

Ceremonies and Awards

§ 1. Scope

This chapter presents a broad sampling of the types of celebrations, ceremonies, and awards in which the House participates.⁽¹⁾ Ceremonies concerned with joint sessions of Congress to receive Presidential messages, such as the state of the Union address, are included in the chapter on Presidential communications.⁽²⁾ Joint sessions to count the electoral vote are detailed elsewhere.⁽³⁾ Although this chapter does include examples of memorial services for various individuals, the reader is encouraged to consult the chapter on Death for a complete discussion on the House procedure for ceremonies related to the death of individuals.⁽⁴⁾ Receptions at the White House, pa-

1. The reader is encouraged to consult Ch. 24, *supra*, generally. For information on the ban on commemorative bills, see Rule XII clause 5, *House Rules and Manual* § 823 (2007); and *House Practice* Ch. 6 § 23 (2003). For information on the ban on naming public works after sitting Members, see Rule XXI clause 6, *House Rules and Manual* § 1068a (2007). See also § 22.6, *infra*.
2. See Ch. 35, *supra*.
3. See Ch. 10, *supra*.
4. See Ch. 38, *infra*.

rades, balls, and the like, are not included here. For a detailed examination of the uses of the House facilities and Capitol grounds, the reader is referred elsewhere.⁽⁵⁾

§ 2. Commemorative Occasions

The House has marked a number of important national anniversaries and notable events with ceremonies and observations. Among these have been ceremonies commemorating events in American history, such as the anniversaries of the Constitution⁽¹⁾ and the First Congress;⁽²⁾ commemorations marking historically significant dates of other nations;⁽³⁾ observances of a religious nature;⁽⁴⁾ observances of Pan American Day and Flag Day;⁽⁵⁾ and ceremonies commemorating Presidents.⁽⁶⁾

On two occasions Congress has engaged in ceremonial functions

5. See Ch. 4, *supra*.
1. See § 4.5, *infra*.
2. See §§ 4.1–4.4, *infra*.
3. See § 5, *infra*.
4. See § 6, *infra*.
5. See §§ 7 and 8, *infra*.
6. See § 9, *infra*.