

Mr. Speaker, the Congressional Gold Medal is the highest honor Congress bestows. It has gone to military heroes, including General George Washington, and heroes of the fight against prejudice. Thus, it is only fitting—and long overdue—that we recognize the Tuskegee Airmen in this manner, and do so during Black History Month.

It is for those reasons, Mr. Speaker, that I rise in strong support of H.R. 1259, introduced by the gentleman from New York, that would award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Tuskegee Airmen, and ask for its immediate passage.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1259. This resolution authorizes the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

As a veteran of the United States Air Force, I am proud to be a co-sponsor of this important resolution. I thank the gentleman from New York for introducing it and urge my colleagues' support.

Prior to the Tuskegee Airmen, all combat pilots had been white. In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the creation of an all black flight training program to train black Americans as military pilots. Due to the rigid system of racial segregation that prevailed in the United States during World War II, black military pilots were trained at a separate airfield built near Tuskegee, Alabama. The Division of Aeronautics of Tuskegee Institute, the famed school founded by Booker T. Washington in 1881, conducted primary flight training. Thus, they became known as the Tuskegee Airmen.

The first classes of Tuskegee Airmen were trained to be fighter pilots for the famous 99th Fighter Squadron, slated for combat duty in North Africa. Additional pilots were assigned to the 332nd Fighter Group, which flew combat along with the 99th Squadron from bases in Italy.

Due to the success of the program, in September 1943, a twin-engine training program was begun at Tuskegee to provide bomber pilots. However, World War II ended before these men were able to get into combat.

By the end of the war, 992 men had graduated from pilot training at Tuskegee, 450 of whom were sent overseas for combat assignment. During the same period, approximately 150 lost their lives while in training or on combat flights.

The Tuskegee Airmen inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces, paving the way for full racial integration in the Armed Forces. They overcame the enormous challenges of prejudice and discrimination, succeeding, despite obstacles that threatened failure. Yet, their impact can be felt far beyond the U.S. Armed Forces into nearly every aspect of American life. The strength and courage of the Tuskegee Airmen serve as an inspiration to all Americans, regardless of skin color or nationality.

It remains critically important for all Americans to know the Tuskegee Airmen's story and the struggles these men went through and ultimately overcame. I encourage everyone to learn more about these remarkable and inspirational men and urge my colleagues to support this important resolution.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CONAWAY). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1259, as amended.

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 question 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 on H.R. 1259 and H.R. 2872 and to insert extraneous material thereon.

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

There was no objection.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO ZIMBABWE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 109-93)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency blocking the property of persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2006. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on March 4, 2005 (70 FR 10859).

The crisis constituted by the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions has not been resolved. These actions and policies pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is

necessary to continue this national emergency and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 27, 2006.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DENT) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 1096, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 668, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 1259, by the yeas and nays.

The first and third electronic votes will be conducted as 15-minute votes. The second vote in this series will be a 5-minute vote.

ACT COMMEMORATING THE LITE, OR LIFETIME INNOVATIONS OF THOMAS EDISON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1096, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1096, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 1, not voting 32, as follows:

[Roll No. 14]

YEAS—399

Ackerman	Berkley	Boucher
Aderholt	Berman	Boustany
Akin	Berry	Boyd
Alexander	Bilirakis	Bradley (NH)
Andrews	Bishop (GA)	Brady (PA)
Baca	Bishop (NY)	Brady (TX)
Bachus	Bishop (UT)	Brown (OH)
Baird	Blackburn	Brown (SC)
Baker	Blumenauer	Brown-Waite,
Baldwin	Blunt	Ginny
Barrett (SC)	Boehert	Burgess
Barrow	Boehner	Burton (IN)
Bartlett (MD)	Bonilla	Butterfield
Barton (TX)	Bono	Buyer
Bass	Boozman	Calvert
Bean	Boren	Camp (MI)
Becerra	Boswell	Campbell (CA)

Cannon	Hastings (WA)	Melancon	Smith (WA)	Thompson (MS)	Watt	Cannon	Hayes	Michaud
Cantor	Hayes	Mica	Snyder	Thornberry	Waxman	Cantor	Hayworth	Miller (FL)
Capito	Hayworth	Michaud	Sodrel	Tiahrt	Weiner	Capito	Hefley	Miller (MI)
Capps	Hefley	Miller (FL)	Solis	Tiberi	Weldon (FL)	Capps	Hensarling	Miller (NC)
Capuano	Hensarling	Miller (MI)	Souder	Towns	Weldon (PA)	Capuano	Herger	Miller, George
Cardin	Herger	Miller (NC)	Spratt	Turner	Weller	Cardin	Hersteth	Mollohan
Cardoza	Hersteth	Miller, George	Stark	Udall (CO)	Westmoreland	Cardoza	Higgins	Moore (KS)
Carnahan	Higgins	Mollohan	Stearns	Udall (NM)	Wexler	Carnahan	Hinojosa	Moore (WI)
Carson	Hinojosa	Moore (KS)	Strickland	Upton	Whitfield	Carson	Hobson	Moran (KS)
Carter	Hobson	Moore (WI)	Stupak	Van Hollen	Wicker	Carter	Hoekstra	Murphy
Case	Hoekstra	Moran (KS)	Sullivan	Velázquez	Wilson (NM)	Case	Holden	Murtha
Castle	Holden	Murphy	Tancredo	Visclosky	Wilson (SC)	Castle	Holt	Musgrave
Chabot	Holt	Murtha	Tanner	Walden (OR)	Wolf	Chabot	Honda	Napolitano
Chandler	Honda	Musgrave	Tauscher	Walsh	Woolsey	Chandler	Hooley	Neal (MA)
Chocola	Hooley	Napolitano	Taylor (MS)	Wamp	Wu	Chocola	Hostettler	Neugebauer
Clay	Hostettler	Neal (MA)	Taylor (NC)	Wasserman	Wynn	Clay	Hoyer	Ney
Cleaver	Neugebauer	Neugebauer	Terry	Schultz	Young (AK)	Cleaver	Hulshof	Northup
Clyburn	Hulshof	Ney	Thomas	Waters	Young (FL)	Clyburn	Hunter	Norwood
Coble	Hunter	Northup	Thompson (CA)	Watson		Coble	Hyde	Nunes
Cole (OK)	Hyde	Norwood				Cole (OK)	Inglis (SC)	Nussle
Conaway	Inglis (SC)	Nunes				Conaway	Inslee	Oberstar
Conyers	Inslee	Nussle				Conyers	Israel	Obey
Cooper	Israel	Oberstar				Cooper	Issa	Olver
Cramer	Issa	Obey				Cramer	Jackson (IL)	Ortiz
Crenshaw	Jackson (IL)	Olver				Crenshaw	Jackson-Lee	Oxley
Crowley	Jackson-Lee	Ortiz				Crowley	(TX)	Pallone
Cubin	(TX)	Otter				Cubin	Jefferson	Pascarell
Cuellar	Jefferson	Oxley				Cuellar	Jenkins	Pastor
Culberson	Jenkins	Pallone				Culberson	Jindal	Paul
Cummings	Jindal	Pascarell				Cummings	Johnson (CT)	Payne
Davis (AL)	Johnson (CT)	Pastor				Davis (AL)	Johnson (IL)	Pearce
Davis (CA)	Johnson (IL)	Payne				Davis (CA)	Johnson, E. B.	Pelosi
Davis (IL)	Johnson, E. B.	Pearce				Davis (IL)	Johnson, Sam	Pence
Davis (KY)	Johnson, Sam	Pelosi				Davis (KY)	Jones (NC)	Peterson (MN)
Davis (TN)	Jones (NC)	Pence				Davis (TN)	Jones (OH)	Peterson (PA)
Davis, Jo Ann	Jones (OH)	Peterson (MN)				Davis, Jo Ann	Kanjorski	Petri
Davis, Tom	Kanjorski	Peterson (PA)				Davis, Tom	Kaptur	Pickering
Deal (GA)	Kaptur	Petri				Deal (GA)	Keller	Pitts
DeFazio	Keller	Pickering				DeFazio	Kelly	Platts
DeGette	Kelly	Pitts				DeGette	Kennedy (MN)	Poe
Delahunt	Kennedy (MN)	Platts				Delahunt	Kennedy (RI)	Pombo
DeLauro	Kennedy (RI)	Poe				DeLauro	Kildee	Pomeroy
Dent	Kildee	Pombo				Dent	Kilpatrick (MI)	Porter
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kilpatrick (MI)	Pomeroy				Diaz-Balart, L.	Kind	Price (GA)
Dicks	Kind	Porter				Dicks	King (IA)	Price (NC)
Dingell	King (IA)	Price (GA)				Dingell	King (NY)	Pryce (OH)
Doggett	King (NY)	Price (NC)				Doggett	Kingston	Putnam
Doyle	Kingston	Pryce (OH)				Doyle	Kirk	Radanovich
Drake	Kirk	Putnam				Drake	Kline	Rahall
Dreier	Kline	Radanovich				Dreier	Knollenberg	Ramstad
Duncan	Knollenberg	Rahall				Duncan	Kolbe	Rangel
Edwards	Kolbe	Ramstad				Edwards	Kucinich	Regula
Ehlers	Kucinich	Rangel				Ehlers	Kuhl (NY)	Rehberg
Emanuel	Kuhl (NY)	Regula				Emanuel	LaHood	Reichert
Emerson	LaHood	Rehberg				Emerson	Langevin	Renzi
Engel	Langevin	Reichert				Engel	Lantos	Reyes
English (PA)	Lantos	Renzi				English (PA)	Larsen (WA)	Reynolds
Eshoo	Larsen (WA)	Reyes				Eshoo	Larson (CT)	Rogers (AL)
Etheridge	Larson (CT)	Reynolds				Etheridge	Latham	Rogers (KY)
Everett	Latham	Rogers (AL)				Everett	LaTourette	Rogers (MI)
Farr	LaTourette	Rogers (KY)				Farr	Leach	Ros-Lehtinen
Fattah	Leach	Rogers (MI)				Fattah	Lee	Ross
Feeney	Lee	Ros-Lehtinen				Feeney	Levin	Rothman
Ferguson	Levin	Ross				Ferguson	Lewis (CA)	Royce
Filner	Lewis (CA)	Rothman				Filner	Lewis (GA)	Ruppersberger
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Lewis (GA)	Royce				Fitzpatrick (PA)	Lewis (KY)	Ryan (OH)
Flake	Lewis (KY)	Ruppersberger				Flake	Linder	Ryan (WI)
Foley	Linder	Ryan (OH)				Foley	Lipinski	Ryun (KS)
Forbes	Lipinski	Ryan (WI)				Forbes	LoBiondo	Sabo
Fortenberry	LoBiondo	Ryan (KS)				Fortenberry	Lofgren, Zoe	Salazar
Fossella	Sabo	Sabo				Fossella	Lowey	Sanchez, Linda
Foxx	Lowey	Salazar				Foxx	Lungren, Daniel	T.
Frank (MA)	Lungren, Daniel	Sánchez, Linda				Frank (MA)	E.	Sanchez, Loretta
Franks (AZ)	E.	T.				Franks (AZ)	Lynch	Sanders
Frelinghuysen	Lynch	Sanchez, Loretta				Frelinghuysen	Mack	Saxton
Gallely	Mack	Sanders				Gallely	Maloney	Schakowsky
Garrett (NJ)	Maloney	Saxton				Garrett (NJ)	Manzullo	Schiff
Gerlach	Manzullo	Schakowsky				Gerlach	Marchant	Schmidt
Gibbons	Marchant	Schiff				Gibbons	Markey	Schwartz (PA)
Gilchrest	Markey	Schmidt				Gilchrest	Marshall	Schwarz (MI)
Gillmor	Marshall	Schwartz (PA)				Gillmor	Matheson	Scott (GA)
Gingrey	Matheson	Schwartz (MI)				Gingrey	Matsui	Scott (VA)
Gohmert	Matsui	Scott (GA)				Gonzalez	McCarthy	Sensenbrenner
Gonzalez	McCarthy	Scott (VA)				Goode	McCaul (TX)	Serrano
Goode	McCaul (TX)	Sensenbrenner				Goodlatte	McCotter	Sessions
Goodlatte	McCotter	Serrano				Gordon	McCrery	Shadegg
Gordon	McCrery	Sessions				Granger	McDermott	Shaw
Granger	McDermott	Shadegg				Graves	McGovern	Shays
Graves	McGovern	Shaw				Green (WI)	McHenry	Sherman
Green (WI)	McHenry	Shays				Green, Al	McHugh	Sherwood
Green, Al	McHugh	Sherman				Green, Gene	McIntyre	Shimkus
Green, Gene	McIntyre	Sherwood				Grijalva	McKeon	Shuster
Grijalva	McKeon	Shimkus				Gutknecht	McKinney	Simmons
Gutknecht	McKinney	Shuster				Hall	McMorris	Simpson
Hall	McMorris	Simmons				Harman	McNulty	Slaughter
Harman	McNulty	Simpson				Harris	Meehan	Smith (NJ)
Harris	Meehan	Slaughter				Hart	Meek (FL)	Smith (TX)
Hart	Meek (FL)	Smith (NJ)				Hastings (FL)	Meeks (NY)	Smith (WA)
Hastings (FL)	Meeks (NY)	Smith (TX)				Hastings (WA)	Mica	Snyder

NAYS—1

Paul

NOT VOTING—32

Abercrombie	Doolittle	Moran (VA)
Allen	Evans	Myrick
Beauprez	Ford	Nadler
Biggett	Gutierrez	Osborne
Bonner	Hinchee	Owens
Brown, Corrine	Istook	Rohrabacher
Costa	Lucas	Roybal-Allard
Costello	McCollum (MN)	Rush
Davis (FL)	Millender-	Skelton
DeLay	McDonald	Sweeney
Diaz-Balart, M.	Miller, Gary	Tierney

□ 1854

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEXAS WESTERN'S 1966 NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DENT). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 668, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KELLER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 668, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 0, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 15]

YEAS—397

Ackerman	Berkley	Boucher
Aderholt	Berman	Boustany
Akin	Berry	Boyd
Alexander	Bilirakis	Bradley (NH)
Allen	Bishop (GA)	Brady (PA)
Andrews	Bishop (NY)	Brady (TX)
Baca	Bishop (UT)	Brown (OH)
Bachus	Blackburn	Brown (SC)
Baird	Blumenauer	Brown-Waite,
Baker	Blunt	Ginny
Baldwin	Boehler	Burgess
Barrett (SC)	Boehner	Burton (IN)
Barrow	Bonilla	Butterfield
Bartlett (MD)	Bono	Buyer
Bartol (TX)	Boozman	Calvert
Bean	Boren	Camp (MI)
Becerra	Boswell	Campbell (CA)