

United States (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Hanna H. Gray of Illinois on April 13, 2005, is filled by the appointment of Shirley Ann Jackson of New York. The appointment is for a term of 6 years, beginning on the later of April 14, 2005, or the date of the enactment of this joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY).

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Joint Resolution 19. I am pleased to be here on the floor with my distinguished colleague from New York to talk about the appointment of Shirley Ann Jackson as a citizen regent of the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents.

The Smithsonian's governing board is comprised of 17 members. These members include the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Vice President of the United States, six Members of Congress, and nine citizens who are nominated by the board and approved jointly in a resolution of Congress. The nine citizen members serve for a term of 6 years each and are eligible for reappointment to one additional term.

Shirley Ann Jackson will fill a vacancy on the board being created with the departure of Hanna Gray. Shirley Ann Jackson is the 18th president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the first African American woman to lead a national research university.

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Dr. Jackson has been a pioneer in many of her other endeavors as well. She is the first African American woman to receive a doctorate from MIT, the first African American to become a commissioner and chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the first African American woman elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

Her accomplishments in the field of physics and her leadership as the head of a national research university provide her with tremendous experience that will benefit the Smithsonian's board.

Dr. Jackson is currently President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and she was named one of seven 2004 Fellows of the Association for Women in Science.

In addition to her experience, Dr. Jackson has received the Golden Torch Award for Lifetime Achievement in Academia from the National Society of Black Engineers. She has been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame, and she has been recognized in such publications as *Discover* and *Industry Week* magazines and the *Esence* book, 50 of The Most Inspiring African Americans.

I could go on and on because I have merely scratched the surface of Dr. Jackson's numerous achievements, as well as the honors and awards she has received. But I will conclude by saying that it should be very clear that Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson would be a tremendous addition to the Smithsonian Institution's governing board. It will be an honor and pleasure to have her serve on that board, and I ask my colleagues to support House Joint Resolution 19.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I consider it a great honor to come to the floor today to nominate my friend Shirley Ann Jackson for the position of member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

As the chairman pointed out, Dr. Jackson is the 18th President of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a leading national research university, which I am proud to say is located in my congressional district in the great city of Troy, New York, and I am also proud to say that Shirley Ann Jackson is a constituent.

Dr. Jackson is widely recognized for her intelligent, compassionate problem-solving abilities and her promotion of women and minorities in science. Dr. Jackson is currently the President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and is a director of many major corporations, including FedEx and AT&T.

She is also a member of the New York Stock Exchange Board of Directors, the Council on Foreign Relations, the National Academy of Engineering, the National Advisory Council on Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering at NIH, the U.S. Comptroller-General's Advisory Committee for the GAO, and the Executive Committee of the Council on Competitiveness.

She is also a Fellow at the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and is a trustee of Georgetown University, Rockefeller University, Emma Willard School, and the Brookings Institution.

As the chairman pointed out, she is the recipient of many awards and honors, including life membership on the MIT Board of Trustees.

A native of Washington, D.C., Dr. Jackson received both her B.S. in physics and her Ph.D. in theoretical elementary particle physics from MIT. Dr. Jackson also holds 32 honorary doctoral degrees.

Mr. Speaker, as the chairman pointed out, Dr. Jackson is uniquely qualified for this position, and I urge adoption of the joint resolution.

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

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

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

I am delighted again to refer this resolution to my colleagues for their con-

sideration and support. Dr. Jackson is a great friend. She is a constituent. She is an outstanding American and a great humanitarian, and I urge adoption of the joint resolution.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BISHOP of Utah). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 19.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. NEY. 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 the subject of the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 19.

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

There was no objection.

#### PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT P. KOGOD TO BOARD OF REGENTS OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 20) providing for the appointment of Robert P. Kogod as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.J. RES. 20

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.* That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Wesley S. Williams, Jr. of the District of Columbia, on April 13, 2005, is filled by the appointment of Robert P. Kogod of the District of Columbia. The appointment is for a term of 6 years, beginning on the later of April 14, 2005, or the date of the enactment of this joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY).

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

Again, Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to be here with my friend and colleague