large one, to be sure, but family in every way possible.

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When one loses a member of one's family, it hurts deeply. When they are lost due to an act of violence, understanding that loss is even more painful and difficult. Now is the time to grieve, and we must be allowed to do so in private. In time, the healing will begin, but for this moment, we mourn our fallen friends.

God bless you, J.J.; God bless you, JOHN.

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay a brief tribute to the officers who died Friday trying to preserve the safety and sanctity of this hallowed building. We will dissect Friday's events for months, looking for ways to make sure this tragedy never happens again. We should. This is necessary work.

But what sets these Capitol Police apart from the rest of us who do business in this building is their ability to act in a split second, to make decisions that can exact the highest possible price, without hesitation.

Friday reminded me that in the sea of people on Capitol Hill trained to analyze, debate and ponder, there is a small army of men and women trained to act immediately, decisively, and heroically. Like JOHN GIBSON did. Like JACOB CHESTNUT did. That these people lined up to pay tribute to these two courageous men underscores a fact I have sometimes forgotten: Without the work they do, we could not do the work we do.

I do not think I will ever forget that again. I may not remember to say thank you every single time I rush past an entrance carefully and cheerfully guarded by police, but I am resolved to do that as often as possible. And whether spoken every day or not, I think, for all of us here, the words "thank you" are in our hearts forever. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members will proceed through the center doors to the Rotunda for the viewing of Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, John Curran in his speech "Upon the Right of Election" said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Visiting the United States Capitol is one of this Nation's cherished liberties. As I have visited other capitals around the world, it is rare to see the flood of visitors that is found in our Nation's Capitol building.

The vigilance of our Capitol Police to protect the freedom of access for visitors, as exemplified by the service of JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, is a cornerstone of the sense of security felt by visitors to the Capitol. These two dedicated officers put the security and safety of their fellow citizens

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ahead of personal fear, and thanks to their vigilance, many lives were spared. Their dedication to duty stands as a shining example of the men and women who make the Capitol a shrine to be revered by thousands of visitors each day.

In the future, the continued accessibility of our Nation's Capitol to be shared without fear by millions will stand as a sacred testament to the bravery of Officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. To the families of our two heroes, you can take pride in knowing that your husbands and your fathers stood for all that is good about America: bravery, love of fellow citizens, and devotion to duty. I, along with millions of Americans, join in extending our heartfelt sympathy to the loved ones of JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON.

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 the subject of the tributes to the memory of the two slain police officers, JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as many of my colleagues have, to pay tribute to the two fallen Capitol Police officers Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT that so valiantly have demonstrated, I think more than anything, the importance of their work and the meaning of this Capitol Building. These buildings are the citadel of free expression and the rule of law, our Nation's Capitol; but beyond the symbolism and those flags that are today flying at half mast and the buildings and other structures, are the liberty and freedom and the ideas that drive the hearts and minds of this Nation's pulse.

These two individuals that have sacrificed their lives obviously symbolize and exemplify the real meaning of this Nation. Their real sacrifice and contribution underscore the essence of our common bond and the cost of freedom that we pledge to one another. This freedom has made our Nation in the past, today, and, we pray, tomorrow the democracy that it is. We extend our sympathies to the families, but celebrate their lives because they made a real difference, and we mourn the families' losses today.

I know that the people I represent want to extend their sympathy and support for the families and a recognition of

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the important role that the Capitol Police play in safeguarding our Nation's Capitol.

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, there are only a handful of words that can describe the emotions that we are all feeling today. But for a moment, all Americans should reflect on the words which describe Friday's actions of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON: heroism, sacrifice, honor, commitment, duty.

Much has been said, appropriately so, about their heroism and about their dedication to duty. Much has been said about the appreciation and respect we in the Capitol community extend to the family and friends of these brave men who have given us the ultimate sacrifice.

I was traveling back home to Montana at the time of the incident, returning to my home State to speak to Members of the Montana Police Protective Association. In turn, these representatives of Montana's entire law enforcement community have personally asked me to convey their deepest condolences to the families and the associates of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON. All Montanans are feeling the deepest sympathy over these events, and we reach out in prayer and in support and in compassion today.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, it is truly a sad time for the United States Congress and for the American people. Today we mourn the tragic loss of JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. We mourn for their families and the children they leave behind. And as we look back on their lives, let us also look forward. Let us look forward to the time when no individual needing mental health treatment falls through the cracks in our health care system. Let us look forward to the day when guns cannot find their way into our streets and our public areas.

Today we are united not just in our grief but in our respect, our admiration, and the utmost gratitude to these two officers. At this time of deep sorrow, words can never be enough to erase the pain we are feeling or to capture the full meaning of the selflessness and the bravery of JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT. Words are not enough, but in our hearts and in our minds, their heroism will never be forgotten.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, last Friday America's family room was invaded. I call the Rotunda in the United States Capitol America's family room, because this is where American tourists come and Americans come to see their government in action. The thin line between them, between

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safety and danger, safety and disaster, is the Capitol Hill Police.

Last Friday, Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the sanctity of America's living room. The system worked. They protected the tourists, they protected Members of Congress, they protected the staff, and they were able to protect everyone but, unfortunately, themselves.

Every day hundreds if not thousands of tourists and employees and Members of Congress walk by these brave men and women, and often we take them for granted, not necessarily in a negative sense, but you know they are there, you know they have got a job to do, and you are doing yours and you do not really think about it, but over time they become family. You know them by face, not necessarily every time by name. You know them, you like them, you exchange greetings and so forth.

Then suddenly something like this happens, and it divides their job from your job. We then understand how important their job is and how ultimately their job endangers their lives as it protects our lives. I salute these brave men, I pray for their family, and our hearts and prayers are with them.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, July 24, 1998, just a brief time after the last vote of the day was cast, two seasoned Capitol Hill Police officers were gunned down in one of the entrances to the United States Capitol, the People's House. Hearts were broken, and a part of America died.

There is a poem, one that is very fitting for this occasion, about fallen heroes, entitled "A Part of America Died Today." Its author is unknown to me but I ask that it be printed in the Record at this point, and I will state it in tribute to Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON.

Somebody killed a policeman today, and a part of America died.
A piece of our country he swore to protect will be buried with him at his side.
The suspect who shot him will stand up in court,
with counsel demanding his rights,
while a widowed mother must comfort her kids
and spend alone many long nights.
The beat that he walked was a battlefield, too.
Just as if he had gone off to war.
The flag of our Nation does fly at half mast.
To his name, they will add a gold star.
Yes, somebody killed a policeman today.
A cop put his life on the line.
Now his ghost walks a beat on a dark city street,
and he stands at each new rookie's side.

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He answered the call and gave us his all,
and part of America died.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself, my staff and the people of the Third District of West Virginia, I extend our deep sympathy, our prayers and our thanks to the families of these two fallen heroes, Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON, as we place them in the comforting arms of God and ask his blessings upon them.

Despite the chaos that ensued during and shortly after the first shots were fired, killing Officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, both veterans of 18 years on the U.S. Capitol Police Force, it was with cool, deliberate bravery that they pursued and brought down the gunman, even as they themselves were dying. That they died to stop the gunman from getting more than a few feet inside the United States Capitol speaks eloquently of their training, their devotion to duty, their incredible courage, and their willingness to take full responsibility for the safety of others at the expense of their own lives.

These two officers saved countless lives last Friday, for had the gunman been able to breach the security of the United States Capitol by even a few more feet, more would surely have died. Both officers have died in the service of their country, keeping the Capitol secure, so that Members, their staff, and the hundreds of thousands of Americans visiting the "People's House" might live.

I do not want fear or unreason to take hold amidst cries to turn our Capitol into a fortress. There is talk of beefing up security in the aftermath—a review that would have taken place after any violent event in and around the Capitol. I assure you this will not pass us by, but will grow into something positive in the way of added security.

But we must carry on and let nothing stand in the way of the public's access to their Capitol or their representatives. To do otherwise would be to somehow diminish the supreme sacrifice made by these two brave officers. Instead, let us grieve along with the families, and offer them our strength and the comfort of our prayers to see them through the days ahead, by remembering the bravery of the men they lost—men who were husbands, fathers, grandfathers, sons, uncles, friends and above all, protectors of the public trust.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to two heroes, Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON of the U.S. Capitol Police, who sacrificed their lives not only for those of us in Congress

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and for the staff and for the tourists, but for all of the American people.

J.J. CHESTNUT guarded the main entrance. JOHN GIBSON was assigned to Majority Whip Tom DeLay. Both were veterans of the force and took their responsibilities seriously, so much so that in saving the lives of others, they lost their own.

We take this safety for granted. Who could ever imagine a shooting in the Nation's Capitol, the shrine of liberty and justice to all? Who could ever imagine the death of two officers because of that shooting?

We shall miss these men who guided us, who cheered us, who cared for us, who asked us about our families and we inquired about theirs, who shared their interests, always there, alert and responsive. We will miss them, yes, but they leave behind them their wives without husbands, their children without fathers, the Capitol Police without two colleagues.

We offer our condolences to Officer CHESTNUT's widow Wen Ling and his five children, Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen and William; and to Detective GIBSON's widow Evelyn and his three children, Kristen, John and Daniel. Those of us who are Americans, who are part of the Capitol Hill family, are in mourning over the senseless loss of these two fine men, all across Washington and across the Nation.

I want to close with a quote from Thornton Wilder who said, "There is the land of the living and the land of the dead, and the bridge is love, the only survival and the only meaning." This is the love that they leave behind and this is the love we give to them and to their families.

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself, my staff, and the people of Delaware, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT. I also want Congressman DeLay and his staff as well as the visitors to the Capitol who witnessed this tragedy to know that they are in our thoughts today.

Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT were heroes who gave their lives protecting the United States Capitol and those who work here and visit this great building. Words are not able to convey the thanks and respect we owe these two men.

I also want to pay tribute to the other Members of the Capitol Hill Police who responded to this terrible tragedy. They too are heroes. Fortunately, they did not have to pay the price that Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON did,

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but their commitment to their duty and the safety of others was clearly demonstrated on that fateful day.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank the members of the Capitol Hill Police Force and our law enforcement officers across the Nation for the service they provide to the people of the United States. Unfortunately, I have attended services like this one today for fallen officers in Delaware. They are never easy but they do remind us of the absolute dedication that every law enforcement officer brings to the job and the very real risk they take every day.

Mr. Speaker, our thanks and prayers go to Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON. We will always remember them. In their memory, we also thank all the men and women in law enforcement who share the commitment that these two heroes exemplified. Finally, I want to say to the families of JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT, thank you for giving us these two men. We are eternally grateful, and you will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, in this hallowed Chamber we are often separated by differences in policy and politics, but today we stand together as a family, bound in honor of two men who will always be remembered in this Chamber and in this Nation as heroes.

While the horror of Friday's events will be blurred sadly by still other tragedies and the passage of time, the bravery and devotion to duty of Capitol Hill Police Officers JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT will become as lasting as the very democracy contained within these walls. We will not forget them.

This Capitol, the People's House, is honored by the service of each of our Capitol Police Officers, and to all of them today I offer praise and gratitude. By these two fallen heroes the People's House is venerated more so than the presence of any one of us here, for Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT surrendered their lives in protection of ours.

To the GIBSON and CHESTNUT families, on behalf of New Jersey's 11th Congressional District, my deepest, most profound sympathies. They should know we share their grief and we also share their tremendous pride of these two men who have given their lives in the preservation of the sanctity of our Nation's Capitol.

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I come here today with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to offer my condolences and prayers to the families of

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Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON. Just on the way over here I was talking to some retired Capitol Hill Police, one of whom trained Detective GIBSON. And I guess, in a nutshell, he said, "It could have been one of us," and I guess that really characterizes the mood around here these days: It could have been anybody. But it was two heroes who fell for their country, who fell protecting others without hesitation, without question.

And, Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not only offer my prayers from my family and the people of Brooklyn and Staten Island to those of the families of Mr. CHESTNUT and Mr. GIBSON, if I did not mention that, right now, there is a young police officer back home in Staten Island who was shot in the head 2 days ago by a 17-year-old boy, this boy who had killed somebody at the age of 15. So I say that as an example in reflection of that dedication of the Capitol Hill Police and police officers around this country who stand in defense of freedom every single day to protect the innocent, to protect us. And while we pray for the families of Mr. GIBSON and Mr. CHESTNUT, may we also pray for Mr. Carter and hope that he recovers and that in Staten Island we have him back protecting us as well.

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, last Friday a terrible and devastating incident occurred here in the Capitol of our Nation. Inside this glistening white marble building one person changed the lives of two families forever and held a Nation captive as we prayed for the lives of two dedicated police officers who have protected us without as much as a second thought.

In our daily rush we may sometimes forget that the officers we see throughout the buildings are there ready to make the personal sacrifices their duty requires. Staff members sometimes feel frustrated if they are stopped by an officer as they give tours, and interns are sometimes flustered if asked for identification. It is so easy to forget that these officers are trying to protect us despite ourselves.

Winston Churchill once said: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

The recent events bring their duty into clearer focus and force us to realize that, despite our occasional complacency, these officers must be prepared every day to face danger. Last Friday, in little more than a heartbeat, a delusional person was able to cowardly snuff out the life of a dedicated and professional officer. JACOB CHESTNUT was, however, much more than just a police officer. He was a good husband

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and father, and he was a caring member of his community and church.

Unfortunately, he was not alone. Officer JOHN GIBSON had three children and made time in his life for many others. He was the kind of person who was willing to dress up as Santa Claus to thrill children at Christmas. As a deputy whip to majority whip Tom DeLay, I came to know JOHN GIBSON as a man assigned to protect the majority whip. Many days I would go in the side entrance to the office, and Detective GIBSON would be there with his reassuring presence and smile. We all came to know and care for Officer JOHN GIBSON.

Despite the tragic turn of events on Friday it is my personal belief that the police security worked. The intruder was stopped before he was able to roam freely throughout the U.S. Capitol Building killing innocent civilians. I am proud of Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT. I am also proud of all the other officers on duty that day for their quick and professional response in bringing down the alleged killer, helping their fallen comrades and managing the hundreds of people who were either working or touring in the Capitol.

I would also like to express my own profound condolences as well as those of the people of the 4th District of Florida to the families of Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Officer JOHN GIBSON. May God bless them.

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, so many people have talked so eloquently about these two brave men that I am not going to try to do that. However, in less than an hour and a half we will be having a service in the Rotunda at which the President, the Vice President, the Members of the Cabinet and Senate and the House are going to be paying their final respects to these two courageous men. But I guess I ask myself how can we help? What goes on afterward?

We have had 2 days of mourning. There will be other mournings that go on. But sooner or later those families are going to be on their own, and they are going to need our help, and I hope we can be of help to them whether it is through any contributions we can make to funds, whether it is some help to their children, whether it is in a variety of different ways. I think those are the times when we will be needed.

Also, I would like to feel that we can do what is needed to be done for the Capitol Police in terms of buttressing them and making sure that they have the proper protective equipment.

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Another thing I think is that there are a great many people out there who were not in Washington but have the same types of functions, and these people need our protection and our help. I know in my communities and the district in which I live similar people are exposed daily to the type of dangers that these two brave officers were.

And also I think that there are a variety of people who are in service to this country, whether it is in the military or judiciary or a whole variety of things, and really we should be aware of and sensitive to the conditions under which they work.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, President Ronald Reagan in his inaugural address talked about a man named Martin Treptoe. Martin Treptoe, like J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, had not ever been heard of by America before that time, but Martin Treptoe was a baker. During World War I, he volunteered to go to the front. He became a message carrier. He got to the front, and three other message carriers had been killed, but yet Martin Treptoe volunteered again. And like the other three, they found Martin Treptoe dead about halfway to the front, and they found his message pouch, and I would like to quote from that pouch. It says:

"This is a very difficult war. I don't think I will survive. But I must treat every action as if that action determined the outcome of this conflict."

Both J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON treated every one of their actions as if the outcome made a difference for the Members of Congress and the safety of the public. We honor those two individuals today. May God bless them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. Jackson Lee) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, and I hope something that has been said over these last 2 days will continue to help and comfort those who mourn.

President John F. Kennedy once remarked: "A man does what he must in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures, and that is the basis of all human mortality." Officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON truly upheld this lofty standard.

And I also thank all other Capitol Hill Police Officers and all law enforcement officers throughout this Nation who protect us.

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As responsible defenders of our country, these two slain officers protected our citizens from mortal danger, and it cost them their very lives. But they protected more than the people around them. Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON protected the very core of our American society and our belief in the preservation of life and democracy.

Today I would like to acknowledge the courage and dedication that Officers JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT exemplified this past Friday. Today I seek to honor the memories of these brave men who served their country with the utmost dignity.

On a personal note I want to offer a very personal thanks, for I was here in these very Chambers when the shootout started, and I know that their bravery served and saved so many others.

As I say goodbye to our fallen officers, I am reminded of the Psalm of David where it is written:

> Trust in the Lord, and do good, so you will dwell in the land and enjoy security. Take the light in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord. Trust in Him, and He will act. He will bring forth your vindication as the light and your right as the noon day.

Last Friday, Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON did do good, and I am certain that they will bask in the Lord's glory when they reach the heavens.

This event has brought the pall of sorrow across the expanse of our great Nation. We all grieve today for two heroes whose lives were prematurely ended. However, we are gratified that democracy and freedom still lives in these halls and in our Nation. We can find comfort knowing that Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON will glorify the heavens as their spirits ascend ever upward.

As written in Matthew 5:

> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.
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> Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
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> Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
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> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.
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> And blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

In addition to these two brave officers, we must also thank the entire Capitol Police Force whose value was clearly evident during these trying hours this past Friday. The fast response of all of the Capitol's Officers diminished the severity of this heinous event. Not only did the Officers respond to

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the threat, but they also maintained a sense of calm that averted panic and comforted Congress Members, staff members, and the members of the public touring the capital grounds.

I personally thank the police force for their mere presence comforts me when I step on these grounds, and I am comforted knowing that valiant officers like JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT watch over all of us.

It is so very important to remember Officer CHESTNUT. This honorable man was dutifully providing directions for a man and his son when he was gunned down from behind by a sick and confused perpetrator. It is cruel irony that Officer CHESTNUT was summarily executed as he performed an act of kindness. As we remember him we must not only remember his gallantry. It is likely that we would be grieving the loss of a far greater number of lives if he had not acted.

Officer GIBSON's quick action protected, not only the lives of the majority whip and his staff, but it also protected the multitude of innocents who were touring the Capitol and its grounds. Who knows what carnage would have unfolded had Officer GIBSON not brought an end to this violence.

I offer my utmost sympathy to the families. Officer CHESTNUT was the consummate family man. He shared precious moments with his wife and his children. He generously spent time with his father-in-law. He moved forward and helped all of those who wanted help from him. He helped and stood by his wife's side, and he savored the moments with his children and his grandchildren.

Detective GIBSON was also a loving man, a good husband, and a father of three. Detective GIBSON spent much time with his family. He took his children to their athletic events, played with the family dog, and gladly offered assistance to his neighbors.

The fact that Detective GIBSON had planned to vacation with his family the moment he left work last Friday is a testament to his sense of family togetherness. That vacation on this Earth will never take place, but I know there are better days ahead.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself, my family, the constituents of the 18th congressional district in Texas and my staff, I offer to those who mourn my greatest sympathy and love. And on behalf of all of us, I offer these words of comfort in Isaiah 40:31,

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But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall line up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.

God bless the families of Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Officer GIBSON. God bless America.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. I hope something that has been said over these days will help those who mourn.

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Officers JACOB J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON truly upheld this lofty standard. I also thank all other Capitol Hill police and all other law enforcement officers who protect us. As responsible defenders of our country, these two slain officers protected our citizens from mortal danger, and it cost them their very lives. But they protected more than the people around them. Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON protected the very core of our American society, our belief in the preservation of life and democracy.

Today, I would like to acknowledge the courage and dedication that Officers JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT exemplified this past Friday. Today I seek to honor the memories of these brave men who served their country with the utmost dignity. On a personal note, I want to personally thank them because I was here in this chamber during the shootout and know that their bravery saved so many others.

This incident represented a rare event in our American history. Violent events in the Capitol, however, have occurred before. In February 1890, Charles E. Kincaid, Louisville Times correspondent, shot former representative William P. Taulbee on stairs leading from the House. Mr. Taulbee later died from his injuries. In December 1932, Marlin R.M. Kemmerer entered the House gallery and demanded time to address the House while brandishing a revolver. Fortunately, Representative Melvin J. Haas persuaded the gunman to drop the weapon. In March 1954, five Congressmen were shot on the floor of the House by three Puerto Rican nationalists who were in the visitors' gallery. Until last Friday, the latest act of violence in the Capitol was the bombing of the second floor of the Capitol. Fortunately, no one was injured.

What makes this recent event more serious than past events is the sense of security and safety that was shattered

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by the gunman's weapon. Given the heightened security at the Capitol, I have to think that few of us expected to face the violent assault on the Capitol, much less the loss of two Capitol officers.

We must forever remember Officer CHESTNUT. This honorable man was dutifully providing directions for a man and his son when he was gunned down from behind by a sick and confused perpetrator. It is cruel irony that Officer CHESTNUT was summarily executed as he performed an act of kindness.

We forever remember Officer GIBSON. Were it not for his gallantry, it is likely that we would be grieving the loss of a far greater number of lives. Officer GIBSON's quick action protected not only the lives of the Majority Whip and his staff, but it also protected the multitude of innocents who were touring the Capitol and its grounds. Who knows what carnage would have unfolded had Officer GIBSON not brought an end to the violence?

Authorizing the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for the memorial services for these brave men is fitting because they truly are national heroes, and they deserve a hero's tribute. I am also honored that a plaque bearing the names of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON will grace the walls of the Capitol, so we will forever remember their selfless acts of valor.

Mr. Speaker on behalf of myself, my family, the constituents of the 18th Congressional District in Texas and my staff, I offer my deepest sympathy and I leave you with the words of Isaiah 40:15, "Those that wait upon the Lord shall walk, run and not faint."

Given the loss felt by the families of our fallen officers, I feel that we must do what we can to provide assistance to these survivors. By paying for the funeral services, creating a survivor's gratuity to the widows of the two officers, and by urging the establishment of a Capitol Police Memorial Fund, we can acknowledge the courage of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON in the best way possible, by helping their family members.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, I do not know if Detective JOHN GIBSON or Officer JACOB CHESTNUT ever met anyone from the 1st congressional district of Mississippi in the performances of their duties. But my constituents feel a kinship with these two slain heroes today.

They realize that these brave men gave their lives, not simply to defend hundreds of innocent people during last Friday's shootout but to protect and preserve 222 years of his-

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tory and freedom symbolized by this majestic Capitol building.

The gunshots that rang out in these hallowed halls last week were heard around the Nation. E-mails and messages from my North Mississippi district reflect the same sorrow and shock other Members of Congress heard from the people they represent all across our great country this weekend.

This was not simply a shooting incident on a piece of federal property, it was an attack on the People's House, an attack on us all. This e-mail from constituents in Olive Branch, Mississippi is one example.

It reads, and I quote:

> Congressman Wicker, please express the heartfelt condolences of the people of Mississippi to the families and friends of the two slain Capitol policemen. They served and died honorably and in the best traditions of all those who placed their lives on the line for the citizens of this country. We trust they will be given the finest remembrance available in accord with the wishes of their families.

The American people join us today in honoring Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON. We lift them up as the role models and dedicated servants they were, professionals who took seriously their obligation to defend and protect the foundation of our democracy.

It is fitting that we honor these two men as heroes and that we make sure their sacrifice is never forgotten. Beyond the words we utter on the House floor and in memorial services, a more lasting tribute to them is to ensure that we carry on the orderly functions of government inside this building that they died to preserve.

It is important that we send a message to all those who would tear at the fabric of our democracy that we will not be deterred from keeping open this historic building which stands as the most visible symbol of freedom in the world.

I share the sentiment echoed in this Chamber that we stand united in reassuring our citizens that our free and open government represented so powerfully by all that goes on in the U.S. Capitol will not be disrupted by the actions of one disturbed individual.

Never again will we take for granted the job our law enforcement officers do in and around the Capitol. They come to work each day prepared to give their lives in service to our country.

Last week, for the first time in history, two of these brave officers made the ultimate sacrifice. They saved lives in the

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process. We share the grief their families feel because they were part of all of our families, and they will remain so.

Mr. Speaker, the people of the 1st congressional district of Mississippi join me in saluting the bravery and courage of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Stupak) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to express my sympathy and that of Michigan's 1st congressional district to the families of our two fallen officers of the Capitol Police Department, Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Officer JOSEPH JACOB CHESTNUT.

They are our officers because those of us who were and those of us who are in law enforcement know that Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT are our fellow officers. When a law enforcement officer was injured or killed, each of us who have been there is injured in a personal way.

As an Escanaba City police officer and later as a Michigan State Police trooper, unfortunately, too often, I felt and I have witnessed the outrage, the mourning, the sadness like that that has been expressed here in the Nation's Capitol and all across this great country.

It happens all too often, Mr. Speaker. Every other day a law enforcement officer dies in the line of duty here in America. Today we salute Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT. In response to their death, there have been calls for a visitor's center or to move the security perimeter farther away from the Capitol to protect our brave law enforcement officers.

Mr. Speaker, I really wish it was that easy. I wish we could just pass a law that here in America we could say no more law enforcement officers would have to be killed or to be injured in the line of duty. But it just does not work that way.

If we ask Officer CHESTNUT or Detective GIBSON, I am sure they would tell you that law enforcement officers rely on that personal contact with the public whom we serve. We need that contact to do our job.

You see, while Officer CHESTNUT probably really never had a chance, Detective GIBSON knew what he had to do. He had to protect employees. He had to protect the visitors. He had to protect the Nation's Capitol.

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He knew what the job demanded. They both understood their job. They had that sixth sense, that, even in the time of danger, they understood and they knew what had to be done.

Mr. Speaker, when I came here in 1993, I realized that law enforcement officers, not just here in the Nation's Capitol but all across America, knew how to do their job, that officers sacrificed their lives or were maimed or injured each day to protect all of us. I realized when I got here they really had no voice in this House. They had no caucus in the Nation's Capitol.

What do the law enforcement officers ask? They ask for understanding of what they do. They ask for understanding of what their job entails. So I and other Members in this Congress back in 1993 formed a Law Enforcement Caucus.

The bipartisan caucus promotes law enforcement ideas, addresses the needs of law enforcement officers and works to develop an understanding of their job, an understanding of what it is to be a law enforcement officer.

Those of us in law enforcement understand the dangers we face. We know how a peaceful day is shattered by gunfire and how tragedy can occur each day in America. We know that, and we understand that.

So I hope that you understand that a visitor's center or maybe a larger perimeter cannot really protect law enforcement officers from doing their job or the dangers that are in their job. But we ask that, as they do their work, we give them our understanding so that when our peace is shattered by death or injury they need to know that their children will be taken care of so they can go to college, get an education, fulfill their dreams.

We hope you understand that we need a Police Officer Bill of Rights, so that the needs and concerns of all law enforcement officers can be addressed.

Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON understood, and they did their job. I am not quite sure America understands their job. I am not quite sure this Congress understands, but I know that Members of this Congress and the citizens of this great Nation appreciate them.

As I paid my respects in the Rotunda and witnessed the Honor Guard at the caskets give the slow hand salute, it reminded me of other officers like Sergeant Dennis Finch of Traverse City, Michigan, who was murdered ten weeks ago. It reminded me of some of the officers with whom I served. Michigan Police State Trooper Darryl Rantanen of the Glad-

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stone Post was killed by a teenager who had stolen a car and rammed the police car and it went off the road and slammed into a tree. Darryl Rantanen recruited me into the Michigan State Police.

It reminded me of Trooper Craig Scott of the Lansing Post, my good friend. He was also a law client of mine. He stopped by my office, signed some papers went out on the expressway and was gunned down. I was a pall bearer at his funeral. He is buried in Muskegon, Michigan.

There was Trooper Paul Hutchins of the Detroit Post, where I counseled him when I was an instructor at the State Police Training Academy.

Mr. Speaker, there are officers throughout this great Nation, and as the Capitol Police officers gave their slow hand salute, we salute all law enforcement officers, past and present. We salute their families. We pray for you. We thank you.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to our two fallen heroes. I spoke on the floor last night discussing actions that we can take in light of this terrible tragedy. All of our colleagues have come together in discussing ways that we can assist the families of these two brave heroes.

As I mentioned last night, over the past 12 years I have been in this body I have had the pleasure of working with public safety leaders around America in both law enforcement, fire, EMS, and life safety concerns. In fact, in this city I have had the pleasure of working closely with the Capitol Hill Police in a number of exercises and in a number of situations that I have been able to witness their activities.

We take our Capitol Police, as we do our law enforcement and public safety officials, for granted across this country. Just in the 12 years that I have been here, I have seen our Capitol Hill police respond to fires in the Cannon Building, the Longworth Building, again in the Longworth Building just a month ago; emergencies in this building, bomb threats, situations involving people who become ill or experience heart attacks or other life-threatening situations. The Capitol Police are always there.

Mr. Speaker, it takes an event like this where we lose two lives to realize how valuable these people are day in and day out. In fact, 3 months ago my colleague and friend, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Hoyer) and I, after the fire in the Longworth Building, decided that we should take the time to recognize these brave heroes. So we went to Bill

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Livingood, the Sergeant at Arms and the chief, and asked if we in the Congress could recognize the officers who were taken to D.C. hospitals for smoke inhalation and for anxiety caused by their efforts in removing our constituents and ourselves and our staffs from the Longworth Building during that fire?

We assembled them all in a House hearing room in the Rayburn Building, and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Hoyer) and I both spoke to them. At the end of the service, one of the officers said, this is the first time that the Congress has actually recognized what they did in a formal way.

Last night, Mr. Speaker, in our bipartisan caucus meeting here in this body I suggested, along with the gentleman from Maryland, that we establish a permanent Congressional Recognition Program for our Capitol Hill Police; not just to recognize these brave heroes when they make the ultimate sacrifice but to make sure that we have a way of paying attention to what they do every day that we are in session.

I would say to America, in this time of national grief, in this time of tremendous outpourings of emotion and sympathy from all over the country, and having walked down the front steps you see police officers from across America coming to this city to pay their respects to our two heroes, I would say to America, let us use this opportunity, this low point in terms of our national morale, to renew ourselves in two ways: First of all, to make sure that the families of these two brave heroes never forget that we care, nor forget their loved ones. We are doing that.

The leadership on both sides of the aisle has put into place a memorial fund. We passed special legislation. We will do everything possible to make the lives of the siblings and the wives of these brave heroes comfortable for the rest of their lives, as much as we can, given the fact that they have lost their fathers and husbands.

Second, I would say to America, there is something else we can do. Besides taking care of these two families, each of us in this country needs to reach out and understand. As I said last night, looking for role models in this country should not divert us toward Hollywood, should not divert us toward the movies or TV, should not even divert us to athletic competition, because the real role models, the real American heroes, if you will, are not in Hollywood. They are not on the ballfields. They are false heroes. The real heroes and the real role models are the men and women in our neighborhoods who serve as our law enforcement officials, our sheriffs, our

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paid and volunteer firefighters, our paramedics and EMS personnel, because not only do they do their job and work to save lives and property every day, as these two brave individuals did, but they also make our community strong.

Every American who wants to pay tribute to Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON should make it a personal challenge to reach out in their own communities, maybe establish a Hero Scholarship Fund such as the Heroes Program in Washington; maybe establish a support group, but get involved locally with those public safety heroes in America who every day protect all our lives.

We are doing that in Washington, and I would just ask this country to come together in this time of national sorrow and allow us to all more fully appreciate the public safety heroes and role models in America who truly are the best that America has to offer.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Burr of North Carolina). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Cardin) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, as a representative of the people of the Third Congressional District of Maryland, I rise today to speak in honor of Detective JOHN M. GIBSON and Officer J.J. CHESTNUT of the Capitol Hill Police.

These last few days here on Capitol Hill have been somber ones, and many of us have been given to thoughts of the abruptness of life; how one minute you can accept the greeting of an officer as you walk to work and the next you learn that you will never hear those words again, that he has been slain in a heroic stand to save your life and the lives of your co-workers and hundreds of strangers.

These are sad times, Mr. Speaker. Yet we should not, we cannot, allow the sadness to overwhelm the message of the lives of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON. There is a message rooted in the ideas of democracy and duty. Democracy has a price. In an age when life for so many of us is so good, some of us may have forgotten that.

Tragically, the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families know that the price for their father and husband was life itself. But it was their sense of duty, their commitment to protecting this building that stands for democracy and the people in it, that should force all of us to consider our own duty to democracy.

It is said that Robert E. Lee once wrote to his son, and I quote: "Duty, then, is the sublimest word of our language. Do

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your duty in all things. You cannot do more, you should never wish to do less."

I wish to offer my condolences to the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families. I want to tell them that the lives of these great men and what they did for me, my colleagues, and all America last Friday will always be remembered and honored, but also remembered and honored for what it meant to the twin ideals of democracy and duty.

I want them to know that even if Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT had never heard these words from General Lee, they lived them, nonetheless. These two men could not have done more for me, and I hope to use their example to never wish to do less.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend from Virginia (Mr. Scott).

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Cardin) for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, as the representative of the Third District of Virginia, I rise to add my voice to the chorus of supporters of the families and friends of Special Agent JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT in these painful hours.

"Senseless" is the word that keeps coming back to me as I think of the loss to the families and to our community of the lives and contributions of these two fine public servants. The only thing that was not senseless about the tragedy was their bravery and sense of duty in sacrificing their own lives to protect the lives of others and to keep the People's House open to the public.

Any loss of life as a result of tragedy is painful to the entire community, but when it comes as a result of a senseless tragedy such as this, we also feel anger, disgust, and bewilderment over the loss of their lives and the suffering brought upon their families, friends, and our Nation as a result of a senseless act. No words are ever adequate under these circumstances. Yet I wish to join the long line of my colleagues in Congress to express my deep sorrow and sympathy to the families of these brave officers and to try to find a way to come to grips with this tragedy in our midst.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate and honor the lives and contributions of Special Agent JOHN GIBSON and Officer J.J. CHESTNUT to this Congress, to this community, and to our Nation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Barr) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, shots rang out in the Halls of this Capitol, and today we come together to remember two officers and the tragedy that has befallen all of us. Even in the midst of tragedy, we must reflect on the fact that these two men were defending this Capitol, the Capitol which is a symbol of freedom around the world. These two men not only gave their lives in the line of duty and in order to protect innocent citizens, but also to protect freedom.

Throughout the history of this Nation, there have been several demonstrations perpetrated in the walls of this Capitol in a way to scar the symbol of freedom. In each instance we have reached within us to find the strength to go on because we realize that which is so precious must continue.

Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT made the ultimate sacrifice for us, and they would want us to continue on, to take up their post and to continue to preserve this Democratic institution. We as a Nation owe it to them to do just that.

Although they are not here anymore with us, we remember them as the heroes they are. There is no way to fill the void they have left in their families. I can only say to the families of Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT, may not a month, not a week, not even a day go by that you and we do not forget that these two men will always be our heroes in the truest sense of the word.

As the light on top of the Capitol burns bright at night, may it be a constant reminder of our freedom and our fallen heroes. May that light always shine bright for the memories of Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT, because they made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the principles of this country and for which that light burns so bright.

We must continue to hear the sound of freedom that rang out Friday afternoon and every day here, not the sound of one cowardly, solitary enemy of freedom. Let freedom ring in our ears, and their memories in our hearts, as we stand here in the people's Chamber and as we also stand in the Rotunda of the Capitol building itself, which, in its majesty, fairly reaches up to the heavens, just as the souls of these two brave officers rose Friday to heaven to join our Lord God in eternal bliss.

In God they trust, and as the words raised in marble behind me state, In God we trust, now and forever.

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the tragic loss of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON serve as a painful reminder that every day the men and women of the United

States Capitol Police put their lives on the line, prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice. Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON were called upon to make that sacrifice without any second thought. They simply did that to protect others.

So much of what is said and done in these Halls is a symbol for communities across the Nation. Sadly, the service and sacrifice of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON represent the 91 law enforcement officers who have given their lives just this year alone in the United States. Three of these slain officers served in the community I represent, the city of Tampa in Hillsborough County.

When we lost Police Detectives Randy Bell, Ricky Childers and Trooper James Brad Crooks, it dug a hole in our heart and took our breath away. That tragedy also brought our community closer together, and it deepened our respect and appreciation for the men and women who serve as law enforcement officers and their families as well.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share a poem that brought comfort to our community at that time of tragedy. It was read at the funeral of the slain officers in Tampa. It is an anonymous poem, it is entitled, "Miss Me, But Let Me Go."

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that was once shared,
Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in good deeds.
Miss me, but let me go.

Mr. Speaker, our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these courageous officers. May they rest in peace.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, the Nation mourns the death of two Capitol law enforcement officers whose lives were taken in the tragic shooting incident last Friday during a busy time in our Nation's Capitol.

As we reflect on this sadness, I cannot help but think what could have happened if these two men had not been so courageous and sacrificed their own lives so that others may live. We owe them a great deal of thanks and gratitude for

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protecting the lives of all who visit and work in the Nation's Capitol. Today we honor their memory and pay tribute to their heroic action.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON, to Mrs. Chestnut and Mrs. Gibson. We know your deep sense of loss. For that we pray, so that you may somehow feel comfort during this difficult time.

And to your children, we can only hope that your pain will heal in time by knowing that your father is a national hero, and will always be remembered as a courageous and honorable man who gave his life to protect others. May God bless you and may God bless America.

Let me say one other thing that was a gift from these gentlemen. They unified this House, this great Capitol, the two Houses, and we are unified throughout the United States in awe of this great gift that these two gentlemen have afforded us. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts, and will remember them always.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Burr of North Carolina). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. Payne) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise for the constituents of the 10th Congressional District of New Jersey in support of two great men who gave their lives on Friday to protect our Nation's Capitol and its visitors. I send my greatest condolences to the families of Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN M. GIBSON for their bravery and quick action last Friday.

It is the Capitol Hill Police Force that makes it possible for us to do our jobs every day. They also make it possible for all visitors to the Capitol to experience the legislative process, the proceedings which take place here.

I would like to commend and honor those two great men today for their years of service and bravery while protecting everyone who comes to this Nation's Capitol. This tragedy has touched all of our lives because it reminds us that no one is protected from violence, guns, and people in need of mental care, even in the halls of Congress.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know many who serve on the Capitol Police Force, and I commend them, as always, for their sharp responses to situations, in addition to their friendly disposition. It has been an honor to have such men as Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON, who protected us while we were in these hallowed halls.

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I will forever be indebted to them for their commitment and protection, and for the safety of the public. They are true heroes, and their bravery is testimony to the best of what our country has to offer.

The Capitol Police officers who selflessly gave their lives are not the only ones who need to be remembered. There was also an innocent bystander who was injured by stray bullets as she escorted her family around the Capitol, Angela Dickerson. I want to send my deepest condolences to her and husband Steve, and their entire family.

Angela was the innocent victim of that random act of violence. I wish her the best of luck in her recovery, and Angela, we hope that you will come back again to join us in the Capitol, despite your unfortunate experience. This is the People's House, and it must remain just that, open to the people of this Nation.

Angela's experience reminds us that no one is protected from random acts of violence. One of my interns, Teresa, was directly above the shooting after delivering a resolution to the floor, and she was lucky not to be directly at the scene. This has been a sad and emotional experience for all of us, whether we knew the victims or not.

Let me just say that prior to my time in Congress, I served as an elected official in municipal and county offices. On the local level, law enforcement, outside of education, is the largest expenditure of local budgets. Because of this, a lot of time is spent with law enforcement people, and we become more cognizant of their sacrifices, the long hours of the police officers, their time away from their families, the day-to-day danger, and their overall dedication of public service.

Let me conclude by saying that an old Negro spiritual said, Let the work that I have done speak for me. There was the age-old saying that, if you can help somebody along the way, then your living shall not be in vain. Officer CHESTNUT and Agent GIBSON's work that they have done speaks for them, and certainly their living has not been in vain.

Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentlewoman from Missouri (Ms. Danner).

Ms. DANNER. Mr. Speaker, the Bible tells us, greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. I rise today to join my fellow Members of Congress to honor the memory of JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT, who died defending not only our lives but democracy itself.

These men were our friends, like so many Capitol Hill police officers who serve and protect us day after day, Congress

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after Congress, decade after decade. They do so with a quiet dedication and an obvious devotion. Whether helping a Member of Congress or any of the millions of visitors who come to Capitol Hill every year, the Capitol Hill Police play a vital role in assuring that American democracy works. They do so with thousands of acts of devotion and dedication to their duty. We know they may have to perform the ultimate act of devotion, but we also pray that they never do.

JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT made the supreme sacrifice, and we know they did so without hesitation. They were our friends, our protectors, and they laid down their lives, not only for us, but for the freedom that this institution represents.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. Dreier) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, as the Nation and the Capitol Hill family and, of course, the families of Special Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT deal with this extraordinary tragedy, we, of course, extend our condolences to the immediate family members and their dear friends, including all of our friends here on Capitol Hill who have been so affected by this.

One cannot help but think of what it is we can learn from this, and what it is that this has taught us. Of course, we have all, over the past few days, expressed greater appreciation for those men and women who are on the front line as Capitol Hill police officers than we have ever have.

I have always prided myself on being friendly and talking with them, but there have been more than a few occasions where I have been in a hurry and rushed by. Over the weekend and yesterday and today, of course, like all of my colleagues, we have stopped and taken a moment to express our appreciation. We all know how important gratitude is.

We also must remember, as we had the opportunity to walk by the two caskets in the great Rotunda, and in about 45 minutes we will be moving into the Rotunda for a memorial service, that this experience shows us the magnitude of man's humanity to man. We know it is, from this experience, our deeds that make us great, and while we have been talking, as we do so well here, we know that our words are important, but it is our deeds that will be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, these two men exemplify the simple, everyday greatness of self-sacrifice. I join in extending condolences

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to the GIBSON and CHESTNUT families, and wish them God speed.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, we gather today to honor two men in a way that has been reserved for Presidents and military heroes. Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that we would honor these two slain Capitol Police officers as only 26 other Americans have been recognized.

JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON were heroes. They chose to place themselves in harm's way every day they came to work. In that awful moment last Friday, they did not flinch from making the ultimate sacrifice to protect co-workers, friends, and even complete strangers.

They were more than just officers, though. They were husbands, fathers, and a grandfather. We grieve with their families, mourning their loss and ours. JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON were part of that thin blue line that runs through every community in America.

As we remember their heroism this week, let us not forget that their colleagues here at the Capitol and in law enforcement agencies throughout the Nation still stand ready to protect and search. Let us appreciate the contributions they make and the risks that they take each day when they put on that uniform.

As Ronald Reagan said, those who say we don't have heroes anymore just don't know where to look. We lost two of those heroes on Friday.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Bishop) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the slain officers who valiantly defended the People's House last Friday, Special Agent JOHN GIBSON and Special Agent JACOB CHESTNUT.

Shakespeare wrote, "All the world is a stage, and all the men and women, merely players. Each has his entrance and his exit. One man in his time may play many parts."

So it was with Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON. They, too, played many roles. They were sons, husbands, fathers, friends, co-workers. They were great men, great not because of the titles they carried, not because of the uniforms they wore. They were great not because of where they worked, nor because of who they worked with.

No, they were great because, measured by the true standard of greatness set by Jesus, that is, "he who is great

among you shall be your servant and he who is greatest shall be servant unto all," they measured up.

They served us all. They stood by the door to protect us and thousands who visit this Capitol each day. Both literally and figuratively, they served us and America by giving their last full measure of devotion and to protect us and the house of democracy.

Too often, those in exalted places of power overlook the nameless persons who serve and wait. Whether those who sweep the floors, hold the doors, service or drive the elevators, serve the food, cut the grass, or clean the toilets, they are too often overlooked. But they, too, are great, because they also serve.

We are grateful to God and to the families of Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT for allowing us in America to benefit from their service.

Yes, all the world is a stage and all the men and women merely players. Each has its entrance and his exit and these two in their time played many parts. For their service and their friendship, we are grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from New York (Mr. Meeks).

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a sad heart to extend my condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. I do this on behalf of my wife, Simone, and our family, my staff, and the constituents of the Sixth Congressional District of New York.

I have only been a Member of the Capitol community for about 5 months, and it has been a learning experience for me and my staff, as most us are new to Washington. One of the things that we have learned is that there is a strong sense of community here. Members and staff view each other as colleagues, and we view our staffs as part of our families.

The Capitol Police, in my opinion, are indeed an extension of that spirit of professional respect, friendship, and family. They protect Members, they protect our staffs, and they protect the many visitors who visit the Capitol every day. They risk their lives for us and for America. But we must ask ourselves, what is it that they are protecting?

I believe, as I am sure all Americans believe, that they are defending the crucible of freedom. It is the crucible of freedom that is on display every day in this building. The fact that Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON gave their lives defending this place will serve as a reminder to me what the words

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"duty" and "service" really mean. The senseless act of this past Friday truly define the words "defending the Constitution."

Yes, I still learn every day that I am here, as I had learned before I arrived here, that we cannot place a value on human life. But a person who is willing to give his or her life makes the ultimate sacrifice so that someone else might continue to live is one who really understands life and its value.

As others have said, freedom is not free. And it is with a tremendous sacrifice that we are free in this country, a freedom that we all too often take for granted.

But I just pray that we all understand what sacrifice means after this tragedy. I again send my prayers to the families of these heroes. I know, and I want them to know, that they are not alone. This House, this Congress, and indeed America's prayers are supporting them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DeLay) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, I probably will not take the entire 5 minutes, for those who are waiting to speak. I just wanted to add to last night's remarks, when I read into the Record some of my staff's memories of Detective JOHN GIBSON. Today I wanted to read a few more that my staff offers into the *Record* as well.

From Jim Morrell,

Working in the front office at the Whip Office for a year and a half, I had the opportunity to come to know John; the opportunity to know what an outstanding human being he truly was. When the nights got late with Congressman DeLay up in leadership meetings or on the House Floor, there would often be just a few of us left in the office. I can remember staying up there until 11:00 or 12:00 at night with JOHN, watching TV or talking about the latest events in the sports world. With JOHN being a die-hard Red Sox fan and me being a die-hard Cubs fan, we often commiserated on the respective futility of our favorite baseball teams.

I walked into the Whip's office last Friday, minutes before the tragic events unfolded. Although I came in the front door, I turned my head towards the back hallway before continuing on. There sat JOHN at the back desk dutifully guarding his post.

For the rest of my life, that image of JOHN will stay with me. The image of a guardian, a defender, a protector. I can imagine JOHN, even as shots were being fired, thinking, "There is no way you are going to harm the people in this office."

Well, no one in our office was harmed, thanks to JOHN. The hardest part of this tragedy is that I will never have the opportunity to thank JOHN personally. In every sense of the word, he was a part of our office, a part of

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our family, and he will be sorely missed. God was very gracious to allow me to know JOHN GIBSON. I will always remember his life and will always remember his sacrifice.

From Shannon Graves,

JOHN was my father, my uncle, my brother, my protective shield. For the year and a half that I sat in a desk right in front of him, I saw JOHN from sunup to sundown. GIBSON, as I would always call him, was always there with a cheery "good morning" and a smile throughout the day.

He took on the role of a father to a very young female in the office. He was there to give you congratulations, give you that stern lecture that was needed, and if someone was ever bothering you he was there to make it go away.

As we sat together, it became the competition of dueling TVs, always helping him with the Internet, e-mail, and loading the latest computer games for him, Doug, and Bob to play.

I remember the day he was on detail for John Travolta. It was about 6:30 at night. He came running into the office asking me to grab any film that I might have. He would give no details, except to grab the film and follow him. I ran with him, and the next thing I know, I am handing the film over to John Travolta's photographer. It seems that she ran out of film and Travolta was going into a meeting with the Speaker. I spent the next hour up on the balcony and then was ushered over to have my picture taken.

JOHN was always watching out for everyone. He wanted to make sure that everyone benefited. He escorted Stephanie and myself to see Mother Theresa when she was leaving the Capitol. He was always right there for you. Now my Hill father is gone.

From Dani DeLay, my own daughter, who is now Dani Farrell,

JOHN always treated me like he was another father. Whenever I was in Washington, he always was looking out for me and watching me like a hawk.

I liked to tease him and tell him I feel sorry for his own daughter. I was sure that, at age 17, he still had not let her go out on a date.

I feel so safe knowing that now he will always be watching over me wherever I am.

The last conversation JOHN and I had, he told me how much he and my family meant to him and how much he loved us. JOHN, I love you, too.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to thank the Members for all the wonderful words they have said on this floor on behalf of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON.

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DeLAY. I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DeLay), the majority whip, yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to make two points. One is this House has come together in an extraordinary way in the last 24 hours. Last night's meeting, a joint caucus and conference

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meeting between the Democrats and the Republicans, was this institution at its finest.

I think in the memory of these two outstanding men, we should all commit ourselves to love each other more, to be more civil, to hold this institution up in the way that they deserve. In memory of them, that we would, as a people, find some good in this and come together in an extraordinary and historic way.

Mr. Speaker, I also wanted to come today to this floor and recognize a great "Tennessee Volunteer," Senator Bill Frist, whose second nature was to help; to put himself in an awkward position as a physician, though to always put that patient first, regardless of who that patient is.

A great Tennessean of whom we are all very proud, Senator Frist came where he was needed most and gave of himself in an extraordinary way.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DeLay) and the Speaker and the minority leader for this House coming together for these two remarkable men.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. Faleomavaega) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, like my colleagues before me, I rise to extend my heartfelt sympathies and deepest condolences to the families of Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON. We pay this special congressional tribute today in honor of these extraordinary and courageous Americans who sacrificed their lives so that the Members of this institution and the public could be protected from harm and from danger.

Mr. Speaker, sometimes we take it for granted that our Capitol Hill officers perform their duties day and night, faithfully, steadfastly, without complaint and with quiet dedication. At all times, they are willing to assist us and assist our constituents, going out of their way to be helpful and courteous. They serve this institution with dignity, with selflessness and, Mr. Speaker, as this tragedy as shown us, they serve this institution with great courage.

My colleagues in the House, for all I know, it could have been any one of us walking down that Capitol hallway last Friday afternoon, any one of us or any one of the thousands of more than 18,000 staff members and visitors who enter that hallway of the Capitol building every day. The violence was that random.

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Mr. Speaker, several Members of Congress could have been hurt or killed last Friday. These brave officers, JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT, took the bullets instead. They took the bullets that recklessly endangered everyone in that hallway, including visitors who wanted very much to see America's greatest monument, a building that symbolizes freedom and democracy throughout the world.

In this moment when there was only time to act, we saw the true nature of both these men. We saw their courage and their deeply selfless impulse to protect life and the sacred space which is at the very heart of this democracy, the House of Representatives of the American people.

So while this tragedy has shocked all of us, Mr. Speaker, I would join my colleagues who have urged that it not result in undue restrictions of public access; restrictions that would change the very essence and character of the People's House.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all the men and women in uniform, along with these two gentlemen, who perform their duties day and night to protect us and to protect all Americans who grace the People's House with their presence to witness the world's greatest democracy. We know that all of them are sworn to protect this institution, as were Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON.

Mr. Speaker, words simply cannot express our great sorrow and the depth of gratitude. Mr. Speaker, in our Samoan tradition we say—(The gentleman from American Samoa spoke in Samoan)—"May your voyage be one of greatness and with great success."

Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. Christian-Green).

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. Faleomavaega) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to add my condolences, and that of my constituents in the U.S. Virgin Islands, to the family of our slain officers, as well as our respect, honor, and gratitude to these officers for their years of exemplary service and their supreme sacrifice.

We are all the beneficiaries of their service and bravery and that of their fellow officers who greet us daily, look after our welfare, protect us and our families and our constituents.

On a personal level, they help me find my way between meetings; they greet me as I arrive and leave. When necessary, they have seen to it that I have gotten home safely

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and have been helpful above and beyond the call of duty in many ways.

Officers CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON have served us and their country at the highest level of service. May the sorrow of their families be eased by the fact that so many share the burden of their loss.

May God bless them and us, and may our beloved officers rest in peace.

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say thanks to Capitol Police Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON for being there when we needed them the most.

I really shudder to think of how much worse this tragedy could have been if these two men had not been there to make the ultimate sacrifice at their posts.

Today, as we honor them, I want to take a moment to recognize the reassuring presence of the Capitol Police who guard their institution with their lives every day. Thank you.

As Friday's events so vividly demonstrated, without you, the exercise of democracy in this House, the People's House, would not be possible. You do a great service to your country. I ask for God's blessing to the family, to friends, to the other officers in this time of tragic loss.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Burr of North Carolina). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. Calvert) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CALVERT of California. Mr. Speaker, Special Agent JOHN GIBSON, Officer JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT, duty, honor, country.

Many Members of Congress have expressed our collective grief over the loss of Special Agent GIBSON and Officer J.J. CHESTNUT, but it is worth repeating over and over again. Officers, law enforcement, fire personnel over the country every year lose their lives helping all of us, American citizens. We should express our grief today and remember them as they remembered us, helping us through difficult situations. Condolences to the family. God bless you all.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Oxley).

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I also add my voice to the chorus of sympathy being sung on this day of mourning here at the Capitol for the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families. To them

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we give thanks in the memory of their fallen heroes. We pray that their grief will be comforted.

They died protecting freedom and protecting the lives of all of us here in the Capitol. They died as any U.S. soldier would have in any war. It is now just to remember how much we appreciate and admire their leadership and their service, and we send our deepest sympathies to the family as we proceed to the memorial service in the Rotunda.

I thank the gentleman from California for yielding to me.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I join a mournful Nation to express my deepest sympathy to the families and loved ones of Officer JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON. These two brave and courageous officers gave their lives to protect Members of Congress, our staff, and visitors who come to see the Capitol from all over the country.

On behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District of the State of Hawaii, I stand to pay tribute to the gallantry and bravery of these two men who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Many people from Hawaii visit the Capitol each year and have felt the assurance of safety provided by the dignified and diligent service of our Capitol Police. To learn that two of them died in the line of fire is shocking news everywhere in America.

I returned home to Hawaii the next day after the event to find that all the people I saw received word of this terrible loss with a sense of personal loss. Everyone felt that their safety had been compromised with such an assault upon our House. The feeling of warmth and compassion for the families of the slain officers was deep and very moving.

As we reflect on these events, I realize how guilty we all are in taking for granted officers like CHESTNUT and GIBSON who stand in the line of fire every day that they serve us here and in our home communities. I pray for their eternal peace and for the life and safety of every one of their colleagues who serve us here in the Nation's Capitol.

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, this last week of July, 1998, we honor Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT. We honor them for the ultimate sacrifice they have made on behalf of this country and on behalf of this institution.

I join my many colleagues in all of their eloquent remarks. We certainly cannot be too eloquent to thank those officers and share with their families the bereavement of their loss.

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On behalf of the people of the State of Minnesota, I wish to extend our condolences.

Finally, on behalf of the Members of this institution, I think it is fair to say that we recognize a renewed obligation to meet the challenges that we face with the same dedication that the officers who have given their lives met their obligation.

I share in the comments of my colleague, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. Wamp) in the desire to see this institution work on a collegial basis in the months and years to come.

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, the attached transcript is of my radio address to the Nation on Saturday, July 25, 1998. During this address, I discussed the tragic attack at the Capitol and the courage of those officers who responded to this tragedy. The officers who were killed—and all those who helped apprehend the gunman, assist the injured, and evacuate the building—are true heroes of democracy, and every American owes them a deep debt of gratitude. They gave their lives to protect the lives of hundreds of tourists, staff, and Members of Congress. If not for their quick and courageous action, many innocent people would likely have been injured or killed. I submit the transcript to the *Congressional Record.*

[REPUBLICAN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS, JULY 25, 1998]

GINGRICH: Good morning. I'm Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

And I want to report to you on the tragic attack on the United States Capitol, your Capitol, on the professionalism of the Capitol police, on the heroic actions of two fine policemen who sacrificed their lives in defense of the Capitol, and in their sacrifice, saved many innocent lives.

I also want to talk briefly about their families, the tragic loss they've suffered and the loss that the entire Capitol Hill family has suffered.

And finally I want to emphasize that this building is the keystone of freedom, that it is open to the people because it is the people's building. And that no terrorist, no deranged person, no act of violence will block us from preserving our freedom and from keeping this building open to people from all over the world, and to every American who wants to come and visit the center of their self government.

This is the people's building. Up to 23,000 people a day visit this Capitol, their Capitol, to see their government at work, to stand in the shrine of freedom and teach their children—and we have many, many school children who visit on a regular basis.

But those who hate or fear freedom, sometimes seek to attack this Capitol and those in it precisely because they symbolize America, self government, authority and the process of freedom.

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The Capitol police protect the Capitol as the Secret Service protects the White House. Each day thousands of people enter the Capitol and are greeted by our protectors and our ambassadors to the world. The thin blue line of the Capitol police, provide both safety and information.

Yesterday, as officer J.J. CHESTNUT was advising a visitor how to get to the subway, a deranged man tried to force his way into the Capitol. He killed Officer CHESTNUT and wounded Angela Dickerson, a visitor to the Capitol.

J.J. CHESTNUT's partner, who was getting a wheelchair to help a visitor, returned the gunman's fire. As the gunman fled, he ran into Whip Tom Delay's office and there exchanged fire with Officer JOHN GIBSON.

Officer GIBSON, at the sacrifice of his own life, saved the lives of dozens of innocent people in those offices, including Missy Jenkins, a member of my staff who said to me last night very emotionally—and she had even more trouble than I am saying this to you—that she really felt that Officer GIBSON had died literally so she was alive.

Now, forgive me for my emotions, but these two men are genuine heroes. You see, they literally every day, knowingly and voluntarily, put their lives on the line. They understood that to be free, somebody had to be willing to take this risk.

In the case of J.J. CHESTNUT, a man who had served 20 years as an MP in the Air Force, his wife told me last night when I visited on behalf of the Congress that he was so proud to serve his country—seventeen years on the Capitol Police force, he was only two years away from retirement.

And I remember because that's the door I go in and out of every day, how often he would quietly but firmly insist that you go through the magnetometer, that you obey the rules, as he did his job to protect this Capitol.

We should remember that Officer J.J. CHESTNUT is still here in the spirit with his wife, Wen Ling. He has children—Joseph, Janice, Janet, Karen and William. And they remember. And I think each of you wants to join us in remembering this true hero.

In addition, Officer JOHN GIBSON had become a member of Tom DeLay's family. He had been assigned to protect the Majority Whip and Christina DeLay told me last night that they were so close. And Mrs. GIBSON told me that he had enjoyed so much working in that close relationship, knowing that his job was to protect Tom DeLay and that he was doing something important for his country.

He responded immediately to the crisis. I was told by those in the room that he promptly told everyone to get down, close the doors, and he drew his gun as the gunman entered and they exchanged shots.

Officer GIBSON's wife Evelyn and their three children Kristin, John, and Daniel have a very large hole in their lives because their father, her husband, served his country. And yet I hope of each of them will realize that he was a true hero, a hero in the deepest sense, a man who when confronted with danger, moved toward it to save others when he could have moved away.

As this was happening, the Capitol police were doing their job, responding immediately to the crisis, sealing off the perimeter, protecting the tourists, protecting the staffs and Members who were around. A number of people responded and made it possible both to suppress the gunman and to save lives.

Dr. Eisell, the Capitol's attending physician and his staff, and also Dr. Bill Frist who is a Senator, had just finished presiding over the U.S. Senate.

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Senator Frist went immediately to the scene and then went on to the emergency room.

The Washington D.C. Emergency Medical Service, including the D.C. Fire Department, MedStar at the Washington Hospital Center, the George Washington Hospital, the U.S. Park Police whose helicopter arrived to help save lives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Washington Metropolitan Police Force, who promptly intervened in the investigation—again and again professional people did a professional job to make sure that your Capitol was safe and that the visitors and workers in it were safe.

We can all be proud of them. But we can also do more.

We will be establishing a trust with the U.S. Capitol Police for the two families who have sacrificed for their country and for freedom. Anyone who wishes to help can write to the U.S. Capitol Police Memorial Fund, Washington, D.C.

But we must do more. Each of us everyday should recognize that many people are in uniform in this country—the police, the Capitol police, the Secret Service, your local police, your local sheriff's office, your state police, the Border Patrol, the United State military—people who get up every morning and risk death because they want you to be safe. And because they believe that they and their children should share the freedom and the security that America has provided for over 200 years. We're not going to back off.

I want to thank the president for his call last night, for his concern, for his statement this morning, for his plan to visit the families—it will mean a great deal to them.

I want to thank each of you who has called. The tourists I saw out front who are here to visit, the people who have been calling in to C-Span, all the people back home who have called Marianne and me. It does mean a lot to the Capitol Hill family when the American family comes together.

Let me close by asking you to join me for just a moment in prayer.

Dear God, please watch out over the CHESTNUT family and the GIBSON family. Help them in their time of grief. Help them to come to understand, to be comforted by the love and the thanks of many, many grateful people. Help them to remember the heroes who they sacrificed for their country.

Please take to your bosom, Officer J.J. CHESTNUT, and Officer JOHN GIBSON. Please watch over all of us and watch over all who defend and protect us and keep us safe.

Please help this country learn to live with its freedom. Please help those who are troubled learn to live peacefully with their problems. Please help each of us as we strive to do our duty and to reach out to each other in this American family.

Please forgive us our sins, and bless America and the American people. Amen.

Thank you for allowing me to share this with you.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of southwest Florida, I would like to offer not only our deepest sympathy to the families of Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, but also our greatest admiration for the total professionalism and full sacrifice these men gave to protect the People's House and its visitors. Officer CHESTNUT and Officer GIBSON truly understood exactly what the U.S. Capitol building represents to the people of this country and to people ev-

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erywhere. With honor and courage they stood their ground for the world to see.

Early one morning a while ago, as I neared the Capitol, I watched some visiting foreign tourists with tears of joy kiss the Capitol steps; to them this great building meant freedom and democracy. Now our friends, JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, join so many other Americans paying unhesitatingly with their lives to defend us and our freedom.

And without question in this needless tragedy, they did save the lives of citizens, visitors, staff, and Members.

I also would like to thank and praise their fellow Capitol Police officers who dedicate their lives to defending our freedom. Their bravery and professionalism does not go unnoticed nor unappreciated. Their conduct in containing this tragedy and coping with its aftermath has been exemplary.

It really is "family" up here on Capitol Hill. We all have our own memories and associations of Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON. J.J. pulled weekend guard duty on occasion for the House Intelligence Committee and served those of us on that committee well and faithfully. JOHN was true family to Joe Moakley, our distinguished former chairman and current ranking Member on the Rules Committee. He was also a regular feature in the workings of our whip chores as deputy whips under Tom Delay.

Other Members had other contacts with these officers but we are all of one mind in knowing J.J. and JOHN will be missed—that we are deepfully grateful for their lives and fiercely proud of their work and that, above all, all our sympathy and love go out to their families in a way that seeks to share the burden of their losses.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to two American heroes who have lived, worked, and now died in our midst. JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT epitomized the very finest in the tradition of public service and law enforcement.

Every day as we arrive at work and as we move about the Capitol Hill complex, we are greeted and protected by members of the Capitol Police force. They are not only our protectors, they are also an integral part of the Capitol Hill "family." We exchange stories of children and grandchildren, the news of the day, and the joys and pains of everyday life. They are our friends—indeed a part of our extended family.

It is easy to forget that their profession is a dangerous, life-threatening one. Seemingly endless hours of uneventful duty can be broken, without warning, by violent events.

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Last Friday, Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT answered the call to duty, and paid the ultimate sacrifice in performing their duty. Their presence and their actions saved countless lives of innocent people who might have been caught in the crossfire.

Mr. Speaker, it is completely right and fitting that we take this day to honor and remember the lives of JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT. They served their country with dignity; they performed their duty with integrity; and they gave their lives in the defense of our Capitol and our democracy. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I would like to pay tribute to Officers JACOB JOSEPH (J.J.) CHESTNUT and JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON of the United States Capitol Police and extend my condolences to their families and colleagues. This is a solemn duty that I undertake on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of people who live in the sixth district of Maryland and elected me to represent them in the 105th Congress of the United States of America.

JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT were exemplary members of the thin blue line of the United States Capitol Police. The men and women in this law enforcement force protect and defend the most important symbol of our representative democracy, the magnificent Capitol building. Their joyful but anonymous and humble service touches and enriches the lives of thousands of their fellow Americans and visitors who work in or visit the Capitol on a daily basis. They serve and protect millions of us.

The excellence, quiet dignity, and anonymity that were the hallmarks of the careers of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON were swept away in a matter of seconds by a violent attack. The fury may have been directed by madness, but it is clear that this deliberately deadly attack was unleashed upon the Capitol because this building is open to everyone and is the most central and sacred symbol of our democratically elected government. Moreover, it is clear that members of the Capitol Police were the special and first targets of this assault.

I don't believe as human beings we will ever be able to understand why it was the fate of Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT to be called upon to face the fire that was unleashed during those moments of utter chaos. Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON instantly stepped into that awful breach. Without hesitation, they swiftly ended that attack and protected the

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lives of hundreds of others by willingly sacrificing their own lives.

It is fitting and proper, I believe it is our duty to honor their bravery and the courage of their sacrifice. Words are inadequate to express how grateful we as a Nation are today to JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT. I believe President Abraham Lincoln perhaps said it best when he honored the fallen heroes at Gettysburg for "offering the last full measure of devotion" to preserving and protecting the cause of freedom and "government of, by, and for the people." Words are inadequate to express the condolences we as a Nation pay to the GIBSON and CHESTNUT families and to the members of the Capitol Police on the loss of their loved ones. We cannot erase their grief. We can only offer this small tribute to comfort them.

As a living tribute to the memories of JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, I hope the Capitol will continue to remain open and accessible under the unsurpassed protection of our thin blue line, the United States Capitol Police. Our democratically elected government was attacked, but the thin blue line was not breached. The line held. Our freedom and liberty have been secured once more by the terrible and brave sacrifice of two good men.

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, this week our Nation mourns the deaths of Capitol Hill policemen JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT. In the aftermath of the shooting in the Capitol, as Members of Congress reflect on whether this event was avoidable, we must take responsibility for this and other acts of violence attributable to the mentally ill. The Capitol shooting was all too familiar an occurrence, a scene that has been played out in our schools, on our streets, our subways, and in homes throughout America.

The movement in the 1970s and 1980s to deinstitutionalize persons with mental disorders was not an unqualified success. It is time that we admit that closing the institutions did not negate the need for further care; the mentally ill still need consistent treatment and many of them are not getting it.

Two to three percent of the population experience severe mental disorders. Many more suffer from milder forms of mental illness. In almost every town, we see people on the street whose illness precludes them from working or connecting with other people in a meaningful way. Many of them could be helped with medication and therapy, but only if they had access to care.

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We must provide that care. We can and must prevent future unnecessary violence so that other families do not have to endure what the GIBSON and CHESTNUT families go through today.

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I sadly join my many colleagues who have taken the floor to mourn the loss of Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer J.J. CHESTNUT. I want to extend my deepest sympathy to their families and my thanks and appreciation, and that of the people I represent in Nebraska, for the ultimate sacrifice they have suffered.

The men and women who serve on the United States Capitol Police Force guard our Capitol. They protect the people who serve and work here and the millions of visitors each year from across the country and around the world. They stand guard for the principles on which the Nation was founded and which make this Capitol building such an attraction and source of price. We pass them everyday as we enter and leave the Capitol and House and Senate office buildings, as we walk the hallways, and as we go about our business in our offices and committee rooms.

And until Friday, July 24, it had been all too easy to forget they came to work each day ready and willing to put their lives on the line for their job and their country. It will be very long time before any of us again pass a Capitol Police officer and not remember JOHN and J.J. and that they all put at risk their lives everyday.

Over the past two days, as Members have taken the floor to pay tribute to our two fallen heroes, there have been wonderful stories about both men. A story I'd like to share with my colleagues comes from one of my constituents, a farmer, from a town with a population of only 1,900 in the Nebraska Panhandle. The story speaks to how a dedicated man, who would be the first to say he was just doing his job, makes an impact and leaves behind a legacy.

Bob Busch, from Mitchell, Nebraska, first met Officer J.J. CHESTNUT in 1988. It was Bob's first trip to Washington, D.C. Bob and a fellow Nebraskan were attending a meeting and reception in the Hart Senate Office Building. Neither of them had ever been inside the Capitol. On the way out of the reception, they asked how best to see the Capitol. They were told to go to a certain door at the Capitol and ask for Officer CHESTNUT.

At the door, Officer CHESTNUT answered their query and, even though it was late, offered to take them on a tour of the Capitol himself. That was the beginning of quite an

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evening—a complete behind-the-scenes tour of the Capitol—and a new friendship. Bob got to see things I'm not sure I've ever seen. Since that first tour in 1988, Bob has taken the time to seek out Officer CHESTNUT each time he's been in Washington. In 1995, he introduced his wife to J.J.

In addition to the tour, Bob and Officer CHESTNUT shared a love for this earth. Officer CHESTNUT was an avid gardener. Bob is a sugarbeet farmer. Bob recounted to me how Officer CHESTNUT was always interested in farming and how his operation was doing. Bob said Officer CHESTNUT had a real kinship with farmers. Bob called my office upon hearing that Officer CHESTNUT had lost his life in the line of duty. He said how much he admired Officer CHESTNUT, how personable he was, so tall and so proud, such a fine man who did his job.

Like all of us, Bob and his wife are grieving for Officer CHESTNUT and his family. And as we all know, there are countless stories similar to Bob's about both JOHN and J.J. They touched many lives, and did so in a manner that can only make their families proud knowing that it is not just their Capitol Hill family grieving, but that they have the sympathy and gratitude of people across the Nation.

Nothing can ease their pain or lessen their loss, but an excerpt from a poem has always given me comfort:

The sun goes down, but gentle warmth still lingers on the land,
The music stops, and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains,
And reminds us that for every joy that passes, something beautiful remains.
May the memories that remain bring you comfort and keep your loved one close at heart.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Second Congressional District of Alabama, we extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families of Special Agent JOHN GIBSON and First Sergeant JACOB CHESTNUT. The heroism that these two men displayed in protecting the People's House cannot be overstated. They gave the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the freedom's we Americans enjoy in our free and open society. The following editorial, which ran in today's Montgomery Advertiser, reminds us that freedom is not free.

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

OFFICERS GAVE LIVES FOR PUBLIC

Two men gave their lives Friday to once again prove what U.S. history has shown time and again—freedom isn't free.

When a gunman opened fire at the U.S. Capitol, two Capitol police officers, JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, were killed.

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They died while protecting the occupants of the Capitol and the public, which is in itself a noble sacrifice. But they also died protecting the public's freedom of access to its government, something U.S. citizens may enjoy to a greater extent than citizens of any other Nation.

That is an essential freedom in a democratic Nation. We suspect Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON were well aware of that. It makes their sacrifice all the more noble.

These officers deserve all the praise and honor a grateful Nation can bestow upon them. But we doubt that any would have pleased them more than the reopening of the U.S. Capitol to citizens on Saturday.

It is only common sense for government authorities to review security measures at the Capitol and to take whatever reasonable steps are necessary to close breaches in that security.

But care needs to be taken that nothing is done to significantly limit the public's access to "America's house." If authorities overreact and make it difficult for the public to gain ready access to the halls of Congress, it would amount to capitulation to whatever insanity prompted this despicable act.

There were a lot of heroes Friday. Among them was U.S. Sen. Bill Frist of Tennessee, a heart surgeon who helped treat the injured. There were scores of tales of adults—parents and strangers—who used their bodies to shield children. There was also the quiet dignity of Sgt. Dan Nichols, who noticeably struggled to hold his emotions in check while ably serving as spokesman for the Capitol police.

But at the head of the list of heroes are Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON. They, like so many others before them, paid the ultimate price of freedom.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, July 24, 1998, is a day that none of us will ever forget for many reasons, but mostly for the heroism displayed by Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN M. GIBSON. Mere words cannot express our gratitude for their actions, our grief for their fates, or our sorrow for their families.

To the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON, we offer our most heartfelt condolences and pray that God provides comfort and assurance to you in your time of need.

When the House of Representatives is in session, we enter this building many times a day. Usually, we offer a nod or an off-hand comment to the officers at the entrance and they respond in kind. Sometimes, we are in a rush or preoccupied and may not say anything. But it must be made clear that we appreciate the work these officers do.

So, to all of the officers of the Capitol Police force, all I can say is "thank you." It is only a two-word phrase, but it means so much. You are not taken for granted. Our prayers are with you and for your continued safety.

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reiterate the special and heartfelt sentiments that many of my colleagues have been making during the past several days. Last Friday,

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July 24, 1998, United States Capitol Police Officers JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT made the ultimate sacrifice defending our Nation's Capitol. In a tragic moment, these two brave and courageous men gave their lives to defend and protect the safety and dignity of the United States Capitol.

Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON, although slain in a tragic moment, embody the very spirit that is the United States Capitol Police Force. These officers, without a second thought, put themselves in harm's way to protect the lives of others. These men approached their jobs each day with the highest commitment, dedication, and honor. The brave men and their colleagues put their lives on the line each day knowing that the perils of danger may be just around the corner. But, without high praise or recognition, they do their jobs with incredible grace and extraordinary professionalism.

Although we, in the Capitol Hill family, have lost two close members, this institution and the freedom and democracy for which it stands will continue for those of us who work here and for the millions and millions of visitors who join us here each year. From the heroic efforts of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON, the world will continue to look to the United States and the United States Capitol as the true symbol of freedom, liberty, and perseverance.

Mr. Speaker, for myself and my family, my staff, and the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, I rise to pay this most honorable tribute to Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer J.J. CHESTNUT. To their families, friends, and colleagues, please know that their legacy of unwavering loyalty and supreme dedication will forever live in the hearts and minds of those who pass through these halls. On behalf of a grateful Nation, we are eternally indebted. Our hearts and prayers are with you. God Bless you.

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the two Capitol Police Officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. Officer JACOB (J.J.) CHESTNUT and Officer JOHN GIBSON died protecting the freedoms of our Nation. For that we owe them a debt of gratitude. The tragedy that transpired last Friday has shaken this Nation. We will continue to mourn the loss of these two fine officers.

Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT died heroes. Because of them no visitors to this institution lost their lives. Because of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON this Capitol building remains open and safe. These two officers gave the ultimate sacrifice. They remind us that our freedom can come at a personal cost. Let us be clear, they did not die in vain. Offi-

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cers GIBSON and CHESTNUT will forever be remembered for bravely defending the Capitol.

As a former law enforcement officer, I am especially saddened when a fellow officer's life is taken in an act of violence. I would like to express my sincere condolences to the families of Officers JAKE (J.J.) CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. They will be missed.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, today is a sad day in the United States Capitol. The murder of two U.S. Capitol Policemen last Friday was a tragedy that words cannot convey. As legislators in the U.S. Congress, we are committed to making laws to protect the people and create a more peaceful society for all Americans. Today we gather in this Chamber to recognize the supreme sacrifice that those who are sworn to protect this institution may be called upon to make.

Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON are heroes who gave their lives to protect this institution. I join my colleagues in saluting these fallen officers—history will forever record the last acts of heroism to two of the Capitol's finest.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Agent GIBSON. May time ease the burden of their loss and bring peace and understanding to all who have shared the sorrow of their untimely passing.

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in expressing my deepest sympathies to the families of Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON. I would like to also extend my sincere regrets to the members of the United States Capitol Police who have also lost two members of their family.

It is at times like this that we are reminded of the inadequacy of our language. How do we properly express our regret and sorrow to the wives of Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON at the loss of their husbands? How do we share with their children the appreciation we feel for the valor displayed by their fathers? How do we share with the other officers of the Capitol Police our thanks and admiration at the bravery displayed by Officer CHESTNUT, Special Agent GIBSON and their fellow officers for risking and giving their lives so others might live? Thank you, I'm sorry, brave, hero—all words that pale in the face of the loss of a husband, father, colleague, friend.

It has been said often in the last several days that freedom is not free. Since before the founding of our Nation, men and

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women have been willing to stand up and give their lives for their country and their countrymen. Often, this price has been paid on the fields of battle in distant places. We should not, however, diminish the price paid by these two men solely because they gave their lives here at home. The heroes of the past gave their lives in the defense of democracy. Special Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT gave their lives in defense of democracy's house.

We are told that Officer CHESTNUT loved to work in his garden and share the fruits of his labor with his friends and colleagues here on the Hill. I know the struggles and rewards of gardening. The frustration when a promising spring becomes a parched summer. The satisfaction that comes with a plentiful harvest. We are also told that Special Agent GIBSON was a Red Sox fan. Sooner or later every Sox fan comes to know the age-old frustration of a promising season that disappears as July becomes August. And sooner or later, every Sox fan learns to take satisfaction in the hope that the Sox will make it next year for sure.

Today, the Nation will have the opportunity to pay their respects and express their sorrow and thanks. As we move on, we must not forget these two officers and their families. We must also remember those members of our Capitol Police—our own thin blue line—and the thousands of men and women all over our Nation who are willing to place themselves between their fellow citizens and danger.

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in expressing my deep grief over the tragic loss of Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Officer JOHN GIBSON who were lost last Friday in the line of duty. I know that the men and women of Ohio's 7th Congressional District share our grief and I know their thoughts and prayers, as are mine, are with the families and friends of these two officers.

I honor the long service of these two officers who died bravely while protecting our Nation's Capitol. Law enforcement is one of the highest forms of public service, and today we are reminded of our deep debt to those individuals who daily risk their lives to protect the public's safety.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Capitol Hill community and our country suffered a personal loss of two fine Capitol Police officers on Friday, July 24, 1998. On that afternoon, a lone gunman invaded the People's House and put many visitors, staffers and Members of Congress in danger. If it were not for the sacrifices of Special

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Agent JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT, we would be mourning the passing of other human beings on this day.

On behalf of the constituents of the 30th Congressional District, I would like to extend my personal condolences to the families and friends of Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT. While we take for granted the fact that such tragic incidents can happen to us, we must not take for granted the lives of those two Capitol Police officers who gave their lives so that we may live.

Mr. Speaker, the spirit and dedication of those officers will live on and truly embody what this place means. Our Capitol symbolizes service, duty and honor. Both the life and death of those officers were examples of those qualities. It is because of their duty and service, our work can go on. Indeed, it must. We cannot let an individual who is distrustful of our Government to allow our democracy to cease. Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT would not want our business to stop because of real or perceived threats to our system. Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT would not want us to cower and hide in fear of any group or individual who would seek to disrupt the proceedings of our Government in such violent methods.

One of the best tributes to those officers would be for all of us, staffers and Members, to be just as dedicated to service and duty as Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT were. I believe that this will be the finest remembrance that we can offer.

Mr. Speaker, after the brief moments of chaos and tragedy, I received many calls from worried family members and friends inquiring about my whereabouts and safety at that moment. If not for the service of Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT, and the entire Capitol Police Force, I may not have been in the arms of safety, telling my family and friends that I was safe. We literally owe our lives to our two fallen officers, our friends whose heroism protected many others from harm and possible death.

Mr. Speaker, along with my condolences, I offer the families and friends of Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT my prayers and ask that our Lord give them the strength to deal with such a terrible tragedy. Most important, I would like to give Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT my gratitude. It was once said that, "gratitude is the memory of the heart." Therefore, my heart goes to Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT with the utmost gratitude.

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the resolution agreed to yesterday to remember and honor the lives of two American heroes, Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police.

Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON died in the line of duty last Friday while courageously protecting Members of Congress, congressional staff, and visitors to the U.S. Capitol. Their heroic actions, and those of other U.S. Capitol Police officers, saved countless lives—including my Health Subcommittee staff, two interns in my office, and a family from my congressional district visiting Washington, D.C.

We cannot forget that the men and women of the U.S. Capitol Police put their lives on the line every day for us. They are dedicated professionals who protect our Nation's foremost symbol of freedom and democracy. More important, they protect our lives, those of our staff, and the millions of tourists who visit the Capitol each year.

Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT are heroes. Their selfless act of courage exemplifies the valor, dedication, and professionalism of the men and women who serve on the U.S. Capitol Police Force. As the resolution before us so eloquently states, "those who guard the Capitol guard our freedom."

I extend my deepest sympathies to the families of these two guardians of freedom and all of the officers of the U.S. Capitol Police. Although words are little solace, I hope their families and colleagues will take comfort in the admiration and respect of a grateful Nation for these fallen heroes. May they rest in peace.

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, as a former law enforcement officer, I understand the pain and difficulty associated with the continuation of lives without fathers and husbands, brothers, and friends. As I was a sheriff before coming to Congress, I keep up my contacts with other law enforcement types, both here and back in Texas.

So I knew both officers who died in the brief combat inside the doors of our Nation's Capitol, and my staff and I mourn their loss, along with their families, and their extended families here on Capitol Hill in the larger family of Congress.

I know this: There is nothing that either of these officers would have wanted more than to fulfill their mission and be hailed by the institution they served, as well as their country, as heroes for democracy. That is an honor of the highest order. Those of us who walk these hallways each day under-

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stand the perils we face at the end of the 20th century. There is no grand military conflict consuming the world today.

Yet the minds of some of our citizens are badly tormented, to the point that they believe they can only resolve that conflict by doing damage to their government. This man was not an enemy of the state—he was mentally disturbed. What was fundamentally different about him was that he carried a gun and apparently had no fear of being killed in an attempt to violate this sacred building.

We cannot protect this building, nor the people who work here, from the evil in the minds of individuals who are unafraid to die and have the nerve to rush a security checkpoint with a gun. This is a democracy in pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness. If we lock off elected officials from those they govern, our democracy will come out of this tragedy a little weaker.

Democracy is not easy. It has never been easy. For those people who work for the Federal Government, this particular time in history is occasionally dangerous. We all know it. It was never more apparent than in 1995 when a fanatic blew up the Oklahoma City Federal building. It is part of our consciousness, but we know that if we let them dictate how we behave, the bad guys win.

I won't stand for that. My colleagues in this hallowed hall won't stand for that. Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON didn't stand for that, and they laid down their lives as they were trained to do to protect the civilians who inhabited the building at the moment the gunfight broke out. They gave the last full measure of devotion to their country and to this institution they were sworn to protect.

My personal thanks today to the officers, and to their families, for standing firm on that thin blue line.

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, the two brave officers who sacrificed their lives to protect the lives of hundreds of others visiting this scared symbol of freedom. No words can begin to ease the pain and suffering that the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families are feeling at this moment. I hope, however, that these grieving families can take some solace in the outpouring of love and support from grateful Members, staff, fellow police officers, and citizens from across this country.

The bravery and sacrifice exhibited by these offices are characteristics of the entire Capitol Hill Police Force. Far too

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often, all of us take their work in protecting these grounds for granted. We forget that in a moment's notice someone intending to cause harm to others can disrupt the order and normalcy that many of us have come to expect as we work here. It is during this time that we depend on those brave men and women who work to ensure that the Capitol remains a safe haven for those working and visiting. Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON did not let us down. At the first sign of trouble, both officers intervened and took the appropriate action. As a result of their selfless and heroic actions, I am confident that many were spared injury or death.

Mr. Speaker, it is highly appropriate to see these heroes given the ultimate tribute of lying in honor in the Rotunda of the building where they served, protected, and perished. No one deserves this honor more than Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON. May God bless each of them.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON who valiantly gave their lives this past Friday, July 24, in the Capitol. If it were not for the courage and composure which they displayed in the face of mortal danger, more lives may have been lost. Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON made the greatest sacrifice that a human can make in order to save the people that were working in or visiting the Capitol. We are forever in their debt and will not forget their bravery and valor.

Both Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON were husbands and both were fathers. I know that these moments are difficult ones for their wives and children and that words are unlikely to ease their pain. They should know, however, that they are in my prayers and are in the hearts of all Members of this Congress and of all the American people. What these officers did will not be forgotten. They placed the lives of others above their own, and for that they are heroes. Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON did not die in vain; they died honorably, saving the people whom they had sworn to protect.

Friday's attack on the Capitol was a surprise and a shock that has left everyone shaken. It was a tragic incident without any known motivation. Though we may not be able to understand what prompted it we can ensure that the Capitol remains guarded by dedicated officers who make it a safe place in which to work and visit.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I ask you and my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Detective JOHN

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GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT. They were good men who were loved dearly by their families and who were respected deeply by those who worked with them. They are true heroes whose courageous actions will always be remembered. Moreover, for those who knew them and interacted with them on a daily basis, their loss is deep. Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT have moved us with their deeds. In protecting the lives of others, they gave their own.

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise both with grief and with pride in support of House Concurrent Resolution 311. Like all of my colleagues and, indeed, like all Americans, I am grieving over the tragic, violent deaths on Friday of two valiant U.S. Capitol Police Officers, Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON. And I am proud of these two heroes, members of our Capitol Hill family, who made the paramount sacrifice by giving their lives to protect the Members, staff, and guests of this Congress.

Mr. Speaker, J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON were special men every day. They loved their families and their jobs. They were courteous and friendly, generous, and professional. On Friday, they did what they had to do, what they were trained to do, and became heroes. Their deaths leave tremendous holes in the fabric of our lives.

These crimes were particularly alarming because they took place inside the Capitol building, the People's House, which is and must always remain open to the public, and where people expect to be safe. Witness after witness, tourist after tourist, told the press that they had never imagined they would hear gunfire here.

But, Mr. Speaker, the heroism of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON demonstrate that the Capitol is safe. It may not be challenged very often, but on this terrible Friday the security system worked. Two officers gave their lives and many others responded swiftly and capably to protect the public and apprehend the gunman, but only one visitor was wounded. Without our Capitol Police Officers' professionalism, readiness, and training, and their heroic responses to a terrible threat, the harm would undoubtedly have been much greater.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my condolences to the wives and children, other family members, neighbors, and friends of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON and to assure them that we share their sorrow over their loss, and that they are in our thoughts and our prayers. They, too, are

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heroes, who every day sent their loved ones to work, never certain they would return. They, too, have paid an enormous price for the safety of Members, staff, and visitors to the Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution, like House Concurrent Resolution 310 passed yesterday, is necessary and appropriate, and I urge all my colleagues to support it.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic courage displayed by Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON during Friday's violent episode that took place in our Nation's Capitol.

These two brave men, in the ultimate act of selfless defense of others, put themselves in harm's way to protect the public, members and staff in the United States Capitol building. Through their heroic actions, they averted a potentially more tragic situation. These two men are a tribute and a testament to law enforcement officers everywhere who risk their lives daily to defend the citizens of this Nation.

In light of this grave tragedy, let us not be swayed from keeping our Nation's capitol open to the people. Let us also recognize this tragedy as a harsh reminder of the price we sometimes pay for freedom in our country. We are grateful for these men who, in the ultimate sacrifice, gave their lives in the defense of others. We are thankful for the law enforcement officers who risk their lives in the defense of freedom in our country and pay tribute to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

I offer our deepest gratitude to the officers who work day in and day out for the protection of the citizens of this Nation, and I offer my deepest sympathies to the families of these two heroes, Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON. Our thoughts and prayers are with the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families.

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my fellow colleagues to honor both Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT, who selflessly gave their lives in the protection of this Capitol and all those who work and visit here.

Mr. Speaker, it is easy to overlook the efforts of those who protect and serve on these grounds. It is easy to overlook because they do their jobs with the greatest efficiency and professionalism every hour of every day, all year long. This past Friday, we were all reminded of just how important a part these brave men and women play in protecting this "House of the people."

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Mr. Speaker, we were also reminded that there is often a price to pay for the freedom we enjoy in this great Nation. Every day, thousands of men and women across this Nation risk their lives to protect and to serve. Police, firefighters, military personnel—all have committed their lives to protecting others.

This past Friday, Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT did more than protect Members of Congress, congressional staff and visiting tourists—these two men gave their lives to protect our very unique form of government. They gave their lives so this building could remain open, accessible and safe for all Americans to participate in their democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that every American keep the families of Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT in their daily prayers and thoughts. Both of these men are genuine heroes whose selfless and courageous deeds will not be soon forgotten.

I commend my colleagues who have joined in support of a resolution that authorizes the establishment of a fund to provide financial support to the families of these two men. I hope those who wish to help these families will do so by contacting the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two men who gave their lives in defense of freedom—Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON. They will be deeply missed by all who had the great privilege of knowing them.

As one of my colleagues so eloquently stated, we are the land of the free because we are the home of the brave. Last Friday, our freedom was preserved by the bravery of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON, when a deranged gunman tried to invade the People's House.

These two heroes were both dedicated family men. Officer CHESTNUT's wife, Wen Ling, and their children—Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen, and William—and Officer GIBSON's wife, Evelyn, and their children—Kristen, John, and Daniel—should know that their husbands, their fathers, each served his country with the utmost dedication and honor. They will not be forgotten.

The men and women of the Capitol Police are dedicated to preserving and protecting the People's House. They put their lives on the line for us—Members of Congress, our staffs, and each American who comes to visit our great Capitol—every day.

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Through their selfless act of bravery, Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON saved the lives of countless Members, staff, and tourists who were working in and walking through the Capitol last Friday. We literally owe our lives to them.

I know that the House, Senate, and indeed the entire Nation joins me in expressing our deepest sympathies and prayers for the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON. These two men are true American heroes.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, in honor of the memory of JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 392, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 41.

The motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 29, 1998, at 10 a.m.

(Following adjournment of the House, the Speaker pro tempore announced that Members should proceed through the double doors to the memorial service.)

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I recognize that my few remarks here today could never adequately express the profound sadness felt by myself, my congressional colleagues members of the Capitol Hill Police Force, and indeed the entire Nation, over the slaying of Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON.

Last Friday an individual bent on destruction and misery, launched an attack on this building. But he did much more than that. He also attacked the very freedom this building symbolizes. But he was not successful. At that critical moment in time, two officers performed the duties they were sworn to, and sacrificed their lives to save others.

This tragedy has affected us all. I believe that during the past few days, Americans have paused to reflect what freedom and democracy mean to them. Because the Capitol is much more than just a building. The Capitol Hill Police

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Force do not just project a physical structure, but also the very center of our democracy.

In my year and a half in Congress, I have often commented on the openness of our Capitol building. I have seen how the history of both the building and our Nation, expressed on the walls and ceilings and stairs, interested and inspired school children and senior citizens alike. The supreme sacrifice given us by Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON is in the same tradition of courage and honor demonstrated by every man and woman who have given their lives so that we may be free.

I would like to complement the outstanding work performed daily by the Capitol Hill Police Force. Every day they stand on the street corners and in doorways and give directions to lost and tired visitors. They answer the same questions one hundred times a day. And they do it with courtesy, dignity, and professionalism. They are goodwill ambassadors to thousands of visitors—yet they remain largely unheralded. Finally, they are highly trained law enforcement agents sworn to protect the lives of Members of Congress, staff, and all others who make their way to Capitol Hill.

Last Friday, two brave men upheld their oath with heartbreaking efficiency, and today we mourn their loss.

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my deepest sympathy to the families of Officer JACOB JOSEPH "J.J." CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON. These fine men made the ultimate sacrifice for their government and their country. My wife, Tawni, and I will keep their loved ones in our prayers in this time of terrible pain and sadness.

This is my first term in Congress. I have been impressed by how accessible the Capitol building, and all the buildings in the Capitol complex, are to the American public. I have also been impressed with the superb level of security provided to the Members of Congress, staff, and the public by the Capitol police force.

This senseless act of random violence will cause some people to call for closing the doors of the Capitol to the public—turning it into a fortress. This building has historically been the center of the people's government, housing the proceeding of the House, the Senate and the Supreme Court. The public has always been able to freely witness the proceedings under its roof. Millions visit the Capitol of the United States each year. They come from across the country and around the world for the chance to walk through the

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halls of what they know is the ultimate beacon of democracy and freedom.

Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON knew, as well as any of us, how important a visit to this Nation's Capitol is to so many people who pass through its doors. Their names have been added to the list of those who have died to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. Many of us forget all too often that freedom has a heavy price. Their astonishing bravery is becoming clearer as we learn the details of their struggle to stop the gunman last Friday. Their selfless instincts were to protect, at all cost, the innocent people working in and visiting the Capitol that day.

Sealing off the Capitol to the public would sidestep the real issue that these officers and police everywhere in America deal with every day—escalating gun violence. We should use this horrible incident to examine our society and consider what can be done to reduce this violence and keep guns out of the hands of those who would perpetrate such heinous crimes. When it comes to the point where children are shooting other children in our schools and a gunman shoots his way into the U.S. Capitol, we must recommit ourselves to finding real solutions to gun violence.

We should honor the memory of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON by taking the steps necessary to reduce gun violence in our country. That is the challenge posed to us by their ultimate sacrifice. That is the legacy they deserve.

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with my colleagues to pay tribute to the valiant work and lives of two fallen heroes—J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. The whole community here in Congress is slowly recovering from the shock of the fatal shooting of two honorable Capitol Hill policemen just under a week ago. It is disturbing and sad that this happened.

Just 10 short minutes after the House adjourned for the weekend last Friday, bedlam and terror engulfed the Capitol of the United States. An armed gunman entered the Capitol—and who knows what his intent was. Were it not for the valiant efforts of two brave Capitol Police Officers, many lives of staff, tourists, and Members of Congress could have been lost.

We cannot quite fathom the implications of the bravery of these two men. Those of us who work here can attest to the commitment of the Capitol Police Force. Yet, we are never really ready for something like this.

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Scripture tells us that "there is no greater love than this, that a man would lay down his life for a friend." Where terror struck, these two men knew exactly how to respond. Officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON have paid the supreme sacrifice for their friends by giving their lives.

They represent the finest among us—officers who protect our freedom, our Capitol, our system of government, our way of life. It is a great tragedy that they have been slain in the line of duty. But we honor them, we honor their memory, we honor their commitment. Their lives exemplify duty, honor and country.

J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON are American heroes. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and loved ones.

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend the heartfelt sympathy of the citizens of Puerto Rico for the families, friends, and colleagues of Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON, the Capitol Hill Police officers who were tragically killed on June 24. These two officers sacrificed their lives to ensure the safety of the Senators, Representatives, staff, and visitors to the U.S. Capitol. For this, we will be forever grateful. I hope their families can take some solace in the knowledge that their fellow Americans hold these heroic men in the very highest regard for their courageous actions.

In times of tragedy and sorrow I turn to prayer and I hope the families of Special Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT can take comfort in the 23rd Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, below is the text of a poem written by Mr. Albert Caswell. Mr. Caswell, a longtime Maryland resident, outstanding collegiate athlete, and historian with the U.S. Capitol Guide Service, was profoundly moved by the heroism and sacrifice displayed by U.S. Capitol Police Officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON during last week's assault on the Capitol. He set his thoughts to paper

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in loving tribute of these two fine and brave souls who selflessly and unflinchingly laid down their lives for their country. it is my pleasure to submit his words into the *Congressional Record*.

UP TO THE LORD THEY DID FLY

On one bright, warm, and wonderful sunny day in July,
Two great American heroes would lay down their lives.
People stunned and confused, asking the eternal question . . . Why?
Few noticed on that day as two bright lights were heading up into the sky.
As straight up to heaven, their souls . . . Up to the Lord they did fly.
For in this World no woman, nor man . . . Knows their date . . . Their time,
When one's life passage . . . So precious . . . Will end without reason or rhyme.
Until tested, acting on a clarion call, will we be the one ever standing tall . . . While in death's line.
Yes, on this day two great American heroes, . . . This our Nation's heart did find.
As straight up to heaven, their souls . . . Up to the Lord they did fly.
Children and wives now without husband or dad, oh how unjust . . . So very sad.
No greater act of courage is to be, as in the line of one's duty . . . Gallantly forsaken the life you have. For all those spared, remember how they cared, hold in your hearts the good not bad.
In God's kingdom, 'one's life, no greater gift could ever be,' rejoice they are now with the Lord, be glad As straight up to heaven, their souls . . . Up to the Lord they did fly.
To the children, wives, who have lost the ones so close, your loved ones sacrifice means everything . . . The most Rev. King, Rembrandt, or a woman who might one day save our World, from these acts we may soon boast. Families hugging & crying . . . Still intact, because these heroes lay dying, death this day came so very close. The names CHESTNUT & GIBSON we now carry ever in our hearts . . . Just everything . . . All . . . For they gave the most. Surely those two bright lights heading up into the sky . . . This day . . . Were but their souls, as straight Up to heaven with the Lord they did fly.
To the families, our hearts, our prayers, our thoughts with you,
We cherish the honor and great privilege to have known and served
With such men of character, and all the heroes in blue who
Showed all their true and great worth
May God bless you.

Albert Caswell
U.S. Capitol Guide Service.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Capitol Police officers JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT who gave their lives last week in a vicious attack by a deranged gunman.

My heart goes out to the families of these officers, both of whom spent 18 years in courageous and devoted service to their country as members of the Capitol Police. They gave their lives, not only protecting Members of Congress, but the

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thousands of Americans and foreign visitors to this great monument, the People's House of government.

Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT were both known as kind, personable men who were especially devoted to their families. They performed their jobs with a special kind of pride in playing a small part in the smooth and efficient conduct of the processes of government.

As we go about our business in the Capitol, we tend to take for granted the freedom and protection we enjoy because of the selfless contributions of our Capitol Police who are constantly on guard against the type of insane acts that took the lives of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON and wounded an innocent civilian.

This horrible act reminds us once again of the debt we owe to those officers who do their jobs daily in protecting those who work here and those who visit. With few exceptions, problems, large and small, are prevented so we are left free and comfortable to perform our jobs in peace.

We owe these men and their families a great debt of gratitude for their sacrifice. They will not be forgotten, and their contributions will be forever recognized by the Members of the House of Representatives.

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to help express my thoughts to the families of slain Capitol police officers JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT. I say "help express" because there is no total way to thank these men for laying down their lives for others. I would defer to the words of my wife, Freda, for these remarks, in the joint letter she sent to the GIBSON and CHESTNUT families.

TO THE FAMILIES OF OFFICER JOHN GIBSON AND OFFICER JACOB CHESTNUT:

My heart today is filled with a tremendous sense of debt and gratitude to your fathers and husbands and the sacrifice they have made. Scripture tells us in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friend." Indeed, we consider each officer at the Capitol a friend. Daily we give thanks for their constant careful watch of the Members of congress and the millions of visiting tourists. Last night as we welcomed my husband, Congressman Donald Manzullo, home we breathed a prayer of thanksgiving for his safe return. But also your families and great loss were uppermost in our thoughts. Our heartfelt thanks pour out to you. Our sorrow at your loss is overwhelming. Another scripture comes to mind, one that I believe the Lord said as he received your loved ones into this eternal kingdom, "Well done, good and faithful servants; you were faithful with a few things; enter into the joy of your master," Matthew 25:23.

With love and gratitude,

Freda Manzullo.

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Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the two men who gave their last full measure of devotion in defense of the People's House, the U.S. Congress.

Capitol Police Officers JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT leave behind friends and family who will mourn their sacrifice for years to come. Today, a grateful Nation mourns with them.

Thousands of Americans are paying tribute as we speak, filing past their caskets in the Capitol Rotunda just a few hundred feet from where they died.

In the last few days, we've learned a great deal about Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT—their love of family and country, the many kindnesses they showed over the years to everyone on Capitol Hill, from committee chairmen to wandering tourists.

The focus on the lives of these two courageous men has been a poignant reminder of what America is really all about.

In death, Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT have been hailed as heroes, but they were quiet heroes each day of their lives. They symbolize what all of us strive to achieve.

J.J. CHESTNUT served his country in Vietnam, raised five children, loved gardening, and helped raise money in his neighborhood for college scholarships. He and his wife were often seen bicycling around their home in Fort Washington, Md.

JOHN GIBSON, from the great State of Massachusetts, suffered from the regional malady known as Red Sox Fever and shared his tragic affliction with all who would listen.

JOHN was married to the niece of my good friend and colleague Joe Moakley. A deeply religious man, JOHN was devoted to his wife and their three teenage children and worked hard to give them a stable and loving home. In the Lake Ridge neighborhood of Woodbridge, Va., JOHN was known for an easy smile, a generous laugh, and the best-kept lawn on the street.

In some ways, these were ordinary men leading ordinary lives. But when duty called, they acted in extraordinary fashion. They acted just the way all who knew them always expected they would.

Every one of us in this chamber owes them a special debt of gratitude, They served the Congress faithfully. They served the country faithfully. They swore an oath to protect

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and serve, and they died as they lived—holding true to those vows.

There is nothing we can say or do to diminish the loss felt by those who loved these men and knew them best. But at one time or another, we have all lost friends, we have all lost brothers, we have all lost fathers, and so we share their loss as well.

And today, we pause to remember not just what we have lost, but what Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT gave to each of us: a lesson of bravery and courage under fire and a reminder of the greatest love of all—that of laying your life down for others.

That's what these quiet heroes did. I'm grateful for the opportunity for us to come together as a Nation, here in the temple of democracy they gave their lives to defend, to offer them a final salute.

My heart goes out to their families and all those who feel their loss most of all.

Finally, I hope this tragic incident makes us look inside as a Nation to recognize the real meaning of heroism—the selfless work that goes on every day by those who take an oath to protect us.

I would ask that we look around us today and take a moment to appreciate the men and women of our law enforcement community who serve with courage and devotion.

They are police officers and firefighters, soldiers and sailors, secret service and FBI agents. And, as we know too well, they are also mothers and fathers, husbands, sons, and daughters. Some serve in uniform, some do not, but each carries the same badge of honor, and we should never take them for granted.

Because of the sacrifice of Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT, I know I never will.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, Officers JACOB J. CHESTNUT and JOHN M. GIBSON are American heroes. They gave their lives protecting us, our staffs, and visitors to the United States Capitol. This tragedy reminds us that the members of the Capitol Police and other police officers across the country put their lives on the line for us every day.

We honor Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON for their bravery and sacrifice. We lost two good men and fine police officers. No words can adequately express our feelings on this sad occasion. Our hearts go out to their families and to their fellow officers.

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This tragedy highlights a dilemma as old as democracy itself: the balance between security and openness. We have made a decision—the correct decision, I believe—to maintain public accessibility to the Capitol. The people's business must be open to the public gaze. Every year people from our districts, some traveling literally thousands of miles, visit the Capitol to share their views and urge us to support or oppose this or that bill. They come to partake of the history that walks these halls. They come simply to see us in the flesh, look us in the eye, and take the measure of the men and women whom they have elected to make our laws. Their right to do so is enshrined in the very concept of democracy. Nowhere is it more appropriate to exercise that right than here in the People's House.

At the same time, we cannot escape the reality of the world in which we live. There are some individuals who would take advantage of that openness to enter this building and do violence to those engaged in the people's business. Their actions defile this temple of democracy. That is why it is necessary to have a Capitol Police Force. Its members not only protect us as individuals, they defend the accessibility of this building, accessibility which is so important to our democracy.

On Friday, July 24, 1998, two of those officers made the ultimate sacrifice. Their bravery and devotion to duty enshrine the names of JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON among the heroes of our Nation. We bow our heads in sorrow and gratitude. We pledge to honor their memories by keeping our Nation's Capitol open, accessible, and safe for everyone who desires to enter this building, the People's House.

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my voice today to the much-deserved tributes being paid to U.S. Capitol Police Officers JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT and JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON. This is a sad day for Congress and our Nation. Just a few short steps from here two American heroes lay in honor in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol. This past Friday these men gave the last full measure of devotion to their country. Their honored sacrifice no doubt saved numerous lives and served as a stark reminder of the reality of the violent world in which we live. This tragedy also reminds us of the price that must sometimes be paid for the great privilege of having our democratic form of government.

So today it is appropriate that all of us pause for a moment to thank officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON for what they

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did last week. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten. And we should also extend our thanks to all of the members of the Capitol Police Force and all other law enforcement officers throughout our Nation. They have an incredibly difficult mission—providing security while serving as goodwill ambassadors for their communities. They do a terrific job day in and day out, and frankly we don't do enough to show our appreciation for all of their hard work.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, I just want to point out that this seems like a different place today than it did when I left here on Friday. The tragic events of last week seem to have pulled us together. Democrats and Republicans, Members and staff, as well as so many people of our country have all joined hands in coming to terms with what happened here. If there is a silver lining in these tragic circumstances perhaps it is that we all may gain a little more appreciation for the people we work with on a daily basis and for the wonderful country we are proud to call our own. The differences we have pale in comparison to the bonds we share as Americans. A tragedy like this reminds us of this simple truth and affords us the opportunity for a renewed perspective as we face the challenges ahead.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to the ultimate sacrifice made by Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB J.J. CHESTNUT while conducting their duty protecting the Capitol. I admire the tremendous sacrifice made by these individuals and my thoughts are with their families as they cope with the departure of their loved ones. Like countless others, I did not personally observe the tragedy. But like them, I have been shaken by the event and moved by the warm reception all have provided in memory of the fallen men.

No one can bring back these brave officers who gave their lives to protect us. But I stand today to recognize the risks that our law enforcement personnel face each day. I express the gratitude that I have for the dedication of these people, who each day leave the security of their homes and families to protect and serve those in need all across America.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, upon my return from my home district of Guam yesterday, I had the privilege of paying my respects to slain Officers JACOB J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. As Members of Congress join the Nation in mourning the passing of these two gentlemen who paid the supreme sacrifice for our safety and protection, I could not

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help but reflect upon my constituents from Guam, people who, like me, have to overcome the rigors of traveling several thousand miles in order to experience, to participate, or maybe even just to catch a glimpse of their government at work.

As with everyone, the highlight of my constituents' Washington, D.C. trip is a visit to Members' offices and a tour of the Capitol. Times like these remind us of the valuable service provided by police officers stationed at different posts within the Capitol complex ensuring the safety of constituents who travel the many miles in order to visit members who represent them in this body.

Speaking not only for myself but for the people of Guam, I wish to express appreciation to the Capitol Hill Police Force who, by the loss of Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT, demonstrated their willingness to lay down their lives for the safety and protection of Members of Congress and our constituents. As quoted from the Book of John, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT gave their lives so that others may live.

Roman Benavente, a retired Capitol Police officer—a native son of Guam who has chosen to reside in the State of Maryland, has called together members of the Guam Society of America to honor the slain officers in a Memorial Mass to be celebrated this Friday at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Oxon Hill, Maryland. I hope that my colleagues would be able to join Guam residents in the area for this memorial service.

The sacrifice of Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT will never be forgotten. On behalf of the people of Guam, I extend sincerest thanks to Officer CHESTNUT and Officer GIBSON for their sacrifice. To the families and loved ones of these two American heroes, we offer our most heartfelt sympathies.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today we continue to mourn the loss of two of the finest men this Capitol has known. John 15:13 states that, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Had JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT not put themselves in harm's way, the lives of many would have been lost in last week's tragic event. These two men of courage laid down their lives so that Members of Congress, co-workers, and tourists visiting from around the world would be safe. We are truly blessed to have men and women of such noble character and bravery serving on the Capitol Police Force.

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As thousands of visitors came together yesterday to walk through the Capitol Rotunda to pay their respects to these men of courage, I realized that we are only able to safely visit this building which is a symbol of freedom because of the service of the many members of law enforcement we have here in Washington. We must never take for granted those who serve to protect and preserve the freedoms that we enjoy here in the United States Capitol, and across this Nation.

My prayers go out to the families of these two heroes who died that we might live. The memory of their actions will not be soon forgotten.

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, I want to place in the *Record* further tributes to the police officers who died protecting the United States Capitol last Friday.

SUSAN HIRSCHMAN, CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE MAJORITY WHIP

JOHN GIBSON made the ultimate sacrifice last Friday defending us. JOHN's professional skills saved each of us. We will always remember JOHN's sacrifice. But we will also remember the many other contributions JOHN made to our lives. JOHN's official duty was protecting Tom, the role that ultimately cost him his life. However, I will also remember that JOHN had a quiet way of helping each of us do our job better. For example, as the person who spent more time with Tom than any of us, he was usually the first person to see when things weren't working right. Often, as I walked into the office passing his desk at the back door, he would look at me and simply say "Have you talked with the boss yet?"—gently letting me know that something was on Tom's mind. As we have gathered over the past few days to discuss how much we will miss JOHN, I was not surprised that he had a similar way of helping every person in the office. JOHN was a friend to each of us and he made our entire team work more effectively.

MONICA VEGAS KLADAKIS, MAJORITY WHIP STAFF

I got to know JOHN GIBSON better during the Republican Convention in 1996. I remember squeezing into a cab with him and a bunch of other staff people as we drove from place to place, and I thought, "He must really hate this." I had thought he was reserved and maybe even a little distant, but after that week I not only realized that he had a lot of patience to deal with all of us raucous staff people, I also discovered what a great sense of humor he had, how kind he was, and how much fun he was to be with.

And now he has saved my life. I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude toward him, from a depth which I don't know if I've ever reached before. We can never thank him properly for what he did for us, but I hope he knows that we will never forget it.

I'll miss him.

SPECIAL AGENT BOB GLYNN AND DETECTIVE DOUG SHUGARS

Detective JOHN M. GIBSON and Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT are American heroes. Their heroic actions and personal sacrifice was responsible for sav-

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ing numerous lives and ensuring the freedoms which all American enjoy continue.

Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT was a very professional member of the United States Capitol Police. The polite and friendly manner in which he did his job will always be remembered. Every evening as Congressman DeLay and his security would leave the U.S. Capitol, Officer CHESTNUT would always extend a friendly, "Have a good evening sir." This remark always made for a nice ending to a very long day.

Detective JOHN M. GIBSON was a cop's cop. Anytime JOHN was working and there was some police action happening on Capitol Hill, JOHN would be there. It might be standing in an intersection wearing a suit and directing traffic, assisting with the evacuation of a Congressional building that was on fire, or providing a backup for a fellow officer. JOHN was always there. It was no surprise that JOHN was involved in this kind of heroism. He would have had it no other way. JOHN loved working the security detail for Congressman DeLay and took great pride in the assignment. JOHN was considered to be a part of Congressman DeLay's staff and a very close friend to the DeLay family. JOHN's unselfish actions and personal sacrifice ensured the safety and the lives of Congressman DeLay, his staff, and the public. JOHN was an excellent police officer, a great partner and a wonderful friend. You will be missed.

There is an inscription on the National Police Memorial in Washington, D.C. by Vivian Eney, another survivor of a fallen Capitol Police Officer. This inscription is a fitting tribute to both Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON: "It's not how these Officers died that made them heroes. It's how they lived."

KELLY POTTER, A TRUSTEE FOR THE D.C. LODGE OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

I keep this poem on my refrigerator at home, which I thought was appropriate:

A PART OF AMERICA DIED

Somebody killed a policeman today, and
A part of America died.
A piece of our country he swore to protect
Will be buried with him at his side.
The suspect who shot him will stand up in court,
With counsel demanding his rights,
While a young widowed mother must
Work for her kids
And spend alone many nights.
The beat that he walked was a battlefield, too,
Just as if he'd gone off to war.
Though the flag of our Nation won't fly at half mast,
To his name, they will add a gold star.
Yes, somebody killed a policeman today.
It happened in your town or mine.
While we slept in comfort behind our locked doors,
A cop put his life on the line.
Now his ghost walks a beat on a dark city street,
And he stands at each new rookie's side.
He answered the call and gave us his all,
And a part of America died.

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SHAWNA BARNETT, FORMER DELAY STAFFER

May JOHN's kind nature and selfless acts remind us always of our fallen hero. He is out of our grasp but so very close to our hearts.

TOM VINCENT, DE LAY STAFFER

The biggest thing I remember was his sense of humor. I keep thinking of JOHN taking a special effort to joke and tease Shawna Barnett and keep a smile on her face when she was down. It wasn't just Shawna he kept smiling, he made us all smile.

WILLY IMBODEN, DE LAY STAFFER

When I reflect on JOHN GIBSON, I remember a man of quiet dignity, integrity, and resolve. He possessed a calming presence about him, his steady bearing lending a tranquil air to the constant chaos of Capitol Hill. In many ways, his 18 years of patient service to Congress and to the American people culminated finally in the greatest and noblest sacrifice, the laying down of his life for others. I am reminded of the Apostle Paul's words in the Epistle to the Philippians: 'Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus . . .' JOHN GIBSON's life and final sacrifice personified this ethic, and we are all humbly and eternally indebted to him."

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memories of Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON. The untimely and tragic deaths of these two men demand from all of us contemplation as to the awesome costs of freedom as well as the delicate nature of life.

The freedoms that we, as Americans, enjoy today are a direct result of a brave decision made long ago by the first Americans, a decision reaffirmed by every generation of the Nation's citizenry. This was the decision made by Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON this past Friday. The measure of America's greatness, a greatness in which Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON share, is this brave commitment to a free society.

The burden of this commitment is an unflinching vigilance against those who threaten our freedoms. Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON devoted their lives to providing the very security that allows our free society to flourish. It was in providing this security that these two men lost their lives, a sacrifice which demands the reverence of a grateful Nation.

My fellow colleagues, let us learn from the sacrifices of Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON. The legacy of these two patriots offers important lessons to us all.

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Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the 37th Congressional District of California, my family, my staff and the American people, I wish to express our most heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the wives, children, and extended families of United States Capitol Police Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT as we pay homage to the nobility of service they rendered and their ultimate sacrifice: their lives. I was deeply saddened to learn of the turn of events that led to this tragedy. Their sacrifice is a terrible reminder of the risk the men and women of the United States Capitol Police and all law enforcement personnel face on a daily basis in order to protect us and our ability to serve the American people.

Words are unable to capture the breadth and depth of the sorrow I and the members of my staff feel.

Yet, Friday's event is a reminder to those of us whose lives are consumed in the work of this building that real bonds of friendship, camaraderie, and a sense of family can and do, indeed, develop. And, as in most families, sometimes we take one another for granted. The simple pleasantries we extend to one another can become all too routine and often distracted by the burdens of the work we perform. Unfortunately, a tragedy like this one makes us aware of both the significance and the fragility of our relationships, our responsibilities, and our friendships. Let their sacrifice not only serve as a reminder of the costs associated with duty, service, and commitment, but let it also serve as a reminder of our own mortality and humanity.

I hope the circumstances surrounding the events on Friday, July 24, 1998 will serve as a reflection of our having known these fine officers, who were dedicated and committed, and of the reality that much too often their ultimate form of service could be their lives. Their heroism and their duty to the People's House and to all of us is the epitome of patriotism. May God grant the families the strength to endure!

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, with a heavy heart I come before you today. On Friday, July 24, we lost two members of our congressional family: Capitol Police Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON.

Although tragic, these men died in service to the Nation, in service to us. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

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With faith and trust in God and the help of family and friends the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families will endure this seemingly unbearable time. I hope that the families of these two men—genuine American heroes—take comfort in knowing that their husbands, their fathers, their brothers, their sons, did not die in vain. By laying down their lives, these two men upheld our most cherished principles of liberty and democracy. I speak for all Americans when I say I am grateful for and honored by their courage, service, and sacrifice.

While we mourn their death, we also celebrate the lives of Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON. All Americans can rest assured that their freedom and the future of this great land remain intact because Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON died preserving liberty so that we may survive in freedom. We all are forever indebted to them.

On behalf of the people of the Second District of Illinois, I thank Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON for giving the ultimate sacrifice so that all Americans can sleep tonight under a security blanket of freedom. Their earthly lives may have drawn to a close, but their lives with God are eternal. Psalm 30 reminds us that "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON, and to honor the sacrifice they made for their country last Friday afternoon. These two dedicated Capitol Police force officers never hesitated for one second when faced with a situation where the lives of others were at risk. They had been trained for such an event and without pause sprang into action and fulfilled their duty.

These men are indeed heroes, in every sense of the word. But, they are ordinary men, with families and friends who mourn their passing. While we have seen in the last few days how dedicated they were to their jobs, we have also learned of how caring they were in their homes and neighborhoods. Testimony after testimony from friends and loved ones has shown us the high regard these men were held in their "civilian" lives. We have seen photos of the prized garden "J.J." kept and whose bounty he shared with all. We have learned that JOHN GIBSON kept an eye on his neighborhood and made sure all was right. For a police officer, constant vigilance is the way of life and both of these men lived that credo.

Friday was no exception. As the gunman burst into the Capitol Building through the detector, Officer CHESTNUT im-

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mediately knew trouble was at hand and without hesitation took action. Unfortunately, his assailant had a split second on him and had his gun pulled. Detective GIBSON heard the gunshots and knew immediately what the sound was. He was in the immediate vicinity of several staff members and he took action to put himself between them and the danger at hand. It ultimately took the lives of these two officers, but the lives of many others were spared because of the selfless acts by these two officers.

No words can comfort their families. No words can change the events of last Friday. No words can make these two men come walking through the door. Our words can only serve as some solace to their loved ones. Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON will long live in our consciousness, and in our hearts. Time may ease the sharpness of the pain of their loss, but, I say to their families, they will never be forgotten.

They are, now and forever, heroes of America's democracy.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, many years ago a poet eulogized the sacrifice of hundreds of young men. The poet was Tennyson. The poem was the "Charge of the Light Brigade." In this famous verse, Tennyson gave answer to those who wondered why so many young men would give so much. "Theirs not to make reply," Tennyson explained. "Theirs not to reason why. Theirs but to do and die."

The price of freedom has never been cheap. But in America, there have always been those willing to meet the demand, bear the burden, and pay the price to keep our Nation free.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that America will remain the land of the free only as long as it is the home of the brave. Andrew Jackson once said that one man with courage is a majority. Last Friday afternoon, not one but two courageous leaders formed a supermajority—and thereby saved the lives of others.

When the moment of crisis arose last week, Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN M. GIBSON were not found wanting. They were there. They responded. And they gave their lives.

The thin blue line held firm last Friday—thanks to two heroes. Like the men of Tennyson's tribute, their sacrifice was complete. It was theirs to respond. It is ours to remember. Mr. Speaker, I hope America never forgets that freedom isn't free. And I know that the prayers and thoughts of every American are with the CHESTNUT and GIBSON family.

May God Bless them. And May God Bless America.

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Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues today in honoring the selfless acts of Detective GIBSON and Private First Class CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police.

As we know, the U.S. Capitol is the People's House and the dedicated men and women of the United States Capitol Police guard this institution to protect the Members of Congress, their staff, and millions of people who come to bear witness to the working of our democratic process. The Capitol is a living testament to the rights of our citizens, and those that are sworn to guard it truly defend the rights of mankind.

On July 24, 1998, Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT made the ultimate sacrifice for these unalienable rights in courageously protecting the lives of tourists, staff, and Members of Congress. We are forever indebted to these brave men. Had it not been for their heroic actions, many more innocent people could have been seriously injured or killed.

Mr. Speaker, I stand with my colleagues today to honor these men killed in the line of duty and to pay my condolences to their families. I vow to ensure their legacy of defending the People's House will live on for generations to come; symbolized by our continuing commitment to open the halls of democracy to the public. God bless Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT for their memory will forever survive in the freedoms of our Nation's Capitol.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it's said that tragedy can bring us together and result in stronger bonds than existed before. The tragic deaths of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON have brought a most heartfelt expression of the appreciation we all have for the heroic efforts of not just Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON, but all of our law enforcement officers throughout the Nation.

Sue Stover Gaither, a volunteer chaplain with the Asheville, North Carolina, Police Department was asked to sing at the Department's Annual Awards Banquet. Sue asked her brother, Jim to write a song meaningful 'just for them.' Sue made a special effort through my office to share a recording of "Heroes in Blue," with the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families; noting in her letter to the families, that while the title of the song is "Heroes in Blue," it was written and is performed in appreciation of all law enforcement officers, no matter what color their uniform or department in which they serve.

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Mr. Speaker, I am proud to share the lyrics of "Heroes in Blue," by Jim Stover.

HEROES IN BLUE

To the footsoldier faithfully pounding the beat
The one in the blue and one cruising the street
Laying your life on the line, protecting mine
There's always somebody who's breaking the rules
Thugs in the alley and drugs in the schools
In a war that never ends, you hold the line
Chorus: To every hero dressed in blue
  Thank you all for everything you do
  Each and everyday you risk your lives
  And that makes you a hero in my eyes
And when we fail to acknowledge the good deeds you do
It may be that many are known to only a few
You keep the faith, you fight the fight
You teach the kids that right is right
Into the dark, you bring some light
Footsoldiers pounding, blue and whites cruising
Good guys are winning, bad guys are losing
Almighty God is on your side!
Chorus: To every hero dressed in blue
  Thank you all for everything you do
  Each and everyday you risk your lives
  And that makes you a hero . . .
  Each and everyday you risk your lives
  And that makes you a hero
  And that makes you a hero
  And that makes you a hero in my eyes!

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I come here today to offer my condolences and prayers to the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON. As I was walking here just a few moments ago, I stopped to speak to a retired Capitol Hill Police officer. As we were discussing last week's tragic shooting, he said to me, "It could have been one of us." In many ways, I think that characterizes the mood on Capitol Hill right now. Many of us feel vulnerable today because, indeed, it could have been one of us.

The greatest gift one human being can give another is his life. Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON made the ultimate sacrifice not because they sought to be heroes, but because that was the type of men they were. In a moment of intense fear, of extreme panic that I pray most Americans will never know, Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON stood tall. They laid their lives down so that others would not have to.

Sadly, in my community on Staten Island, there is another hero in need of our prayers. Police Officer Gerard Carter is

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lying in a hospital bed right now with a bullet lodged in his brain. He is holding onto life with the faintest of grips, struggling to survive after being shot in the right temple two nights ago by a 17-year old, two-time murderer. Police Officer Carter is truly one of New York's finest, a brave young man who stared danger in the face and sought to make a difference.

Sometimes we may forget the danger that our law enforcement officers face when they put on their uniforms, clip on their badges, and take to the streets. They put themselves in harm's way so that we may be safe. I offer them our thanks, and to the families of Officer CHESTNUT, Detective GIBSON, and Police Officer Carter, I offer you our prayers.

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die . . . "

For Officer JACOB JOSEPH (J.J.) CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON, the time to die came too soon. These two brave men sacrificed their lives so that others might live. Our Nation will never forget their acts of bravery and courage.

On behalf of all the citizens of the Seventh Congressional District of New Jersey, I express our sadness and grief to the families of these two heroes. While words cannot mend their broken hearts, our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Officer CHESTNUT, Detective GIBSON, you showed us what courage really is. God bless you and God bless the United States of America.

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, at a time like this, it is difficult to find appropriate words that do justice to the people you are honoring. Officers JACOB J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the People's House—the U.S. Capitol. A great American—President Abraham Lincoln—would see the great significance of their sacrifice and understand what J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON gave their lives to protect.

The Rotunda where their bodies will lie in state is shielded by a great dome built during the dark days of the Civil War. President Lincoln knew in his heart that the Capitol is more than just a building, that the Capitol stands as a symbol of freedom and serves as the seat of democracy. President Lincoln believed this so strongly that he demanded the work being done to raise the dome proceed, despite the war and its drain on government resources. He knew that completing

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the Capitol dome would show America that the United States would stand despite the grueling war then being waged.

Soldiers fighting to preserve the United States and protect the Capitol camped on the same floor where officer's CHESTNUT and GIBSON will lie in state today. President Lincoln's words uttered on a Gettysburg battlefield nearly 135 years ago are proper to honor these two protectors of freedom who fell in the line of duty.

> . . . We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that Nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.
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> But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

In their lives and deaths, these two brave officers helped keep the dream alive, the dream shared by Abraham Lincoln and by Americans from coast to coast and from year to year, the dream to preserve a government of, by, and for the people. Our prayers go out to the families of these brave men and our thanks for the sacrifice that was made to protect and preserve freedom.

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, in a few tragic moments of July 24, the peace was shattered at the U.S. Capitol, and two members of the United States Capitol Police were killed in the line of duty. The work of the Congress paused last week to remember the sacrifice of JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT.

The investigation into this horrible tragedy is continuing. Without seeking to prejudge the outcome of that investigation, the senseless death of two police officers has proved to the world what many of us already know: there are gaping holes in the network of services designed to identify, assist, and treat those people with mental illness.

To this end, I will be working with my colleagues, Representative Marcy Kaptur of Ohio in particular, to develop an organized response to the Capitol tragedy. We will be

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working with the joint Congressional Leadership to design a method by which we can evaluate and respond to the mental health crisis facing this Nation.

In this context, I would like to draw the attention of my colleagues to a column by Frank Rich which was published in the *New York Times* of July 29. It should be required reading for every Member of the House and Senate.

[FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES, JULY 29, 1998]

THIS WAY LIES MADNESS

(BY FRANK RICH)

The Capitol police officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON had hardly been declared dead when Senator Robert Torricelli, the New Jersey Democrat, sent out a press release arguing that tighter gun control could have prevented the tragedy. Not missing a beat, Trent Lott was soon arguing that a $125 million bunker-barricade camouflaged as a visitors' center would repel future assailants. But in a city where most politicians are so ignorant about mental illness that they still think Whitewater, not the disease of depression, drove Vincent Foster to suicide, no one said the obvious: It is the gaping cracks in American mental-health care, not in Capitol security or gun-control laws, that most clearly delivered Russell Weston Jr. to his rendezvous with history.

Mr. Weston's paranoid schizophrenia surfaced long ago. Yet, as The Times reported, this now 41-year-old man "received no regular psychiatric treatment or medication over the last two decades and [his] family seemed to understand little about how to seek help for him." This is hardly an anomaly. E. Fuller Torrey, a psychiatrist who campaigns for better mental-health care through the Treatment Advocacy Center in Arlington, Va., says that of the 2 to 2.5 million Americans with schizophrenia, "40 percent are not receiving treatment on any given day." Cases like Mr. Weston's—in which a mental patient eludes follow-up care and medication after a hospital release—number "in the hundreds of thousands."

How does this happen? Nearly as heartbreaking as the preventable murders of officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON is the plight of Mr. Weston's family. They obviously love their child; they knew he was sick; they wanted to get him help. But, as Russell Sr. said: "He was a grown man. We couldn't hold him down and force the pills into him." A comprehensive system of mental-health services, including support for parents with sick adult children who refuse treatment, doesn't exist. If it had, the Westons might have had more success in rescuing their son—as might the equally loving family of Michael Laudor, the Yale Law School prodigy charged last month with murdering his fiancee.

That safety-net system doesn't exist because mental illness is still in our culture's shadows—stigmatized, misunderstood and therefore the beggar of American health care. Though Mr. Weston's home state of Montana offers particularly skimpy services, the national baseline is "not high," says Dr. Torrey. Poorly covered by health insurance and spottily served by overcrowded and underfinanced public institutions, mental illness is "the last discrimination," as Michael Faenza of the National Mental Health Association puts it, even though we now have the science to treat mental illness at a success rate comparable to physical illness.

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It's not only politicians who are complicit in this discrimination. The media sometimes compound the ignorance that feeds it. Too many commentators look at Mr. Weston's symptoms—such as his paranoid delusions about the CIA—and lump him in with gun-toting, anti-government ideologies, making no distinction between the clinically ill and political extremists. A Time reporter, on the hapless CNN show "Newsstand," expressed surprise that Mr. Weston would so easily be diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic given that he had no previous "episodes of violence."

In fact, the majority of those ill with paranoid schizophrenia are not violent, and the disease has no ideology. As Sylvia Nasar's new book, "A Beautiful Mind," documents, many of Mr. Weston's oddest symptoms (including the conviction he was being beamed encrypted messages) also characterized the paranoid schizophrenia of John Nash, the brilliant, nonviolent Princeton mathematician who won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1994.

Back in 1835, one of the very first patients at Washington's Government Hospital for the Insane—as St. Elizabeth's Hospital was then known—was Richard Lawrence, a pistol-armed man who tried and failed to assassinate Andrew Jackson in the Capitol's Rotunda and was then pronounced not guilty by reason of insanity in a trial whose jury deliberations took five minutes. More than a century and a half of medical and economic advances later, what kind of progress is it that we still so often fail to treat the mentally ill until after tragedy strikes?

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to echo all the remarks made by my colleagues. My father was a police officer and I know how our family felt every time he went to work protecting the people under his jurisdiction. I can only imagine what the families of Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN M. GIBSON are going through right now, the emptiness, the pain, and the sorrow.

I can only hope that the bravery and the distinguished act of courage by these two outstanding police officers—and the more than appropriate tribute being paid to them will ease just a little of their pain and make the days pass a little easier for the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families.

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to have printed in the *Congressional Record* a prayer I received from Chaplain James Paul Maxwell from Shawnee, Oklahoma. When Reverend Maxwell learned of the tragic deaths of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON he composed a beautiful prayer and asked that I share it with Congressman DeLay. After reading the prayer myself, I was so moved that I felt it would be a shame not to share this with the entire Congress so I therefore ask that it be made a part of the formal *Congressional Record*.

Dear Heavenly Father, Our Lord

We come to rejoice in Your gracious mercy and forgiveness of sins. Today we praise Your name for taking bad things and working them together for good.

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Lord, we are grieved at the unnecessary death of two Washington, D.C. police officers. We come to You, leaning on Your love and Holy Spirit for patience, for strength, and for courage in the midst of great sorrow.

Dear Lord, we pray for the wives and children of Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT and Officer JOHN GIBSON. And we pray for the family, friends, and colleagues of these men. We know their hurt and sorrow is almost unbearable. Lift these up with Your love and healing and fill their loneliness magnified with grief with the presence of Your Spirit, and the Hope of Your gift of eternal life.

Heavenly Father, we pray for our Nation's congressional leaders and for our President. Give our Nation's leaders Your wisdom that they will lean upon You for understanding and direction.

Lord we pray for all law-enforcement officers. Give them Your protective care and wisdom to respond in courage to perform their duties with firmness and with love. We long for the final victory over sin and evil and sorrow in this world and pray that You will give us determination and faith to take our stand for righteousness in our land. Thank You Lord Jesus for laying down Your life for us that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Lift us up through this darkness of evil that we might praise You in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Chaplain James Paul Maxwell, Shawnee Police Department, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

WEDNESDAY, *July 29, 1998*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, it's difficult to add to what my fellow Members of Congress have said here today about the dedication and commitment of the Capitol Police Force.

Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON gave their lives so that some of my colleagues might live.

I did not know officers GIBSON or CHESTNUT. But they laid down their lives for my fellow Members and in so doing, they were my friends.

I want to simply thank the Capitol Police Force for their acts of bravery. And I deeply admire their courage—not only in the face of danger but also in the face of tremendous grief these past few days.

Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON are leaving behind wives and children. I extend my condolences to them, and I also extend my condolences to my fellow Members of the House because we all clearly have lost two friends—two people who were committed to service—who were committed to us, committed to this country, and committed to democracy.

They have continued to stand proudly and helpfully on the streets and corners of Capitol Hill carrying on through these difficult days.

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We remember these two brave officers today—and will memorialize them in the Capitol building.

It's also a time to remember the officers across the country who have laid down their lives for the citizens they protect.

Right now—near my home town—a 28-year-old officer is struggling to stay alive after a teenager shot him in cold blood. Officer Gerard Carter took a bullet to his head as he walked with a fellow officer apparently on his beat in Staten Island.

Officer Carter had recently received the "Policeman of the Month" award. He is married and has a young son. I pray for his survival.

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on July 27, 1998, I was away from the House on official business during Monday's roll call vote No. 340, on agreeing to the resolution honoring the memory of Detective JOHN GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "yes."

As the official designee of the House Minority Leader, I was present in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on July 27 along with three of my Congressional colleagues representing the Speaker of the House, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Senate Minority Leader to join the President of the United States as participants in "The Great Social Security Debate #3." May I note for the record that immediately prior to the commencement of this debate President Clinton asked all in attendance, in person and via television, to observe a moment of silence in memory of the two heroic officers.

I join with my colleagues in the House to express my deepest condolences to the families of Detective JOHN GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB CHESTNUT who sacrificed their lives for our Nation. For their acts of courage, this country is forever grateful; their memory will never be forgotten.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT-JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON United States Capitol Visitor Center Act of 1998 (CHESTNUT-GIBSON Act). I feel a special obligation to do so because I represent the District of Columbia in which the Capitol is located. I also introduce the bill because the residents of the District have a special relationship with the Capitol Police. In 1992, when there was a large spike in crime in the District, Congress passed the United States Capitol Police Jurisdiction Act, a bill I introduced authorizing the Capitol Police to patrol parts of the Capitol Hill residential community closest to

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the Capitol where various facilities of the Capitol are located. Capitol Police officers were not only willing; they were enthusiastic to use their excellent training and professionalism for the benefit of residents and the many tourists and visitors whose safety might be compromised by having to travel through high-crime areas in order to get to the Capitol.

My bill authorizes the Architect of the Capitol "to plan, construct, equip, administer, and maintain a Capitol Visitor Center under the East Plaza of the Capitol" grounds. The primary purpose of the bill is to increase public safety and security. A second purpose is to provide a place to welcome visitors who are seeking tours, taking into account their health and comfort. To guard against excessive costs and to obtain quick action, the bill requires the Architect to consider existing and alternative plans for a visitor center and to submit "a report containing the plans and designs" within 120 days.

I have supported a Capitol Visitor Center since it was first extensively discussed in 1991. During this decade of high deficits, the reluctance of Congress to appropriate funds for such a center has perhaps been understandable, until last Friday. No one knows whether Officer CHESTNUT or Detective GIBSON or, for that matter, any other officer or individual would have been spared had a visitor center been in place. What we do know is that our nineteenth century Capitol was not built with anything like today's security hazards in mind. According to the Capitol Police and the United States Capitol Police Board, a visitor center would provide significant distance between the Capitol and visitors, and for a host of reasons they have documented, would make the Capitol more secure.

Our foremost obligation is to protect all who visit or work here and to spare no legitimate consideration in protecting the United States Capitol. The Capitol is a temple of democracy and is the most important symbol of the open society in which we live. It is more so than the White House, in part because the President's workplace is also a residence and cannot be entirely open. However, the Capitol symbolizes our free and open society not only because it is accessible but also because of what transpires here. It is here that the people come to petition their government, to lobby and to persuade us, and ultimately to discharge us if we stray too far from their democratic demands. Thus, we neither have nor would we want the option to make the Capitol more difficult to access. After last Friday's tragedy, we have an obligation

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to demonstrate that security is not inconsistent with democracy.

There is a second reason why this bill is necessary. Visitors are safe when they come to the Capitol, but the conditions they encounter do not ensure their health, convenience, and cordiality, nor afford them the welcome to which they are entitled. Members address constituents seated on stone steps outdoors. In the blistering heat and merciless cold of Washington, visitors wait in line outdoors to tour the Capitol. During this summer, the hottest on record in the United States, it has not been uncommon for tourists to faint during lengthy waits on line and then be rushed inside to be treated by our physicians. Even if the Capitol had not incurred a terrible tragedy, we would be in need of a more civil way to welcome the people we represent.

I will seek co-sponsors for this bill at once. I have not waited to do so because I believe a bill requiring plans for a visitor center is necessary to provide the assurance of safety and comfort the public has a right to demand. We must do more than try to recover from the shock of the invasion of the Capitol by a gunman. We must do more than mourn the irreplaceable loss of two fine men. We must do what we can and we must do it now.

THURSDAY, *July 30, 1998*

PRAYER

The Reverend W. Douglas Tanner, Jr., Faith & Politics Institute, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. Almighty God, we come before You this day with hearts still heavy from the tragic events of last Friday. Even as we begin to heal, we are conscious that the pain of this week has been seared into our souls.

And yet, in our sorrow and vulnerability, we have deeply experienced our common humanity. Fierce political adversaries have reached out to each other. Mutual respect and genuine appreciation have been accorded across the lines of party, ideology and station. We have known in our hearts that every elected official, every police person, every staff member, every tourist is, first, a fellow human being. For that we are grateful.

We pray that a constant awareness of each other's humanity in this often fractious Capitol Hill community might be-

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come the lasting legacy of officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. Amen.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Oversight and the Committee on Ways and Means be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4354) to establish the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund on behalf of the families of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and of course I will not object, but under my reservation, I would yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. Thomas), the chairman of the Committee on House Oversight.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Hoyer) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, this bill establishes the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund on behalf of the families of detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

I want to make sure people understand that this bill establishes by law an official fund in the United States Treasury. Because of that, it is not only permissible, but obviously appropriate, to use official House resources in support of and to solicit contributions to the memorial fund.

In addition to that, the reason the Committee on Ways and Means had jurisdiction over this measure is that those donations to this fund are considered charitable and are, therefore, tax deductible. In addition, there is a provision which says that Federal campaign committees may, in fact, donate funds to the memorial fund.

It is an appropriate gesture, structured in the appropriate way, that it is a tax deduction and no tax would be levied against it.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding under his reservation.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his explanation.

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Mr. Speaker, continuing under my reservation, many of us attended the funeral of Detective GIBSON today, and tomorrow morning we will be attending the funeral of Officer CHESTNUT. It has been a sad week for us all; in some ways, however, a very proud week as well when we consider the actions of these two brave and courageous men, and indeed, the actions of their colleagues on the Capitol Police Force and other emergency response teams that came to the Capitol to assist our own Capitol Police.

Mr. Speaker, as we drove from the church, there were literally thousands upon thousands of Americans who stood by the curb and watched the procession go by, waved, saluted, placed their hands on their hearts, in recognition of the contribution to their own welfare and the welfare of their country, that these two brave and courageous Americans had performed and the sacrifice they had made.

This will allow all of us, all Americans and indeed others, in a very tangible way to participate in showing to the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON that our words are not the only thing that we are prepared to raise on their behalf.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California for this action.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman's words are quite appropriate and timely in terms of the death of these two particular officers.

I do want to underscore that the establishment of this United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund is dedicated on an even basis to the families of these two gentlemen for a 6-month period. It means that this fund will live beyond these two families' needs, and that it will become a perpetual memorial fund available to the Capitol Police; entirely appropriate for this occasion, but available in the future, unfortunately, if needed. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for his comments.

Mr. Speaker, obviously I am in strong support, as I know every Member of this House is, of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, continuing my reservation for just a minute, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Moran).

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland for yielding to me.

I would just like to mention at this point there is another organization that has fulfilled a complementary role. That organization's name is Heroes, Incorporated. They responded immediately with cash assistance to the family and are also prepared to provide scholarship funds, as they have for every police officer killed in the District of Columbia, I think it is over 300 now, and dozens of children are receiving college scholarships as a result of this organization. This is a wonderful fund, and I mean nothing pejorative, and I wholly support it. But I think it might be appropriate to mention the fact that the Heroes also responded in a very generous fashion and deserve some credit for doing that as well.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for his comments, and I would point out that when the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DeLay), the majority whip, made his initial presentation, he did, in fact, speak directly of Heroes and the wonderful work they had done, not only with respect to their immediate response for these two officers, but the work that they had done for so many other officers, and indicated as well that the Hero scholarship is probably the most generous scholarship that is given in America and will ensure that the children of Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT will not need to worry about their educational expenses.

But I thank the gentleman for his very appropriate remarks.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to temporarily withdraw the bill.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, due to business in my Congressional District, it is with deep regret that I was unable to vote in support of roll call vote 340, a resolution honoring the slain capitol police officers, JACOB CHESTNUT

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and JOHN GIBSON. My sincerest condolences go out to their families and loved ones.

FRIDAY, *July 31, 1998*

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Oversight and the Committee on Ways and Means be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4354) to establish the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund on behalf of the families of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, but under my reservation, I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

As we were discussing last night, this is a resolution to create a memorial fund under the title "United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund." It will initially be on behalf of the GIBSON and CHESTNUT families for a period of 6 months, when it will continue in perpetuity as a United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund. It is to create an official fund in the United States Treasury. Therefore, the support and oversight of that is entirely appropriate in using Federal funds.

In addition to that, any contributions to the fund are tax deductible as charitable donations, and because of the description and type of the fund, Federal campaign committees may be able to contribute to the funds as well.

When the gentleman finishes his comments and withdraws his reservation, Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk which will allow us to conclude the resolution.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I said yesterday that for the past 2 days, all of America has paid its respect, its admiration, and its thanks to two heroic officers, two officers who themselves acted in the defense of freedom and this institution, but who also symbolize those who every

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day place themselves in harm's way to ensure civil order in our democracy, civil order which is absolutely essential if our democracy is to function as our Founding Fathers conceived it.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution, if adopted as I expect it to be unanimously, will provide an additional way in which we can honor those two officers through contributions to this fund that will ensure that the families who have sustained an inestimable loss will find that loss to some small degree diminished, to the extent that we can as a generous Nation provide for them from an economic standpoint. It is an appropriate resolution, an appropriate action, and I would be pleased again, under my reservation, Mr. Speaker, to yield to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. Thomas), chairman of the Committee on House Oversight.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, it is entirely appropriate that at the time that the CHESTNUT family is, in fact, remembering their father and husband and friend and relative, that we establish this fund. At this time I would also like to thank the gentleman from Maryland for the courtesies and cooperation that he exhibited; indeed, all of the Members of this House, in terms of the level of intensity of their response to an extremely tragic and unfortunate situation. In all likelihood, this will be the last resolution on this particular subject to come before the House, and I did want to indicate that the House is an institution and each individual in it, I believe, can be extremely proud of the way in which the Capitol community responded to such a tragic incident affecting two of its own.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 4354

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

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE MEMORIAL FUND.

There is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Fund"). All amounts received by the Capitol Police Board which are designated for deposit into the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund.

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SEC. 2. PAYMENTS FROM FUND FOR FAMILIES OF DETECTIVE GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHESTNUT.

Subject to the regulations issued under section 4, amounts in the Fund shall be paid to the families of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police as follows:

(1) 50 percent of such amounts shall be paid to the widow and children of Detective GIBSON.

(2) 50 percent of such amounts shall be paid to the widow and children of Private First Class CHESTNUT.

SEC. 3. TAX TREATMENT OF FUND.

(a) CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUND.—For purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, any contribution or gift to or for the use of the Fund shall be treated as a contribution or gift for exclusively public purposes to or for the use of an organization described in section 170(c)(1) of such Code.

(b) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM FUND.—Any payment from the Fund shall not be subject to any Federal, State, or local income or gift tax.

(c) EXEMPTION.—For purposes of such Code, notwithstanding section 501(c)(1)(A) of such Code, the Fund shall be treated as described in section 501(c)(1) of such Code and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.

SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION BY CAPITOL POLICE BOARD.

The Capitol Police Board shall administer and manage the Fund (including establishing the timing and manner of making payments under section 2) in accordance with regulations issued by the Board, subject to the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives. Under such regulations, the Board shall pay any balance remaining in the Fund upon the expiration of the 6-month period which begins on the date of the enactment of this Act to the families of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT in accordance with section 2, and shall disburse any amounts in the Fund after the expiration of such period in such manner as the Board may establish.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. THOMAS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. Thomas:

Add at the end of section 4 the following: "Under such regulations, and using amounts in the Fund, a financial adviser or trustee, as appropriate, for the families of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police shall be appointed to advise the families respecting disbursement to them of amounts in the Fund.".

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I urge that the resolution and amendment be adopted.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I support the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. Thomas).

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The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

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

MONDAY, *August 5, 1998*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, we all know the name Russell Weston, Jr., and we all know that he tragically took the lives of two fine Americans, Officers JACOB J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. But many Americans still do not know that this tragedy could have been avoided, not by installing even more security here, but by improving the state of health care available to the seriously mentally ill among our citizens.

The state of psychiatric care in our country has spawned growing homelessness, more neglect, as well as increasing violence since deinstitutionalization of mental patients occurred over 2 decades ago with no community follow-up.

The gentlewoman from New Jersey (Mrs. Roukema) and I are working hard to establish a special House task force on serious mental illness. This task force would be responsible for examining the state of our mental health system, especially those who are not being adequately treated. This task force would gather testimony about what America can and should do.

Please support our effort to establish a task force on mental illness. Contact the leadership. Urge them to move so we can begin to repair the tattered dreams of millions of American families.

FRIDAY, *September 18, 1998*

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I have today introduced in the House a concurrent resolution. That resolution renames the headquarters of the Capitol Police in the memory of Officers Christopher Eney, JACOB CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON. I am introducing this resolution along with Senator

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Paul Sarbanes, and I know that many Members on both sides of the aisle will want to cosponsor it as well.

H. Con. Res. 327. A concurrent resolution to redesignate the United States Capitol Police headquarters building located at 119 D Street, Northeast, Washington, D.C., as the "Eney, CHESTNUT, GIBSON Memorial Building"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, these men are fallen heroes of the Capitol Police. Officer Eney lost his life during a training exercise in August of 1984. He was the first Capitol officer to lose his life. As we tragically know, Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON were struck down in the line of duty just a few weeks ago on July 24. They were defending this Capitol, innocent citizens, staff, and Members from a maniacal and senseless shooting spree at this Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, August 24, 1984, and July 24, 1998, will forever remind us that the risk is always present for those we ask to defend this free society. The Capitol police force, as a family who wish to honor the colleagues of the family who died while performing their duties by renaming their headquarters after them.

This resolution would rename the United States Capitol Police Headquarters as "The Eney CHESTNUT GIBSON Memorial Building." This was popularly selected by the Capitol Police and reflects the order in which each man lost his life.

I am proud and honored on behalf of all of my colleagues to work with Senator Sarbanes and his colleagues in the Senate to honor these heroes and their families.

Mr. Speaker, these men and women of law enforcement, like those we ask to join the armed forces and defend freedom abroad, are responsible for us being able to meet in this body in a society that honors peace and order and law. The least we can do as a people is to honor our fallen officers by naming the headquarters where they served with dignity and pride.

I know that my colleagues will want to join me in co-sponsoring this resolution.

MONDAY, *September 28, 1998*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Oversight be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H.Con.Res. 317), expressing the sense of Congress that Members of Congress should follow the example of self-sacrifice and devotion to

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character displayed by JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON of the United States Capitol Police, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, this past July, the United States Congress and our entire nation were gripped by a terrible tragedy, the deaths of the Capitol Police Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON gave their lives defending the United States Capitol, all of us who work in this complex and the American people who visit it to see their democracy in action. They died heroically while defending our democracy.

The outpouring of affection and gratitude for these two men was as deep and genuine as any I have witnessed, and I am certain that the many tributes to them served as a comfort to their families.

Of course, no words or tributes can replace their loss. In the aftermath of this tragedy and the heartfelt sympathy of the American people, we in this body were briefly changed. We came together as one family to pay our respects, to reflect on the almost surreal tragedy of that July afternoon and, for a time, respect, civility, and comity ruled the day.

In fact Pastor Marcom, in delivering Officer CHESTNUT's eulogy, remarked on the change that tragedy had on our relations with one another, and he speculated that probably the next week it would be business as usual. In the weeks and months since this time, I have thought long and hard about what we all experienced. I am convinced that what we admired about Officer GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT and what made them heroes is not the way they died but the way in which they lived.

Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON were honest, genuine, hard-working family men who loved their jobs and loved their country. In an age where too many people seem consumed by life's most superficial pleasures, they showed us that America is populated by common men of the most substantial and admirable character.

Of course, the great tragedy is that it took their deaths for us to recognize what heroes they had been all along.

Mr. Speaker, there is a lesson here. We would do well to learn it. While we too often argue, bicker, and consume our-

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selves with political maneuvering and intrigue, the Nation cries out for real leadership, not in words but in deeds. These complicated times demand a Congress dedicated to integrity, good works, and behavior that reflects admirably, not just on ourselves but on our sacred rights and responsibilities as constitutional officers. But that is too rarely the case.

Simply put, Mr. Speaker, we are too much like a caricature of ourselves and too little like Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. We are too much like adversaries and too little like we were in the days after the gun fire erupted in the Capitol.

This resolution asks that we honor those officers by living our lives and performing our duties with the same dignity, love, and respect with which these men lived their lives and performed their duties.

This resolution asks us to honor them by honoring the people they protected and the people we represent, by living up to a standard of service and behavior that we can be proud of, as much as we were proud of the service of these two men. This resolution asks us to exemplify what is best in America, to lead rather than follow. If one thinks about it, it is really not much to ask, and it is long, long overdue.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the honorable gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Lewis), my friend, for his assistance with this resolution, as well as the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DeLay), the honorable majority whip, for his continued courage in the aftermath of a tragedy that struck him so close to home.

Mr. Speaker, in drafting this resolution, we consulted the United States Capitol Police and the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families, who believe it to be appropriate and fitting.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Fossella). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

Whereas JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON of the United States Capitol Police laid down their lives for their country and all of us;

Whereas beyond the devotion of JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON to duty, honor, and country was their commitment to respect;

Whereas JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON were simple, humble, private men who deeply moved this nation simply by doing their jobs;

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Whereas the focus on their exemplary personal character could not have come at a time of greater need as many in our country seem more and more dedicated to self-indulgence; and

Whereas the Members of Congress have an unparalleled opportunity to be urgently needed role models of respect and dignity with no loss of personal principles: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Members of Congress should follow the example of JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON by living lives of love, respect, and integrity every day at all times, including on the floor of the Senate and House of Representatives, and should deserve the title "Honorable" by setting an example so that JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON did not die in vain.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *July 27, 1998*

The Senate met at 12 noon, and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. Thurmond).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, the source of comfort and courage in times of grief, our hearts are at half-mast in honor of Capitol Police Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON who were killed in the line of duty here in the Capitol last Friday afternoon. These officers are like members of our family. Their loss creates an empty place in our hearts. Now that place is filled with profound gratitude for them and their heroism. They lost their lives protecting all of us who work here and those who visit the Capitol. Greater love has no man than this, to give his life for his friends.

Dear Father, we can only imagine the wrenching grief of the families of these valorous men. Place around them Your arms of love, encouragement, and peace. Most of all, help them to know that, for believers in You, death is not an ending. Bullets cannot kill the soul. JOHN and J. J. are alive in You.

Now we ask for one more thing. Make us more sensitive to the dangers our officers face daily. Help us to express our gratitude for what they do and for the great friends they are. In the name of He who is the Resurrection and the Life. Amen.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, what happened in the Capitol last Friday afternoon was a tragedy for our Nation. But for all of us here it was something more. It was a death in the family.

We work here every day together, as Senators and as officers of the Senate, staff members, pages, policemen. We see them, and we pass them, over and over again. We talk to them. Some of them we get to know quite well.

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I have had the occasion myself to develop a very personal relationship with the man who was my security detail when I was the whip in the House, a man named George Awkward. He did for me what JOHN GIBSON did for Tom DeLay as the whip in the House. We got to be very personal friends. He had pizza at night, when we would get home late, with my wife and with me and my children.

So I know how much these men and women put their lives on the line, and how much they mean to us on an individual basis, but also how far too often we walk past them; we take them for granted; we don't realize that they really are there for a very important purpose—protection of our constituents and of all of us and of this magnificent building in which we serve.

Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT were members of our congressional family. They died defending us.

They died defending this Capitol building, this temple of law, where armed violence is a sacrilege against our democratic institutions.

So much has been said in their praise, and yet we need to say more.

So much has been offered in their honor, but we still look for ways to express our admiration, our gratitude, and most of all, our sorrow.

We search for words to comfort their families, and it is not easy to find them. Some losses stay with us forever.

But far more important than our words and our condolences is the assurance of Scripture, that our Chaplain just gave—that "greater love than this has no man, than that he lay down his life for his friends."

That is what the speaker of those words did, almost 2,000 years ago, and that is what officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON did 3 days ago.

In fact, it is what they were ready to do every day of their career, every day when they left their homes and loved ones knowing that they could face a deadly peril in their daily routine.

We do not think often enough of the quiet bravery it takes for officers like those two—the men and women who come to work, here at the Capitol and in communities throughout the country, knowing that this might be the day they encounter mortal danger in the course of their duties.

In my own area of the country—the gulf coast of Mississippi—we recently lost a policeman in the line of duty in

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Long Beach, Miss., and it made an indelible mark on that community and on our whole region.

Senators have already been informed that Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON will lie in state tomorrow in the great Rotunda of the Capitol.

This is an extraordinary honor that we are paying to them. In the past only Presidents, Supreme Court Justices, and generals like Pershing and MacArthur, former Senator Pepper, have lain in repose in the Rotunda. But I think it is appropriate that these two men, who gave their lives just down one flight of stairs defending that room always packed with constituents, would have this moment to be honored the way they deserve in that room.

There will be times throughout the day for Members and staff and the general public to pay their respects to these two men to say a prayer, to consider how much we owe these fallen colleagues and their families and all those like them throughout the country.

It is important to note that the public will be welcome in the Capitol during that time, and welcome to join us in our solemn tribute in the Rotunda, with the exception of only one hour in the afternoon where there will be a private opportunity for Members of Congress to observe and to pay our respects to these men.

It is most fitting that the public, our constituents from all over the country and all over the world, should be there with us, as they will be, for Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON and their colleagues were defending them, too.

I can understand the wish in some quarters to make the Capitol absolutely impregnable, or even to close it to the general public so that nothing like this could ever happen again. We will, of course, examine closely all of our security procedures again as we continue to do almost daily to see whether anything can be done to improve it. But we have to keep in mind that this Capitol is, more than any other edifice in the country, and certainly I believe in the world, the People's House.

When I walk out of my majority leader's office and take three steps, I am standing with constituents from all across America. They are there every day. Sometimes they seem surprised that they would see Senators and Congressman walking among them. But that is the way it should be. This building is accessible and it amazes our visitors, domestic and foreign, many of whom have had chance encounters with Members of Congress, the President's Cabinet, in the halls,

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in the dining rooms, in the elevators. The reason the Capitol is so open is that our society is so open. We pride ourselves on that fact.

The people's access to their Capitol is the physical manifestation of democracy. It represents something rare and precious, something all Americans take for granted. It represents the bond between those in high office and those who put them there. It represents, in short, our freedom.

For that freedom, throughout our history, men and women have been willing to stand guard, to fight if necessary, and to die on many fields in many places in the world.

They have done all that to protect their homes, to shield their loved ones, and to preserve their Nation. Some of those brave individuals are memorialized in the Capitol itself in statues of bronze and marble. They stand among us, mute but strangely eloquent about the price of liberty.

Tomorrow, amid those grand statues of heroes past, we will honor two of our own to whom heroism was simply duty. For those two, for Officers JACOB CHESTNUT, affectionately known as J.J., and JOHN GIBSON, this open Capitol, with wide-eyed kids learning the Nation's history, with strangers from abroad awed by its grandeur, with Americans of all creeds and races and religions celebrating their common faith in God, and in one another, this Capitol itself will be their enduring monument.

Mr. President, the Senate later on today will adopt an appropriate resolution. It will be a joint resolution, House and Senate. We will confer with the leaders of both bodies on both sides of the aisle as to the appropriate time to have that vote, and we are reviewing the language at this time.

I thank all Senators in advance for their cooperation.

I yield the floor.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Hagel). The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I have another engagement at this time, but sometime during the day I expect to make a statement on the death of Officer CHESTNUT and Officer GIBSON, heroes of the Senate.

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I rise today to honor JOHN GIBSON and JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT, the officers who gave their lives Friday in the line of duty.

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For Members of the Senate, I would remind them that JOHN GIBSON was one of the individuals who was a part of our security detail on our most recent retreat. Yesterday morning, after an early morning run, I stopped by the Capitol where people had placed flowers at the steps, and I talked with a young officer who told me how proud he was of J.J. J.J. was the kind of person who, after 20 years of service in the military, took under his wing the new men and women who were coming into the Capitol Hill Police Force and helped them on a personal basis, giving them tips about the kinds of things to which they needed to pay attention with their training, the kinds of things they ought to try to accomplish when they are dealing with our constituents when they come into the Capitol.

Many times, I am sure, we forget the difficulty of the duty that they have, on the one hand to be trained to the extent to react the way they reacted on Friday, unselfishly, putting themselves in harm's way so that others may survive, but at the same time having the responsibility of treating with such graciousness our constituents, our friends, our neighbors, when they come to the Capitol. It is a really difficult job, and I just want to express to the members of the Capitol Hill Police Force, all of those who participate in providing security, our deep appreciation for what they do on a day-to-day basis. Each day we come to work, we pass these officers. As the majority leader said, some of them we know by name, others we have befriended.

I particularly remember C.J. Martin over at the Delaware entrance in the Russell Building, how each morning we would discuss some very personal things about our lives, the kinds of common bonds, if you will, that we shared. And so, while I didn't know J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON to the degree that I have known other members of the police force here, I know that they were very special people. Again, listening to that young officer talk about how J.J. would stand at that door, erect in that military stance, with great pride, frankly, in the job that he performed, and the reaction that he had, again, with the people as they came in, we don't take what they do for granted, and we want them to know that we are concerned about them and we are concerned about their families.

I had the opportunity on Friday evening to visit the families of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON and to express to them our deep concern and our love for them, wanting them to know that we cherish their fathers, their husbands, that

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they mean a great deal to us, that we will do what we can to comfort them, that we won't forget them, that we will remember the families.

While the officers are the ones who lost their lives, now it is a tough and difficult time for the families. Each one of us, I know, has had the experience of losing someone close to us and we can feel the pain of the tragedy that took place, and we want those families to know that we have not forgotten them and that we will do what we can over the years to see that they are not forgotten.

Friday, in talking with the young sons of "GIBSON," as they refer to him, I can only imagine the hurt and pain that those boys 14 and 15 years old must be feeling. I say to all of us, regardless of the role that we play in the Senate or in the House, we are all one big family.

In a sense, there are many families within the family. There is the family of officers and the special grief that they must be experiencing today, as they are required to carry out their duties at a moment in which their minds and hearts must be focused on their lost officers and their families. So I ask everyone, if they would, during this day and the next several days, to pray for those families—for comfort, for love, and for hope.

Again, I can remember a particular time in which my younger brother passed away. I was so angry about his loss; people would come up to me and say, "Connie, time will take care, time will heal," and I was so angry I said, "I don't want it to be healed. I don't want time to take care of it. I am angry."

But I hope that the families, especially the children, will deal with those feelings inside, that they will share those thoughts to get them out so they don't carry around that hurt and that pain. We want them to know that we truly love them, that we will miss their fathers, their husbands, and we will try to make the Senate and House and the Capitol a place in which they can be proud.

I yield the floor.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, for the past 5 years I have had the honor of sponsoring the resolution designating National Peace Officers Memorial Day. This year we added the names of 159 officers to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Since the inception of this memorial, 14,662 peace officers have been added to the wall.

Next year, two more names will now be added to the wall. These memorials and others around the Nation serve as proof that the individuals who serve this Nation, as our guardians of peace, do so at great personal risk. There are few communities in America that have not been touched by the senseless death of a peace officer by violent means.

This community of Capitol Hill has been touched by tragedy. On Friday, two of our own, Officers JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT, were felled by an assailant while they performed their duties.

America should know that for all the influence of this city and this place, this is, in some ways, like a small town. We know the people in this community as well as we know the people in our own communities back home. The employees who work here day to day become very familiar faces to those of us who are sent here temporarily by our States.

The Capitol Hill Police have a very special duty and a very special trust. They guard this place, this summit of freedom, this People's House, and keep it safe for the citizens of the world. The Capitol Hill Police perform this duty with an unwavering commitment to our safety. And they are willing, as Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT proved, to lay down their lives for all of our safety.

JOHN GIBSON—whom I knew personally—was a tremendous professional in every sense of the word. When I saw his photograph in the paper, the difference was every time that I would see JOHN or have a word with him his face always had a smile.

J.J. CHESTNUT, who worked in one of the entrances to this great building, like so many of our officers, was perceived to be more than just a police officer to the wonderful citizens who come to this magnificent building. I think they sense that instead of just a police officer, they are being greeted by ambassadors in the People's House.

I believe that our Capitol Police Department exemplifies the finest in America. I have never heard any statement that any of our police officers have been badge-heavy. I have sim-

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ply heard great reviews of the professionals who carry the badge of the Capitol Police Department.

I know many of the Capitol Police officers personally. I have listened to stories about their families. I have seen photographs of their kids—just parent talking to parent who share a funny story or observation or simply a good word at the end of the day. But in the end, put most simply, they are here to take care of us.

As we near the end of this century, we are often impelled to observe this country is cynical. It is, I suppose, in the American character to question our condition and bemoan the things that are not now as we remember them to be. But in truth, the sacrifice of these men and their families are akin to the selfless ideal that has made this country great. The bravery and the commitment to community that these men possessed will be carried on by their families.

I have had the honor to meet with the families of slain officers from my home State. The strength and the perseverance that is exemplified by each of them is an inspiration to me.

My thoughts and prayers go out to these families and others who have been devastated by this type of senseless violence. There is no answer to the meaningless violence that occurs, but we must celebrate and memorialize the lives of the officers who serve and protect us.

To the Capitol Hill Police, I would like to simply say, I am sorry for your loss and for our loss because we are family here, to say how proud all of us are of you and to thank you for your service that you give to us each day, and to say to the families of Officer GIBSON, Officer CHESTNUT: Your husband, your father, demonstrated service beyond self in the most dramatic way—by sacrificing their lives for our safety, for our freedom.

Our prayers are with JOHN, with Officer CHESTNUT, with their families, and with the other officers who continue that tradition of being truly some of the finest anywhere in the Nation or the world. You are our friends, you are our guardians, so that we can do our duty here in the Nation's Capitol. God bless these two officers and God bless what they mean to all of us.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. I thank the Chair.

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Mr. President, it has struck me often in my 10 years here in the Senate that one can look at the life we lead here in different ways. In one sense, in a sense that is most visible, we do the work of the country: We hold hearings, we meet with constituents, we legislate. This is the Congress of the United States.

But in another sense, it has struck me increasingly over the years I have been honored to be here that there is another level of experience in this Capitol, which is that we are, in our own way, a small town of our own. We are a community. Yes, we have the Members of Congress and we have all who serve in our offices so well. We have the officers of both Chambers and those who work to keep these Chambers going. But there is a broader community here that we are all part of. It is the people who keep the buildings in such good repair.

We have doctors, we have nurses, we have clergy people, we have representatives of the media who live in this community with us who cover us. We even have our own newspapers. And we have police officers. We are a small town in the way that life is lived in so many small towns across America. But we are very different from most any of those small towns in that hundreds of thousands of fellow Americans—indeed, people from all over the world—come and walk through this great citadel of democracy, this great symbol of freedom, peacefully and respectfully, coming through our community.

On Friday, as we all know, one madman disrupted the tranquility of our community and took two of our own, Special Agent JOHN GIBSON, Officer JACOB CHESTNUT. There is a sense of palpable sadness and grief in this Capitol today, a sense of mourning at the loss of these two officers, because they were members of our community. We saw them every day. We exchanged greetings with them. We deeply regret and in some ways, I am sure, feel anger at what happened on Friday to take these two fine men, these two heroes, from us.

As we mourn their loss, I do think it is important for us to remember the extraordinary and unique war that law enforcement officers play in this small town, our little community, the Capitol of the United States, which is similar to the part they play in every other community across America. Think of what happened in those few tragic, jolting moments on Friday afternoon when danger occurred and the sound of bullets resonated through the halls of the Capitol. Most ev-

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eryone in the Capitol ran for cover, locked their office doors, jumped under tables and desks, got out of the way of danger. But the law enforcement officers, the Capitol Police throughout this Capitol, including these two fallen heroes, rushed to the danger. That is their job, to protect the rest of us. It is an extraordinary difference in a quiet, normal moment on a midsummer Friday afternoon. Suddenly, one madman pierces all of that, and every officer, every Capitol Police officer in our small town rushes to their duty station. These two responded with instinctive but extraordinary, heroic impulses to stop this man, and ultimately did, and save so many lives through their heroism.

Mr. President, I mentioned this to pay tribute in some small way to Special Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT, but also to remind us how much we owe these people in this small town of ours, and in every city and town across America, and why we ought not to just treat them with a warm hello but feel, as we do today, in some measure every day the gratitude we have to them and express that in the best way we can, which is not only as friends and fellow citizens of our communities, but when we have a chance, as employers, to treat them appropriately and according to the extraordinary responsibilities that they bear in a moment of crisis.

Mr. President, by coincidence this morning I was reading from Jeremiah's Book of Lamentations and I read the commentary on Lamentations in which were cited the comments of an ancient rabbi who was interpreting David's Book of Psalms. In dealing with the sadness, the sense of gloom that is so at the heart of the Book of Lamentations, this sage of old expressed a thought that is familiar to all religions, which is, "If I had not fallen, I could never have arisen. If I had not sat in darkness, I could never have seen the light of God."

So in this time of deep and heavy darkness for our community here on Capitol Hill, we pray with faith together and the faith that unites us in our community, unites us as faith has always united people in American communities, that Special Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT are seeing the light of God, that they are being welcomed in the warm embrace of eternal life, greeted as the heroes that they are. We pray, also, that God will grant strength and comfort to their families, to their friends, to their fellow officers in the Capitol Police corps, and in some measure to all of us in this small town, Capitol Hill, who, today, mourn their loss.

I thank the Chair and I yield the floor.

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Mr. ROBB addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished Senator from Virginia is recognized.

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, first, I ask unanimous consent the period for morning business be extended by an additional 15 minutes—I know there is at least one other colleague on the floor and there may be others—so that we might spend a moment in additional tribute to the two officers.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I just want to add my voice to those who have already spoken and those who will.

Friday was a difficult day for all of us here as part of the family. That has been more eloquently described than I can describe it both today and elsewhere. Like many of the Members, I happened to be in my office less than 100 yards away from where the shooting took place. I was unaware of the shooting. I heard the sirens and I heard the helicopter when it approached to take the victims to the trauma center. At that point, I tuned in and observed what was happening.

There was a sense on the part of all of us that something very tragic had occurred to members of the family. It wasn't until the names were released that we knew which members of the family had been affected. I realized when I heard the names and saw the pictures that Officer J.J. CHESTNUT was the person who had been on that post any number of times. Many of us who come and go from the Nation's Capitol late in the evening find that is one of the few doors that is open. So we get to know the people who are there, and they are always greeting us with a smile.

In truth, I didn't know that I knew or had a relationship with Special Agent GIBSON until I found out from my wife and mother-in-law that during a recent visit he had accompanied them throughout a tour of the Capitol, and they had been very grateful for the professional courtesies and kindness that he had extended to them. I found out that he was a resident of Lake Ridge, Va. It just so happens that the other person who was wounded, Angela Dickerson, who was a tourist taking a family on a tour, also happens to be from Chantilly, Va. I noted that J.J. CHESTNUT was a Vietnam veteran and is going to be accorded full military honors when he is buried Friday in Arlington.

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These were very special people. The initial feeling among many when we heard that there had been gunfire inside the Capitol was that somehow the security system had broken down. I was relieved and pleased, as I think all of our Members were, to know that in this case the system had actually worked, and it had worked superbly. The men who ultimately gave their lives had done so in precisely the way they were trained to protect the Capitol and all who serve in it. I think that is a testament to the professionalism of the Capitol Police and to all of the members of this extended family.

I didn't go out and talk to the media on Friday, but two down-State reporters came to my office, unsolicited, and I talked to them for a couple of minutes. One asked me, "What should we do?" I said, "I hope we don't do much of anything. We will take a look at the procedures, but we want to keep the People's House as open as we possibly can." I think this is a symbol of democracy, and these two men died in defending that symbol. But we want to be careful not to take the wrong actions.

What we can do, and what we ought to do, is remember to thank those who serve us—whose service we sometimes take for granted. On the way out of the Capitol later that evening, I stopped and thanked the Capitol Police officers who were still on duty. They were still doing their duties professionally, although they were grieving. I happened to go to an engagement that I had that evening and I was late coming back. It didn't conclude until almost midnight. I said, "I want to go back to the Capitol. The midnight shift will have come on now and they are going to take it pretty hard as well." I had a chance to quietly visit with some of the other members of the Capitol Police.

Many of us are trying to find a way to say to those men and women who serve so ably, and sometimes without the recognition that they deserve, that we are grieving with them, that we appreciate what they did, what they continue to do. I suggest to people who might not be a part of the extended family here in the Capitol that all of us feel that if you want to find a way to express your appreciation, stop your local policeman on the street and say "thank you" because they, too, are providing a kind of service that, in many cases, we end up taking for granted; yet, it is critically important. When the chips are down, these folks respond. And as my distinguished colleague from Connecticut noted a minute ago, when many seek cover, that is the time they put themselves directly in harm's way to ensure that access to

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our Nation's Capitol and the freedom to move about goes uninterrupted for all of us who benefit from their services.

With that, I will close. I just wanted to say to all of those who continue to serve: Thank you. We don't always remember to say that. To the families of J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, in particular, we share your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers, and to all who serve us in ways too numerous to count, we do appreciate what you have done for us and what you continue to do for us. We will continue to remember the extraordinary service and the ultimate sacrifice that was made by these two fine officers in defense of our Nation's Capitol.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I just want to say that all of us in the Capitol have one overriding thought in our minds right now, and that is that our hearts go out to the families of the two officers who were slain in the line of duty last Friday.

All of us were in a different place. But I will never forget where I was when learning this tragic news. I had left the Capitol that morning and had returned home to Texas. I was just stunned. And when I learned that these officers had passed away after their injuries, I was heartsick, as all of us were.

There is no question that the Capitol Police are friends to all of us. When I came into the Capitol this morning and saw the black tape across their badges, it all hit. And I want to say there is not anyone here who has worked with these fine men and women who doesn't appreciate every day the job they do protecting all of us and every visitor to the Capitol.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I want to take just a moment to join those of my colleagues who have already spoken with respect to our profound shock at the death of JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, two Capitol Police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty on this past Friday, and to express my very heartfelt sympathies to their families.

J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON have been engaged over their working careers in the dedicated mission of protecting the lives of their fellow citizens, literally thousands of people who move in and out of the Capitol Building each day, those who work here, those who visit here, both our own citizens and from abroad.

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As we all know, on Friday, the People's House, the U.S. Capitol, was violated by a gunman. Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON put themselves on the line, as do all law enforcement officials each day, both at work and, since they are committed to law enforcement, even when they are off work, literally all the time, in order to protect the physical well-being—indeed, to protect the freedoms that so many of us have taken for granted.

In its editorial today, Roll Call, which, of course, as we all know, is the newspaper devoted to reporting the activities on Capitol Hill, said this:

> Sometimes, given the comparative low level of violence around the Capitol complex and given that Capitol Police officers are usually seen cheerfully directing traffic and gently herding tourists, it's forgotten that ours [meaning the Capitol Police Force] is a real police force. We who live and work around the Capitol know—but others don't—that our police also fight crime in the neighborhood as well as watch the Capitol. But now all of America understands that the Capitol Police do not just stand guard, but also stand ready to be heroes. That knowledge was derived last week at heartrending cost.

We call them heroes today, and they truly are, but Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON were also husbands, fathers, grandfathers—already heroes to their wives, to their children and grandchildren, to their other family members, and to their neighbors who respected them not only for their uniforms but for the laws they vowed to uphold and the lives they protected on a daily basis. It is these loving people they leave behind, having given of themselves to protect the lives of others and to defend one of the great symbols of this democratic Nation, perhaps the preeminent symbol of our democratic Nation—the United States Capitol.

Mr. President, may God bless J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. They are true heroes, and I join with my colleagues in expressing my condolences to their family members.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I join other colleagues of ours who today, and I hope tomorrow as well, will find time to express their deep sense of sorrow over the loss of two of our Capitol Hill police officers last Friday, as well as to express their sincere condolences to the families and friends of these two very fine officers, J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON.

The events of last Friday, July 24, certainly will leave an indelible mark on this community—this Capitol community, if you will—and our Nation. The tragic legacy of this incident will not only be the courage displayed opposing this senseless act of savagery but will also be the premature loss of these two fine, brave men.

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J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON were not just courageous officers, they were fine human beings. They were friends of many here and in the House of Representatives. All of us in this Chamber cannot help but take this loss personally, because Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON worked every day to ensure the safety of every one of us in this Capitol Building. I think that every American should look into their hearts and thank these two men for their sacrifices, because they also worked to protect all of those who visit this great Capitol Building, this symbol of democracy, as well as the freedoms which the Capitol represents.

All Americans should give thanks and say a prayer for these two fine men and all of the men and women in uniform throughout our Nation who take that oath to ensure our safety every day. Our police officers are husbands, they are parents and friends, they are neighbors—in many ways, ordinary citizens just like the rest of us. But in one very important way, these individuals are quite extraordinary. Every day when they put on their uniforms, their work clothes, and they say goodbye to their families and go to work, they literally put their lives on the line so that we may enjoy the safety and the freedoms that too often, I think, we take for granted. We describe their actions as heroism, but they simply view them as their duty.

President John Kennedy once said:

> The courage of life is often a less dramatic spectacle than the courage of a final moment; but it is no less a magnificent mixture of triumph and tragedy. A man does what he must—in spite of the personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures—and that is the basis of all morality.

While we will forever remember Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON for their actions on July 24, they deserve our respect and admiration not only for the way they performed their duties on that day but for the way they and those who share a similar uniform carry themselves every day throughout their lives—always working in the service of others, with great courage and character.

It is important that we remember not only those who gave their lives but also express our gratitude to those who are left to carry on their mission.

Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON's colleagues must put these events behind them and carry on with their everyday lives and continue performing the services that are so important. We are all very grateful for the sacrifices they make every

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day and the commitment to their communities that these men and women display.

It has been ordered that their bodies will lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda tomorrow, the same Capitol where they gave their lives in service to their country. This honor is usually reserved for our Nation's most prominent leaders, Presidents, Supreme Court Justices, and Generals. But I know all of us in this Chamber feel that this is an appropriate tribute to the two men whose commitment to their country and their community is surpassed by none.

J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON leave behind loving wives and children. I offer my heartfelt condolences to both families and their friends, and, on behalf of this body, I know I speak for all of our colleagues in saying they will long be remembered for their friendship and their courage.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I wish to make a personal comment about the tragedy that occurred in this building on Friday and add my voice to those that have been raised in tribute to the professionalism, courage, and compassion of the members of the Capitol Police Force.

I remember, when I first came to Washington as an intern in 1950, a student from the university, the Capitol Police Force was affectionately referred to as the "campus cops." It was a patronage job, and people who served on the Capitol Police Force in those days were appointed by their Senators. Usually, they were law students who were going to school at George Washington University that taught the entire curriculum at night. So the Capitol Police could earn their way through law school by sitting at their various stations in the Capitol during the daytime and taking their classes at night. One of the more prominent attorneys in Salt Lake City got his law degree that way and said he did all of his studying at his desk as a Capitol policeman and commented, "If I had ever been called upon to draw my weapon, I wouldn't have known what to do. I would have been scared to death if anybody had ever confronted me in my position as a policeman."

That was the situation 40, 45 years ago. The professionalism of those who did draw their weapons and handled them expertly in the crisis that occurred last Friday demonstrates how far we have come and how great a debt those of us who labor here, hopefully doing the people's business, have to those who have produced that kind of professionalism and produced that kind of change from what we once had. I add my voice to those that have been raised in tribute to those who serve us in that capacity.

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Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of the two Capitol Hill Police officers who gave their lives in the line of duty Friday afternoon.

JACOB J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON were dedicated officers whose deaths are mourned by all of us on Capitol Hill, and by many across America.

A sense of genuine grief grips us as we come to terms with the tragedy that unfolded in our midst on Friday. At the same time, we stand in awe of the heroism they and other officers displayed in ending a gunman's rampage and saving the lives of innocent citizens.

JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON were committed to the United States, having sworn to protect lawmakers, citizens, and the peace as Capitol Police officers. While I did not have the honor of knowing them personally, I am truly grateful for their dedication and service—as well as the dedication and service of all who serve as police officers.

As a father of six and grandfather of eleven, I know how important family is. The loss of a son, father, husband, and friend is devastating. My thoughts and prayers and those of my wife Nancy are with those who knew and loved these two quiet heroes.

Officer GIBSON has left behind his wife, Evelyn, and three children. While the loss of Officer GIBSON as a father and husband is immeasurable, I know his memory will be a source of strength for his family.

Officer CHESTNUT is survived by his wife, Wen-Ling, and five children: Joseph, William, Janet, Janece, and Karen. Grief has surely stricken this family and the death of their cornerstone can never be as deeply felt by others, but Officer CHESTNUT died a hero, protecting his country as he had sworn to do both during his years in the Air Force and as a Capitol Police Officer.

Mrs. CHESTNUT, Mrs. GIBSON—please accept our condolences are prayers. We are all indebted to both your husbands for their dedication and their selfless, heroic acts.

I yield the floor.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, on behalf of myself, the Democratic leader, and the entire Senate Membership, I send a Senate concurrent resolution to the desk regarding the fallen U.S. Capitol policemen. And I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, and ask that the clerk read the resolution in its entirety.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will report and read the concurrent resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 110) honoring the memory of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police for their selfless acts of heroism at the United States Capitol on July 24, 1998.

Whereas the Capitol is the People's House, and, as such, it has always been and will remain open to the public;

Whereas millions of people visit the Capitol each year to observe and study the workings of the democratic process;

Whereas the Capitol is the most recognizable symbol of liberty and democracy throughout the world and those who guard the Capitol guard our freedom;

Whereas Private First Class JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON sacrificed their lives to protect the lives of hundreds of tourists, staff, and Members of Congress;

Whereas if not for the quick and courageous action of those officers, many innocent people would likely have been injured or killed;

Whereas through their selfless acts, Detective GIBSON and Private First Class CHESTNUT underscored the courage, honor, and dedication shown daily by every member of the United States Capitol Police and every law enforcement officer;

Whereas Private First Class CHESTNUT, a Vietnam veteran who spent 20 years in the Air Force, was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police, and was married to Wen Ling and had five children, Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen and William;

Whereas Detective GIBSON, assigned as Rep. Tom Delay's bodyguard for the last three years, was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police, and was married to Evelyn and had three children, Kristen, John and Daniel;

Whereas Private First Class CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON were the first United States Capitol Police officers ever killed in the line of duty;

Whereas Private First Class CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON, and all those who helped apprehend the gunman, assist the injured, and evacuate the building, are true heroes of democracy, and every American owes them a deep debt of gratitude: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) Congress hereby honors the memory of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police for the selfless acts of heroism they displayed on July 24, 1998, in sacrificing their lives in the line of duty so that others might live; and

(2) when the Senate and the House of Representatives adjourn on this date, they shall do so out of respect to the memory of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the families of Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON, and to the many friends that they leave, particularly their brothers and sisters in arms, the

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members of the United States Capitol Police. Our hearts ache for them as they struggle with their staggering loss.

Like many Members of Congress, I was headed home Friday afternoon when Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON were slain. I was in the airport in Minneapolis, changing planes, when I first learned of what had happened. I was shocked and sickened and saddened.

Throughout the airport, wherever there was a TV, people crowded around it to watch the news, and try to understand.

At home in South Dakota this past weekend, I spoke with countless people who told me how terribly sad they are about the deaths of these two brave men.

In that airport, in South Dakota, and across our Nation, Americans understand that Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON sacrificed their lives to guard and protect something that is sacred to all of us.

This Capitol truly is "the People's House," a symbol of freedom and democracy, recognized the world over.

That is one of the reasons Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON loved it so, and were so proud to work here.

It is difficult, unless you have worked here, to understand what a close-knit family the Capitol community is. We come to work every day, pass each other in the halls. We ask about each others' families, joke with each other.

And today, we try to comfort each other.

Whenever you suffer a death in the family, as we have in the Capitol Hill family, there is at first a sort of unreality about it.

That is especially true when the person is taken suddenly, or too young, as Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON were.

But then, you come to where they should be and there is a hole in the world and you begin to understand that it's true.

Coming back to work today, we have all experienced that void.

Inside the Capitol, another officer stands where Officer CHESTNUT should be.

And the door over the House Majority Whip's office, where Detective GIBSON was stationed, is draped in black bunting.

Everywhere, the voices are quieter than usual. Tears rim the eyes of many people. Outside, the flag over the Capitol flies mournfully at half-staff.

Below it, on the white marble steps, lay flowers and cards left by a grateful public to honor two fallen heroes.

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Then, there is perhaps the saddest sight of all: the black bands stretched like a gash over the badges of the Capitol Police officers.

These are the inadequate tributes we pay to these two extraordinary men whose professionalism, courage, and selfless dedication last Friday afternoon surely saved many innocent lives.

But the real tribute is not what is different about the Capitol today. The real tribute is what is the same.

The halls of "the People's House" are filled today—as they are every day—with vacationing families, school children, Scout troops, and thousands of others who have come to see their government in action. They walk these majestic halls and marvel—as they do every day—at the beauty of this building, at its history and its openness.

That is the real tribute to Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON.

Because they made us feel so safe, we may not have understood fully the risks they took each day when they put on their badges and came to work. But they understood.

They knowingly risked their lives because they loved this building and what it represents, and they wanted others to be able to see their government at work.

Among the bouquets on the steps outside is a handmade tribute: a collage of a silvery cross on black paper. Glued across the top of the collage is the headline from Saturday's newspaper. It reads "2 Slain Officers Remembered, Called Heroes."

Today, as we struggle to accept that loss, we offer our condolences and thanks to the men and women of the Capitol Police Department especially those who were at work last Friday afternoon and who reacted with such selfless professionalism as well as those who worked through the weekend so that "the People's House" could remain open to the people.

We can only imagine how awful these days are for you, and how difficult it must be for you to be here.

We are proud to work with you, and deeply grateful to you for your courage and dedication.

Above all, our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON. May God comfort them and ease their terrible anguish.

Tomorrow, we will put aside our normal schedule in order to pay our final respects to JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON.

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Their bodies will lie in honor in the Rotunda, surrounded by statues of other American heroes. That is as it should be, for they truly are heroes. They gave their life for their country and, in doing so, saved the lives of countless others. We are in awe of their sacrifice, and we are grateful to them beyond words.

Ms. MIKULSKI. I also want to voice my sorrow and the sorrow of the people of Maryland following the tragic events on Friday, July 24.

And I rise in tribute to the heroic acts of Officer JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT, from Ft. Washington in my home state of Maryland, and special agent JOHN GIBSON, of nearby Woodbridge, Virginia, who gave their lives to protect the U.S. Capitol and its residents, to protect this building that is the symbol of freedom and democracy the world over.

No words can adequately express my pain and outrage at the senseless killings that took place at 3:40 on Friday. No words can adequately comfort those who were emotionally and physically injured, nor relieve the pain of the families who lost loved ones. No words can erase the horror of the Weston family upon learning that their son may have committed this horrific act. And no words can adequately express the sorrow that millions of Americans feel today about this assault on our Nation's heritage and democratic institutions.

However, words can be used to remember and applaud the lives and heroism of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON. And I want to add my voice to the call today to remember those brave men and commend all the Capitol Hill police officers who put their lives on the line to protect democracy. And I want to add my voice to the call to ensure that the People's House remains open to the people, while preserving the safety of those who work and visit this great institution.

Many of my colleagues know how indispensable and brave the Capitol Hill Police Officers are, but many other Americans learned of these brave troops just on Friday. Let me tell you what I think many people didn't really know until Friday: what a Capitol Hill Police Officer does and what makes them so special.

These men and women are some of the most unique officers in the country. First, they are excellent federal law enforcement officials who protect Members of Congress from crooks, terrorists, or anyone else who would want to harm us. They also protect all the people in the building, whether it's a foreign dignitary, like Mr. Mandela, or a girl-scout

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troop from Iowa. Second, they are also "Officer Friendly"—welcoming people and answering questions. Many have taken special language training to help visitors from around the world. Third, many are also trained for other possible emergencies: to provide basic paramedic help in the case of an ill tourist, or to provide basic fire-fighting and help evacuate buildings in the case of fires.

These police are like our own "cops on the beat." Many of the officers are assigned a primary beat, which means they get to know particular Members, our hours, and our staffs; the regular delivery people; and others. They know who are the usual folks coming in and can then detect anyone who is strange, or who is acting strange. So, just like thousands of towns across the country, Capitol Hill has its own community policemen. They have a beat, they get to know us, and we get to know them.

And if you're on the beat, you get to know the officers on your beat. We talk about the Orioles. We talk about their families. There is always the proud dad. The one who's getting off early because his daughter is going to a prom and he's chaperoning. Or one who is the first in her family to get her college degree.

They also get to know us. We talk to them about our own families. I know when my own mother was ill and we thought she needed surgery, they volunteered to organize a blood drive if I needed it. They told me that I never had to worry, that if I needed extra people to come to Baltimore, they would. They just said, "Don't worry, Senator Barb, we'll be there for you."

Finally, so many of the Capitol Hill Police Officers are my Maryland constituents, just like J.J. CHESTNUT. So, I'd hear if the fishing was good down in Southern Maryland, or if the traffic was congested. Officer CHESTNUT was from Ft. Washington in Prince Georges County. It's close to the Potomac River, and it is where a lot of our officers live. Where they can have a wonderful family life, fish in the Potomac, or, as I've learned about Officer CHESTNUT, tend a wonderful vegetable garden. Officer CHESTNUT was always one of the stars—trained as an MP in the military, he'd been with the Capitol Police for eighteen years and was known for having a unique touch with tourists and constituents. We were very proud of him and that he was even nominated at one time as Capitol Police Officer of the Year.

And I know how proud we were of Detective GIBSON as well. He was from just across the River in Virginia, and was

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also a star and a hero. From helping tourists to protecting dignitaries, Detective GIBSON always made the safety of others his top priority. I know he was a true hero on Friday, when he stopped the gunman from entering further into the building.

The Capitol Hill Police Officers are our hi-touch, hi-tech community police officers and we are very proud of them. We are profoundly grieved at the passing of two of that force's brightest lights, Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON.

My heart and prayers go out to their families, as they cope with their overwhelming loss. And my heart goes out to the family of the suspect, Mr. Weston. From everything I've seen and heard, Mr. Weston was mentally ill. From interviews I've seen, the Weston family is a good family and his mom and dad are absolutely grief-stricken at the thought that their son could have done such a terrible act. Our thoughts and prayers should be with them as well today.

Mr. President, I know the entire Senate joins me in saying that this act was a horror and that no family, no nation, should have to endure the pain we feel today. I know that we will honor them tomorrow in a service befitting heroes because, Madam President, they were heroes. Giving their lives so that others might be safe is the ultimate act of heroism. We know that Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON are heroes for today and all eternity.

Madam President, I hope that as we respond, we are very careful to ensure that the public access continues to be granted here. We need to ensure that what they died for, which was defending not only the building, but what the building stands for, remains accessible so that the public can always come see us doing our work while they so valiantly did their work. I thank the Chair and my colleague, the senior Senator, for yielding me this time.

I yield the floor.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, on Friday, two veteran Capitol Police Officers were killed in the line of duty during a tragic attack in the United States Capitol. Their sacrifice in performance of duty will forever be remembered in the halls of the United States Congress.

Tomorrow in the Rotunda of the Capitol we will memorialize the bravery and sacrifice of these two officers—the first Capitol Police Officers to be killed in the line of duty.

Officer "J.J." CHESTNUT was 58 and the father of five children. He was a grandfather and a 20-year veteran of the United States Air Force with service in Vietnam. Officer

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CHESTNUT was a member of the Capitol Police Force for 18 years.

Special Agent JOHN GIBSON was 42 and the father of three children. He was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police Force who served as a Special Agent assigned to House Majority Whip, Tom DeLay for the last three years.

To the families of these men, we extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy during this very difficult time. The Capitol Hill community has lost two respected and brave defenders of democracy.

To the fellow officers of these fallen heroes, you have our unqualified support as daily you carry your duties to protect the halls of freedom. Your dedication and service to the Nation is deeply appreciated.

Indeed, all Americans are indebted to Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON for their devotion to duty and their sacrifice in the defense of freedom.

Mr. President, as chairman of the Rules Committee, I also had the opportunity over the weekend to maintain close contact with those here under the direction of our distinguished majority leader and minority leader, notably the Sergeant at Arms and the chief of police. I wish to commend them in the manner in which they very quickly took charge of this tragic situation and, once again, reopened the People's House—that is what this magnificent structure is—so that the people from the United States, people from all over the world, can continue to come and share the magnificence of this edifice.

A great debt of gratitude is owed, of course, especially to these two officers and to their families. As I look into the eyes of the men and women who guard the Capitol, each day, I silently express my gratitude, for we couldn't have 32,000 visitors as we did the day before and probably in the days to come, who could walk through these magnificent halls with a sense of safety and confidence—we couldn't have that without the dedicated service of our Capitol Police. Nor could the business of the Congress itself take place without their taking a risk every minute of the day and night that this edifice is open for the people's business.

I also thank the medical department. They responded and were on the scene within less than 2 minutes. I went down to personally express my appreciation and their reply to me was, we are there, we did our duty like everyone else, and we are delighted to be a part of this team that functions to make this magnificent organization and this building serve

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the people of this country and, indeed, stand as a symbol to the whole free world.

I thank the Chair and I thank my distinguished colleague.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I wish to join briefly in the comments that have been made. The heroism of the two slain officers will be a permanent memorial to the hundreds of others, the thousands, the tens of thousands of others here and across our land who daily put their lives at risk so we can live as free and secure people.

The greatest testimony that we could give to these two brave men would be to continue the practice of openness in this Capitol. Our democracy depends upon a very special relationship between the people and those who are fortunate enough to be their representatives. We must not break that bond. We must be prudent in our actions, but not closed in our demeanor toward the thousands of citizens who come here on a daily basis to observe their democracy.

So I join in the comments that have been made by our leaders and extend our heartfelt sympathy to those families who have been so tragically ruptured by this senseless act.

Mr. KENNEDY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, the Nation was stunned as we learned of the tragic deaths of JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT, two veteran officers of the Capitol Police who lost their lives in the line of duty in the tragic and senseless shootings last Friday. The extraordinary dedication and heroism of these two courageous officers clearly prevented greater loss of life in the Capitol, and I join all Americans in mourning their deaths.

These brave men represented the very finest traditions of American law enforcement. They protected a building—the Nation's Capitol—and in doing so they were also defending our democracy. Unless citizens can come freely into the Capitol building and meet with their elected Senators and Representatives, our democracy and our freedoms are greatly diminished. Special Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT understood this, and with professionalism and dedication, they served Congress well and served the country well too.

It is fitting that these two brave men will lie in state tomorrow in the Capitol building where they gave their lives.

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They made the ultimate sacrifice to protect us, and we will forever owe them and their families a debt of deep gratitude.

Our thoughts and prayers go out especially to the GIBSON and CHESTNUT families. My family too has suffered the sudden loss of loved ones, and I know that there is no greater tragedy, no greater sadness for a family.

Special Agent GIBSON is a son of Massachusetts, and we were all especially proud of him. He loved his family, his country, his church, and his Capitol. Our hearts go out to his wife Lynn and his three children during this very difficult time of loss.

Officer CHESTNUT, too, was well known by anyone who entered the Document Room door. He was always friendly to everyone, and was a consummate professional in the conduct of his duties. I join Wendy and the rest of Officer CHESTNUT's family in mourning his loss.

We cannot help but be angry at the senseless act that led to the death of these two extraordinary officers. One minute, the Capitol building is full of the people's business—with debates and meetings and visitors from across the country in this great and open symbol of our free government. The next minute, the Nation was shocked to learn the news that a man who had no business possessing a handgun had taken the lives of these officers in two brutal acts that shocked the conscience of Congress and the country.

In the days ahead, we will consider what steps may be taken to ensure a secure—and yet open—Capitol. I hope Congress will also consider further actions to keep guns out of the hands of those who so easily misuse them. As we saw on Friday, our failure to do so leads to tragedy far too often.

The GIBSON and CHESTNUT families know that all of us in Congress embrace them at this sad time. The Nation loves them. We are grateful for their extraordinary service, and saddened by their tragic sacrifice.

Mr. President, on Saturday, at Andrews Air Force Base, President Clinton spoke eloquently and movingly about the loss of these two brave officers. I ask unanimous consent that his remarks be printed in the *Record* at this point.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the *Record*, as follows:

REMARKS OF PRESIDENT CLINTON, JULY 25, 1998

Good morning. The shooting at the United States Capitol yesterday was a moment of savagery at the front door of American civilization. Federal law enforcement agencies and the United States Attorneys' office are working

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closely with the D.C. Police and the Capitol Police to ensure that justice is pursued.

Meanwhile, I would ask all Americans to reflect for a moment on the human elements of yesterday's tragedy. The scripture says "greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

Officer JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON laid down their lives for their friends, their co-workers, and their fellow citizens—those whom they were sworn to protect. In so doing, they saved many others from exposure to lethal violence.

Every day, a special breed of men and women pin on their badges, put on their uniforms, kiss their families good-bye, knowing full well they may be called on to lay down their lives. This year alone 79 other law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice. Every American should be grateful to them, for the freedom and the security they guard with their lives. And every American should stand up for them and stand against violence.

Officer CHESTNUT was a Vietnam veteran, a member of the Capitol Police for 18 years, just months away from retirement.

Detective GIBSON was a deeply religious man, beloved by his co-workers and, being from Massachusetts, devoted to the Red Sox and the Bruins.

Both leave behind loving wives and children, the affection of neighbors, friends, and co-workers, and the deep gratitude of those who are alive today because of their bravery.

In this one heartless act, there were many acts of heroism, by strangers who shielded children with their bodies, by officers who fanned across the Capitol, by Dr. Bill Frist, a renowned heart surgeon before his election to the Senate from Tennessee, who had just put down his gavel, when he rushed to tend the injured.

To all these and others, who stood for our common humanity, we extend the thanks of our Nation. To the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON, nothing we say can bring them back. But all Americans pray that the power of a loving God, and the comfort of family and friends, will with time ease your sorrow and swell your pride for loved ones and the sacrifice they made for their fellow citizens.

To Angela Dickerson, the young woman who was injured in the shooting, we extend our prayers and hope for your speedy recovery.

To every American who has been shaken by this violent act, to the millions of parents who have taken your children through those very same doors, I ask you to think about what our Capitol means. All around the world, that majestic marble building is the symbol of our democracy and the embodiment of our Nation. We must keep it a place where people can freely and proudly walk the halls of their government. And we must never, ever take for granted the values for which it stands, or the price of preserving them.

Mr. HATCH addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I have been honored to serve here in the Senate for 22 years. I have to say that, to a person, our Capitol Hill Police are terrific human beings; to a person, they are dedicated to their jobs and they want to do the best they can. Frankly, without them, I think this place

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would not run anywhere near as well as it does. To a person, those of us who knew JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT have to say these are two of the finest who have ever served on Capitol Hill. These are people for whom everybody should have a sense of deep gratitude. They gave their lives as a last full measure of devotion so that many others might live.

It is a shame that we have people who violate the law and who may be emotionally disturbed and do things like this. And it is an absolute catastrophe and tragedy for the families of these two fine men. Our hearts go out to them. Elaine and I have them in our prayers, as I know other Members of Congress and Members of the Senate do as well. These were two fine men—always courteous, always looking out for not only the Members as they came in and out of those doors and in and out of the Capitol, but for every citizen who came to the People's House time after time—and millions of them do. Both of them had long tenures here and both served every day of those tenures with distinction.

Mr. President, I want to personally express my gratitude to these men for the sacrifice they have made, and to their families for the sacrifice that they have made. I am sure the families will be taken care of. I hope we will do some good for them and that they will realize how deeply we all feel about the sacrifice that these two brave men gave for us.

Mr. President, this is one of the great spots on this Earth. It is visited by millions of people. It means so much to those of us who serve in this building. We are vulnerable to people who are emotionally disturbed or who may be terrorists. We are vulnerable to people who are insensitive to the needs of those who serve here. On the other hand, every one of us feels it to be such a privilege to serve in these two great bodies, in this separate branch of government that means so much to the people. We could not serve very well, nor could we accomplish very much if it weren't for the sacrifices of all of our people here on Capitol Hill who work so hard—like JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT.

Again, Mr. President, I pray to our Father in Heaven that the families of these two heroes will be comforted and cared for. As a Nation, we are deeply grateful for their service. God bless those who remain that we all might keep in remembrance the sacrifice of these two fine men.

Mr. DURBIN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois is recognized.

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Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this is a special moment in the history of this body. I wanted to be heard for a very brief moment on what happened in the last few days here in this building. I guess it is customary, when you work in a building for many years, to get used to it and not to be stirred by it, but not this building. For 16 years, it has been my honor to serve in the House and the Senate, and I can tell you that as I walk up to this building still in daylight, or in the middle of the night, it still has a special impact on me, as it does on so many Americans. There have been those who have come before us, and my colleague from West Virginia, who is a historian of this body, remembers, I'm sure, better than most that when President Lincoln was engaged in the Civil War, we were in the process of building the great white dome that we now see on the top of this Capitol Building.

People came to him, and said, "Mr. President, we can't continue this construction. We have a war to fight." He said, "No. We will continue this construction. We will build this dome during the war as a symbol of what this Nation will be after the war; that it will be united again; and that this building will be the symbol of that unity."

President Lincoln had it right. As you reflect on this building and what it means to so many of us, you have to also reflect on its history.

This is not the first act of violence in this building. It is not the first time that lives were lost, or that blood was shed.

The British invaded this building and came up the spiral staircase. During the Civil War, the Union troops who had been felled in battle were brought here and laid in the Rotunda in a hospital where they were treated. In the 1950s, a group of terrorists took control of the Chamber of the House for a few brief minutes, firing pistols on the floor and injuring people. In 1983, just outside this Chamber, there was a bomb that was detonated late at night. We have never discovered the cause of that bombing. And then, of course, the tragic incident which occurred last Friday involving one very troubled, disturbed individual who took two lives and injured another person.

I guess each of us who walk in the door of the Capitol each day take for granted the warm greeting and the smile from the Capitol Police and forget that it is more than just a responsibility to greet. It is a responsibility to protect that brings them to this building. Like so many Senators, I came to take that for granted. You think it is always going to be safe and that they will never need to take the pistols from

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their holsters, or use them. And yet last Friday that all changed.

When I came to this building today and walked in the entrance and saw the Capitol policeman at his post, I looked at him in a different way, understanding that he was doing more than just his duty. He was protecting me and thousands of others who come to this building.

On behalf of JOHN GIBSON and Mr. CHESTNUT, J.J. CHESTNUT, my sympathies go out, from the people of Illinois and all of my friends and my staff, to their families. They have left behind eight children who now should be cared for, and I hope all of us will join in that effort to make certain that that occurs—and that their family goes through this period of mourning understanding that they do not stand alone, that we stand with them shoulder to shoulder in gratitude for what they have given us. Because what they have given us is something we all hope to bring to this building—to bring more honor to this building, to the people who work here, and to the great tradition in history of the U.S. Capitol. We do it in our daily activities, in our speeches, in our conduct. What these men have done is to give their lives in the service to that great tradition and that great history.

There will be another time and another place when we will talk about how this tragedy might have been averted with better security measures, or better efforts in terms of the control of guns, or keeping guns out of the hands of those who should not have them. But let's save that debate for another day. Let us close this debate with fond memory of the contributions made by these two men, and with gratitude not only to them but to all of the men and women who protect our lives in law enforcement, and particularly those on the Capitol Hill Police Force.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleagues in expressing shock, dismay, and most significantly, sorrow at the tragic events that unfolded not far from this Chamber last Friday.

The killing of a police officer is always a disturbing event because a mortal attack on a law enforcement officer is also an attack on society at large. After all, it is those men and women who are sworn law enforcement officers who stand between the law abiding citizens of the United States and those elements within our society that seek to do harm. Being any sort of law enforcement officer is a thankless job fraught with danger, two facts that it is sometimes easy to forget.

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The deaths of Capitol Police Officers JACOB CHESTNUT, known as J.J., and JOHN GIBSON, not only remind us of just how dangerous law enforcement is, but also of the admiration we have for those who protect us. What makes their deaths all the more disturbing is that they were attacked in the United States Capitol, a place that is more than an office building; it is a symbol of our Nation. What makes their deaths all the more sad is that close interaction each of us has with Capitol Police officers. We have come to think of these men and women as much more than simply protectors; we have come to view them as friends.

Since its founding in 1828, the United States Capitol Police and its officers have worked, largely in anonymity, to protect Members of Congress, their staffs, the Capitol, and all those who visit this magnificent building. They are a force that carries out its responsibilities professionally and effectively, and they manage to bring credible security and protection to one of the most publicly accessible places in the world. Last Friday, fate forced Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT to shed their anonymity in the most tragic and brutal of manners, but the manner in which they put duty and aiding others above personal safety is a credit to not only each of them, but to all the members of the United States Capitol Police. The members of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation feel a special sense of grief as "J.J." CHESTNUT was both a native of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and a 20-year veteran of the United States Air Force who retired as a Master Sergeant

Many have likened Capitol Hill to a small town, as this is a place where people know each other, stop to talk, and where there is a true sense of congeniality and hospitality. That spirit is certainly evident in the outpouring of grief, support, and sympathy we are seeing for these two slain officers. Sadly, no amount of expressed condolences or high praise will bring these two brave men back to their families and loved ones. I think, however, that each of us hopes that these expressions will convey the high regard we hold for these two men, and our inexpressible gratitude that Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON were on duty. Their actions truly saved the day and they will no doubt forever be remembered as "heroes."

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, as with everyone in Congress and the Nation, my thoughts today are with the victims of Friday's shooting and their families. And like many of my colleagues, I wish to pay tribute to the heroism of Cap-

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itol Police officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON and to mourn their passing.

This is a terrible time for the Congress and the Nation. It reminds me, Mr. President, of having to write the families of dead comrades in World War II. How does one summarize the achievements and meaning of two lifetimes in a short letter or brief remarks? How does one do justice to men who gave the last full measure of devotion so that others might live? Consoling the families of the dead and doing justice to the ultimate sacrifices and nobility of heroes is never easy. It is particularly hard in time of peace, when we take our safety and security for granted.

But even in peace time, Mr. President, unfathomable evil exists and threatens to shatter our security at any moment. Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON knew that the price of our safety here in the Capitol was their unceasing vigilance; and they showed us that even in peace time, the heroism of brave and selfless individuals like them often is all that enables us to live in freedom and work in safety. It is easy to forget this; but we must not forget, and Friday's events ensure that we will not forget. Officer CHESTNUT, a South Carolina native who served with distinction in the Air Force for many years, would not want us to forget. He knew the price of freedom, and he was willing to give his life for his fellow citizens.

Who knows how many lives officer GIBSON saved by confronting the gunman, Russell Weston, outside the office of Representative Tom DeLay? Who knows how many tourists and staffers would have died were it not for the bravery and heroism not only of officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT but of all the Capitol Police?

Friday's shootings were a reminder that all of us who live and work on Capitol Hill owe an unpayable debt to the Capitol Police. The brave men and women of that force put their lives on the line for us every time they put on a uniform. It is their job to stand between us and harm's way, and they perform it with unceasing devotion and consummate professionalism. We should all give thanks to God that we are protected by these officers. And we should realize that it is thanks to their zealous devotion to duty that we live in freedom from constant fear and danger.

For those of us who see the Capitol Police every day, it is easy to forget they are fathers and mothers, sons and daughters. Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON were not only exemplary guardians of the public safety—they also were dedi-

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cated and loving family men. Each leaves behind a wife and children. These shattered homes are the legacy of one lunatic's senseless violence.

JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON's heroic deaths are all the more painful for the loss their families will forever feel. We whom they died to protect can only hope that the nobility of their sacrifice and the priceless ideal for which they gave their lives—not us, but freedom and democratic government—will be of some small comfort to their families.

I join with all Americans today in offering my deepest thanks to these men, my condolences to their families, and my promise that their sacrifice will not be forgotten.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to two Capitol Police officers, two heroes, who last Friday gave their lives in the line of duty while serving their country, Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT.

Last Friday's shocking and senseless violence in the halls of the U.S. Capitol both saddened our Nation and took the lives of two of our finest. I would like to take a moment to share a few memories and thoughts about the two slain officers.

About a month ago, in late June, I had the chance to start a new friendship with a good man. I had the pleasure to get to know JOHN GIBSON, not just as an able and dedicated detective, but also as a gentleman and dedicated family man.

During our time together, I learned that we shared common values and a similar hobby. As a former deputy sheriff myself, it quickly became evident that Detective GIBSON and I shared an understanding of the daily perils facing law enforcement officers.

Detective GIBSON and I also discovered that we both shared the rather unique hobby of collecting police patches. In fact, just last month I sent him several police arm patches from Colorado to add to his collection as a small token of my appreciation for his dedicated service.

I understand that it was Detective JOHN GIBSON's final shot, his final act as a defender of the peace, that brought the gunman down and ended the violent rampage. The Detective's steadfast valor, while already having been shot several times, was the difference that saved many lives. We all owe him a deep debt of gratitude.

Officer JACOB CHESTNUT was posted at the Document Door entrance on the Capitol's East Front. Officers posted to this entrance are the first faces that many tourists see when they come to visit the Capitol. Officer CHESTNUT's post, which in-

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volves achieving a delicate balance between the ensuring safety of those who visit the Capitol while keeping the People's House as free and open as possible, requires a very special combination of hospitality, humor, patience, and professionalism. To his credit, Officer CHESTNUT excelled in this endeavor.

If it had not been for the heroic actions of these two brave officers, this dangerous gunman would almost certainly have killed many more innocent people. The officers' ultimate sacrifice saved lives. I extend my deepest sympathies to the families of these two fallen heroes.

This building, the U.S. Capitol, is far more than just a building, it is a living monument to freedom and democracy. It is perhaps the only building on earth that simultaneously houses a healthy democracy at work, while standing as a tribute to freedom that attract millions of visitors from all over the U.S. and the entire world each year. The Chambers, galleries, and halls of our Capitol are full of statues, busts, paintings, and displays that commemorate heroes and key events in our Nation's history. The men and women honored under this magnificent dome have served their country in a wide variety of ways. Some have been great visionaries and statesmen. Some have been leaders in science or adventurers, like Colorado's son, astronaut Jack Swigert whose statue stands in these halls. Each of these heroes has contributed and sacrificed in his or her own very real and personal way.

Some of these heroes have made the greatest sacrifice for their Nation, giving their lives. Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT have joined this honored rank. They gave their lives for their Nation while protecting our Nation's Capitol, and it is fitting that they will lie in honor in the Capitol's Rotunda while a grateful Nation pays its respects.

Not only is the Capitol the American People's House, it stands as a bright beacon of hope to all of the world's freedom loving people. While traveling this building's halls, I have been regularly awed by the comments of visitors from other countries as they comment in astonishment how open and free this building is. They state how they would never be allowed to walk so freely through the halls of their own capital buildings back home in their respective countries. This is an important part of what makes America great.

Whenever I have heard such sentiments, I am reminded of just how fortunate I am, and we all are, to be Americans.

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Our Capitol is the People's House, and it must remain open and accessible to all.

Thanks to the sacrifices of Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT, and the dedication and professionalism of the entire U.S. Capitol Police Force, our Nation's Capitol building is freely accessible and continues to serve as a beacon of freedom.

Mr. GLENN. Mr. President, today we mourn the loss in our Capitol family of two brave men who gave their lives in service to our Nation.

Last Friday, in a running gun battle, United States Capitol Police Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN M. GIBSON were killed in the line of duty.

Mr. President, each of us who works in the Capitol feels a kinship to and a deep appreciation of the officers of the U.S. Capitol Police. We know that our lives are protected each day by the work that they do. In the twenty-four years that I have served Ohio as Senator, I have come to know many of the fine officers on the force. A former member of my staff is currently a member of the force and other staff members have officers among their immediate family members.

This highly trained and professional force polices our Nation's Capitol and performs numerous law enforcement duties as they monitor the entrances of our buildings, ensure the safety of the millions of tourists who visit the Capitol each year, and provide a kind word and a watchful eye as we come and go. These officers go about their duties with dedication and great skill.

In a senseless, momentary act of violence, these fine officers gave their all. They gave their lives in the defense of all who visit and work here. Mr. President, we may never understand why such a tragedy occurred in our halls last Friday afternoon. Despite this lack of comprehension, we will always be certain that J. J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON fulfilled their responsibilities to our Nation and will be remembered as heroes.

I think that it is a fitting tribute that these officers will lay in state in the Capitol tomorrow, an appropriate commendation for the selfless sacrifice that they gave in the performance of their duties. My wife, Annie, joins me in extending my deepest sympathy to the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON.

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Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I want to join my colleagues in expressing my sincere condolences to the families of the two Capitol Police officers who gave their lives last Friday defending the Capitol and all of us who work here, as well as the many Americans who come here from around the country to see their government in action.

Officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON are American heroes in the truest sense of the word. Their actions last week unquestionably prevented a terrible tragedy from becoming even more deadly. I know I speak for every Member of Congress in expressing my respect and gratitude to them, their families, and their colleagues on the Capitol Police Force.

At the first sign of trouble, Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON acted on instinct, doing what they were trained to do and saving lives in the process. When an event like this happens, I think many of us react according to instinct, and our instincts differ depending on the varying experiences we've had.

As most people know by now, my colleague from Tennessee, Senator Frist, also acted on instinct when he heard the news of Friday's shootings. Upon returning to his office from speaking on the Senate floor and learning what had happened, Senator Frist immediately called the Capitol physician's office to see if they needed assistance, and then rushed over to the scene of the shootings to lend a hand however he could. He assisted in treating one of the two fallen police officers, administered CPR, made sure that he made it safely to a waiting ambulance—and then went back inside to treat another of the victims. After restarting this second victim's heart, he rode with him to D.C. General Hospital to ensure that, if paramedics had to open up his chest on the way to the hospital, he would be there to provide assistance or do the procedure himself.

Mr. President, Senator Frist's actions are both a reminder of the very different routes each of us took in coming to the United States Senate, and of the importance of preserving the diversity of backgrounds that we have in this body. His instinct as a heart surgeon and trauma specialist took over last Friday, and he rushed to the scene to provide whatever help he could—just as he's done hundreds of times before when patients were relying on him.

I want to take this opportunity to salute my colleague from Tennessee for his heroic actions last Friday, and for all of the other times he has provided medical assistance since

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coming to the Senate three and a half years ago. Many people will remember that a couple of years ago, one of our constituents, a man from Cleveland, Tennessee, had a heart attack in the Dirksen Building, just outside of Senator Frist's office. Senator Frist immediately came to the rescue, and saved this Tennessean's life. Now that's what I call constituent service.

Mr. President, the events of last Friday have affected all of us very deeply. We will not soon get over the memory of the tragedy that occurred inside "the People's House" or of the heroic sacrifice made by Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON. Again, I want to offer to their families and Capitol Police colleagues our sincere condolences and our deepest thanks.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, the U.S. Capitol Police—so ubiquitous, so steady, so utterly competent. We take them for granted. Yet every day they defend us, our families, our staff, millions of tourists, ready to lay down their lives. Last Friday, two of them did: Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON, each an 18-year veteran, each married, each with children. One in the prime of life; the other, a few short months from retirement. What a tragedy.

What happened on Friday could happen at any instant. One never knows when. In the crucible of a gun battle, CHESTNUT, GIBSON, and other Capitol Police officers performed their duty in the most exemplary fashion. CHESTNUT and GIBSON made the ultimate sacrifice, laying down their lives to defend others. We can only speculate how many bystanders would have been killed if not for their—and the other officers'—quick and appropriate actions.

To the wives and children, other family members, and friends and colleagues of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON, our words cannot assuage your grief. But perhaps there is some solace in knowing that these fine two men, killed in the line of duty, have died the most honorable deaths, defending the United States Congress and its most sacred building. They are heroes. Remember, as Pindar wrote, that "the bright gleam of noble deeds moves on with undying voice, ever unquenchable." And as you struggle to be brave in the days and weeks ahead, know that courage is marked not by the absence of fear, but rather by the presence of faith. May God be with you, and may God be with J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I join my colleagues and our fellow citizens all across this country in honoring the

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memories of Detective JOHN GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB CHESTNUT. These two fine law enforcement officers gave their lives in the line of duty during a tragedy on Friday, July 24, 1998, while guarding the United States Capitol. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these two fine gentlemen.

The United States Capitol is recognized the world over as the symbol of American freedom and of the still revolutionary idea that citizens confer power upon those who serve us in government. That it could become the scene of so heinous an act as this cannot but shake us from the complacency by which we sometimes take this all for granted.

But on a beautiful summer day and with thousands of ordinary people in sight, Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON gave their lives as proof that everyday, in places as near as our Capitol and as far away as seven seas, men and women serve selflessly to protect the freedom that is the American birthright and the dream of millions around the globe.

I commend the United States Capitol Police, the D.C. Metropolitan Police, and the other law enforcement agencies that have performed so professionally throughout this difficult period. They are a continuing tribute to their fallen comrades, and I trust that they will be inspired to serve on in their memory.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to JACOB J. CHESTNUT and JOHN M. GIBSON, Capitol Police officers who were tragically killed in the line of duty on Friday.

Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON were decent and highly capable law enforcement professionals. On Friday, their selfless devotion to duty saved countless lives. Their deaths were not in vain.

The service of these Capitol Police officers will not be forgotten by the Congress. In particular, I will always remember the spirit and good humor brought to this job by J.J. CHESTNUT, whom I knew personally from years of working together here at the Capitol. This institution has known few, if any, who were more friendly and able protectors.

On this day of reflection, I think it is important to note that incidents such as occurred on Friday do not happen every day precisely because GIBSON, CHESTNUT, and other Capitol Police officers have done their jobs so well. Even as they stood their ground and gave their lives, GIBSON and CHESTNUT demonstrated that attacks on this building and the Members and staff who work here will simply not succeed.

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Mr. President, every day of their careers here on the Hill, CHESTNUT and GIBSON provided a unique and important service to every American. By protecting the United States Congress, they made it possible for our Nation's legislature and our county's greatest public building to be open and accessible to the American people. American democracy could not function as it does in the sunlight of public scrutiny, engagement, and participation if not for the safety provided by officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT. If for this reason alone, every American owes these officers—and everyone serving in the United States Capitol Police—a deep debt of gratitude.

It is difficult for those of us who knew these officers to let them go easily, but certainly not as trying as this loss has been for their families. With our friends and colleagues here in the Senate and millions of Americans throughout our country, my wife Lucy and I will be sure to keep the families of CHESTNUT and GIBSON in our thoughts and prayers. It is my understanding that a scholarship fund is being established in their honor, and I would urge every Member and staff member to contribute.

Mr. President, I think the most important message we can deliver here today is one of thanks. Officers JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT made the ultimate sacrifice: they laid down their lives so that others could live. For that, they deserve our unending gratitude and respect. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to take time out of our busy schedule to recognize the bravery and valor of U.S. Capitol Police Officers JOHN M. GIBSON and JACOB J. CHESTNUT. These two fine officers were killed in the line of duty while protecting our Nation's Capitol building and protecting those who pass through this great building. They died fulfilling their sworn duty to protect the public, and they did so in an exemplary way. They are heroes who saved many lives by their actions.

I remember a period of time after the World Trade Center bombing in New York in 1993 when law enforcement officials informed me of threats against my life. The Capitol Police quickly formed a detail for my protection. Officer GIBSON was a member of this detail. I feel a personal loss. This man was willing to lay down his life for mine and, in fact, he did for others.

Tomorrow we will pay homage to their memory as they lay in honor beneath the majestic Rotunda in the very building in which they gave their lives to protect.

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The thoughts and prayers of this great body, as well as that of the Nation, goes out to the families and friends of officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT.

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I would like to say a few words about the tragedy that occurred last Friday here in the Capitol. As all the world now knows, the heart of our democracy was invaded that day by a gunman who opened fire in an area crowded with tourists. Before the melee was over, two Capitol Police officers were dead and an innocent bystander was wounded.

Even before Friday's events, every Member of this Congress was well aware of how critical the Capitol Police are to the functioning of our democracy. We are here to do the people's business, but the sad fact is that there are those—both at home and abroad—who do not wish us well in our efforts. Instead of the free exchange of ideas central to the concept of democracy, some of those individuals would, if given the chance, express their views through bullets and explosives. The only thing that stands between those individuals and the daily practice of our democratic ideals is the Capitol Police. They are nothing less than the guardians of those ideals—for what meaning would such principles have if they could not be safely exercised?

On Friday, Officer JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT sacrificed their lives defending those principles. An 18-year veteran of the force, Officer CHESTNUT was serving that day as the Capitol's first line of defense, manning the metal detector designed to keep instruments of violence out of these halls. When the gunman set off the alarm, Officer CHESTNUT immediately responded, but, tragically, was mortally wounded before he could stop the intruder. Officer GIBSON, also an 18-year member of the force, performed several acts of bravery before his death, pushing a French tourist out of harm's way, hiding a congressional staff member under a desk, ensuring that Representative Tom DeLay and members of his staff were hidden from danger, and then helping to bring down the gunman in the battle that ultimately cost his life. Before he died, Officer GIBSON single-handedly kept the gunman out of Representative DeLay's office and, in so doing, saved the lives of both the Congressman and his staff.

Those of us who work here—the Senators, the Representatives, the staff members, the Capitol Police—have lost two members of our congressional family. But it is not only those who work and visit the Capitol who owe an unrepayable debt

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to those officers—every citizen of the United States is indebted to them. For Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON died defending an institution that is the very embodiment of all the democratic freedoms that we Americans hold dear.

Mr. President, our democracy does not exist in a vacuum; it functions in a very dangerous world. For that reason, a system of security has been established in the Capitol to try to insulate the Congress from those who would do it harm while guaranteeing that we remain accessible to the people we serve. On Friday, that system worked. This is "the People's House," and each year we welcome roughly four million people to it. That is precisely the way it should be. This Capitol—the greatest symbol of democracy of the greatest democratic republic the world has ever known, a building aptly described by President Clinton as "the front door of American civilization"—belongs to the people of the United States, and it must always be open to them. I do not oppose calls for tighter security, but I would take issue with any measure that would make it more difficult for the American people to visit their House.

Mr. President, I am the daughter and sister of police officers. I know the terrible fear that every law enforcement officer's family endures—the fear that when their loved one departs for work, he or she may never return home. It is my good fortune that, throughout my life, I have never seen that fear materialize. Therefore, I cannot claim to have any concept of what the families of Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT are going through right now. Nevertheless, I want to express my heartfelt sorrow to them. Our prayers are with you and the entire Nation will forever be grateful for the heroism and sacrifice that your loved ones made on our behalf.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the two Capitol Police Officers who gave their lives to protect Members of Congress, their staffs, and visitors from throughout the world during last Friday's tragic shooting at the United States Capitol.

For those of us who work in the Capitol, Special Agent JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT were among the people who are part of our daily lives. And over the twenty years I have served in Congress, I've been constantly impressed with their courteous manner and their friendliness and the way they know all of us by name, all the while maintaining the highest degree of professionalism in carrying out their solemn duties. They become extensions of our staffs, and they become our friends.

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Sometimes, in the commotion of everyday life around here, it is easy to forget that each new day brings the potential for unknown dangers for these brave men and women. The fact is, those assigned to protect the sanctity and safety of the U.S. Capitol put themselves in harm's way on a daily basis, and three days ago, two of them came to work in the morning never to return to the lives and families they loved.

It is difficult for us to understand how a day which began like so many other summer days here on Capitol Hill could so suddenly end in violence and terror. Here beneath this dome of marble and stone, here behind these historic walls, and here at the epicenter of the world's greatest democracy we feel somehow that such heinous acts are simply too incongruous with our noble surroundings to be possible. And yet, history and reality tell us they are, in fact, all too possible.

It vividly brings back to me one such incident fifteen years ago, when I was in the House of Representatives. My future husband, Congressman John McKernan, and I were standing with others on the House floor when, right above us, two officers tackled a man brandishing a bomb in the House gallery. These two men unhesitatingly put the safety of the entire House Chamber before their own, without questioning the danger they faced.

Such was the case last Friday—as certainly more would have been injured or killed had it not been for the willingness of Special Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT to put their lives on the line. Their actions not only prevented what could have been an even greater catastrophe, but sent a message to those who would violate the People's House that they will never prevail.

During what I know is the most difficult of times for the families of Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT, I hope it will be at least some measure of comfort for them to know that so many here and across America are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers. The entire Nation shares in their sense of loss, and our hearts go out to the loved ones that these brave individuals have left behind.

I also want to extend my sympathies to all the men and women of the Capitol Police Force. They have lost two of their finest—men whose actions under the most dire circumstances have brought tremendous credit to the Capitol Police. As members of the force go about their vital duties, I want them to know that they have our fullest support, trust, and appreciation for all they do to keep us safe.

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Last Friday's shootings stunned the Nation and affected us all in very personal ways. For those of us here on Capitol Hill, we lost two members of our family. And in Maine and throughout the country, people felt a sense of outrage that this symbol of freedom of democracy—the greatest public building in the country—would be stained with the mark of violence.

Today, let us as a country be grateful that people like Special Agent JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice so that this building will always remain the People's House. Let us mourn their loss, celebrate their lives, and never forget their courageous deeds on behalf of all the citizens of our great Nation.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, all of America mourns the loss of two brave Capitol Police Officers—JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT. We will never understand the senseless violence that took their lives, never be able to explain why two fine men who loved their families have been stolen away from their wives and children. But we know for certain that Special Agent GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

It has become almost cliche to say that Congress is the "People's House." What many forgot, though, until last Friday, is that JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT were two very real people who kept the People's House safe for over a million visitors and thousands of staff members in the Capitol each year. Members of Congress know the Capitol police as men and women who come to work each day to protect us. We see them every morning and late into the night. We spend free moments in the hallways and off the Senate floor talking with them—talking about family, the score of last night's ball-game, the weather, and, of course, the prospects of getting home for the weekend. There is a special bond between us, those who are elected to serve here for a period of time and those who put on a uniform to serve in a different way. It is a bond of public service, a common purpose too often overlooked in the hustle and bustle of everyday life in Washington.

This remains a country where we allow the media spotlight and our collective imagination to transform our public figures into heroes. JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT require no exaggeration or rhetorical enlargement to be seen as something above and beyond the ordinary. They are—quite simply—and will be, forever—heroes.

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JOHN GIBSON was a native of Massachusetts who, although he made his career here in Washington and his home in the suburbs of Northern Virginia, never left his allegiance to Massachusetts—or to the Boston Red Sox—behind. JOHN GIBSON cherished his Waltham accent and his deep roots in our state. He carried with him, everywhere, the values instilled in him in Waltham. He is remembered by those who knew him as the kind of husband and father who never went anywhere—not even on a routine errand to the corner store—without one of his children happily in tow. JOHN GIBSON served with total dedication to protect Representative Tom DeLay, and died because his commitment, when tested under fire, remained resolute. I want to extend my deepest condolences to JOHN GIBSON's family, to his wife and their three children, Kristen, John, and Daniel, and to the Moakley clan which is mourning JOHN's loss. JOHN GIBSON became a part of Massachusett's biggest extended political family when he married Joe Moakley's niece, Evelyn. Whether debating Boston College football or sharing Irish stories in the afternoon, JOHN GIBSON was a special friend to the dean of our congressional delegation. Even in his sadness, Congressman Moakley knows that the young man from Waltham who joined the Capitol police force 18 years ago, served as a professional who took his sense of duty to heart.

JACOB CHESTNUT, too, died as he lived—giving selflessly of himself to help others. The tragedy on Friday made JACOB CHESTNUT a hero throughout the country, but, long before that, he was a hero to the community in Maryland where he made his home. JACOB CHESTNUT was the neighbor who always lent a helping hand to those who needed it, the good Samaritan who expected nothing in return and served his community because it was the right thing to do. Long before he was a hero to his country, JACOB CHESTNUT was a role-model to his children and grandchildren.

One never knows how one will react under fire, how, when the shots ring out and the adrenaline flows—at the moment when duty calls—one will call upon the inner strength to react with bravery. It requires a degree of courage found in the deepest reserves of the human character. Every police officer in this country chooses to serve with the knowledge that the day may come when that commitment will be tested. JOHN GIBSON told a friend—just a week before he was struck down at the Capitol—that he hoped that if that moment came, if he was called upon to draw his gun and defend tourists or Members of Congress or a fellow officer, that he

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would rise to the occasion. It is a thought that accompanies every police officer through every step of what is at once a dangerous and vital career. History will record that when that moment came for JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT, they rose to the occasion, remembered their duty, and gave their lives selflessly to protect not just the People's House, but the people themselves who make that Capitol a home. For the families they left behind, for those among us privileged to work with them, and for all Americans, these two officers will forever be heroes.

Even as we pay tribute to these brave, fallen officers, we must remember that we are obligated to honor their memory with more than words alone. There is a temptation in this country to focus only on the extraordinary circumstances of these tragic deaths, to remember merely that JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT were fatally wounded in the "People's House." Too many commentators in the last few days have said—again and again—"can we believe that this type of violence could occur in our Nation's Capitol?" The truth is—and police officers on the front lines know this better than we can imagine—violence does occur in the Nation's Capitol, and in our classrooms, and our tree-lined neighborhoods, and in homes across this country. To pay tribute to JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT—to truly honor them for their sacrifice—we must make clear our conviction as a Nation that we will not tolerate any form of violence in this country. To remember JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT in a way that lifts us all up—in a way that creates a safer world for the eight children these fine men left behind—we must commit ourselves to safer neighborhoods, violence-free schools, and communities where the sound of our children's laughter—not the sound of gun shots—fills the air.

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I rise to give my condolences to the slain officers and their families. Both of these brave men gave their lives to defend innocent visitors to our Nation's Capitol. Both gave their lives so that the Capitol can remain a free and open institution, visited by millions each year from this Nation and nations of the world. But for their acts of bravery, we don't know how many others may have lost their lives. The entire Capitol Police Force deserves congratulations, because I know there were other officers who assisted in bringing the situation to a close. Further, I share the sentiments expressed by the Majority Leader that we do everything we can to ensure that their families are well taken care of, I am sure that is what these two brave

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officers would have wanted most. On behalf of the citizens of North Carolina, we collectively express our deep sorrow about this tragedy and extend our heartfelt condolences to their families.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 110) was agreed to.
The preamble was agreed to.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a second concurrent resolution to the desk regarding the use of the Rotunda in memory of Detective GIBSON and Private First Class CHESTNUT and ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will report the resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 111) authorizing the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a memorial service for Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 111) was agreed to.
The preamble was agreed to.
The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 111), with its preamble, was read.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

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H.R. 4193. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 310. Authorizing the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for memorial service for Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes.

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Abraham, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Allard, Mr. Ashcroft, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Biden, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Bond, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Brownback, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Bumpers, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Chafee, Mr. Cleland, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Coverdall, Mr. Craig, Mr. D'Amato, Mr. DeWine, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Feingold, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Ford, Mr. Frist, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Gorton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Gramm, Mr. Grams, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Helms, Mr. Hollings, Mr. Hutchinson, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kempthorne, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kerrey, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Kohl, Mr. Kyl, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Levin, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Lugar, Mr. Mack, Mr. McCain, Mr. McConnell, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Moseley-Braun, Mr. Moynihan, Mr. Murkowski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Reed, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robb, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Roth, Mr. Santorum, Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Smith of New Hampshire, Mr. Smith of Oregon, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Specter, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Torricelli, Mr. Warner, Mr. Wellstone, and Mr. Wyden) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 110

Whereas the Capitol is the People's House, and, as such, it has always been and will remain open to the public;

Whereas millions of people visit the Capitol each year to observe and study the workings of the democratic process;

Whereas the Capitol is the most recognizable symbol of liberty and democracy throughout the world and those who guard the Capitol guard our freedom;

Whereas Private First Class JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON sacrificed their lives to protect the lives of hundreds of tourists, staff, and Members of Congress;

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Whereas if not for the quick and courageous action of those officers, many innocent people would likely have been injured or killed;

Whereas through their selfless acts, Detective GIBSON and Private First Class CHESTNUT underscored the courage, honor, and dedication shown daily by every member of the United States Capitol Police and every law enforcement officer;

Whereas Private First Class CHESTNUT, a Vietnam veteran who spent 20 years in the Air Force, was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police, and was married to Wen Ling and had five children, Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen and William;

Whereas Detective GIBSON, assigned as Rep. Tom DeLay's bodyguard for the last three years, was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police, and was married to Evelyn and had three children, Kristen, John and Daniel;

Whereas Private First Class CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON were the first United States Capitol Police officers ever killed in the line of duty;

Whereas Private First Class CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON, and all those who helped apprehend the gunman, assist the injured, and evacuate the building, are true heroes of democracy, and every American owes them a deep debt of gratitude: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) Congress hereby honors the memory of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police for the selfless acts of heroism they displayed on July 24, 1998, in sacrificing their lives in the line of duty so that others might live; and

(2) When the Senate and the House of Representatives adjourn on this date they shall do so out of respect to the memory of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Abraham, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Allard, Mr. Ashcroft, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Biden, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Bond, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Brownback, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Bumpers, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Chafee, Mr. Cleland, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Coverdell, Mr. Craig, Mr. D'Amato, Mr. DeWine, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Feingold, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Ford, Mr. Frist, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Gorton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Gramm, Mr. Grams, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Helms, Mr. Hollings, Mr. Hutchinson, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kempthorne, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kerrey, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Kohl, Mr. Kyl, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Levin, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Lugar, Mr. Mack, Mr. McCain, Mr. McConnell, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Moseley-Braun, Mr. Moynihan, Mr. Murkowski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Reed, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robb, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Roth, Mr. Santorum, Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Smith of New Hampshire, Mr. Smith of Oregon, Ms. Snowe,

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Mr. Specter, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Torricelli, Mr. Warner, Mr. Wellstone and Mr. Wyden) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 111

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZING USE OF ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DETECTIVE JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

The Rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used for a memorial service and proceedings related thereto for Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police on Tuesday, July 28, 1998, under the direction of the United States Capitol Police Board.

SEC. 2. PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE IN CAPITOL IN MEMORY OF DETECTIVE GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHESTNUT.

The Architect of the Capitol shall place a plaque in honor of the memory of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police at an appropriate site in the United States Capitol, with the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

SEC. 3. PAYMENT OF FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR JOHN GIBSON AND JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make such arrangements as may be necessary for funeral services for Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police, including payments for travel expenses of immediate family members, and for the attendance of Members of the House of Representatives at such services, including payments for expenses incurred by Members in attending such services.

(b) SOURCE AND MANNER OF MAKING PAYMENTS.—Any payment made under subsection (a) shall be made from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives, using vouchers approved in a manner directed by the Committee on House Oversight.

SEC. 4. PAYMENT OF SURVIVOR'S GRATUITY TO WIDOWS OF JOHN GIBSON AND JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the first sentence of the last undesignated paragraph under the center heading "HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES" in the first section of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1955 (2 U.S.C. 125), the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to pay, from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives—

(1) a gratuity to the widow of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON of the United States Capitol Police in the amount of $51,866.00; and

(2) a gratuity to the widow of Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police in the amount of $47,280.00.

(b) TREATMENT AS GIFT.—Each gratuity paid under subsection (a) shall be held to have been a gift.

SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITOL POLICE MEMORIAL FUND.

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It is the sense of Congress that there should be established under law a United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund for the surviving spouse and children of members of the United States Capitol Police who are slain in the line of duty.

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Moynihan, and Mr. Ford) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 112

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the eulogies for Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police, as expressed in the House of Representatives and the Senate together with the text of the memorial services, shall be printed as a tribute to Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT, with illustrations and suitable binding. The document shall be prepared under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing. There shall be printed 300 casebound copies; 50 to be delivered to each of the families of Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT, and 200 for the use of the United States Capitol Police.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 112 submitted earlier today by Senators Warner, Moynihan, and Ford.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 112) authorizing the printing of the eulogies of the Senate and House of Representatives for Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the concurrent resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear in the *Record*.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 112) was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private

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First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT, until 9:45 a.m., Tuesday, July 28, 1998.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:23 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, July 28, 1998, at 9:45 a.m.

TUESDAY, *July 28, 1998*

The Senate met at 9:45 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. Thurmond).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, whose mercies are new every morning, we praise You for Your faithfulness. We exalt You with a rendition of the words of that wonderful old hymn, "Great is Your faithfulness! Great is Your faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies we see; all we have needed Your hand has provided. Great is Your faithfulness, Lord, unto us!" As we begin this new day, we thank You for Your faithfulness to our Nation throughout history. And one of the ways You express that now is through the labors of the women and men of this Senate. May they experience fresh assurance of Your faithfulness that will renew their faithfulness to be God-centered, God-honoring, God-guided, God-empowered leaders.

In the quiet of this moment, we ask You to help us experience Your grace in the midst of the grief of this day. We ask You to be with us as we honor the memory of Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON. Especially, Lord, be with their families and with their fellow officers, that they may know that You are the Lord of life and eternity. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, much has been said on the Senate and the House floor about JOHN GIBSON and JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT, two police officers on the Capitol Police Force. And much more will be said. I add my words of praise and appreciation to both of them.

I knew both these police officers. Officer CHESTNUT—J.J.—would see us come through the Senate at several different times, and he would tell me a member of my family has already gone through because he had seen them, or conversely, if they came through he would tell them where I was.

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Detective GIBSON traveled with many of us at different occasions. He even came to one, I believe, with the "Singing Senators" from the other side of the aisle. He was the man who at events where Senators would gather, would be there because he would recognize not only the Senators, but their spouses; would wave them on through, would greet them, would make them know they were among friends. We always knew we were.

Mr. President, I have been a Senator now for nearly 24 years. I walk into this building every day that we are in session, many when we are not. I have gotten to know many of the police officers, and so many others, the hundreds of people that make this body run, make this Capitol run.

This truly is a death in the family.

Even if I had not known the officers as I did, I would feel that way. But knowing them in some ways makes it even sadder, more poignant, more difficult.

I love the Senate and I love the symbol of democracy that our Capitol holds to the public. To see this terrible thing happen in something that means so much to all of us, it is almost impossible to describe my feelings.

My wife and I had flown to Vermont last Friday. We got to my office in Burlington and were there only a matter of minutes and heard the news. Much of the rest of the evening was a blur, just sitting in our farmhouse watching the news and not believing it.

Probably the greatest tribute to two brave police officers was the fact that this Capitol, this symbol of democracy not only to our own Nation of a quarter of a billion people but to the rest of the world, this Capitol was open almost immediately thereafter.

There is no way we could bring these officers back. It is a tragedy that will be felt by their spouses and their children, in one case, grandchildren, for the rest of their lives. No matter what we do as Members of the Senate or the House, we cannot bring them back to their families. We can only offer our profound sympathy to their families. It is a sympathy that is felt deeply by every single Member of the Congress, Republican or Democrat. It makes no difference whether they have been here a long time or a short time. Our hearts go out as human beings to the families of these officers.

What we have done in immediately reopening the Capitol, in saying to the public today they can walk in here at any time as they do in the galleries today, we are saying to those

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officers that your deaths were not in vain. Think, Mr. President, what a different country this would be if somehow this Capitol, this symbol of democracy, was closed down. Think what it would be like if the public, not only Americans but those visiting from around the world, think what it would be like if they could not come into this Capitol, as I did when I was a law student here in Washington or when I first came here with my parents as a teenager. If we could not be here, the public could not come in and see us debate great matters and tiny matters, they could not see that.

Mr. President, at the time of the breakup of the Soviet Union, I remember so many who came here and met with all of us and asked, "How does your democracy work," and they told me—I heard this over and over again—that they would see the picture of our Capitol when they came to Washington, that was the thing they recognized before anything else. They said they saw it sitting up here.

I have been coming to this Capitol Building as a Senator for 24 years. I feel a thrill every time I come up here. I hope I always will because I know it represents democracy. These two brave officers, just like the hundreds of other men and women who guard these halls, they keep it open. Let's hope they always will. Let us hope that we always have the courage to do that. Then the lives that every one of us would pray we could bring to the family, those lives would not be lost in vain.

Like some others in this body, I had the privilege to serve in law enforcement for years before coming here. I know how all of us felt in law enforcement at that time if one of our own was cut down. I think if you have not served in law enforcement it is almost impossible to explain to the American public how other law enforcement officials feel when they lose one of their own. I know how the men and women in the police force here on Capitol Hill feel, but also how they feel all over the Nation. This is a loss. This is a family, a fraternity, a sorority. It is something that binds all law enforcement people together.

I am joined with every single person who works on Capitol Hill in an expression of appreciation to them and to everybody who responded—all the police officers responded, medical personnel responded. I will take just 1 minute more to express my personal appreciation to Senator Bill Frist for what he did. I spoke with Senator Frist yesterday and told him how much his actions meant to me, to my wife, who is a registered nurse. She knows when something like this hap-

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pens, if you are a medical personnel, you respond. But he responded not only with his great skill as a cardiac surgeon, he responded when there was gunfire erupting only moments before and there might have been more, with no thought to his safety, but thinking of only those who may have been injured.

Mr. President, it is a sad day. Let us say also it is a proud day to our country because this symbol of democracy will not be closed down by the actions of one deranged American, any more than it was in the 1980s when the bomb went off outside this Chamber at night just minutes after we recessed. I remember so well the next morning, every single one of us was in our seats. We were here to show we wouldn't stay home. And we will be here today, as will the President and the Vice President, all of the House and Senate leadership, and the Members, to show nothing closes us down.

I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, before I get started, I express my deep sympathy to the families of Officers JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT. I also want to express my thanks to these brave heroes and to all the other law enforcement officers here in the Capitol and all over our great country who put their lives on the line every day to keep the rest of us safe. The two fallen officers are true heroes. They died protecting the Nation's most precious symbol of democracy and protecting the people who work here and who visit here. I hope their families take some comfort in the deep respect, gratitude, and pride all of us here feel for their acts of bravery.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, before I send the first amendment to the desk, I would like to associate myself with the remarks made by Senator Leahy, whom I found to be very poignant and very moving in his tribute to the two slain officers.

Today, Mr. President, is sad day indeed for the congressional family, because in just 30 minutes—in fact, a little

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less than that—we will all participate in a memorial for Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer "J.J." JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT, who gave their lives in the line of duty this past Friday.

In fact, the Capitol Police patch which I wear today in memory and honor was given to me by Detective GIBSON just a few weeks ago. As late as 2 weeks ago, he was kind enough to come out all the way to Dulles Airport when I had a delayed flight and get me here on time for a vote on Monday night.

I was a military policeman, Mr. President, and a deputy sheriff in my younger days. Like most former law enforcement officers, like Senator Leahy was, perhaps the death of these two wonderful men touched us in a very special way, because for law enforcement people, when a law enforcement officer is killed, it is not like losing a stranger or a colleague, it is like losing a brother or a sister.

But our system of democracy mandates that our citizens, who own this building, have a right to enter it at any time. I think that is the way it should be. Most of us want to keep it that way, as Senator Kohl has alluded to.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, we have just returned from a most moving ceremony in the great Rotunda of the Capitol. The flag-draped coffins of Officer CHESTNUT and Officer GIBSON, who died while doing their solemn duties protecting the public, the employees, and the Members of the institution they served, rested imposingly on catafalques, mere yards from where these two brave men were brutally cut down by an armed assailant on last Friday. The sublime majesty of the great marble dome rising above us was somehow magnified by the solemn and eerie silence which was broken only by an occasional cough. The sense of loss was palpable. Sadness permeated the very air.

Such times as these cause all of us to ponder anew the fragile brevity and uncertainty of the human condition. Officer CHESTNUT was apparently writing directions for a tourist—doing a kind deed—when his life was suddenly ended. I am sure that when he arose and dressed for work on Friday morning he expected nothing more than an ordinary day, followed by a night at home with his family and the simple pleasures of a sunny weekend.

Officer GIBSON, as he began his day, likewise, probably had no expectations of the bloody gun battle which would, in just hours, mean his death. It is at times like these, when we witness the anguish of families and friends trying to cope with the incomprehensible reality of brutal and sudden

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death, that some may wonder how a just God could allow such seemingly mindless violence and misery. In the face of such tragedies, some may even question the very existence of a Creator. We reach for answers that elude our grasp. Why do such things happen? What, after all, is the point of human existence? It seems that our faith is tested most severely when good men senselessly die.

Yet, the proof of a living Creator is in abundant evidence all around us. It is in the perfection and order of the natural world in which we live. It is in the beauty and endless variety of the millions of species which inhabit the planet. It is in the mystery and complexity of the human genetic code. It is in the intangible and unconquerable bravery of the human spirit. It is in the magnificence of the wonders which modern science daily unveils. And I, for one, find no disparity between scientific discovery and God's living word in the Holy Bible.

Genesis, the first book of the Bible, gives the account of all creation, tells of the establishment of the family, the origin of sin, the giving of divine revelation, the development of the human race, and the inauguration of God's plan of redemption through its chosen people. Genesis takes the reader to the moment when the omnipotent Creator spoke into being the matchless wonders of sun, moon, stars, planets, galaxies, plants, and moving creatures, and man, whom He made in His image. It is the first book of the Pentateuch, which both Scripture and tradition attribute to Moses.

If a student expects to find in Genesis a scientific account of how the world came into existence, with all questions concerning primitive life answered in technical language familiar to the professor or student of science, he will be disappointed. Genesis is not an attempt to answer such questions. It deals with matters far beyond the realm of science. Yet, I have not personally read of any disagreement within the science community concerning the chronological order of the events of creation as set forth in the book of Genesis. Instead of disagreement, it has been my perception that there is agreement.

The opening sentence of the first chapter of Genesis states, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." That is as far back in time as one can get—"in the beginning." And it could include a billion years or ten billion years or 500 billion years.

The second sentence of Genesis, Chapter 1, reads as follows: "And the earth was without form, and void; and dark-

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ness was upon the face of the deep." I doubt that any scientist would disagree with this.

According to the account in Genesis, God then divided the light from the darkness, and scientists agree that there could have been cosmic light before the sun, moon and stars were created. The Creator then proceeded to divide the waters and to let the dry land appear. The dry land was called "earth," and the gathering together of the waters was called "seas."

The next step as related by Genesis was the bringing forth of grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit.

Then, according to Genesis, God said, "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that have life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

"And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind."

On the scientific side, facts from fossils, plus other data, have shown that mammals (animals with solid bones, warm blood, lungs that breathe air, and nourish their young with milk) form the final stage in a long series of development, which began with tiny sea-dwelling creatures. Scientists seem to think that an early type of fish was the ancestor of amphibians and thereafter evolved into mammal-like reptiles. The primitive amphibians also branched into creatures with wings and thus became birds and other fowl. Great changes occurred over time. Primitive true mammals, according to science, lived during the age of reptiles and these were the probable ancestors of the mammals alive today.

Returning, now, to the biblical account of creation, by the conclusion of the "fifth day," God had said: "Let the earth bring forth the living creatures after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind," and, in the "sixth day," God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

We have reached the "sixth day" in the biblical account. A day, in God's divine revelation to Moses, evidently meant a period of some undetermined length. In Psalm 90—a prayer of Moses—we are told: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. . . . For

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a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night."

Regardless of the length of the creation "days," in the sixth, all preparations had been completed for the advent of man. "So God created man"—we are told—"in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them."

On the seventh day, God rested from his work. Hence, both science and the Bible seem to agree, in broad terms, regarding the chronological order of the events of creation.

The modern explanation of evolution dates from 1859, when Charles Darwin published the "Origin of Species." According to Darwin, members of each species compete with each other for a chance to live, as well as with members of different species. In this competition any helpful variation gives its owner an advantage over others in the species that are not so well adapted. Members with such variations, therefore, will win the struggle for existence. They will live and reproduce their kind, while forms not so well equipped will die. Darwin called this process natural selection; it is also referred to as "survival of the fittest."

According to a national poll that was published earlier this year, only 40% of the nation's scientists are said to believe in God. I was amazed that 60% of the scientists, according to the poll, share no belief in a Creator. Darwin, however, apparently did not share such disbelief. Some years ago, I read his "Origin of Species." In this brilliant work of a great British naturalist, I came across this incisive question, posed by Darwin himself: "Have we any right to assume that the Creator works by intellectual powers like those of man?"

What a pertinent question? I think we human beings tend to forget that the Creator, as Darwin observed, may work by intellectual powers unlike those of man.

In comparing the eye of a human being to an optical instrument made by man, Darwin had this to say: "If we must compare the eye to an optical instrument, we ought in imagination to take a thick layer of transparent tissue, with spaces filled with fluid, and with a nerve sensitive to light beneath, and then suppose every part of this layer to be continually changing slowly in density, so as to separate into layers of different densities and thicknesses, placed at different distances from each other, and with the surfaces of each layer slowly changing in form. Further, we must suppose that there is a power, represented by natural selection or the survival of the fittest, always intently watching each

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slight alteration in the transparent layers; and carefully preserving each which, under varied circumstances, in any way or in any degree, tends to produce a distincter image. We must suppose each new state of the instrument to be multiplied by the million; each to be preserved until a better one is produced, and then the old ones to be all destroyed. In living bodies, variation will cause the slight alterations, generation will multiply them almost infinitely, and natural selection will pick out with unerring skill each improvement. Let this process go on for millions of years; and during each year on millions of individuals of many kinds"—this is the question that Darwin poses—"and may we not believe that a living optical instrument might best be formed as superior to one of glass, as the works of the Creator are to those of man?"

Thus, Darwin appears to acknowledge a Creator back of the creation—a master mind back of the work. I suggest that the 60% of today's scientists today who, according to the poll, doubt the existence of a Creator, read what Darwin has to say in this regard, if they have not already done so, and if they have already done so, it may be valid for them to read Darwin's observation again.

Darwin's work is sprinkled throughout with conjecture, assumptions, presumptions, and, in some cases, just plain guess work. For example: the reader often finds such words and phrases as: "Has probably played a more important part", "there can be little doubt", "we may infer", "seems probable," "I have come to the conclusion," "it cannot be doubted," "I am fully convinced"—this is Darwin talking—"it must be assumed," "seems to have been," "appears to have played an important part in the origins of our breeds," "seems to have been the predominant power," "it is probable that they were once thus connected," "thus it is, as I believe," "bearing such facts in mind, it may be believed," "we may conclude," "seem to have been the chief agents in causing organs to become rudimentary," "is probably often aided," "is perhaps intelligible by the aid of the hypothesis of pangenesis, and apparently in no other way," "it may be," "every character, however slight, must be the result of some definite cause," "one chief cause seems to be," "some additional rudimentary structures might here have been adduced," "we have only to suppose that a former progenitor possessed the parts in question in a perfect state," "the more complex instincts seem to have originated independently of intelligence," "appears to have been gained," "such variations

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appear to arise from the same unknown causes," "it is not improbable," . . . and so on and so on.

Darwin, posing the question, "whether there exists a Creator and Ruler of the universe," responds. Listen to his response to his own question: "And this has been answered in the affirmative by the highest intellects that have ever lived."

Twelve years after the publishing of the "Origin of Species," Darwin published "The Descent of Man." In his second book, Darwin applied his theory of evolution to the human race. In Chapter IV, Darwin makes an interesting admission. Here is what he said:

> I now admit . . . that in the earlier editions of my "Origin of Species," I probably attributed too much to the action of natural selection or the survival of the fittest. I have altered the fifth edition of the Origin so as to confine my remarks to adaptive changes of structure. . . . I may be permitted to say as some excuse, that I had two distinct objects in view, firstly, to show that species had not been separately created, and secondly, that natural selection had been the chief agent of change, though largely aided by the inherited effects of habit, and slightly by the direct action of the surrounding conditions. . . . Hence, if I have erred in giving to natural selection great power, which I am far from admitting, or in having exaggerated its power, which is in itself probable, I have at least, as I hope, done good service in aiding to overthrow the dogma of separate creations.

Darwin was not alone in his effort. Since the earliest days of man's exploration of his universe, science and religion—when not simply ignoring each other—have often been at odds. Throughout the ages, it seems that the more man has learned about the physical nature of the universe and its creatures, the greater the gap between religion and science has become.

To many in the scientific community, the world has largely become divided between that which can be scientifically and mathematically explained away, and that for which the mathematical equation or scientific basis has not yet been discovered. The Creator has had no role. He has been left out. The fabulously intricate pattern of occurrences, which had to exist in order to account for the strictly scientific view of the creation of the universe, has been viewed as merely chance—a lucky shot!—with no connection to any sort of greater intelligence. How absurd!

Mr. President, I have in my pocket a gold watch and a golden chain. Watches are not in the habit of assembling themselves. There has to be a designer. There has to be a maker back of the watch, a creator back of the chain. There has to be a greater intelligence, a Creator.

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On the other side, to many of those in the religious community, too tightly held religious doctrine has precluded all possibilities suggested by scientific investigation of the physical world.

Happily, however, scientists and men of the cloth both appear to be rejecting doctrinal absolutism and discovering some common ground.

Recent articles in *Newsweek* and *U.S. News and World Report*, point to a change in attitude among scientists and theologians. Rather than opposing one another, the study of science and the practice of religion may at last be able to enhance one another. Science may be recognizing that rules, or tangible events, or even the laws of physics may not always be entirely explainable. As we search for scientific truth we may also provoke a faith that instills in the previously cynical, a wonder for the unexplainable and a tacit admission that there must be a higher power.

In innumerable cases, science is apparently unearthing instances of perfection in the physical world which are so far beyond even the wildest imaginings of the human mind that chance could not account for them, and even nondevout scientists have tended to conclude that such minute miracles can only have been wrought by some form of divine design.

Newsweek, in its edition of July 20, said, "Physicists have stumbled upon signs that the cosmos is custom-made for life and consciousness. It turns out that if the constants of nature—unchanging numbers like the strength of gravity, the charge of an electron and the mass of a proton—were even the tiniest bit different, then atoms would not hold together, stars would not burn, and life would never have made an appearance." As Nobel-prize-winning Physicist and Christian Charles Townes put it, "somehow intelligence must have been involved in the laws of the universe." And, consider the words of Physicist-turned-priest John Polkinghorne, who said that the most fundamental component in the belief in God "is that there is a mind and a purpose behind the Universe."

Similarly, *Newsweek* and *U.S. News and World Report* relate the story of Allan Sandage, one of the world's most preeminent, respected, and accomplished astronomers, who spoke at a recent meeting of cosmologists gathered together to consider the theological implications of their work. Sandage, who reportedly admits to having been "almost a practicing atheist as a boy," has come to the conclusion through his work that creation can only be explained as a

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"miracle". "It is my science that drove me to the conclusion that the world is much more complicated than can be explained by science. It is only through the supernatural that I can understand the mystery of existence."

I find it rather exhilarating that men like Sandage and Townes and Polkinghorne, who have devoted so much of their lives to questioning their universe in order to discover its secrets, have come to a conclusion that to me was answered long ago through simple, basic, unquestionable faith, and simple, common-sense reasoning.

There are those who will only ever be comfortable with a world of rules and measurements, in which events are quantifiable and reliable, and a "miracle" is defined only as that which has not yet been thoroughly dissected and concretely explained. There are also those who will always reject scientific theory if it seems in any way to challenge their religious doctrine.

But it seems to me that scientists such as Allan Sandage, who embrace both religion and science, can teach a valuable lesson to us all. A black-and-white science of stiff rules and blinders is fatally flawed. It is the scientist who looks to the heavens for divine intervention and is willing to admit that not all things are explainable, who has the greatest opportunity to achieve medical breakthroughs, uncover the mysteries of outer space and develop life-changing technologies. His is an intellect which is truly free, for he allows for all possibilities.

The two great disciplines of the world, science and religion, represent the ceaseless human probing for answers to the mysteries of life. They are, at their cores, nothing more than man's quest for truth.

As we search, may we never close our hearts to the abundant evidence of His love and his miracles all around us.

Even in the midst of great sorrow and profound tragedy, He is there and His love will prevail and will triumph. So my heart goes out today to the families of the two brave men whose lives and dedication we honored today in this magnificent Capitol, itself a symbol of man's belief in things which cannot be seen. And I hope that these loved ones will remember the words of hope from the Scriptures and the words of William Jennings Bryan:

> If the Father deigns to touch with divine power the cold and pulseless heart of the buried acorn, to make it burst forth from its prison walls, again the mighty oak, will He leave neglected in the Earth the soul of man, created in his own image?

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If He stoops to give to the rosebush whose withered blossoms float upon the autumn breeze, the sweet assurance of another springtime, will He refuse the words of hope to the sons of men when the frosts of winter come?

If matter, mute and inanimate, though changed by the forces of Nature into a multitude of forms, can never be destroyed, will the imperial spirit of man suffer annihilation when it has paid a brief visit like a royal guest to this tenement of clay?

No, I am sure that He who, notwithstanding His apparent prodigality, created nothing without a purpose, and wasted not a single atom in all His creation, has made provision for a future life in which man's universal longing for immortality will find its realization. I am as sure that we live again as I am sure that we live today.

With those words of William Jennings Bryan, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I rise to express my profound respect and appreciation for Officers JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT, two men whose lives were tragically cut short on Friday as they stood watch in the Capitol—a building that is, as we have constantly been reminded this weekend, "the People's House." Officer CHESTNUT was 58—a loving husband, a veteran of Vietnam, the father of five children, and the grandfather of another five.

Officer GIBSON was 42—a bright young man, full of energy and good works, who had dedicated his life to protecting others. Like Officer CHESTNUT, he, too, was a loving husband and the father of three.

Today, both men are gone. We mourn their loss and express our deepest condolences to their families. We acknowledge that we will never fully understand what would motivate such a heinous act of violence against the innocent in a building that is the icon of Democracy, but we know that in stopping such brutality—in saving the lives of how many tourists, staff members and Congressmen we will never know—the names of JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT are etched forever in the pantheon of heroes.

All who are indebted to them—myself included—will from this day forward speak their names in reverence. Their courage will inspire those who will hear told the tale of their sacrifices. While their children, their grandchildren and great grandchildren will stand tall—living legacies of extraordinary men.

In expressing our gratitude to these brave officers, we also acknowledge the skill, professionalism, and dedication of the other 1,250 members of the United States Capitol Police Force. They are among the most highly trained and well-respected law enforcement officers in the world.

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Members of Congress, congressional staff, tourists, and all those who come and go through these buildings are blessed to have these men and women on the ramparts. Our hearts are with them as well, as they mourn the loss of their two distinguished colleagues and friends.

It is never easy, Mr. President, to weather a tragedy of this kind. There is little, if anything, that can be done to console loved ones and to reassure the children of men whose lives were lost that the principles and sense of duty for which their fathers stood are the very virtues which sustain life's goodness. But in time, they will be assured.

They will come to discover—as we all discover—that such principles are eternal: service, selflessness, sacrifice. Their meanings resonate beyond mortality. And we come to acknowledge the simple truth written more than 2,000 years ago: Greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for a friend.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I guess what I will say on the floor of the Senate, in part, is an effort to speak to the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Officer GIBSON, but I guess it is also an effort on my part not only to speak to their families, but also to speak to the Capitol Hill Police.

Early Monday morning, Sheila, my wife, and I were walking from our apartment, which is near the Hart Senate Office Building, over to the doctor's office. Usually that takes about 7 minutes. It took about 40 minutes because of all of the officers who we ran into and all of the embraces, the hugs and the tears, just the embrace of real pain that people feel.

I want to say—I don't really have any words—this is a very sad day in Washington, D.C., but I want to say to the Capitol Hill Police that all of us in the Senate—but I am now speaking for myself as a Senator from Minnesota—want you to know of our love and our support. We want Officer CHESTNUT and Officer GIBSON's families to know that their husbands and fathers, sons, brothers were so courageous. I wish personally that there is something I can do to change everything. I wish that none of this had happened. It is horrifying. It seems senseless.

They were two wonderful men. I only knew them to say hello. I know the Capitol Police much better on the Senate side. It never should have happened, but these men deserve all of our praise. Their families deserve all of our love and support.

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Especially as a U.S. Senator, I say to the other police officers—I guess that is mainly the one thing I want to do today—I want them to know how much I appreciate what they do. I want them to know how sorry I am that this happened. I want them to know that I hope and pray it will never happen again. And I want all of my colleagues to know, Democrats and Republicans alike, that I think today we are all together. Everybody can feel this, everybody can understand this, and I think probably the best thing we can do in memory of two very brave police officers is to understand how precious each day is, understand how precious people are, understand how important life is, appreciate the people who help us and go out of our way to make sure we live our lives in the most honest way possible.

To the Capitol Hill Police, thank you for some of you being really great friends to Sheila and me. I know how much pain you are in, but please know that you have our support.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, last week's deadly violence in the halls of the United States Capitol touched the conscience of a Nation. From coast to coast, Americans gathered to talk about the shootings. The coverage has dominated television, has dominated our newspapers, as well it should. There has been much discussion about who the assailant was, where he was born, where he lived, what might have caused him to do this dreadful deed.

I must say, Mr. President, with deep regret, that this assailant spent a part of his life in my home State of Montana. We in Montana are even more grieved, even more touched, and find this tragedy even more tragic than others in the Nation—if that is possible.

This man was not from Montana. We pride ourselves that those of us from our State have a great sense of honor, pride, duty, sense of family, sense of community. This person, unfortunately, spent some time in our State before he perpetrated this dreadful, violent, evil act.

We are deeply grieved. We are very deeply sorry. I am speaking for the people of my State of Montana.

Mr. President, there has been some conversation, too, about why things like this happen. Did somehow the system allow a person like this with some mental illness to fall between the cracks? Was the system we have for treating mental illness somehow not adequate?

Frankly, I believe that the system is inadequate. That is, there are many people who are homeless. We are not properly treating people who are mentally disturbed, some of

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whom are paranoid schizophrenic. They are not receiving medication. They are not being properly treated, because our system is not paying enough attention to people who have this illness. I think if we do not remedy the situation, we will have continued troubles on our hands. I hope we do remedy it very quickly.

Remember more than anything else the real heroes here. The real heroes are the officers who were shot performing their duty. Talking about the assailant and talking about how we correct the system is meaningless—because the real lesson here is the lesson of JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON.

All of us here personally know many of the Capitol Police. We live with them. We see them daily. We talk with them. We know many by their first names. We know something about them personally.

Tony, for example. Tony D'Ambrosio was a plainclothes detective, first a uniformed policeman, on Capitol Hill for many years. It wasn't too many years ago I received several death threats—regrettably, in my home State of Montana. Tony came out to Montana with me and we ran a marathon together. I got to know Tony quite well and have the highest regard for him.

There is Steven out there. Many know Steven. Steven stands by the door to the entrance of the Senate. We talk with him, we joke with him. He is part of our family.

Then there is Henry Turner. Henry is a policeman originally from Alabama, who is also stationed out here at the front door. I often talk to Henry about legislation on the floor. "This is a good bill to vote for," or "This is not a good amendment to vote for." Henry would know more about the legislation before the Senate than a lot of Senators, on occasion. A great man to talk to. A very wise, very thoughtful man from Alabama.

The same is obviously true for JOHN and for JACOB. I did not personally know them nearly as well as I know other Capitol Police, but they are men, they are fathers, they are parents. They have family just like all of us do, all of us in the Senate, all of us in the country. We are all bound together by the community of brotherhood, the community of sisterhood, the community of family. We are all together.

Many people have said it in many, many ways, and I want to share my deepest sympathy for them, JOHN and JACOB, for their families, and I want them to know that we all are with them. We are now and we will always be.

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Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, it is with some reluctance that I rise this afternoon to speak of the tragic occurrence, where two fine officers were gunned down here in the Capitol. The reason I say it is with reluctance is because, like many of us in this Chamber, I know from personal experience that when a wife or husband or son or daughter is taken from a family as a consequence of a totally unexpected violent event, there is little that anyone can say or do, no matter how well intended we may be, that can in any way ease the pain of the family members who survive—the children, the spouses, parents.

So I debated with myself today whether or not to say anything at all. Much has been said about the heroism displayed in the performance of duty, and much more will be said about the lives that these two men, in giving theirs. All that need be said, but none of that in any way is likely to produce any sense of relief on the part of the children of the officers, on the part of their spouses, on the part of their families. As a matter of fact, it is likely to produce, initially, a sense of anger; a feeling of "Why my father?" a feeling of "Why did it have to be my husband?"

So, in a few moments each of us in our own ways will, as we attend the memorial service, demonstrate our high regard for and pay respects to the families as well as the deceased officers. But I also note one other thing from personal experience. Notwithstanding the fact that nothing we say today can ease that horrible void that seems to occupy the chest of the family members who can't fathom why this occurred to their father or to their husband—nothing we do will make them feel any better today—but, as time goes on, they will find a sense of comfort knowing that so many people held their father, their spouse, in such high regard. It will not occur for months, but it will occur. And when it does, it will at that time help ease, ever so slightly, that sense of loss. The pain will never go away. The sense of loss will never be completely abated. But it will become easier to live with. So, as I said, although a lot of us in this Chamber know from similar experiences the feeling, it is hard when you are going through it to know one other thing that occurs and that is that time will not erase the pain, but time will make it livable.

At this moment, I expect, family members feel that nothing that will happen to them from this point on will make life as worth living as it has been for them. But, again from personal experiences, all of us know, who have gone through

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similar things, that the time will come when the memory of J.J. or JOHN, the memory of their father or husband, will bring a smile to their lips rather than a tear to their eyes. My only prayer, on behalf of my wife Jill and me—we talked a lot about this morning before I came down—is that the moment will come sooner rather than later.

We ask a lot of those who serve this Nation. But few of us, few of us ever have to give what these two officers gave. Even fewer family members have to live with the sacrifice they have made, the void that is created and the pain that will endure for some time, like the families of the two fallen officers. So, again, I have no illusions that my words, as inadequate as they are, or the words of any of us, will at this moment give much comfort. But in time, in time I hope they will find some refuge in what has been said, in the outpouring of respect, the outpouring of emotion, the outpouring of just simple, plain gratitude on the part of the staff, the Senators, and all Americans for what these two men did.

They did their duty. And, in doing so, they clearly saved the lives of other innocent people. That is no comfort now, but it will, in time, be some comfort.

Let me close by saying, once again, in time the pain will ease. In time, when they think of their father, when they think of their husband, they will, in fact, smile rather than cry. All that we can hope is that time will come sooner than later.

I yield the floor.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise this afternoon to add my tribute and honor to our fallen comrades and colleagues, Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON, whose bodies lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda just down the hall, where Members of the House and Senate paid tribute this morning.

I am not nearly eloquent enough to express the feelings, certainly, that all of us have about what these two men did mean to us, what all of our officers, protectors, men and women who guard over us and our population that visits this great and magnificent Capitol, this Capitol that represents free men and women, this Capitol that represents the best hope for mankind, mean to us.

What I would like to offer is a saying that I have found comforting over the years and I believe applies very much to our fallen heroes. And that saying goes like this—that man is a success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of men and the love of children, who leaves the world better than he found it,

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whether through an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul, who never failed to appreciate the beauty of nature, and always gave the best he had. Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON gave the best they had and the America they leave behind is a better place.

Mr. President, I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise to express my deep regret over the deaths of the two capitol police officers slain in the line of duty last Friday. Officers JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT were family men; each was married with three children. They also were dedicated professionals and, as shown by their final acts, heroes.

Officer CHESTNUT confronted the lone gunman whose weapon set off the metal detector at the "document door" entrance to the main Capitol building. Officer CHESTNUT was fulfilling his duty to protect the people's building and the thousands upon thousands of Americans who visit their building, from violence. He paid for his dedication with his life.

The gunman mortally wounded Officer CHESTNUT, then went into the building, firing his weapon and finding his way to the office of the distinguished Majority Whip, Congressman Tom DeLay. Congressman DeLay and his staff were in mortal danger from this gunman. I know that every one of them thanks God for the acts of Officer GIBSON, whose bravery and perseverance brought down the gunman at the office door, even as Officer GIBSON himself lay mortally wounded.

Each of us who serves in the United States Senate depends on the bravery and dedication of men and women like Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT. Every day they put their lives on the line to protect the safety and well-being of Members of Congress and the public. Many of us have become friends with particular officers over the months and years we have served in this body, and that is only right. But it certainly doesn't make it any easier when we have to say goodbye to two such dedicated public servants and members of our Capitol Hill family.

My condolences go to the families of these brave men. It is my hope that they will derive comfort from the knowledge that Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT died protecting people from a mad gunman, sacrificing themselves for the greater good—a greater good to which they had devoted their careers and their lives.

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Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise to join the people across our Nation paying tribute to the heroic actions of Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN M. GIBSON. These two men, who were killed during a senseless act of violence last Friday, gave their lives in order to protect the American people and their Capitol. They died fulfilling their sworn duty to protect the men and women who work in the Capitol compound and the multitudes of visitors who tour each day. The loss of J. J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON is like a death in the family. However, despite the great loss that we will feel, our thoughts and prayers are first with their families, who will bear the greatest burden of this tragic event. We hope that they may find some solace in knowing that the Nation joins them in their grief.

These fallen protectors were true heroes. They faced gunfire and death in the line of duty. It is fitting that we are able to pay our final respects to them today in the very place where they worked and gave their lives. The Capitol Police serve with pride, efficiency, and good humor. They handle the enormous task of allowing the multitude of people who visit our Capitol, the symbol of freedom and democracy the world over, access to it without a feeling of having to cross a barricade. This openness and accessibility have a heavy price, as we mourn the loss of these brave men.

Today, J. J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON are being given an extraordinary honor by the Congress when their caskets are placed in the Capitol Rotunda. It is an honor that has been bestowed upon very few of our Nation's exemplary public servants and one which is entirely fitting for J. J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON. They were public servants in the most fundamental sense. Their sense of duty and service were unmatched, and as we mourn the deaths of these two outstanding men we can also feel a sense of pride in the great sacrifice they made in the defense of democracy, our Capitol, and its visitors.

Mr. President, I know my Senate colleagues and Americans everywhere join in honoring these two fallen heroes: JACOB J. CHESTNUT and JOHN M. GIBSON.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today, in a place where President's have laid, Officers J.J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON lay in state under the Capitol dome, the very symbol of freedom and democracy that they died to protect.

On Friday, July 24th, Mr. GIBSON and Mr. CHESTNUT laid down their lives for the people visiting their Capitol, for our staffs, and for us. These two brave men are true public serv-

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ants. Their actions protected American lives and our cradle of freedom, the Capitol.

Even though I never had the opportunity to meet Mr. GIBSON and Mr. CHESTNUT, I do know many like them. They are both husbands, fathers—Mr. GIBSON has 3 children, and Mr. CHESTNUT has 5, and J.J. CHESTNUT is a grandfather. I also know them from the friendships that I and my wife Joan have formed with the committed and selfless Capitol Hill Police. I want to thank them for their service to me, my family, my staff, and every visitor who enters this Capitol.

Our hearts go out to the families of these two loved family men and the Capitol Hill Police for their two fallen respected colleagues. My wife and I and my staff offer our depest sympathies. These officers are heroes. While no words can ever express the sorrow felt, our prayers go out to their families, friends, and the Capitol Hill Police.

Thank you Officer JOHN GIBSON and Officer J.J. CHESTNUT for your service to all of us and to this country. God bless their memory and their families.

Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I rise today to honor two fallen heroes—U.S. Capitol Police Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and U.S. Capitol Police Special Agent JOHN GIBSON—who gave their lives to protect us. When I say "us," I do not refer only to Members of Congress, to the tourists who visited the Capitol last Friday, or to staff members working that afternoon, I refer to all Americans. J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON gave their lives to protect our house, the People's House, and our freedom.

J.J. CHESTNUT, 58, joined the Capitol Police force in 1980, following 20 years of service in the United States Air Force. He earned numerous commendations and awards for both his military and police service, including a Vietnam Service Medal, the Bronze Star for Meritorious military service and countless letters of appreciation from citizens and staff for assistance provided and attention to duty. Officer CHESTNUT is survived by his wife, Wen Ling, and five children.

JOHN GIBSON, 42, also joined the Capitol Police force in 1980, and also earned numerous commendations. In 1988, GIBSON was commended for going to the aid of a citizen, and saving their life by administering CPR. Special Agent GIBSON is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and three children.

It is horribly ironic to me that one of the fallen officers, J.J. CHESTNUT, was a Vietnam veteran who survived combat only to fall at the hand of a fellow American. As a veteran he served his country so that we could all have our freedom,

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a freedom which the gunman who walked into the United States Capitol last Friday and opened fire, did not understand, did not honor, and certainly did not respect.

In 1862, Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote: "It is natural enough to suppose that the center and heart of America is the Capitol." He stated that the Capitol's combination of dignity, harmony, and utility made it a fit embodiment of the highest traits of our Nation. A year later, Sculptor Thomas Crawford's 19½ foot, 7½ ton Statue of Freedom was lifted and placed atop the Capitol Dome.

Nearly every President since Andrew Jackson has been inaugurated on its steps. The Capitol has hosted a cast of American legends, as great Senators and great Members of the House have presided and debated in each of two houses over the years, including JOHN Calhoun, Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, Robert Lafollette, George Norris, Richard Russell, JOHN F. Kennedy, Sam Rayburn, Carl Vinson, Robert Byrd.

The Capitol has also been home to so many milestones in American history. The Capitol was where the Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964, and where women were granted the right to vote. It was where war was declared after the invasion of Pearl Harbor following upon the famous "Day of Infamy" speech. It was where the Social Security Act was enacted, and where legislation was passed to limit child labor.

More than anything, our Capitol has stood as a symbol of our democracy, of our liberty, and of our freedom since President George Washington laid the cornerstone for the building in 1793.

Let us not let the actions of the gunman last Friday threaten our freedom, or our belief in our democracy. Instead, let us focus on the heroic actions of officers J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, who last week gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

I am reminded of a passage from Thucydides' "Funeral Oration of Pericles":

> So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth and received, each for his own memory, praise that will never die, and with it the grandest of all sepulchers, not that in which their mortal bones are laid, but a home in the minds of men, where their glory remains fresh to stir to speech or action as the occasion comes by. For the whole earth is the sepulcher of famous men; and their story is not graven only on stone over their native earth, but lives on far away, without visible symbol, woven into the stuff of other men's lives. For you now it remains to rival what they have done and, knowing the secret of freedom a brave heart, not idly to stand aside from the enemy's onset.

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We have a lot to learn from the selfless bravery and public service displayed by these two men. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends at this difficult time. God bless.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, my heart goes out to the families of the two officers slain in Friday's brutal shooting. These two men will be forever known for their bravery, courage and heroism in laying down their lives to protect all of us who pass through the halls of the United States Capitol.

The Capitol police officers, JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, made the ultimate sacrifice that any person can give in laying down their lives so that others would be spared. Their actions demonstrated the highest form of bravery, selflessness, and professionalism.

We must all remember that the price of democracy is indeed, a high one. At times, the openness of our government is sometimes challenged by events like those that took place this past Friday. But even though our democracy sometimes seems fragile when challenged by senseless violence, we must all do our part to ensure that this type of violence never happens again. I am confident we will take those steps as a Nation.

I had just landed in Colorado when I learned what had happened in the Capitol building. When my plane arrived, I received an emergency call from my office informing me of the tragic events. In an instant, my mind fell back to November 28th, 1978 when in City Hall in San Francisco the double assassination of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk took place. I knew the terrible anguish—even anger—that accompanies events like this one.

This event also shows the depth to which America's infatuation with weapons can lead to tragedy. Not only do we now see youngsters shooting other youngsters, but also the unthinkable slayings in what should be one of the safest places in our Nation, the United States Capitol. In this very difficult time, I am proud to say that Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON will always be remembered as American heroes.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise humbly to pay tribute to Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and Special Agent JOHN GIBSON—and all of their fellow Capitol Police officers and law enforcement officers across the Nation and world.

As I filed past the bodies of our slain officers in the Rotunda this morning, I was overwhelmed by the sacrifice they

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made to protect us, our families, and fellow citizens. So many times, we take law enforcement for granted because we see them every day monitoring entrances, patrolling the Capitol, just being there. And, thankfully, we don't often see events like the tragedy that occurred on Friday.

But such events do happen. They happen every day across this great Nation. Law enforcement officers sacrifice their lives so we can live more safely and freely. Every time that happens, I remember the commitment they have made and I thank them.

When such madness strikes at our Nation's symbol of democracy, it should remind us even more that freedom comes at a price. Our citizens and people of all lands are welcome to visit our capitol and participate in the democracy that they help sustain. They can watch Members of Congress undertake the people's business from the galleries above the two house chambers. They can visit us in our offices. They can visit sacred monuments and historic sites.

Just last Wednesday, at a coffee I held for visiting constituents from Washington State, one tourist exclaimed how impressed she was with the accessibility of the Capitol, with the openness of the process and the ability to meet and see her Senator and Representatives. I agreed that we have a wonderful system and I praised her for taking advantage of that openness and participating in our great democracy.

But we have defenders of this democracy and openness. Those men and women are our police officers who try to find that perfect balance of an open society and a safe society. Sometimes that balance means lives are sacrificed to protect those noble goals.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of Officer CHESTNUT and Special Agent GIBSON. This is such a tragedy. As I have read about their lives and families and commitment to their communities, their sacrifice was made even more real. They are true heroes.

So, I thank them and I thank the Capitol Police. I honor their service. I will use this tragedy to make sure I remember the tremendous commitment our law enforcement officers have made to us: To keep us as safe and when we are in danger, to lay down their lives for us.

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and mourn the passing of two cherished members of our Capitol Hill community, Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Officer JOHN GIBSON, slain Friday in the line of duty.

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As we mourn their deaths and pay tribute to them, perhaps we should recall the particular, even paradoxical, quality of who they were and what they did: They stood among us, as members of this community, but they also stood apart.

As many have noted since their deaths, both officers were familiar to those of us who work in the Capitol. They stood guard in these halls—and so they stood, literally, among us. And their lives resembled many of our own lives; they were husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers. They took pleasure from their families and pride in their work. If but for the sad events on Friday, they might have continued to live as so many of us do: simply but decently, content to be known and loved mostly by those closest to them.

But they stood guard in these halls—and so they also stood apart. They belong to that small but remarkable group of people whose profession requires the willing forfeiture not just of their time and talent but, if necessary, of their very lives. Unlike most of us, their daily work was to offer their life in the place of another's. More dramatically and compellingly than most of us, they embodied the qualities that sustain our democracy: selflessness and courage. In this, they stood guard over our democratic tradition.

As individuals and citizens, we are defined not only by with whom we stand, but by when we choose to stand apart. I am honored that these men stood among us everyday and grateful that, when the critical moment came, they also freely chose to stand apart. In tribute, in these halls they guarded, we stand as one and grieve their deaths.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Capitol Police Officers JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON who sacrificed their lives last Friday safeguarding our Nation's Capitol, Members of Congress, our staffs, and the thousands of Americans who were visiting the Capitol on that tragic day.

We are privileged to work in these hallowed buildings that are central to the greatest democracy in the world. We are equally privileged that Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON and their colleagues are willing to risk their lives to defend us from harm and keep democracy alive.

Capitol Police officers protect more than 7 million visitors who come to our Nation's Capitol every year. Often, they are the first to welcome these visitors to our Capitol. I thank all the officers who secure our grounds and dedicate their lives to our safety.

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Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON and their families are in our thoughts and our prayers, but we also should remember to pray for the safety of hundreds of other men and women who protect us everyday as we do the business of the American people. This tragedy should remind all of us that our democracy and our Nation's security are ultimately dependent upon the courage and commitment of individuals such as JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, honoring those who die in the service of others is a practice as old as life itself. From ancient times to the present day, those who survive pay tribute to those who have fallen with songs and symbols, flowers and ceremonies.

And it is a good thing, for it is at times like these that words often fail us. Few memorial addresses have outlived those who uttered them—not because of the inadequacy of the speakers, but because of the inadequacy of words themselves. To quote General James A. Garfield, who spoke at the first memorial at Arlington National Cemetery—where Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT will be buried later this week—"If silence is ever golden, it must be here beside the graves of men whose lives were more significant than speech, and whose death was a poem the music of which can never be sung."

JOHN GIBSON and JACOB CHESTNUT were such men, as their countless friends and associates have testified, and so I add my small tribute to the hundreds that have already been offered in the hope that it may, in some small way, console the hearts of those they leave behind.

Mr. President, long after these men are laid to their final rest, the memory of their warmth and their many kindnesses, their lives and their heroic sacrifice will live on in the hearts and minds of all of us—indeed, of all who visit the soaring symbol of freedom and democracy they died to defend. From this day forward it will stand, like a silent sentry, guarding the memory of their valor and courage.

May the Almighty god who watches over all of us, comfort and strengthen their wives and children in the days ahead, and may He protect all who place themselves in harm's way so that we may enjoy the blessings and benefits of freedom.

Mr. President, I thank the chair and yield the floor.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 27, 1998, dur-

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ing the adjournment of the Senate received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 311. Concurrent resolution honoring the memory of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police for their selfless acts of heroism at the United States Capitol on July 24, 1998.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolution, without amendment: S. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution to authorize the printing of the eulogies of the Senate and the House of Representatives for Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. Con. Res. 113. A concurrent resolution to rename the Document Door of the Capitol as the CHESTNUT-GIBSON Memorial Door; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 113—TO RENAME THE DOCUMENT DOOR OF THE CAPITAL AS THE CHESTNUT-GIBSON MEMORIAL DOOR

Mr. CAMBPELL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. CON. RES. 113

Whereas on Friday, July 24, 1998, a lone gunman entered the United States Capitol building through the door known as the Document Door, located on the first floor of the East Front;

Whereas while the gunman's intentions are not yet fully known, nor may ever be known, it is clear that he would have killed many more innocent people if Officers CHESTNUT and GIBSON had not ended his violent rampage;

Whereas Officer JACOB CHESTNUT was the first Capitol Police officer to confront the gunman just inside the Document Door and lost his life as a result;

Whereas Detective JOHN GIBSON was the next officer to confront the gunman and also lost his life in the ensuing shootout;

Whereas the last shot fired by Detective GIBSON, his final act as an officer of the law, finally brought down the gunman and ended his deadly rampage;

Whereas this was the first time members of the Capitol Police have been killed in the line of duty in the 170-year history of the police force;

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Whereas the Capitol Police represent true dedication and professionalism in their duties to keep the Capitol Building, the Library of Congress, and the Senate and House of Representatives office buildings safe for all who enter them;

Whereas the Capitol shines as a beacon of freedom and democracy all around the world;

Whereas keeping the sacred halls of the Capitol, known as the People's House, accessible for all the people of the United States and the world is a true testament of Congress and of our Nation's dedication to upholding the virtues of freedom;

Whereas the door where this tragic incident took place is known as the Document Door; and

Whereas it is fitting and appropriate that the Document Door be renamed as the CHESTNUT-GIBSON Memorial Door in honor of Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Document Door located on the first floor of the East Front is renamed as the CHESTNUT-GIBSON Memorial Door in honor of Officer JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I submit a Senate concurrent resolution to rename the Document Door as the CHESTNUT-GIBSON Memorial Door. I feel that it is only fitting that this door be named in honor of the two brave Capitol Police Officers, Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT, who just last Friday, gave their lives in the line of duty while serving their country.

Last Friday's shocking and senseless violence in the halls of the U.S. Capitol both saddened our Nation and took the lives of two of our finest.

Officer JACOB CHESTNUT was posted at the Document Door entrance on the Capitol's East Front. Officers posted to this entrance are the first faces that many tourists see when they come to visit the Capitol. Officer CHESTNUT's post, which involves achieving a delicate balance between the ensuring safety of those who visit the Capitol while keeping the People's House as free and open as possible, requires a very special combination of hospitality, humor, patience, and professionalism. To his credit, Officer CHESTNUT excelled in this endeavor.

Detective JOHN GIBSON was the second Capitol Police Officer to engage the gunman. I understand that it was Detective JOHN GIBSON's last shot, his final act of a defender of the peace, that brought the gunman down and ended the violent rampage. The Detective's steadfast valor, while already having been shot several times, was the difference that saved many lives. We all owe him a deep debt of gratitude.

If it had not been for the heroic actions of these two brave officers, this dangerous gunman would almost certainly have

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killed many more innocent people. The two officer's ultimate sacrifice saved many lives.

This building, the U.S. Capitol, is far more than just a building, it is a living monument to freedom and democracy. It is perhaps the only building on earth that simultaneously houses a healthy democracy at work, while standing as a tribute to freedom that attracts millions of visitors from all over the U.S. and the entire world each year. The chambers, galleries, and halls of our Capitol are full of statues, busts, paintings, and displays that commemorate heroes and key events in our Nation's history. The men and women honored under this magnificent dome have served their country in a wide variety of ways. Some have been great visionaries and statesmen. Some have been leaders in science or adventurers, like Colorado's son, astronaut Jack Swigert whose statue stands in these halls. Each of these heroes has contributed and sacrificed in his or her own very real and personal way.

Some of these heroes have made the greatest sacrifice for their Nation, giving their lives. Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT have joined this honored rank. They gave their lives for their Nation while protecting our Nation's Capitol, and it is fitting that they will lie in honor today in the Capitol's Rotunda while a grateful Nation pays its respects.

Not only is the Capitol the American People's House, it stands as a bright beacon of hope to all of the world's freedom loving people. While traveling this building's halls, I have been regularly awed by the comments of visitors from other countries about how open and free this building is. They state how they would never be allowed to walk so freely through the halls of their own capital buildings back home in their respective countries. This is an important part of what makes America great.

Whenever I have heard such sentiments, I am reminded of just how fortunate I am, and we all are, to be Americans. Our Capitol is the People's House, and it must remain open and accessible to all.

Thanks to the sacrifices of Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT, and the dedication and professionalism of the entire U.S. Capitol Police Force, our Nation's Capitol building is freely accessible and continues to serve as a beacon of freedom.

For these reasons I feel that it is only fitting that the Document Door be renamed in honor of the two brave Capitol

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Police Officers, Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT, who gave their lives so that the Capitol building could remain the People's House and open to all.

WEDNESDAY, *July 29, 1998*

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, in the wake of the terrible crime committed in the Capitol last Friday, I want to take a moment to reflect on the courage exhibited by the Capitol Police Force in the face of that attack at the heart of America's democracy.

The Capitol Police have guarded the U.S. Congress since 1828, but their finest, yet most tragic, moment came on July 24, 1998, when two officers gave their lives to defend their fellow citizens, and our Capitol and all that it represents.

Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN M. GIBSON, like all the quiet heroes of the Capitol Police Force and their colleagues across America, came to work each day, performing their duties with dedication and professionalism, prepared at any moment to lay down their lives so that others could be saved, and the security of the Capitol could be preserved.

In a few terrifying minutes on the afternoon of July 24th, that moment came, as Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT gave their lives for ours, and for countless other people working and visiting here that day. As they bravely defended the Capitol, Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT showed the enormity of their courage, the depth of their character, and the fullness of their commitment to duty as Capitol Police officers.

As Americans, we owe Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON a debt that can never be repaid. Instead, we can only offer our deepest sympathies to the families of these two brave officers, and pledge to honor their memories with the same enduring strength and vigilance with which they defended our lives.

I also want to recognize the other Capitol Police officers involved in apprehending the gunman, rushing people in the building to safety, and conducting the subsequent investigation with such a high degree of professionalism. We commend their service in protecting our Capitol and reaffirm with confidence that under their watch the House of the people will stay open to all the people.

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Americans can take great pride in the heroism the Capitol Police displayed last Friday, and in the bravery they summon every day as they protect our Nation's Capitol. To them I offer my thanks, and the thanks of my staff and the people of the State of Wisconsin, for their courageous work.

FRIDAY, *July 31, 1998*

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, once again, I want to acknowledge that our thoughts this morning are with the family, friends and colleagues of Officer J.J. CHESTNUT. He will pass before the Capitol one last time today and be laid to rest. Our hearts continue to be heavy with sorrow for the loss of this fine man. We certainly have his family in our prayers today.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, as long as the majority leader is still on the floor, let me repeat what I told him a couple days ago. The remarks he made on the occasion of the public ceremony in the Rotunda for the two fallen Capitol Police officers, I thought, were extraordinary, right on the mark, and I very much appreciate his representation of the Senate at that occasion. This Nation has now spent 1 week thinking very carefully about what the meaning of the events of just a week ago are. I think that his remarks and the remarks of other speakers on that occasion certainly help to bring proper perspective to those events for all Americans as well as those of us here in the Congress.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, today Capitol Police Officer JACOB J. CHESTNUT was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery, concluding a week that has saddened and shocked every American and touched the hearts of millions of people around the world. I rise to express my profound sorrow over the death of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON, and to extend my sympathy to the families, friends, and fellow officers of these two brave men. The tremendous outpouring of grief and respect we have experienced and witnessed during the congressional ceremony and honors on Tuesday, and in the requiem services for Detective GIBSON and Officer CHESTNUT over the past two days are fitting tribute to the courage and selfless sacrifice of these fallen heroes.

The deaths of Officer CHESTNUT and Detective GIBSON, killed in the line of duty as they defended all of us who are

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privileged to work and visit the Capitol, is a testament to the fidelity and valor of these men, as well as a reminder of the exceptional bravery and courage of the men and women of the Capitol Police who protect the Capitol complex and grounds. We are fortunate to have these officers on the job, protecting all of us, willing to confront the dangers and violence that too often afflict our world today, so that our Capitol can remain open and accessible to the public. The professionalism, pride, and good-natured courtesy which these officers bring to their duties, day in and day out, serves our democracy by keeping the Capitol open to the people and safeguarding, with their lives if necessary, the freedom and liberty we cherish.

On the Capitol dome, looking across the Capital City, stands the Statue of Freedom Triumphant in War and Peace, an emblem of democracy and hope, a symbol of America's promise that every citizen has the freedom and opportunity to realize their God-given potential. In her right hand Freedom holds an olive branch, in her left, a sword, a reminder that the preservation of freedom and democracy often requires sacrifice.

Over the course of our history, the Capitol has witnessed stirring oratory and the passage of landmark legislation which have inspired us, strengthened our Nation, restored hope, preserved our Republic, and maintained our resolve. The heroic actions of Officer CHESTNUT and Officer GIBSON, who acted to preserve and protect life without regard to their own safety, bonds deeds to the ideals and values we celebrate and honor here at the heart of our democracy. The President said it best when he stated that the actions of these brave men sanctified the Capitol. May God bring comfort and peace to the families, friends, and colleagues of Detective JOHN GIBSON and Officer JACOB CHESTNUT.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 31, 1998, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4354. An act to establish the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund on behalf of the families of Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and Private First Class JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT of the United States Capitol Police.

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The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 114. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

TUESDAY, *September 22, 1998*

Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Robb, and Mr. Warner) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. CON. RES. 120

Whereas the United States Capitol Police force has protected the Capitol and upheld the beacon of democracy in America;

Whereas 3 officers of the United States Capitol Police have lost their lives in the line of duty;

Whereas Sgt. Christopher Eney was killed on August 24, 1984, during a training exercise;

Whereas officer JACOB "J.J." CHESTNUT was killed on July 24, 1998, while guarding his post at the Capitol; and

Whereas Detective JOHN GIBSON was killed on July 24, 1998, while protecting the lives of visitors, staff, and the Office of the Majority Whip of the House of Representatives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the United States Capitol Police headquarters building located at 119 D Street, Northeast, Washington, D.C., shall be known and designated as the "Eney, CHESTNUT, GIBSON Memorial Building".

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, today I am submitting a concurrent resolution to redesignate the United States Capitol Police Headquarters as the "Eney, CHESTNUT, GIBSON Memorial Building" in honor of the three brave United States Capitol Police Officers who have been killed in the line of duty since the inception of the Capitol Police.

The United States Capitol Police are a very special breed. They have a very special duty and a special trust. They guard our Nation's Capitol and keep it safe and secure for the citizens of the world. When Officers GIBSON and CHESTNUT were killed on July 24, 1998, I joined my colleagues on the floor to express my profound shock, and to express my very heartfelt sympathies to their families. I quoted an editorial in *Roll Call* then and I want to read from it again because I think it sums up the nature of our Capitol Police Force:

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Sometimes, given the comparative low level of violence around the Capitol complex and given that Capitol Police Officers are usually seen cheerfully directing traffic or gently herding tourists, it's forgotten that ours—meaning the Capitol Hill Police Force—is a real police force. We who live and work around the Capitol know—but others don't—that our police also fight crime in the neighborhood as well as watch the Capitol. But now all America understands that the Capitol Police do not just stand guard, but also stand ready to be heroes. That knowledge was derived last week at a heartrending cost.

So Mr. President, the purpose of this concurrent resolution is not just to memorialize these three officers, but to honor in perpetuity the bravery, and acknowledge the sacrifice of the men and women who put their lives on the line daily to protect this symbol of democracy. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this measure.

THURSDAY, *October 1, 1998*

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 317. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that Members of Congress should follow the examples of self-sacrifice and devotion to character displayed by JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON of the United States Capitol Police.

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A Congressional Tribute Honoring

Officer JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT

AND

Detective JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON

3:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, 1998
U.S. Capitol Rotunda
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MASTER OF CEREMONIES. Ladies and gentlemen, the Congressional Tribute in the United States Capitol Rotunda.

The invocation will be delivered by the Chaplain of the United States House of Representatives, Dr. James D. Ford.

DR. FORD. Let us pray.

With sadness and grief, oh, gracious God, we join the members of our community expressing our sorrow that an act of violence has taken two of the sons of this institution who have given their lives so that others might live.

The names of JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON and JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT are engraved upon our hearts and their memory is etched in our very souls. Their noble service will ever bring to mind the words of sacrifice and dedication, of commitment and faithfulness, the motto of duty, honor, country.

We gather in this hallowed room, full of the memories of days past, to praise their memory, to salute their selfless deeds, to honor their sacrifice.

As their colleagues and friends, we are humbled by their deeds and inspired by their concern for others in ways that we cannot measure. When we remember what they have done, may we find our hearts lifted and our lives inspired. Let us go forward more appreciative of the sacrifice that law enforcement officers make to ensure that the spirit of democracy continues strong in this place and the light of freedom burns bright.

May your rich blessing, oh God, be with the families of these men and may your spirit strengthen their spirits and may your grace be sufficient for all their needs. So dwell with them and be their God until the day break and the shadows flee away.

As a family mourns when one is lost, so our community mourns the loss of these men. Oh, gracious God, as our heads are weighed by grief, our spirits take confidence that you are the giver of everlasting life, and in that confidence is our hope and our trust.

May your peace, oh, God, that passes all human understanding be with us now and evermore. Amen.

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES. Ladies and gentlemen, we will now have the laying of the wreaths. The first wreath will be laid by the United States Senate.

The next wreath will be laid by the United States House of Representatives.

The President of the United States will lay the Executive Branch wreath.

Chief of Police Gary L. Abrecht will lay the United States Capitol Police wreath.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Honorable Trent Lott, Majority Leader of the United States Senate.

SENATOR LOTT. Members of the CHESTNUT family, members of the GIBSON family, and members of the Capitol Police Force of the United States of America, this is truly a very emotional moment for the United States Congress family. We share the pain and the suffering of this family. We struggle to find a way to express our feeling of grief and sorrow and appreciation at the same time.

These two men have proven that they are the very best of friends because they have paid the ultimate price.

In this room there are murals, pictures, statues of the great men and women in our country's history. Today, we honor two men that should rightly be recognized in this hall of heroes.

We have had Presidents lie in repose here, generals, Members of Congress, unknown soldiers, but it is appropriate today that we honor these two men who did their job, who stood the ground and defended freedom, this very room, and all of our lives, and that we honor them here with these heroes.

Abraham Lincoln in his most famous speech said it best when he said that there is very little that we could say to add or detract from the moment and the sacrifice that these men have given, but we must try to express our love and our appreciation.

At the top of this dome is a statue. Many argue about its symbolism, but it stands for the spirit of freedom. And today the spirit of freedom is in this room because of these men, and it will continue to live in this building, in our hearts, as we maintain freedom and liberty for future generations.

The monument for these two heroes, J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, is the monument of freedom that is so exemplified by this building.

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On behalf of the Congress, the Senate, and the American people, we extend to you our sympathy, our love and our appreciation.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES. Ladies and gentlemen, the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House.

SPEAKER GINGRICH. I wish that I could say to the two wives who are here and to the children that are here that their fathers were going to come through the door. I wish that we could say the terrible things did not happen. But we can't.

The most we can do is come together as a remarkable extended family, really from all across the country as people have called in, people who are watching now, people who are concerned, people who have visited the Capitol, people who see this as their centerpiece of freedom and try to reach out to the wives, to the children, to all the relatives who are here to say that your personal loss is shared by a remarkable number of people; that in the case of Officer CHESTNUT there were so many people who every day walked right past that door, including me, my staff, most of the leadership on the House side; to say of Officer GIBSON, there are so many people, as you know, who literally believe that they today would be dead except that he sacrificed his life for theirs; and to try to extend to you some of our love, our concern, and our caring.

But, in addition, I wanted to suggest to you that, in passing, your husbands and your fathers had in fact brought together this Nation; that their devotion to duty, their sacrifice to defend freedom, their commitment of their life both on a daily basis and at the crisis that occurred on Friday has in fact reminded millions and millions of people that while this is the center of freedom in the world and this building is the centerpiece of freedom in our constitutional system, it only lasts as long as there is courage.

So, in part, on behalf of the family of freedom worldwide, on behalf of all Americans and on behalf of the congressional family, I want to say to both families that your sacrifice is a painful but real building block of freedom, and that for the rest of your lives you will in fact know from people you see all around the country and all around the world that your husbands and your fathers did not die in vain. They in fact died in duty to the very freedom that each of us cherishes.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES. Ladies and gentlemen, the Vice President of the United States.

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VICE PRESIDENT GORE. Today we honor two watchmen who guarded not just a building, but an ideal; men who lived and labored not only to keep our democracy free from harm, but to keep it free and open to all our people.

So many times, upon entering this building, I have been greeted by Officer CHESTNUT, standing proudly at his post; so many times, as I have walked through this Rotunda, I have been accompanied and guarded by Detective GIBSON and the protective detail on which he served. I know I am not alone among those here today in thinking how fragile is the safety and security we take for granted, how thin the blue line these brave men and women have drawn for us here in the Capitol and in every American community.

Soon two new names will be inscribed on the Law Enforcement Memorial less than a mile from here, but future generations will owe these men a debt outlasting any monument. As much as any soldier who has landed on a beach, last week the gatekeepers of the our Capitol became the frontline guardians of our freedom. In defending each citizen's right to cross through that doorway in safety they were defending democracy itself at its core.

It is written in the Scripture that whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister, and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant even as the son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life as a ransom for many.

I believe it is men like JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT, who are in a sense ministers of our democracy, and who by virtue of their extraordinary sacrifice are rightly honored here today as chief among us. They also remind us that for all those who suffer and die for righteousness' sake, theirs is the kingdom of God.

Let me say to the GIBSON and the CHESTNUT families, we know nothing can lift your loss; we do not forget that, for you, each day forward the sacrifice will go on. But I hope there is comfort and I know there is pride and truth in the poet's words, "How sleep the brave who sink to rest by all their country's wishes bless'd!"

God bless you and God bless America.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES. Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States.

PRESIDENT CLINTON. To the CHESTNUT and GIBSON families, my fellow Americans:

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The Bible defines a good life thusly, "To love justice, to do mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Officer J.J. CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON loved justice. The story of what they did here on Friday in the line of duty is already a legend.

It is fitting that we gather here to honor these two American heroes here in this hallowed chamber that has known so many heroes, in this Capitol they gave their lives to defend.

And we thank their families for enduring the pain and extra burden of joining us here today, for they remind us that what makes our democracy strong is not only what Congress may enact or a President may achieve.

Even more, it is the countless individual citizens who live our ideals out every day, the innumerable acts of heroism that go unnoticed; and especially it is the quiet courage and uncommon bravery of Americans like J.J. CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON, and, indeed, every one of the 81 police officers who just this year have given their lives to ensure our domestic tranquility.

JOHN GIBSON and J.J. CHESTNUT also did mercy in giving their lives to save the lives of their fellow citizens. We honor them today. And in so doing, we honor also the hundreds of thousands of other officers, including all of their comrades who stand ready every day to do the same.

They make it seem so ordinary, so expected, asking for no awards or acknowledgment, that most of us do not always appreciate—indeed, most of the time we do not even see their daily sacrifice. Until crisis reveals their courage, we do not see how truly special they are.

And so they walked humbly.

To the GIBSONs, to Elaine, Wendy, Kristin, Jack and Danny; to the CHESTNUTs, JOSEPH, Janice, Karen and William; to the parents, the brothers, the siblings here, you always knew that JOHN and J.J. were special. Now, the whole world knows as well.

Today, we mourn their loss and we celebrate their lives. Our words are such poor replacements for the joys of family and friends, the turning of the seasons, the rhythms of normal life that should rightfully have been theirs. But we offer them to you from a grateful Nation, profoundly grateful that in doing their duty, they saved lives, they consecrated this house of freedom, and they fulfilled our Lord's definition of a good life.

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They loved justice. They did mercy. Now and forever, they walk humbly with their God.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES. Ladies and gentlemen, the Chief of the United States Capitol Police, Gary L. Abrecht.

CHIEF ABRECHT. There is no easy way to absorb the tragic events of last Friday. For all of us, it is difficult to comprehend why someone would commit such an egregious act in the building which is at the core of our democracy.

The American people hold a unique reverence for the United States Capitol. Its soaring dome and marble columns exemplify the strength of our Nation. When we look at this grand building, our hearts swell with pride.

Today our hearts are heavy with sorrow. When Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON lost their lives, it was in the defense of this building and all those who work and visit here. They selflessly sacrificed their lives so that others may live.

We could not have asked any more of them. They would not have given any less for us.

The men and women of the United States Capitol Police are committed to continuing to serve with the level of dedication, professionalism, and bravery exhibited by these two fine officers. We understand that there are those who seek to disrupt the national legislative process or come here to commit acts of violence. It is important that those individuals understand that there are other officers like J.J. and JOHN who are determined to fill the breach and hold tight the thin blue line which protects our congressional community and allows the public to safely visit their seat of government.

It is therefore fitting that we gather in the Rotunda of this great building to remember the lives of the officers who made the ultimate sacrifice defending it.

While what we say here will soon be forgotten, the memory of the heroic actions of Officer JACOB CHESTNUT and Detective JOHN GIBSON will become as timeless as the building in which they died.

To the GIBSON and the CHESTNUT families, you have our deepest sympathy and our never-ending gratitude.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES. Ladies and gentlemen, the benediction will be delivered by the Chaplain of the United States Senate, Dr. Lloyd J. Ogilvie.

DR. OGILVIE. Let us pray.

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Oh, gracious God, you have promised to keep us in perfect peace when our minds are stayed on you. Do that for us now, for we cannot do it for ourselves. Keep our minds on you, invade our thinking with your peace, your shalom, the peace that passes understanding, the peace that places a balm of healing on our raw nerves, the peace that makes us secure in your everlasting arms.

You alone, dear Father, can heal our grief.

You are the source of comfort for the immense loneliness and pain that the families of JACOB CHESTNUT and JOHN GIBSON have suffered and will endure. Oh, blessed God, be the unseen but powerful presence in their homes, the strength to their wives, the eternal Father to these fatherless children. Mend their broken hearts and fill them with courage.

Thank you for the memory of these gallant officers who gave their lives to protect others. May we never forget their heroism and commitment.

Help us to be much more sensitive to the Capitol Police officers who daily serve to protect us and keep this magnificent building, the center of democracy, open and safe for those who work and visit here.

Lord, your perfect love casts out fear.

And now, J.J. and JOHN, cherished friends and heroes, we say an official good-bye, but you will always be in our hearts. Death for you became no conqueror in the end. You left your physical bodies to rise to meet your Saviour and friend.

In his name, Amen.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES. Ladies and gentlemen, please remain in place until the families and the President have departed.

Thank you.

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A Service of Remembrance

Celebrating the Life and Work of

JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT

April 28, 1940–July 24, 1998

"I know your works, your labor, your patience."—Rev. 2:2

10:00 a.m., Friday, July 31, 1998

Ebenezer A.M.E. Church

7707 Allentown Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744

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This Is My Beloved

Remembrance is a gold chain, death tries to break,
but in vain. The years may wipe out many things,
but they will never wipe out the memory
of all those happy years, when we were together.

Dramatically on Friday, July 24, while doing what he loved, JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT, affectionately called "J.J." by those who knew him best, entered life everlasting while guarding the citadel of freedom, the Nation's Capitol.

He was a product of the Jacksonville, North Carolina, Public Schools and was born in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

"J.J." enlisted into the United States Air Force in June 1960. During his tenure of service he was awarded numerous decorations and citations, including the Bronze Star and the Air Force Commendation Medal as a military policeman. He was honorably discharged in February 1980 having obtained the rank of Master Sergeant.

While serving in Taiwan he met Wen-Ling, his wife of twenty-three years. Out of this marriage there were two children, William Liao and Karen Ling and granddaughter, Jasmine. Other children include Joseph, twin daughters Janet and Janece, and grandchildren Ashton, Brandy, and Joyce. "J.J." was a devoted father who gave good common sense advice and taught them well.

Also, remembering his kindness, love, and advice are brothers Herman, Caleb, and Henry. Half-brothers include David, Richard, and Daniel and two half-sisters, Marie and Margaret. "J.J." was a humble and yet proud professional who served for 18 years as a National Capitol Police Officer. His many years of mentoring, advice-giving, and friendly spirit will leave a great void in the lives of Officers of C-3. Standing guard at the gates of freedom was his joy as he smiled and greeted daily the leaders of our nation. Whatever he did, he did with enthusiasm and professionalism.

His enthusiasm was shared with his neighbors as he shared the "goods" from his garden. Serving his neighbors, he was active in the Tantallon Square Civic Association. Whether running at 6 a.m. to keep in shape or joking with family or friends at work, he gave it his all. Nothing was done except completely and with great excitement.

We thank God today for the quiet, dedicated, and purposeful life of "J.J." CHESTNUT. A life filed with caring and sharing. He lived, he loved, and he made us whole and happy.

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Order of Service

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Organ Prelude	
Processional	
Call to Worship	Pastor Grainger Browning *Ebenezer A.M.E. Church*
Invocation	
Opening Hymn	"To God Be the Glory"
The Readings *Isaiah,* 40:28–31 *Romans,* 12:9–18	Chaplain David Lothrop *National Chaplain,* *Federal Law Enforcement Association*
"Amazing Grace"	Metropolitan Police Choir *Washington, D.C.*

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Tributes

Chief Gary L. Abrecht, *National Capitol Police*
Henry Chestnut, *Brother*
Karen Chestnut, *Daughter*

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Prayers for the People	CH (Col) Edward T. Grogan *United States Air Force*
"The Lord's Prayer"	The Mass Choir of Ebenezer
Meditation *"Good & Faithful Servant"*	Pastor Jack A. Marcom, Jr. *Fort Washington Baptist Church*
Blessing	
Recessional	

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Interment
Arlington National Cemetery

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Pallbearers

National Capitol Police Ceremonial Unit

Music Provided by:

The Voices of Ebenezer
Ebenezer A.M.E. Church

Metropolitan Police Choir
Washington, D.C.

Acknowledgments

We are most appreciative for your visits, prayers, and all acts of kindness extended to the family during this time by the President, Vice President, and the congressional leadership. Especially we wish to thank Liaison Officers Investigator Richard Lopez and Officer Kevin Jackson. To a grateful Nation and to the Capitol Police, we will always be blessed by your caring.

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In Memory of John Gibson

Born 29 March 1956

Born to eternal life 24 July 1998

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Catholic Church

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Funeral Liturgy for John Gibson

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Entrance Rite	
Opening Hymn:	"Old Rugged Cross"
First Reading:	*Wisdom,* 4:7–15 Deborah Hemenway
Responsorial Psalm:	Judy Snopek & Jeff Schuller
Second Reading:	*Thessalonians,* 4:13–18 Eileen Sheenan
Gospel Acclamation:	Deacon Emil Myskowski

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God loved the world so much, he gave His only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life.

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Gospel:	*Gospel of John*, 15:12–16 Deacon Emil Myskowski
Homily:	Father Daniel Hamilton
Presentation of Gifts:	Members of Gibson Family
Presentation Hymn:	"Peace in the Valley"
Eucharistic Prayer	
Our Father	
Sign and Exchange of Peace	
Communion	
Communion Hymn:	"Now behold the Lord" "Total Praise"

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"Ave Maria":	Judy Snopek & Mark Forrest
Eulogy:	Jack DeWolfe
Final Commendation Rites	
Closing Hymn:	"Amazing Grace" "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

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We offer our sincerest condolences to the family members of Officer JACOB CHESTNUT who are here with us today.

The Eucharist is the sign of our faith and unity, therefore we ask only Catholics to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

The family wishes to thank the Metropolitan Police Choir for the music today, to all who joined here and to all who have remembered and honored JOHN, husband, loving father and police officer who gave his all.

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