

**AUTHORIZING USE OF EAST FRONT OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR PERFORMANCES SPONSORED BY KENNEDY CENTER**

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 52) authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 52

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

**SECTION 1. AUTHORIZING USE OF EAST FRONT OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR PERFORMANCES SPONSORED BY KENNEDY CENTER.**

In carrying out its duties under section 4 of the John F. Kennedy Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76j), the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, in cooperation with the National Park Service (in this resolution jointly referred to as the "sponsor"), may sponsor public performances on the East Front of the Capitol Grounds at such dates and times as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may approve jointly.

**SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Any performance authorized 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) ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITIES.—The sponsor shall assume full responsibility for all liabilities incident to all activities associated with the performance.

**SEC. 3. PREPARATIONS.**

(a) STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.—In consultation with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Architect of the Capitol shall provide upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment as may be required for a performance authorized under section 1.

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

**SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.**

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1946 (40 U.S.C. 193d; 60 Stat. 718), concerning sales, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, with respect to a performance authorized by section 1.

**SEC. 5. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.**

A performance may not be conducted under this resolution after September 30, 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey Mr. FRANKS) and the gentleman from Mississippi Mr. SHOWS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey Mr. FRANKS).

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 52, introduced by the chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infra-

structure, the gentleman from Pennsylvania Mr. SHUSTER), and cosponsored by the ranking member, the gentleman from Minnesota Mr. OBERSTAR), authorizes the use of the East Front of the Capitol for performances by the Millennium Stage of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. It is expected the performances are to take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays when Congress is in session, from Memorial Day through September 30, 1999.

The performances will be open to the public, free of admission charge, and the sponsors of the event, the Kennedy Center and the National Park Service, will assume responsibility for all liabilities associated with the event. The Architect of the Capitol will be responsible for some of the expenses associated with the performances. The Architect and the Police Board will make additional arrangements in complete compliance with the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol grounds. The resolution expressly prohibits sales, displays and solicitation in connection with the event.

This unique event allows the Kennedy Center to provide leadership in the national performing arts education policy and programs and to conduct community outreach, as provided for in its mission statement. By permitting these performances on the East Front, the Congress is assisting the Kennedy Center in fulfilling its important mission.

Mr. Speaker, I support the resolution, and I urge my colleagues to support it as well.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support this resolution, which authorizes the use of the Capitol grounds for summer concerts presented by the John F. Kennedy Center. Consistent with other resolutions regarding the use of the Capitol grounds, the concerts will be free of charge and open to the public, and the sponsors will abide by the applicable rules and regulations.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays around lunchtime, the public will be treated with presentations of music, drama and dance by fine local and regional talent. This is a rare opportunity for a wide range of visitors and tourists to enjoy the offerings of the Kennedy Center. The 1998 summer series was a great hit and enjoyed by several hundred visitors, Capitol Hill residents, and hill Staff and Members.

I support House Concurrent Resolution 52 and look forward to the summer program.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Minnesota Mr. OBERSTAR), the ranking Democrat on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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

The Kennedy Center at the Millennium Stage is truly one of the most re-

markable innovations of the center and is the brainchild of the chairman of the center's board of trustees, Jim Johnson, and carried out brilliantly by president Larry Wilker.

The Millennium Stage operates 365 days a year, free to the public, and has entertained over half a million people, visitors to our Nation's Capital who can come to the Kennedy Center, to the Nation's center for the performing arts, and enjoy a free performance of the greatest array of talent that this Nation has to offer. It is an enjoyable, wonderful, uplifting experience for hundreds of thousands of visitors to our Nation's Capital as well as to residents of our Nation's Capital.

The resolution we bring to the House floor today will bring to the Capitol grounds this edition of the Millennium Stage and make it available here in the heart of the Nation's Capital.

It is a great privilege for me to serve, in my capacity as ranking member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, along with the chairman of our full committee, the gentleman from Pennsylvania Mr. BUD SHUSTER), on the board of trustees of the Kennedy Center. Together, we enthusiastically welcome to the Capitol grounds the Millennium Stage of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 52.

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.

**AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR 1999 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN**

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 50) authorizing the 1999 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 50

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

**SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF RUNNING OF D.C. SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN THROUGH CAPITOL GROUNDS.**

On June 11, 1999, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives