

The SPEAKER pro tempore.<sup>(2)</sup> Members will rise. The House will recognize the passing of Mother Teresa with a moment of silence.

**§ 5.23 The Chairman of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Affairs addressed the Committee of the Whole out of order to announce to the House the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, the former Prime Minister of India.**

On May 21, 1991,<sup>(1)</sup> Stephen J. Solarz, of New York, chairman of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, by unanimous consent received permission to speak out of order and announced the death of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India.

(By unanimous consent Mr. SOLARZ was allowed to speak out of order.)

Mr. SOLARZ. Mr. Chairman, I regret to report to the House that Rajiv Gandhi, the former Prime Minister of India, was just assassinated in a bomb explosion that went off as he was emerging from his car at a campaign rally about 25 miles south of Madras.

We do not know at the present time how many other people were killed or who was behind this dastardly deed.

But I did want to say, as someone who has gotten to know Mr. Gandhi

well over the years and who considered him a personal friend, that this is a truly tragic development. . . .

Mr. [Newt] GINGRICH [of Georgia]. Mr. Chairman, I just want to ask, if it is possible, if we might have a moment of silence on behalf of all Members, for Rajiv Gandhi's family, and for the principles of democracy, which have been so sadly shattered this afternoon.

I ask for a moment of silence, if this is possible.

(Moment of silence observed.)

**§ 6. Resolutions of Sympathy**

It is the practice of the House to adopt resolutions expressing sympathy and sorrow upon learning of the death of a Member of Congress or other public figure. By custom, a resolution of sympathy on the death of a Member has been treated as privileged and debated under the hour rule. A copy of the resolution adopted upon the death of a Member will be transmitted to the other House and one to the family of the deceased. Sometimes, authorization for a committee to make arrangements for a funeral will be included in the resolution.

A sampling of resolutions of sympathy for noted Americans include those offered for a deceased President,<sup>(1)</sup> for a deceased Chief

2. Edward A. Pease (IN).

1. 137 CONG. REC. 11632, 102d Cong. 1st Sess.

1. See §§ 6.1–6.3, *infra*.

Justice,<sup>(2)</sup> for an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on his death,<sup>(3)</sup> for a deceased Secretary of Labor,<sup>(4)</sup> on the death of a Speaker<sup>(5)</sup> or former Speaker,<sup>(6)</sup> for a former Vice President,<sup>(7)</sup> on the death of a Secretary of the Navy,<sup>(8)</sup> and of a House employee.<sup>(9)</sup> The death of a minority employee<sup>(10)</sup> and various House officers<sup>(11)</sup> have been similarly noted.

The Member who has announced the death of a colleague will usually, although not invariably, be the person who offers the resolution of sympathy.<sup>(12)</sup>

### ***Death of President or Former President***

#### **§ 6.1 A resolution was adopted by the House on the death of President John F. Kennedy.**

On Nov. 25, 1963,<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Abraham J. Multer, of New York, of-

2. See § 6.6, *infra*.
  3. See §§ 6.7, 6.8, *infra*.
  4. See § 6.22, *infra*.
  5. See §§ 6.10–6.12, *infra*.
  6. See §§ 6.9, 6.13, 6.14, *infra*.
  7. See §§ 6.5, 6.13, *infra*.
  8. See § 6.23, *infra*.
  9. See §§ 6.19–6.21, *infra*.
  10. See § 6.21, *infra*.
  11. See §§ 6.19–6.21, *infra*.
  12. See § 5, *supra*, and § 10, *infra*.
1. 109 CONG. REC. 22695, 22696, 88th Cong. 1st Sess.

fered House Resolution 571. The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives has learned with profound regret and sorrow of the tragic death of the late President of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, illustrious statesman and leader in the Nation and in the world.

*Resolved*, That as a token of honor and in recognition of his eminent and distinguished public services to the Nation and to the world the Speaker of the House shall appoint a committee of one hundred Members of the House to join a similar committee appointed on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral services of the late President.

*Resolved*, That the House tenders its deep sympathy to the members of the family of the late President in their sad bereavement.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the late President.

The SPEAKER pro tempore.<sup>(2)</sup> Without objection, the several resolving clauses are agreed to.

There was no objection.

*Parliamentarian's Note:* The House was not in session on Nov.

2. James C. Wright, Jr. (TX).

22, 1963, the date of President Kennedy's assassination.

**§ 6.2 A resolution of sympathy was adopted by the House on the death of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.**

On Apr. 14, 1945,<sup>(1)</sup> the following resolution was offered and agreed to:

Mr. [John W.] McCORMACK [of Massachusetts]. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 216) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives has learned with profound regret and sorrow of the death of the late President of the United States, Hon. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, illustrious statesman and leader in the Nation and in the world.

*Resolved*, That as a token of honor and in recognition of his eminent and distinguished public services to the Nation and to the world the Speaker of the House shall appoint a committee of 15 Members of the House to join a similar committee appointed on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral services of the late President.

*Resolved*, That the House tenders its deep sympathy to the members of the family of the late President in their sad bereavement.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the late President.

The resolution was agreed to.

1. 91 CONG. REC. 3356, 79th Cong. 1st Sess.

**§ 6.3 A resolution of sympathy was adopted by the House on the death of former President Ronald Wilson Reagan.**

On June 8, 2004,<sup>(1)</sup> Tom DeLay of Texas, the Majority Leader, offered the following privileged resolution.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 663) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 663

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives has learned with profound regret and sorrow of the death of Ronald Wilson Reagan, former President of the United States of America.

*Resolved*, That the House tenders its deep sympathy to the members of the family of the former President in their bereavement.

*Resolved*, That in recognition of the many virtues, public and private, of one who served with distinction as President, the Speaker shall appoint a committee of the House to join with such Members of the Senate as may be designated, to attend the funeral services of the former President.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions, and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the applicable accounts of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy of the same to the family of the former President.

1. 150 CONG. REC. 11752, 11754, 108th Cong. 2d Sess.

*Resolved*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the former President. . . .

The SPEAKER pro tempore.<sup>(2)</sup> The question is on the resolution. . . .

So the resolution was agreed.

**§ 6.4 A resolution of sympathy was adopted by the House on the death of former President Richard M. Nixon.**

On Apr. 25, 1994,<sup>(1)</sup> Robert H. Michel, of Illinois, the Minority Leader, offered the following privileged resolution:<sup>(2)</sup>

Mr. MICHEL. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 411) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 411

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives has learned with profound regret and sorrow of the death of Richard Milhous Nixon, former

2. Ray LaHood (IL).

1. 140 CONG. REC. 8451, 8452, 103d Cong. 2d Sess.

2. See also resolutions of sympathy for former President Lyndon Baines Johnson at 119 CONG. REC. 1839, 93d Cong. 1st Sess., Jan. 23, 1973 (H. Res. 152); for former President Harry S Truman at 119 CONG. REC. 31, 93d Cong. 1st Sess., Jan. 3, 1973 (H. Res. 14); and for former President Dwight David Eisenhower at 115 CONG. REC. 8127, 8128, 91st Cong. 1st Sess., Mar. 31, 1969 (H. Res. 351).

President of the United States of America.

*Resolved*, That in recognition of the many virtues, public and private, of one who served with distinction as Representative, Senator, Vice President, and President, the Speaker shall appoint committees of the House to join with such Members of the Senate as may be designated, to attend the funeral services of the former President.

*Resolved*, That the House tenders its deep sympathy to the members of the family of the former President in their sad bereavement.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out of the provisions of these resolutions, and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out the contingent fund of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy of the same to the family of the former President.

*Resolved*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the former President.

**Former Vice President**

**§ 6.5 A resolution was adopted by the House upon the death of a former Vice President.**

On Jan. 29, 1979,<sup>(1)</sup> Samuel S. Stratton, of New York, dean of the delegation, offered the following resolution upon the death of former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller:

Mr. STRATTON. Mr. Speaker, as dean of the New York delegation and

1. 125 CONG. REC. 1354, 1355, 96th Cong. 1st Sess.

on behalf of the majority leader of the House and of the minority leader of the House, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 74) on the death of the Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 74

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Vice President of the United States.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the memorial service.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the House do now adjourn. . . .

Mr. STRATTON. . . .

Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question on the adoption of the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), under its previous order

and pursuant to House Resolution 74, the House adjourned until Wednesday, January 31, 1979, at 3 p.m.

*Parliamentarian's Note:* This was the first instance of a House resolution authorizing the appointment of a funeral committee for a former Vice President.<sup>(2)</sup>

**Chief Justice**

**§ 6.6 A resolution of sympathy was adopted by the House on the death of the Chief Justice of the United States.**

On Sept. 6, 2005,<sup>(1)</sup> the House adopted a resolution of sympathy

2. See also 124 CONG. REC. 112, 95th Cong. 2d Sess., Jan. 19, 1978 (H. Res. 951 on the death of sitting Senator and former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey [MN]); 102 CONG. REC. 7322, 84th Cong. 2d Sess., May 1, 1956 (H. Res. 491, on the death of sitting Senator, former Vice President, and former Member of the House, Alben W. Barkley [KY]); and 80 CONG. REC. 1759, 74th Cong. 2d Sess., Feb. 10, 1936 (H. Res. 416 on the death of former Vice President Charles Curtis [KS]).

1. 151 CONG. REC. 19568, 109th Cong. 1st Sess.

There was no funeral committee appointed for Chief Justice Rehnquist. His body lie in state in the Great Hall of the Supreme Court from Sept. 6, 2005, until his funeral on Sept. 7, 2005, conducted at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C.

in recognition of the death of the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, William H. Rehnquist:

Mr. [Tom] DELAY [of Texas]. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 422) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 422

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable William H. Rehnquist; Chief Justice of the United States.

*Resolved*, That the House tenders its deep sympathy to the members of the family of the late Chief Justice in their bereavement.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and to the Supreme Court and transmit a copy of the same to the family of the late Chief Justice.

*Resolved*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Chief Justice.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.<sup>(2)</sup>

### ***Associate Justice***

#### **§ 6.7 Upon the death of an Associate Justice of the Su-**

2. See also 100 CONG. REC. 10-12, 83d Cong. 2d Sess., Jan. 6, 1954 (H. Res. 397, on the death of Chief Justice of the United States Fred M. Vinson); and 92 CONG. REC. 4263, 79th Cong. 2d Sess., Apr. 30, 1946 (H. Res. 607, on the death of Chief Justice of the United States Harlan Fiske Stone).

**preme Court, the House adopted a resolution expressing sorrow, appointed a committee to attend the funeral, and adjourned as a further mark of respect.**

On July 19, 1949,<sup>(1)</sup> House Resolution 287 was offered by Mr. John D. Dingell, of Michigan, who had been recognized to speak about the late Justice Frank Murphy, formerly of Michigan:

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution (H. Res. 287). The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Frank Murphy, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

*Resolved*, That a committee of four Members of the House be appointed to attend the funeral and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and to the Supreme Court and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER.<sup>(2)</sup> The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. DINGELL; the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. RABAUT; the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. WOODRUFF; and the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. SHAFER.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

1. 95 CONG. REC. 9740, 81st Cong. 1st Sess.
2. Sam Rayburn (TX).

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn. The resolution was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 36 minutes p. m.) the House, pursuant to its previous order, adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 20, 1949, at 10 o'clock a.m.

**§ 6.8 A resolution was adopted by the House upon the death of the Honorable Wiley Rutledge, an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.**

On Sept. 13, 1949,<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Harry R. Sheppard, of California, offered House Resolution 356 and asked for its immediate consideration. It was read and agreed to, as follows:

Mr. SHEPPARD. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 356) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Wiley Rutledge, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and to the Supreme Court and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

1. 95 CONG. REC. 12813, 81st Cong. 1st Sess.

***Former Speaker of the House***

**§ 6.9 Upon the reconvening of Congress, a resolution expressing sorrow was adopted for former Speaker Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois.**

On Jan. 3, 1935,<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Adolph J. Sabath, of Illinois, offered, and the House agreed to, the following resolution:

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, within a very few days after the Seventy-third Congress adjourned the Nation learned with sorrow of the death of a most beloved citizen of the State of Illinois. He was a great statesman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. I therefore offer a resolution, which I send to the Clerk's desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

House Resolution 23

*Resolved*, That the House has learned with profound sensibility and sorrow of the death of HENRY T. RAINEY, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third Congress.

*Resolved*, That in the death of the Hon. HENRY T. RAINEY the United States has sustained an irreparable loss.

*Resolved*, That this House, of which he was a distinguished Member and leader, unite in honoring his sterling character, the ability, probity, and patriotic motives which illustrated his public career and the grace and dignity which marked his intercourse with his fellow citizens.

1. 79 CONG. REC. 38, 74th Cong. 1st Sess.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

RECESS

Mr. [Edward T.] TAYLOR of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House stand in recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; and accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 32 minutes p. m.), pursuant to the order heretofore made, the House stood in recess until tomorrow, Friday, January 4, 1935, at 12 o'clock noon.

*Parliamentarian's Note:* Speaker Rainey died in St. Louis, Missouri, on Aug. 19, 1934, following the adjournment of the first session of the 73d Congress on June 18, 1934. This is the second instance where a Speaker died while in office. Speaker Michael C. Kerr, of Indiana, died on Aug. 19, 1876, after the adjournment of the first session of the 44th Congress.

*Speaker of the House*

**§ 6.10 A resolution of sorrow was adopted upon the death of Speaker Joseph W. Byrns, of Tennessee.**

On June 4, 1936,<sup>(1)</sup> a resolution was adopted upon the death of

1. 80 CONG. REC. 9017, 74th Cong. 2d Sess.

Speaker Byrns. The resolution read as follows:

House Resolution 544

*Resolved*, That the House has learned with profound sensibility and sorrow of the death of Hon. JOSEPH W. BYRNS, Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Seventy-fourth Congress.

*Resolved*, That a committee of four Members of the House be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of Mr. BYRNS in the House of Representatives at such time as the said committee shall fix.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the remains of Mr. BYRNS be removed from Washington to Nashville, Tenn., in charge of the Sergeant at Arms, attended by the committee, who shall have full power to carry these resolutions into effect, and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

*Resolved*, That a committee of 60 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral at Nashville, Tenn. . . .

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect, this House do now adjourn to such time on tomorrow, June 5, 1936, as the Speaker shall fix.

*Parliamentarian's Note:* Speaker Byrns died suddenly shortly after midnight on June 4, 1936.<sup>(2)</sup>

**§ 6.11 A single House resolution, adopted upon the death of Speaker William B.**

2. See § 12.1, *infra*, for the resolution inviting distinguished guests to the late Speaker's funeral in the Hall of the House.

**Bankhead, of Alabama, expressed sorrow at the loss, provided for two funeral committees, authorized payment of certain funeral-related expenses, directed the Clerk to transmit copies of the resolution to the appropriate parties; and invited the President, Cabinet, Vice President, Senate, Supreme Court, and other dignitaries to attend the funeral in the House Chamber. This was a departure from the usual practice in the past, whereby invitations would be transmitted in a separate resolution.**

On Sept. 16, 1940,<sup>(1)</sup> after the death of Speaker Bankhead was announced, House Resolution 603 was offered by Mr. Henry B. Steagall, of Alabama:

*Resolved*, That the House has learned with profound sensibility and sorrow of the death of Hon. WILLIAM B. BANKHEAD, Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Seventy-sixth Congress.

*Resolved*, That a committee of four Members of the House be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of Mr. BANKHEAD in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at 12:30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, September 16, 1940, and that the House of Representatives attend the same.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the remains of Mr. BANKHEAD be removed from Washington to Jasper, Ala., in charge of the Sergeant at Arms, attended by the committee, who shall have full power to carry these resolutions into effect, and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

*Resolved*, That a committee of 63 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral at Jasper, Ala.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House communicate these resolutions to the Senate, transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased, and invite the Senate to attend the funeral in the House Chamber and appoint a committee to act with the committee of the House.

*Resolved*, That invitations be extended to the President of the United States and the members of his Cabinet, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, the diplomatic corps (through the Secretary of State), the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Chief of Naval Operations of the Navy, the Major General Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard to attend the funeral in the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The resolution was agreed to.

**§ 6.12 Upon reconvening, the House adopted a resolution expressing its sorrow at the loss suffered by the Nation and the House on the death**

1. 86 CONG. REC. 12232, 76th Cong. 3d Sess.

**of Speaker Sam Rayburn, of Texas.**

On Jan. 10, 1962,<sup>(1)</sup> the first day of the second session of the 87th Congress, the House adopted resolutions expressing condolences upon the deaths of two Representatives,<sup>(2)</sup> a Senator,<sup>(3)</sup> and Speaker Rayburn. The resolutions of sympathy were offered and adopted in the following order: (1) to Members of the House in order of death (except the Speaker); (2) the Senator; and (3) the Speaker.

The following proceedings took place:

Mr. [Wright] PATMAN [of Texas]. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 491

*Resolved*, That the House has learned with profound sensibility and sorrow of the death of SAM RAYBURN, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-sixth through the Seventy-ninth, Eighty-first and Eighty-second, and Eighty-fourth through the first session of the Eighty-seventh Congress, having served as Speaker more than twice as long as any Speaker in the history of the Congress.

*Resolved*, That in the death of the Honorable SAM RAYBURN the United States has sustained an irreparable loss.

1. 108 CONG. REC. 9, 87th Cong. 2d Sess.
2. Louis C. Rabaut (MI) and John J. Riley (SC).
3. Styles Bridges (NH).

*Resolved*, That this House, of which he was a distinguished Member and leader, unite in honoring his sterling character, the ability, probity, and patriotic motives which illustrated his public career, and the grace and dignity which marked his intercourse with his fellow citizens.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. [Carl] ALBERT [of Oklahoma]. Mr. Speaker, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, January 11, 1962, at 12 o'clock noon.

**§ 6.13 A resolution was adopted by the House on the death of John Nance Garner, of Texas, who served as Speaker of the House during the 72d Congress and as Vice President during the first two Presidential terms of Franklin D. Roosevelt.**

On Nov. 7, 1967,<sup>(1)</sup> after the death of former Speaker of the House and former Vice President

1. 113 CONG. REC. 31499, 90th Cong. 1st Sess.

Garner was announced, a resolution was offered and agreed to as follows:

Mr. [Wright] PATMAN [of Texas].  
Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 969

*Resolved*, That the House has learned with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable John Nance Garner, formerly Speaker of the House of Representatives and Vice President of the United States.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

The Senate adopted a similar resolution at the close of its business for the day.<sup>(2)</sup>

**§ 6.14 A resolution adopted by the House on the death of former Speaker Martin provided for adjournment out of respect but did not provide for appointment of a funeral delegation.**

On Mar. 7, 1968,<sup>(1)</sup> following tributes to the late Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, former Speaker of the House of

2. *Id.* at p. 31605 (S. Res. 183).

1. 114 CONG. REC. 5742, 90th Cong. 2d Sess.

Representatives, the following resolution was offered:

Mr. [William H.] BATES [of Massachusetts]. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolutions as follows:

H. RES. 1087

*Resolved*, That the House has learned with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., former Member of the House for twenty-one consecutive terms, and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Eightieth and Eighty-third Congresses.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The SPEAKER.<sup>(2)</sup> The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

*Member of the House*

**§ 6.15 The announcement of the death of a sitting Member was made by the senior member of the party of the deceased in his State delegation in the House, while the resolution adjourning the House out of respect was offered by the senior member of that entire State delegation at the request of the**

2. John W. McCormack (MA).

**Member who had announced the death.**

On Feb. 2, 1970,<sup>(1)</sup> after the House had conducted its scheduled business, Chet Holifield, senior Democratic member of the California delegation, offered House Resolution 811 at the request of H. Allen Smith, senior Republican member of the California delegation, who departed the Chamber immediately following his announcement to be with the family of the late Glenard P. Lipscomb. The proceedings were as follows:

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 811

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb, a Representative from the State of California.

*Resolved*, That a committee of 50 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Sen-

ate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to. . . .

The SPEAKER.<sup>(2)</sup> . . .

The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

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ADJOURNMENT

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 26 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 3, 1970, at 12 o'clock noon.

**§ 6.16 At the conclusion of a special-order speech eulogizing a Member whose death had been announced earlier that day in the House, a resolution of sympathy was agreed to and immediately upon passage thereof, the House, pursuant to the final provision of the resolution, adjourned as a sign of respect for the deceased Member.**

On Aug. 23, 1965,<sup>(1)</sup> following eulogies to the late Mr. Clarence J. Brown, of Ohio, and just prior to adjournment out of respect,

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2. John W. McCormack (MA).

1. 116 CONG. REC. 2065, 2066, 91st Cong. 2d Sess.

1. 111 CONG. REC. 21264, 89th Cong. 1st Sess.

Mrs. Frances P. Bolton, of Ohio, offered the following resolution:

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 539

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable CLARENCE J. BROWN, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

*Resolved*, That a committee of sixty Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER.<sup>(2)</sup> The Chair desires to state that the Chair will announce tomorrow the names of members of the funeral committee on the part of the House.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until

2. John W. McCormack (MA).

tomorrow, Tuesday, August 24, 1965, at 12 o'clock noon.

***Member-elect***

**§ 6.17 A resolution of sympathy was adopted by the House upon the death of Member-elect<sup>(1)</sup> Robert T. Matsui.**

On Jan. 4, 2005,<sup>(2)</sup> the following resolution was offered and agreed to by voice vote:

Mr. [Forney Pete] STARK [of California]. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 11) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 11

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Robert T. Matsui, a Representative from the State of California.

*Resolved*, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together

1. For other House responses to deaths of Member-elects, see § 2.12, *supra*, and § 8.13, *infra*. See also 125 CONG. REC. 20, 96th Cong. 1st Sess., Jan. 15, 1979 (H. Res. 11, announcing the death of Member-elect Leo J. Ryan [CA] and H. Res. 12, announcing the death of Member-elect William Steiger [WI]); and 135 CONG. REC. 85, 86, 101st Cong. 1st Sess., Jan. 3, 1989 (announcing the death of Member-elect Bill Nichols [AL]).
2. 151 CONG. REC. 84, 106, 107, 109th Cong. 1st Sess.

with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of applicable accounts of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The SPEAKER pro tempore.<sup>(3)</sup> The gentleman from California (Mr. STARK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. . . .

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 11, I move that the House do now adjourn in memory of the late Honorable ROBERT T. MATSUI.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, January 6, 2005, at 11 a.m., in memory of the late Honorable ROBERT T. MATSUI of California.

3. Rick Renzi (AZ).

#### Senator

#### § 6.18 A resolution of sympathy was adopted by the House upon the death of Senate Majority Leader Everett McKinley Dirksen.

On Sept. 8, 1969,<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Leslie C. Arends, of Illinois, offered House Resolution 532,<sup>(2)</sup> which the Clerk read as follows:

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

#### H. RES. 532

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Everett McKinley Dirksen, a Senator of the United States from the State of Illinois.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased Senator.

*Resolved*, That a committee of thirty-two Members be appointed on the part of the House to join the committee appointed on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral.

The resolutions were agreed.

The SPEAKER.<sup>(3)</sup> The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: . . .

1. 115 CONG. REC. 24695, 91st Cong. 1st Sess.
2. A message from the Senate informed the House the Senate passed S. Res. 253 upon the death of Senator Dirksen (IL). See *Id.* at p. 24634.
3. John W. McCormack (MA).

The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, September 9, 1969, at 11:45 o'clock a.m.

#### *House Doorkeeper*

#### **§ 6.19 When the Doorkeeper of the House died, a resolution of sympathy was adopted by the House.**

On Jan. 28, 1943,<sup>(1)</sup> following remarks commending the career and personality of the late Honorable Joseph J. Sinnott, Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives for 23 years, a resolution of condolence was read and agreed to as follows:

Mr. [Dave E.] SATTERFIELD, [Jr., of Virginia]. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. Joseph J. Sinnott,

1. 89 CONG. REC. 422, 78th Cong. 1st Sess.

Doorkeeper of the House, and an employee for nearly 55 years.

*Resolved*, That as a mark of respect to his memory the Speaker appoint a committee of four Members to attend the funeral services.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk transmit a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

#### *House Chaplain*

#### **§ 6.20 The death of the Chaplain of the House, Bernard Braskamp, was announced to the House and a resolution was adopted.**

On Feb. 23, 1966,<sup>(1)</sup> the death of the Chaplain was announced to the House by the Member representing the Chaplain's place of birth:

Mr. [Stanley L.] GREIGG [of Iowa]. Mr. Speaker, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 745

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Bernard Braskamp, D.D., Chaplain of the House.

*Resolved*, That as a mark of respect to his memory the Speaker appoint a committee of seven Members to attend the funeral services.

*Resolved*, That the necessary expenses in connection with the funeral services be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

1. 112 CONG. REC. 3766, 89th Cong. 2d Sess.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk transmit a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to. . . .

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER.<sup>(2)</sup> The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The House stands adjourned in memory of our late beloved Chaplain.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, February 24, 1966, at 12 o'clock noon.

### *Former Clerk of the House*

#### **§ 6.21 The House adopted a resolution on the death of a former Clerk of the House and appointed a committee to attend his funeral.**

On Oct. 20, 1942,<sup>(1)</sup> the following resolution was offered:

Mr. [Joseph W.] MARTIN [Jr., of Massachusetts]. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 861) and ask for its adoption.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. William Tyler Page,

an employee and officer of the House for nearly 62 years.

*Resolved*, That as a mark of respect to his memory the Speaker appoint a committee of four Members to attend the funeral services.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk transmit a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER.<sup>(2)</sup> The Chair appoints the following committee of Members to attend the funeral: Messrs. CANNON of Missouri, ENGLEBRIGHT, EATON, and ROBSION of Kentucky.

Likewise, on May 23, 1950,<sup>(3)</sup> Speaker pro tempore John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts, recognized Mr. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, who announced the death of John Andrews, a minority employee and former Clerk of the House. Mr. Martin then offered the following resolution:

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 609) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. John Andrews, an employee and officer of the House for more than 30 years.

*Resolved*, That as a mark of respect to his memory the Speaker appoint a committee of 10 Members to attend the funeral services.

2. John W. McCormack (MA).

1. 88 CONG. REC. 8486, 77th Cong. 2d Sess.

2. Sam Rayburn (TX).

3. 96 CONG. REC. 7517, 81st Cong. 2d Sess.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk transmit a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

### ***Cabinet Officers***

#### **§ 6.22 A resolution was adopted by the House on the death of the Secretary of Labor.**

On June 10, 1948,<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Henry M. Jackson, of Washington, announced the death of the Secretary of Labor, Lewis B. Schwellenbach:

Mr. JACKSON of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. JACKSON of Washington. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I announce the death of the Secretary of Labor, Hon. Lewis B. Schwellenbach. He passed away this morning at 4:40 a.m. at Walter Reed Hospital. . . .

Lewis Schwellenbach was a distinguished public servant, a man of sterling integrity and principle. He served his Nation well. The people of my State mourn his loss as do the people of our country as a whole. I personally have lost a good and staunch friend.

1. 94 CONG. REC. 7723, 80th Cong. 2d Sess.

2. Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (MA).

We join in extending our deepest sympathy to his beloved wife and family.

Following tributes and intervening business in the House, the following resolution was offered:<sup>(3)</sup>

Mr. JACKSON of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution (H. Res. 661), as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. Lewis B. Schwellenbach, late the Secretary of Labor.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect this House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 46 minutes p. m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, June 11, 1948, at 11 o'clock a. m.

#### **§ 6.23 A resolution was adopted by the House on the death of the Secretary of the Navy.**

On May 1, 1944,<sup>(1)</sup> the following proceedings occurred:

Mr. [Adolph J.] SABATH [of Illinois]. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H.

3. See 94 CONG. REC. 7784, 80th Cong. 2d Sess.

1. 90 CONG. REC. 3805, 78th Cong. 2d Sess.

Res. 523), and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Frank Knox, late Secretary of the Navy.

*Resolved*, That a committee of seven Members of the House be appointed to join a committee of the Senate in attending the funeral of the late Secretary of the Navy on behalf of Congress and to take such other action as may be proper in honor of the memory of the deceased and to manifest the respect and appreciation of Congress for his public service.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The SPEAKER.<sup>(2)</sup> . . .

The occupant of the chair has received an invitation and will attend the funeral in addition to the committee just named.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect this House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 7 minutes p.

m.) the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 2, 1944, at 12 o'clock noon.

### *Israeli Olympic Athletes*

**§ 6.24 By unanimous consent, the House considered, and then adopted by a unanimous record vote, a resolution mourning the deaths of members of the Israeli Olympic team.**

On Sept. 6, 1972,<sup>(1)</sup> following a 30-minute recess called as a mark of respect for the 11 Israeli athletes murdered by terrorists, the following resolution was offered:

Mr. [Emanuel] CELLER [of New York]. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 1106) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

#### H. RES. 1106

Whereas with profound sorrow and deep alarm the House is informed of the events surrounding the killing of eleven members of the Israeli Olympic team participating in the Twentieth Olympiad at Munich, and

Whereas such actions are to be condemned as inimical to the interests and aspirations of the civilized world, be it hereby

*Resolved*, That the United States joins with the world in mourning the loss of Israel's athletes and extends its deepest sympathy to the people of Israel and to the families of those so tragically lost, and be it,

1. 118 CONG. REC. 29544, 29565, 29566, 92d Cong. 2d Sess.

2. Sam Rayburn (TX).

*Further resolved*, That all means be sought by which the civilized world may cut off from contact with civilized mankind any peoples or any nation giving sanctuary, support, sympathy, aid, or comfort to acts of murder and barbarism such as those just witnessed at Munich and that the Clerk of the House be directed to communicate these sentiments and expressions to the Secretary of State for appropriate transmittal.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New York (Mr. CELLER) is recognized. . . .

Mr. CELLER. Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. [Sidney R.] YATES [of Illinois]. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members, and the Clerk will call the roll.

The question was taken; and there were—yeas 346, nays 0, not voting 85. . . .

So the resolution was agreed to.

### *President's Mother*

#### § 6.25 The House adopted a resolution upon the death of

2. Carl Albert (OK).

#### **the mother of President Truman.**

On July 26, 1947,<sup>(1)</sup> the following occurred in the House:

Mr. [Sam] RAYBURN [of Texas]. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 347) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the mother of the President of the United States, Mrs. Martha E. Truman, whose life exemplified in the highest degree the finest qualities of American womanhood.

*Resolved*, That the House extends to the President and to the members of his family its deepest sympathy in their hour of personal grief.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. [Dewey] SHORT [of Missouri]. Mr. Speaker, I think it is altogether fitting and proper that the membership should rise for 30 seconds in silent tribute and respect for the sainted mother of the President of the United States.

(Whereupon the Members rose.)

#### **§ 7. Deaths of Foreign Dignitaries**

Resolutions of sympathy upon the death of a foreign dignitary are occasionally considered in the House. Simple resolutions are most commonly used for expressions of sympathy, but in some instances concurrent resolutions

1. 93 CONG. REC. 10474, 80th Cong. 1st Sess.