

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 66) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 16th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 66

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

SECTION 1. USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The National Fraternal Order of Police, and its auxiliary shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the sixteenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, on the Capitol grounds on May 15, 1997, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate may jointly designate, in order to honor the more than 117 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 1996.

SEC. 2. TERMS OF CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The event authorized to be conducted on the Capitol grounds under section 1 shall be free of admission charge to the public and arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress, under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The National Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

SEC. 3. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

(a) STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.—Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the National Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary are authorized to erect upon the Capitol grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment, as may be required for the event authorized to be conducted on the Capitol grounds under section 1.

(b) ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.—The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board are authorized to make any such additional arrangements as may be required to carry out the event.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM].

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

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 66 authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 16th annual Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15, 1997. The service will honor over 117 Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 1996.

The National Fraternal Order of Police will sponsor the event and agree to make all the necessary arrangements with the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board. In addition, the sponsor will assume all expenses and all liability in connection with the event. The event will be free of charge and open to the public.

This is a fitting tribute to the men and women who gave their lives for our lives. I support this measure, and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

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

I want to join with the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] in supporting H. Con. Res. 66. Sadly, this event has become a tradition during which families, friends, and fellow officers gather to honor the lives and sacrifices of peace officers who die in the line of duty. On average, Mr. Speaker, one law enforcement officer is killed somewhere in the United States nearly every other day.

In 1981, when I was sheriff of Mahoning County, OH, one of my deputies, John "Sonny" Litch, was killed in the line of duty. Sonny was then transporting a prisoner to the hospital. His name is on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC.

No one gave more for our community than the Litch family, and to find Sonny in a position without compensation, Mr. Speaker, was a marvel in itself.

During 1996, seven law enforcement officers from the State of Ohio were killed in the line of duty. I want to place their names in this RECORD.

James Gross, Ohio State Highway Patrol; Brian Roshong, Canton Police Department; Jason Grossnickle, Dayton Police Department; Douglas Springer, Coldwater Police Department; Derrik Lanier, Cuyahoga Metro Housing Authority Police; Duane Guhl, Fulton County Sheriff's Office; Hilary Cudnik, Cleveland Police Department.

The names of these officers, Mr. Speaker, will all be engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. It is most fitting and commendable that we honor the service of these great patriots who have given so much for our country and our communities.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support House Concurrent Resolution 66, authorizing the use of the U.S. Capitol Grounds for the 16th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day services on Thursday, May 15.

In memory of the law officers who have given their last full measure of devotion to their communities and their country in service of public safety, and in tribute to their families and their colleagues, the flags atop the U.S. Capitol will be flown at half-staff on National Peace Officers' Memorial Day. I would like to recognize Speaker NEWT GINGRICH for his leadership in helping us make this tribute possible.

I also thank Chairman JAY KIM and Ranking Member JAMES TRAFICANT, of the House Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Infrastructure, for their timely and expeditious work in support of our peace officers' use of the Capitol Grounds.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 66.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Concurrent Resolution 66.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING 1997 SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RELAY TO BE RUN THROUGH CAPITOL GROUNDS

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res 67) authorizing the 1997 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 67

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF RUNNING OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RELAY THROUGH CAPITOL GROUNDS.

On June 13, 1997, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate may jointly designate, the 1997 Special Olympics Torch Relay may be run through the Capitol Grounds, as part of the journey of the Special Olympics torch to the District of Columbia Special Olympics summer games at Gallaudet University in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITY OF CAPITOL POLICE BOARD.

The Capitol Police Board shall take such actions as may be necessary to carry out section 1.

SEC. 3. CONDITIONS RELATING TO PHYSICAL PREPARATIONS.

The Architect of the Capitol may prescribe conditions for physical preparations for the event authorized by section 1.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM].

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

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 67 authorizes the 1997 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds. This relay is part of the journey of the Special Olympics torch to the District of