

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 remarkable 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 and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may jointly designate, the 1999 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run (in this resolution referred to as the "event") 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 the event.

SEC. 3. CONDITIONS RELATING TO PHYSICAL PREPARATIONS.

The Architect of the Capitol may prescribe conditions for physical preparations for the event.

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 the event.

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.

House Concurrent Resolution 50 authorizes the 1999 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be conducted through the grounds of the Capitol on June 11, 1999, or on such date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration jointly designate. The resolution also authorizes the Architect of the Capitol, the Capitol Police Board and the D.C. Special Olympics, the sponsor of the event, to negotiate the

necessary arrangements for carrying out the event in complete compliance with the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol grounds. The sponsor of the event will assume all expenses and liabilities in connection with the event; and all sales advertisements and solicitations are prohibited.

The Capitol Police will be hosting the opening ceremonies for the run starting on Capitol Hill, and the event will be free of charge and open to the public. Over 2,000 law enforcement representatives from local and Federal law enforcement agencies in Washington will carry the Special Olympics torch in honor of 2,500 Special Olympians who participate in this annual event, to show their support for the Special Olympics.

For over a decade the Congress has supported this worthy endeavor by enacting resolutions for the use of the grounds. I am proud to sponsor this resolution this year, and 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.

This event needs little introduction. 1999 marks the 31st anniversary of the D.C. Special Olympics. The torch relay event is a traditional part of the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics, which takes place at Gallaudet University in the District of Columbia.

Each year approximately 2,500 Special Olympians compete in over a dozen events, and more than one million children and adults with special needs participate in Special Olympic worldwide programs. The event is supported by literally thousands of volunteers.

The goal of the games is to help bring mentally handicapped individuals into the larger society under conditions whereby they are accepted and respected. Confidence and self-esteem are the building blocks for these Olympic Games.

I enthusiastically support this resolution and the very worthwhile endeavor of the Special Olympics. I urge passage of House Concurrent Resolution 50.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, the relay event is a traditional part of the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics, which take place at Gallaudet University in the District of Columbia.

This year, approximately 2,500 special Olympians will compete in 17 events, and more than one million children and adults with special needs participate in Special Olympics worldwide programs.

The goal of the games is to help bring mentally disabled individuals into the larger society under conditions whereby they are accepted and respected. Confidence and self esteem are the building blocks for these Olympic games. Better health, coordination, and lasting friendships are the results of participation.

D.C. Special Olympics is the sole provider in the District of Columbia of these special

services. No other organization provides athletic programs for citizens with developmental disabilities.

I support H. Con. Res. 50 and urge its passage.

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 50.

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 NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 44) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 18th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 44

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 eighteenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, on the Capitol Grounds on May 15, 1999, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may jointly designate, in order to honor the more than 160 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 1998.

SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The event authorized by 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 by section 1.

SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in sec-

tion 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 the event authorized by section 1.

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.

House Concurrent Resolution 44, as amended, authorizes the use of the Capitol grounds for the 18th Annual Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15, 1999, or on such date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration jointly designate. The resolution authorizes the Architect of the Capitol, the Capitol Police Board, and the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, the sponsor of the event, to negotiate the necessary arrangements for carrying out the event in complete compliance with the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol grounds. The Capitol Police will be the hosting law enforcement agency. The sponsor will assume all expenses and liability in connection with the event. The event will be free of charge and open to the public, and all sales advertisements and solicitations are prohibited.

This service will honor Federal, State and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 1998. This will be a time to remember our own slain Capitol Hill Police officers, Officers Chestnut and Gibson. It is a fitting tribute to the men and women who gave their lives in the performance of their duties.

Mr. Speaker, I support this measure and 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, House Concurrent Resolution 44 authorizes the use of the Capitol grounds for this most solemn service. I strongly support this resolution which honors these police officers, men and women, who died in the line of duty during 1998. During last year, 152 very brave peace officers from the ranks of State, local and Federal service were killed in the line of duty. Twelve women officers are included in this number.

On average, one law enforcement officer is killed somewhere in America nearly every other day. Thousands of officers are assaulted and about 23,000 are injured.

Mr. Speaker, in 1962, President John Kennedy signed the law establishing National Police Week. May 15 is des-

ignated Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the Capitol Hill ceremony will take place on that day.

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It is a day during which a grateful Nation will pay tribute to the sacrifice of all peace officers.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor three police officers in my own community who gave their lives in the line of duty. Lloyd Jones, Sheriff of Simpson County; Deputy Sheriff Tommy Bourne, Jefferson Davis County; and Deputy Sheriff J.P. Rutland, also of Jefferson Davis County. These brave men were family men, devoted fathers, dedicated husbands, and community leaders. The Nation's Capitol is an appropriate and fitting place to honor their memory and their noble service. As a caring Nation, we deeply appreciate their sacrifice.

I strongly support and urge passage of House Concurrent Resolution 44.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) the author of the bill.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my distinguished colleague, and I want to thank the chairman, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS), and the ranking member, the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. WISE), for bringing this to the floor.

And I want to commend one of the most able staffs in the House who work on this type of business with very little fanfare, Rick Barnett and Susan Brita. We thank them for all their effort, having worked closely with this subcommittee for many years. The great job they do is appreciated.

As a former sheriff, the National Peace Officers' Memorial Day service has special meaning. Number one, the peace officer law enforcement memorial was a by-product of my chief of staff, Paul Marcone, who led the charge to build that.

I want to commend former Presidents Reagan and Bush for their efforts in helping all along the line to create a memorial for the slain law enforcement officers who have given their lives to help our Nation.

The second meaning, and a tragic one to say the least, is the loss of Sonny Litch, deputy sheriff during my term of sheriff, who was literally executed while transporting a prisoner. And til this day, justice I do not believe has been served, because I believe this man should be put to death, and that is an issue for another day.

But the 17th District of Ohio is not foreign to slain officers. And in the names on the Law Enforcement Memorial are the following eight who I would like to pay tribute to:

John R. "Sonny" Litch, Jr., my deputy, Mahoning County Sheriff's Office; John A. Utlak of the Niles Police Department; Richard Elton Becker of the