

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Washington [Mr. FOLEY] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as I may consume. . . .

Mr. FOLEY. Madam Speaker, I move the previous question on the concurrent resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

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. FOLEY. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Ms. OAKAR). Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings of this question will be postponed until approximately 3 p.m. or at the end of legislative business today. . . .

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. OAKAR). The pending business is the question on agreeing to House Concurrent Resolution 139.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 139, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 0, not voting 36. . . .

So the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

§ 13. —Moments of Silence

The House has observed moments of silence as a way to honor

notable individuals,<sup>(1)</sup> fallen heroes and soldiers of wars,<sup>(2)</sup> and victims of national tragedies.<sup>(3)</sup> In one instance, the House stood in silent prayer in observance of the Nazi invasion of France.<sup>(4)</sup>

*Coretta Scott King*

§ 13.1 The Chair asked Members to observe a moment of silence in memory of Coretta Scott King, wife of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., on occasion of her death.

On Jan. 31, 2006,<sup>(1)</sup> the following proceedings took place:

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF MRS. CORETTA SCOTT KING

The SPEAKER.<sup>(2)</sup> In memoriam to the death this morning of Mrs. Coretta Scott King, I ask all Members to stand and observe a moment of silence.

*Moment of Silence to Mark Iraq War Losses*

§ 13.2 Instance of moment of silence to commemorate the

1. See §§ 13.1, 13.3, *infra*.
2. See §§ 13.2, 13.4, *infra*.
3. See §§ 13.5–13.7, *infra*.
4. See § 13.8, *infra*.
1. 152 CONG. REC. 402, 109th Cong. 2d Sess.
2. J. Dennis Hastert (IL).

### **loss of 2,500 American soldiers in the Iraq War.**

On June 15, 2006,<sup>(1)</sup> in the midst of general debate on House Resolution 861, the following proceedings took place:

Mr. [John P.] MURTHA [of Pennsylvania]. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. [Ike] SKELTON [of Missouri]. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, the media just reported the sad news that we have just reached a sad milestone: 2,500 Americans have lost their lives in the Iraq war. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask at the outset of this very important debate that the House observe a moment of silence for all those who have given the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country.

The SPEAKER pro tempore.<sup>(2)</sup> Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

### ***Rosa Parks***

#### **§ 13.3 A Member asked the Chair to lead the House in a moment of silence in memory of the passing of Rosa Parks.**

On Oct. 25, 2005,<sup>(1)</sup> the Chair asked Members to rise for a moment of silence:

1. 152 CONG. REC. 11412, 109th Cong. 2d. Sess.
2. Michael K. Simpson (ID).
1. 151 Cong. Rec. 23629, 109th Cong. 2d Sess.

#### **ANNOUNCING THE PASSING OF ROSA LOUISE PARKS**

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

Mr. [John] CONYERS [Jr., of Michigan]. Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to announce the passing of Rosa Louise Parks yesterday evening, and I would like to announce that we have already prepared a Special Order immediately following the business tomorrow, and we invite all of the Members on both sides of the aisle to attend.

#### **MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF ROSA LOUISE PARKS**

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, may I ask for the Speaker to call for a moment of silence in memory of Rosa Louise Parks.

The SPEAKER.<sup>(2)</sup> Would Members please rise and join me in a moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Rosa Louise Parks.

### ***Memorial Day***

#### **§ 13.4 The Chair asked Members to observe a moment of silence in honor of Memorial Day and fallen heroes.**

On May 20, 2004,<sup>(1)</sup> the Speaker made the following request:

The SPEAKER pro tempore.<sup>(2)</sup> The Chair would ask the House to observe

2. J. Dennis Hastert (IL).
1. 150 CONG. REC. 10639, 108th Cong. 2d. Sess. For additional information on federal holidays, see § 3, *supra*.
2. Michael K. Simpson (ID).

a moment of silence in honor of Memorial Day and our fallen heroes.

The House also on that day,<sup>(3)</sup> by unanimous consent permitted all Members to insert remarks and extraneous material in the *Congressional Record* on fallen heroes (the topic of a later special-order speech).

Mr. [James T.] WALSH [of New York]. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on a special order speech on the topic of fallen heroes and that all such remarks be printed in the *Congressional Record* of May 20, 2004.

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

Mr. [Charles B.] RANGEL [of New York]. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object and I will not object, I just want to take this opportunity to thank my friend and colleague from New York for affording this House the opportunity to express ourselves on this Memorial Day in honor of these fallen heroes. I appreciate working with him and I thank him very much for this opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.<sup>(4)</sup>

3. 150 CONG. REC. 10639, 108th Cong. 2d. Sess.
4. In recent practice, the House has observed monthly moments of silence for fallen heroes.

### *Victims of Mining Accident*

#### **§ 13.5 A Member took the floor for one minute by unanimous consent to initiate a moment of silence for the fates of nine miners trapped in a well for over 48 hours.**

On July 26, 2002,<sup>(1)</sup> the following proceedings took place:

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MINERS  
TRAPPED IN SOMERSET, PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. [Christopher] SHAYS [of Connecticut]. Mr. Chairman, in consultation with the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GEKAS), I ask for a moment of silence for the 9 miners in Somerset, Pennsylvania, trapped 240 feet underground. They have been trapped there for over 48 hours under very extreme conditions.

Mr. Chairman, this is in the district of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA), and he and others in this Chamber request the prayers of the Members of this Chamber for those miners, for their families, and for the heroic work of our rescue workers.

I ask for a moment of silence.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore.<sup>(2)</sup> Would all Members please stand.

### *Victims of Anthrax Attacks on Postal Service*

#### **§ 13.6 A Member took the floor for one minute by unanimous**

1. 148 CONG. REC. 14945, 107th Cong. 2d Sess.
2. John Linder (GA).

**consent to initiate a moment of silence in memory of the loss of Postal Service employees' lives to anthrax exposure resulting from "terrorist" mailings.**

On Oct. 23, 2001,<sup>(1)</sup> the following proceedings took place:

**MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR POSTAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES**

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

Mr. [Zach] WAMP [of Tennessee]. Mr. Speaker, I think it would be appropriate tonight with this many Members present and with our new Members present and on the job, if we as a body, in a unified way, stood together for a moment of silence in memory of the Postal Service employees that have lost their lives; and in honor of all of the families and all of those U.S. Postal Service employees around the country that work for us day in and day out, that we would bow our heads as the United States Congress in their honor and in their memory and pray for our country at this time in our country's history. Please stand.

***Victims of Oklahoma City Bombing***

**§ 13.7 After the prayer and before the approval of the Journal, the Speaker re-**

1. 147 CONG. REC. 20398, 107th Cong. 1st Sess.

**quested the House to join in a silent prayer for 168 seconds in honor and memory of the 168 Americans who died when a bomb exploded in a Federal building in Oklahoma City.**

On Apr. 19, 1996,<sup>(1)</sup> the following proceedings took place:

**MOMENT OF SILENCE IN TRIBUTE TO OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING VICTIMS**

The SPEAKER.<sup>(2)</sup> The Chair asks the House to join in a silent prayer for 168 seconds in honor and memory of the 168 Americans who died 1 year ago in Oklahoma City.

***Nazi Occupied France***

**§ 13.8 The House stood for one minute in silent prayer in observance of the invasion of Nazi-occupied France by our troops during World War II.**

On June 6, 1944,<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts, asked in a one-minute speech that the Members of the House stand in prayer.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, at this dramatic, historic, and eventful moment, I ask that the Members of the House stand in silent prayer.

1. 104 CONG. REC. 8224, 104th Cong. 2d Sess.
2. Newt Gingrich (GA).
1. 90 CONG. REC. 5387, 78th Cong. 2d Sess.

The Members of the House rose and stood for 1 minute in silent prayer.

EUROPEAN INVASION

Mr. [Joseph W.] MARTIN [Jr.], of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER.<sup>(2)</sup> Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, this is an anxious day for the people of America. It is a day of anxiety for liberty-loving people all over the world.

The fighting men and women of America and the Allied armies have landed on the historic shores of northern France. They have commenced the long trail which we have every reason to believe will not end until they enter victoriously the Hitler capital of Berlin.

## § 14. —Holocaust Days of Remembrance

The House has provided for a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda to mark the annual Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust. The ceremony is generally held on or around the 27th of April. Holocaust survivors and liberators, members of Congress, White House officials, members of the diplomatic corps and community leaders are in attendance at the ceremony.

2. Sam Rayburn (TX).

A concurrent resolution is needed to authorize the use of the Rotunda for the ceremony.

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### § 14.1 The House considered by unanimous consent and adopted a Senate concurrent resolution providing that the Capitol Rotunda be available at a certain time for a ceremony to commemorate the Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust.

On Mar. 26, 1979,<sup>(1)</sup> the House first authorized the use of the Rotunda for a ceremony to commemorate the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, as follows:

1. 125 CONG. REC. 6231, 96th Cong. 1st Sess.

For additional examples of concurrent resolutions authorizing the use of the Capitol Rotunda for the Days of Remembrance commemoration, see, *e.g.*, 149 CONG. REC. 4384–86, 108th Cong. 1st Sess., Feb. 25, 2003 (H. Con. Res. 40); 148 CONG. REC. 1053–55, 107th Cong. 2d Sess., Feb. 12, 2002 (H. Con. Res. 325); 147 CONG. REC. 1040–43, 107th Cong. 1st Sess., Jan. 31, 2001 (H. Con. Res. 14); 146 CONG. REC. 248, 249, 106th Cong. 2d Sess., Jan. 31, 2000 (H. Con. Res. 244); 145 CONG. REC. 1514–16, 106th Cong. 1st Sess., Feb. 2, 1999 (H. Con. Res. 19); 144 CONG. REC. 3043, 3044, 105th Cong. 2d Sess., Mar. 10, 1998 (H. Con. Res.