

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO
FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2005

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2005, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 21, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

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VACATING ORDER OF HOUSE OF
TODAY VARYING CLAUSE 11(a)(1)
OF RULE X

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the order of the House by unanimous consent of today varying clause 11(a)(1) of rule X be vacated.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

AMENDING RULES OF HOUSE RE-
LATING TO COMPOSITION OF
PERMANENT SELECT COM-
MITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 51) amending the Rules of the House relating to the composition of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 51

Resolved, In clause 11(a)(1) of rule X—
(a) strike “18” and insert “21”; and (b) strike “10” and insert “12”.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 111

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as cosponsor of H.R. 111.

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

There was no objection.

HONORING JOHNNY CARSON

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be dis-

charged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 40) honoring the career and philanthropic contributions of Johnny Carson, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 40

Whereas Johnny Carson was born as John William Carson on October 23, 1925, in Corning, Iowa, to Homer “Kit” and Ruth Carson;

Whereas Johnny Carson moved with his family to Norfolk, Nebraska, in 1933, served his country as a Navy ensign during World War II, and received a bachelor of arts degree in radio and speech in 1949 from the University of Nebraska;

Whereas Johnny Carson became known as the “King of Late Night” as he entertained millions of Americans from 1962 until 1992 as the host of “The Tonight Show”;

Whereas Johnny Carson won six Emmy Awards, was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame in 1987, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1992, and received the Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Award in 1993;

Whereas Johnny Carson continued to recognize his Midwestern roots by generously donating millions of dollars to communities and institutions in Nebraska and Iowa;

Whereas the United States was saddened by the death of Johnny Carson on January 23, 2005, at the age of 79: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors Johnny Carson for making us laugh and for his many philanthropic contributions; and

(2) expresses its deepest sympathy and condolences to his family.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I will not take that much time.

I want to rise in support of House Resolution 40 that honors the life and career of Johnny Carson. Mr. Speaker, the former Tonight Show host passed away on Sunday after 13 years of retirement at the age of 79. His show delighted viewers every weeknight for three decades during an incomparable late-night run from October of 1962 until May of 1992.

Much has been said in recent days about Johnny Carson, and rightfully so. Carson’s career was extremely decorated. He was a six-time Emmy Award winner and a member of the Television Hall of Fame. Carson was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1992, and he received the Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Award in 1993.

But, undoubtedly, Johnny Carson’s greatest accomplishment was in making millions of people laugh at the end of days that were not always that funny. The Tonight Show aired during a period that included some of the

most sobering events in American history: the Civil Rights Movement; the Vietnam War; the Watergate saga; the assassinations of President Kennedy, Senator Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., to name a few. Johnny Carson’s grace through his 30 years was as important to his longevity as was his sense of humor.

Since his Tonight Show in 1992, Americans everywhere have longed for his return. His personal life was always intensely private; so we have seen or heard little of him over the last 13 years. With his passing on Sunday, we know we will never see Johnny Carson. And as David Letterman, whose own program followed the Tonight Show each night for 10 years, said this week, “We will not see the like of him again,” either.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. FORTENBERRY), our new colleague.

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday America lost a brilliant entertainer, a gifted comedian, and a generous philanthropist. Johnny Carson, who passed away at the age of 79, lived much of his life in California, but he never forgot his Nebraska roots. Johnny Carson was born in Corning, Iowa, but at the age of 8, he and his family moved to Norfolk, Nebraska, a community which continues to embrace him.

Johnny Carson graduated from Norfolk High School in 1943, and, by the way, Mr. Speaker, that is where he happened not to make the cheerleader squad three times. He then served his country as an ensign in the Navy during World War II. He attended the University of Nebraska and graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in radio and speech in 1949.

Although much attention has been paid in recent days to the impact that Johnny Carson had on television, I would like to focus on his generosity, which took on many forms. The list of his financial contributions to communities and institutions is very impressive. It seemed that whenever a project in the Norfolk area was short of funds, Johnny Carson came to the rescue. But he did it in his trademark modest and unassuming style, and, in fact, many of his donations were made anonymously.

Over the years he developed an impressive philanthropic legacy. He gave \$2.27 million for the Cancer Radiation Center in Norfolk, \$1 million for the Lifelong Learning Center at Northeast Community College, \$600,000 to the Norfolk Public Schools for the Johnny Carson Theater, and \$500,000 for the Norfolk Library Foundation. He gave to numerous other projects both in Nebraska and Iowa.

Johnny Carson also did not forget his alma mater. Last year he donated \$5.3 million to renovate and expand the Temple Building, which houses the University of Nebraska-Lincoln theater department. He also provided funding for four merit-based scholarships and donated millions of dollars toward the