

Act. This bill will open new economic opportunities for the continent, provide African countries with greater access to U.S. markets and consequently attract greater foreign investment. Africa needs these investments and market access opportunities to lift up its economy. However, it will never reach the road of economic prosperity as long as the HIV/AIDS epidemic continues to subjugate the African people. Until a cure is found, all other issues are of secondary importance.

President Clinton and his administration want to increase resources to fight AIDS abroad in fiscal year 2001. The World Bank AIDS Marshall Plan Trust Fund Act will help to ensure that the federal government will continue to address this issue over the next several years. The resources supplied by these efforts will go toward distributing medications which can prolong the life of HIV-infected people and improve their quality of life. This is significant when one considers that many African countries have national annual medical budgets of as little as \$6 per person. This bill will help these countries set up treatment, prevention and education programs. In return the benefiting countries must agree to implement a national HIV/AIDS program and undertake a commitment to work with multiple partners including those affected by the disease, religious and community leaders, health professionals and other entities.

The bill authorizes \$100 million in each of the following five fiscal years through fiscal year 2005. These funds would be authorized in addition to any other funds authorized for multilateral or bilateral programs related to HIV/AIDS or economic development. As a Member of the Appropriations Committee, I want to assure the sponsors of this legislation that I will work with them to obtain a fair share of funding in this year's appropriations cycle.

I join those who urge my colleagues to support this bill. This is timely legislation, and it deserves the approval of this chamber.

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I am in support of the World Bank AIDS Marshall Plan Trust Fund Act, H.R. 3519. I have seen first hand the devastation that AIDS has had on Africa, and I firmly believe that the United States and the rest of the developed world must act now to end the suffering and hardship caused by this terrible disease.

I cannot overstate my strong belief that H.R. 3519 is desperately needed legislation, and I am proud to be a cosponsor. Quite simply, passing this bill is the right thing to do. When I recently visited Zimbabwe, Nigeria, and South Africa, I was overwhelmed by the impact that AIDS was having, not only on those inflicted with the disease, but also on the thousands of orphans that the disease creates. In some countries, one-fifth to one-third of the children have already been orphaned by the disease.

The AIDS epidemic presents us with an unprecedented humanitarian challenge. The numbers for Africa are numbing—more than 23 million adults and children currently infected with the virus and, to date, almost 14 million AIDS-related deaths. Infection rates in some countries are in the 20 to 26 percent range.

In light of these statistics, the U.S. Surgeon General warns that AIDS will soon surpass the

bubonic plague as the worst epidemic of infectious disease in recorded history. Of the 33.6 million AIDS cases worldwide, 70 percent are in Africa. While I can cite these statistics, it is impossible to find any words to describe the magnitude of the human suffering and what amounts to be the potential destruction of an entire continent, not to mention the harm to those countries beyond Africa's borders.

H.R. 3519's call for an international response to the AIDS crisis in Africa is a reasonable step towards making sure that the people who need our help get it. While the United States alone cannot solve the AIDS crisis, it can provide leadership. Only the coordinated response of the developed world provides hope. In this regard, I was especially pleased to see last week that five of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies have agreed to drastically reduce the price that they charge in the world's poor countries.

However, it is important to understand that the United States and the developed world will never be able to effectively deal with the pandemic without the cooperation of the governments in the countries affected. Of all of the provisions in H.R. 3519, one of its most important provisions is the one that establishes the priority for making trust fund grants. In directing funds to programs in countries at the most risk, the law will factor in a government's level of commitment to combating the AIDS epidemic in determining whether a program should receive trust fund money.

As we have seen in countries such as Uganda and Senegal, active political support at the highest levels of government is essential to making sure the limited funds are not wasted. On this point, I emphasize with what I can only describe as total bewilderment the failure of some African leaders to face the AIDS epidemic. While we can provide financial support, the leadership and will to fight the epidemic must come from within Africa.

Funds are too scarce and the magnitude of what we are facing too great to invest in programs that are destined to fail because they lack the necessary internal support.

In closing, I want to thank Chairman LEACH and Congressman LAFALCE for their leadership on this bill. It is desperately needed, and I urge my colleagues to vote for it.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 3519, the World Bank AIDS Marshall Plan Trust Fund. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this important bipartisan legislation, which would address one of the greatest crises facing the world today, the tremendous spread of AIDS in Africa.

The AIDS epidemic has ravaged the nations of Africa, with over 23 million people estimated to be living with AIDS today in sub-Saharan Africa alone. Most heartbreaking is the effect this disease has had on the children of that continent. Roughly 8 million children in Africa are orphaned due to AIDS today and this number is expected to reach nearly 40 million in ten years.

The World Bank Trust Fund would harness the power of the world's public and private sectors to combat this devastating situation. This public-private partnership is a great example of the role the United States can play as an international leader in public health. This bill demonstrates that we have the resources

and the bill to help those who are suffering with this terrible disease.

Along with the recent steps taken by the Clinton Administration and several major pharmaceutical companies to ensure that affordable treatments are available in Africa, this bill would go a long way toward finally eradicating the spread of AIDS in Africa and bring some relief to a much beleaguered part of the world.

I applaud the efforts of all of those who have worked hard on this bill and I urge my colleagues to support it.

Mr. LEACH. 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 Iowa (Mr. LEACH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3519, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LEACH. 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. 3519, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 434) "An Act to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa."

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE NATION'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 501) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the Nation's law enforcement officers.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 501

Whereas the Nation's law enforcement officers preserve and protect the safety and well-being of all the citizens of this country;

Whereas approximately 740,000 men and women risk their personal safety every day to fight crime and to safeguard our citizens;

Whereas peace officers are on the front line in the Nation's schools and on the Nation's streets, preserving children's right to learn in schools that are free of violence and citizens' right to safe communities;

Whereas 134 peace officers lost their lives in the performance of their duty in 1999 and a total of more than 15,000 have now made that supreme sacrifice;

Whereas on average one officer dies every 54 hours and thousands of officers are assaulted and injured every year; and

Whereas National Police Week 2000—May 14 to 20, 2000—provides an opportunity to honor and recognize the officers who have died in the line of duty and to affirm the Nation's thanks to the officers who put their lives on the line on a daily basis to protect our citizens: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) all peace officers slain in the line of duty and all peace officers who risk their own personal safety and well-being to protect this Nation's citizens should be honored and recognized; and

(2) the President should issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to honor and recognize slain peace officers with appropriate ceremonies and respect and to honor and recognize the sacrifices and risks taken daily by all peace officers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) and the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration, House Resolution 501.

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

There was no objection.

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

Unfortunately, it is often easy to overlook the courageous service of a group of men and women who protect us very close to home here in the United States. Over 700,000 law enforcement officers, serving at every level of government and in communities of every size, stand guard over our lives and our property every single day. These officers patrol our streets, they pursue those who threaten our security, they are just a phone call away.

Today, with the consideration of this resolution, we honor the dedication and devotion of America's law enforcement community. And, in particular, we honor the sacrifice of a specific heroic group of law enforcement officers. We honor those who have given their lives in service to the rule of law.

Mr. Speaker, mere words cannot fully express the significance of this sacrifice. How do we adequately express our appreciation for those who are willing to die to protect us and our families? Police officers enjoy life just as much as the rest of us. They long to see their children grow up and be suc-

cessful and to someday hold their grandchildren, just like all of us do. And yet they are willing to risk all of this, all of their hopes and all of their dreams, for us, to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities.

It is far too easy for us to take for granted their devotion to duty. It is for this reason that we bring H. Res. 501 to the floor today. It is to honor the 134 peace officers who lost their lives in the performance of their duties just last year.

It is also to commemorate the more than 15,000 officers who have made the supreme sacrifice over the course of our Nation's history. The names of these heroes are now enshrined on the Law Enforcement Memorial Wall only a few blocks from this very House Chamber. That wall and this simple resolution are among the many ways that we can encourage all Americans to remember, to never forget the extraordinary service of these extraordinary public servants.

This week, Mr. Speaker, we celebrate Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week. Earlier today, a ceremony was held on the West Lawn of the Capitol in memory of peace officers killed in the line of duty in 1999. This resolution calls on the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to honor and recognize slain peace officers.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) for introducing this resolution and taking the lead in ensuring that this House expresses its profound appreciation for the commitment and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased also to rise in support of this resolution, which expresses the sense of the House that law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty should be honored, their dedication and sacrifice recognized, and their service to the Nation remembered.

I want to commend the prime sponsors, my colleagues, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD).

Mr. Speaker, Federal, State and local police officers perform a great service for our communities. All too often they literally are the last thread between us and the forces of violence and chaos. We ask a great deal of the officers who protect us. We ask them to defend our homes and families, to patrol our roads and highways and to bring justice to criminals and murderers who would otherwise wreak havoc in our society. We ask a great deal from these brave officers and they seldom fail us. For

this we owe the Nation's police officers our deepest gratitude and our strong support.

President John F. Kennedy once remarked, "A man does what he must, in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures. And that is the basis of all human morality." This quote is truly fitting of our Nation's slain officers, who truly uphold this lofty standard. As responsible defenders of our country, they bravely protect our citizens from mortal danger, and, in some cases, it has cost these noble officers their very lives.

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There are very few communities that have not been touched by the senseless death of a police officer.

Fittingly, I would like to acknowledge the courage and the dedication that these slain officers exemplified throughout their careers. This resolution before us seeks to honor the memories of these brave men who served their country with the utmost dignity.

I strongly believe that whenever an officer is killed in the line of duty, the pall of sorrow falls upon our great Nation.

Today we pause to remember our heroes whose lives were prematurely ended. In 1999, some 151 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty. For instance, Officer Tiffany Hickey, who tragically passed away while attempting to pull over a civilian for speeding and running a red light. All of 20 years old, Officer Hickey was only with the police force for a brief month before she left us. Nevertheless, her passing symbolizes the risk of all of our officers and the risks that they encounter in the service that they provide to our communities.

These stories are repeated here in the Nation's capital and in cities around this Nation. In my own district, although we have been fortunate not to have lost officers in the line of duty in the past year, I pause to recognize Randy Stevens and Steven Hodge, who were killed in recent years and for whom wreaths were laid in the Virgin Islands today.

On behalf of all my colleagues, I commend these and all brave officers for paying the ultimate sacrifice and for their efforts at protecting our communities.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, it is also fitting that as we pause to remember our Nation's fallen officers that we also remember the two Capitol Hill Police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty just last year. Officer Chestnut and Officer Gibson protected the very core of our American society and our belief in the preservation of life. We will always remember these brave officers.

In closing, I would like to offer my utmost sympathy and that of my colleagues to the families and friends of

our fallen heroes who have gathered today in Washington, D.C., and to the family and friends who were unable to commute as we honor the memories of their loved ones.

Again, I urge my colleagues to continue ensuring the memory of these courageous officers by supporting this House Resolution. God bless them all, and God bless America.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD), and I want to thank him for his leadership in this very important area.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) for yielding me the time and for his leadership as subcommittee chairman on this important House resolution.

Madam Speaker, I rise as the proud sponsor, along with my good friend, our distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK), of this important resolution, H. Res. 501, to honor those brave police officers who have given their lives to keep our communities safe.

Unfortunately, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) is not able to be here today, as a personal tragedy has struck his family. I know the thoughts and prayers of every Member in the House of Representatives are certainly with the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) and Laurie and their family.

The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) was the impetus for this legislation, and he has done absolutely stellar work on behalf of our Nation's law enforcement officers during his time in Congress.

As co-chair, along with the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK), of the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus, I applaud the courage and dedication to duty of all police and peace officers serving our communities. These officers put their lives on the line for us and our families every single day they put on the badge.

Their courage and sacrifice was demonstrated in a very dramatic way, as the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) just described, during the summer of 1998 when shots rang out not far from this chamber and two brave and loyal U.S. Capitol Police officers lost their lives.

It is fitting that we consider this resolution during National Police Week. Earlier today, thousands of officers gathered on the west front of the Capitol for the 19th Annual Peace Officers' Memorial Service. The names of 134 police and peace officers killed in the line of duty this past year alone have been added to the Law Enforcement Memorial wall, just steps from the Capitol at Judiciary Square.

That is right, Madam Speaker, 134 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 1999; and over 15,000 officers killed since our Nation started keeping records of their deaths.

My home State of Minnesota has lost over 200 police and peace officers over the years. On average, a law enforcement officer in the United States is killed every other day in America. Each year one in nine officers is assaulted and one in 25 is injured while on duty.

These sacrifices are made every day to fight crime and protect our citizens. These law enforcement heroes and their families deserve our deepest gratitude and respect during National Police Week and every other day of the year. We must never forget their sacrifices, including the ultimate sacrifice paid by too many law enforcement officers in the United States. We must work for a day when no more names will be added to the Law Enforcement Memorial and a resolution like this will never be necessary.

Madam Speaker, I urge heartfelt support for this resolution honoring our Nation's fallen law enforcement officers, America's true heroes.

Again, I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) for his leadership.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

Mr. GILMAN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 501, recognizing our Nation's fallen men and women in blue during Police Memorial Week, a time when our Nation joins families, friends, and colleagues of our Nation's slain peace officers in honoring and remembering their sacrifices.

I commend the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) for introducing this measure.

Madam Speaker, permit me to take this moment to invite our colleagues to join in expressing our condolences to our good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK), a long-time supporter of our Nation's police, and to his family and friends for the loss of their son, B.J., this past weekend.

Madam Speaker, since 1789, when Congress first created the first Federal law enforcement officer, the United States Marshal, over 14,000 officers have died in the line of duty, including over 1,000 from the State of New York.

These dedicated heroes must never be forgotten. Their sacrifice must serve as a reminder that the price of a safer Nation has been paid for with the lives of our police officers.

Police Memorial Week is a time for all of us to be reminded that when a police officer is killed, it is not just a

community that loses an officer, it is our entire Nation.

Madam Speaker, earlier today it was a privilege for me to be able to join the friends and families of our Nation's slain police officers at the 19th Annual National Police Officers Memorial service outside the Capitol. Moreover, I had the honor this past Sunday of attending a local police memorial service in Montgomery, New York, in my own district. And I will be joining my constituents in the law enforcement community in New City, New York, later on this week. These ceremonies are symbolic of programs and memorials being conducted throughout our Nation this week.

Accordingly, I would like to take this opportunity to recite the names of those fallen heroes from the State of New York who, in the name of duty, gave their lives over the past year: Sergeant James C. Low, Officer Matthew, Anthony Dziergowski, and Officer Sharyn D. Dover.

I would also like to remember an officer from my Congressional district, Vincent Guidice of Stony Point, who died in the line of duty in the past few years. To our fallen officers, we express our Nation's gratitude. To our fallen men and women in blue, in their spirit, we pledge to continue to fight for those laws that provide our Nation's peace officers with the tools and resources needed to fulfill their mandate in making our communities a safer place in which to live.

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS).

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) for yielding me the time here to speak on this issue.

Madam Speaker, I rise in proud support today of this important bill, a bill introduced by my friend and colleague the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD), along with the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK), a bill which will honor and recognize those peace officers slain in the line of duty, as well as all peace officers who risk their own personal safety every day to protect the citizens of the United States.

There are approximately 740,000 sworn law enforcement officers currently serving in the United States. Every day these officers courageously serve and protect the safety and welfare of all Americans. They are motivated by their own personal sense of good will and responsibility and not by a desire for praise, recognition, or glory.

As citizens, we must rely on their dedication, their commitment, and their bravery. Yet, oftentimes we are unaware of the enormous risks that they take every day. Since the first recorded police death in 1794, there have been more than 15,000 law enforcement

officers killed in the line of duty in the United States.

In the past 10 years alone, over 1,500 law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty. Madam Speaker, that is an average of one death every other day.

The State of Nevada has lost 54 officers over the years. These fallen officers leave behind wives, children, other family members, and friends as a result of their dedication to law enforcement and to the public they serve.

I encourage all my colleagues to support this important bill, which recognizes the risks and sacrifices that our police officers make every day to protect our families and our property and welfare. It is my hope that we honor these men and women not just today, but every day.

Finally, let us never forget these officers who made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives in service to the people of this great Nation.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 30 seconds.

Madam Speaker, as we rise to recognize and thank the officers who have given their lives in service to this community, I also want to join my colleagues in offering my sincerest condolences to our colleague, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) on the personal tragedy that he and his family have experienced this weekend.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution. This resolution expresses the sense of the House that law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty should be honored, their dedication and sacrifice recognized and their service to the nation remembered.

Federal, state, and local police officers perform a great service for our communities. All too often they literally are the last thread between us and the forces of violence and chaos. We ask a great deal of the officers who protect us. We ask them to defend our homes and families; to patrol our roads and highways; and to bring justice to criminals and murderers who would otherwise wreck havoc on our society. We ask a great deal from these brave officers, and they seldom fail us. For this, we owe the nation's police officers our deepest gratitude and our strong support.

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Fittingly, I would like to acknowledge the courage and dedication that these slain officers exemplified throughout their careers. This resolution before us seeks to honor the memories of these brave men who served their country with the utmost dignity. I strongly

believe that whenever an officer is killed in the line of duty, the pall of sorrow falls upon our great Nation.

Today, we pause to remember our heroes whose lives were prematurely ended. In 1999, some 151 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty. In 1999, this figure included 12 from the state of Texas. These officers (Troy Blando, Tiffany Hickey, Larry Jacobs, Clyde Kincaid, Larry Kolb, Terry Miller, Thomas Monse, Jr., Daniel Nagle, Carl Fisher, Luis Tudyk, Mark Stephenson and Leonard Turner) did not pass in vain, but in service to their community and their nation.

For instance, Officer Tiffany Hickey, who tragically died while attempting to pull over a civilian for speeding and running a red light. All of 20 years old, Officer Hickey was only with the Police Force for a brief month before she left us. Nevertheless, her passing symbolizes the risk all of our officers encounter and the service that they provide our communities. In addition, Officer Troy Blando, an undercover police for the Houston Police Department tragically was killed last year. A 19 year veteran of the force, Officer Blando was checking out a suspected car thief when he was gunned down while seated in his vehicle. Sadly, his family and friends will mark May 19, 2000 as the anniversary of his passing. On behalf of the 18th Congressional District, the city of Houston and our nation, I commend these brave officers for paying the ultimate sacrifice and for their efforts at protecting our communities.

In addition, Madam Speaker, it is also fitting that as we pause to remember our nation's fallen officers, that we also remember the two Capitol Hill Police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty just last year. Officer Chestnut and Officer Gibson protected the very core of our American society, and our belief in the preservation of life. I will forever remember these brave officers.

In closing, I wish to offer my utmost sympathy to the families and friends of our fallen heroes who have gathered today in Washington, D.C., and to the family and friends who were unable to commute as we honor the memories of their loved ones. Again, I urge my colleagues to continue ensuring the memory of these courageous officers by supporting this House resolution. God bless you all and God Bless America.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution honoring our nation's local, state and federal law enforcement officers during Police Week 2000. This weekend, I had the honor of speaking before the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of South Texas quarterly meeting in Floresville, Texas. We cannot thank our constables enough for the sacrifices they make and the work they do each day to make our communities and homes as safe as can be. These are everyday family men, who get up each morning or leave their homes each night to serve and protect. Each shift, they face an unknown and potentially dangerous situation, whether they are patrolling, serving notice, or responding to call for help. I salute our constables and J.P.'s who maintain a continual and visible presence in our communities, particularly in rural areas, where city and state police coverage is less apparent.

Of course, this tribute for Police Week 2000, which this year began on May 14 and will continue until May 20, applies to all levels of law enforcement, and I extend my comments to include all police officers, sheriffs and deputies, troopers and federal law enforcement officers. Peace officers from differing jurisdictions and levels of government have proven time and again that they can work well effectively and get the job done. I applaud officers of all stripes for the hard work and sacrifices they make throughout the country.

At this time, I would also like to draw attention to the two tragedies involving law enforcement officers which have befallen South Texas in the past year. On October 12, 1999, in the town of Pleasanton in Atascosa County, Texas, three brave officers of the law fell in the line of duty. Atascosa Sheriff's deputies, Thomas Monse and Mark Stephenson, along with Texas state trooper Terry Miller were all gunned down in an ambush by a lone gunman.

Officer Miller, the first Texas trooper who had been killed since 1994 and the 74th trooper killed in the line of duty, left behind a wife and two children, ages 13 and 22 months. Officer Monse, a former Bexar County deputy, left behind a wife and four children. Officer Stephenson, who also served our nation in the military for seven years, left behind a wife and three children.

In addition to those who paid with their lives, Atascosa County deputy Carl Fisher and Pleasanton police officer Luis Tudyk, were wounded while carrying out their duty.

The other tragedy, in San Antonio, was much more recent. Oscar Perez, a young San Antonio Police Officer was killed on Friday, March 24, 2000 as he served a warrant on a drug fugitive. Aged 31 at his death, he left behind a pregnant wife and two young children, ages 5 and sixteen months. As his 6½ year career as a San Antonio police officer came to a tragic and abrupt end, we honor him and the 41 others in the history of the San Antonio Police Departments, serves as a reminder of the unique and fatal risks they all too often must bear.

Our hearts go out to the families of these brave men and all the others who have in earlier years shed their blood so we can live safely and securely. We honor our slain law enforcement officers so that their own children and loved ones will know that we cannot and will not forget, and keep the memory of their service and sacrifice as an on-going inspiration to those who follow.

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I offer my support for this bill, and thank the House of Representatives for hearing this important resolution today.

My colleagues and I join Americans across the country today in honoring those officers who have died in the line of duty, keeping our streets safe. I also want to offer my appreciation to those men and women in our community who walk that thin blue line every day.

As a former law enforcement officer, I have a unique understanding of the everyday dangers and sense of accomplishment that accompanies each officer every day. What people do not understand very often, is that it is the inherent risk of what we might have to do that makes law enforcement so dangerous.

We see the best and worst of our fellow human beings. It is not our job to judge them. That task is reserved for 12 people and someone wearing a robe. Our job is merely to treat everyone alike.

Enforcing the law is a hard job. There are detractors everywhere. When people do something wrong, their first instinct is to find fault with the person who catches them. So being the guardian of our laws is never a happy endeavor. But in the end, it is the enormous satisfaction of protecting our neighborhoods and families that makes walking that blue line worth all the danger and criticism. It is the laughter of safe children, or the gratitude of someone whose life or property we protect, that makes doing this job an enormously satisfying endeavor.

There are several South Texans who will be honored this week. Officers who made the supreme sacrifice include: Los Fresnos Police Officer Enrique L. Carrizalez; Department of Public Safety Trooper David Rucker; Border Patrol Agents Susan Lynn Rodriguez and Richardo Guillermo Salinas; and Corpus Christi Police Department Officers Joseph Moon, Juan Prieto, Dan Bock, Roy Smith, John Sartain and Ruben Almanza. A National Police Hall of Fame award will go to Officer Hector Gonzalez, who was shot twice at the scene of a family disturbance; Gonzalez still works for the Los Fresnos Police Department.

Today, let us not forget the sacrifice made on our behalf right here in this building; our own Capitol Police Officers Chestnut and Gibson died defending Members of Congress and the public who populate this building. The House of Representatives joins families and communities across the nation remember those members of the force who are no longer with us, who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. For that sacrifice, they and their family have the eternal gratitude of a grateful community and a grateful nation.

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I strongly support this bill. As someone who spent twenty-six and a half years in law enforcement, it is important that we recognize our men and women who stand in the line of fire and protect our cities and communities from crime. These individuals are on the front lines every day maintaining the peace and providing public safety for all Americans.

From our borders to our inner cities, in rural areas and along our coasts, these men and women defend and protect our children, friends, neighbors and family. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

As of late, we have watched with horror as violent and dangerous incidents have taken place around the country and caused concern for all Americans. With multiple shooting at our schools, community centers, in the workplace, and in every part of the country, we have tragically seen innocent victims injured and killed from gunfire.

It is our men and women of law enforcement who step into these dangerous situations and restore the peace, deal with victims and do their best to apprehend those responsible.

Each year, however, we know that some of our local, state, and federal officers are wounded and some make the ultimate sacrifice for our benefit. We can never take their sacrifices for granted, and should never forget their service to our country.

I therefore am proud to support this resolution which designates today as National Peace Officers Memorial Day honoring those peace officers killed in the line of duty.

I therefore support this bill, and ask my colleagues to vote for its passage.

Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, we have no further requests for time on this side of the aisle, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. Biggert). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Chabot) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 501.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JOINT APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 104-1, the Chair announces on behalf of the Speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives and the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate their joint appointment of Ms. Susan S. Robfogel, New York, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance, to fill the existing vacancy thereon.

There was no objection.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Resolution 491, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 4251, by the yeas and nays;

House Concurrent Resolution 309, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

NAMING ROOM IN CAPITOL IN HONOR OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE G.V. "SONNY" MONTGOMERY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of sus-

pending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, House Resolution 491.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 491, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 380, nays 0, not voting 54, as follows:

[Roll No. 180]

YEAS—380

Aderholt	Davis (VA)	Holden
Allen	Deal	Holt
Andrews	DeFazio	Hooley
Archer	DeGette	Horn
Armey	Delahunt	Hostettler
Baca	DeLauro	Houghton
Bachus	DeMint	Hoyer
Baird	Deutsch	Hulshof
Baker	Diaz-Balart	Hunter
Baldacci	Dickey	Hutchinson
Baldwin	Dicks	Hyde
Ballenger	Dingell	Inslee
Barcia	Dixon	Isakson
Barr	Doggett	Istook
Barrett (NE)	Dooley	Jackson (IL)
Bartlett	Doolittle	Jackson-Lee
Barton	Doyle	(TX)
Bass	Dreier	Jefferson
Bentsen	Duncan	Jenkins
Bereuter	Dunn	John
Berman	Edwards	Johnson (CT)
Berry	Ehlers	Johnson, E.B.
Biggert	Ehrlich	Johnson, Sam
Bilbray	Emerson	Jones (NC)
Bilirakis	Eshoo	Jones (OH)
Bishop	Etheridge	Kanjorski
Bliley	Evans	Kasich
Blumenauer	Everett	Kelly
Blunt	Ewing	Kennedy
Boehkert	Fattah	Kildee
Boehner	Filner	Kind (WI)
Bonilla	Fletcher	King (NY)
Bonior	Foley	Klecza
Bono	Ford	Klink
Borski	Fossella	Knollenberg
Boswell	Fowler	Kolbe
Boyd	Frank (MA)	Kucinich
Brady (PA)	Frelinghuysen	Kuykendall
Brady (TX)	Frost	LaFalce
Brown (OH)	Gallegly	LaHood
Bryant	Gejdenson	Lampson
Burr	Gekas	Lantos
Burton	Gephardt	Largent
Calvert	Gibbons	Larson
Camp	Gilchrest	Latham
Canady	Gillmor	LaTourette
Cannon	Gilman	Lazio
Capps	Gonzalez	Leach
Cardin	Goode	Lee
Carson	Goodlatte	Levin
Castle	Goodling	Lewis (CA)
Chabot	Gordon	Lewis (GA)
Chambliss	Goss	Lewis (KY)
Clay	Graham	Linder
Clayton	Granger	Lipinski
Clement	Green (TX)	LoBiondo
Clyburn	Green (WI)	Lofgren
Coble	Greenwood	Lucas (KY)
Coburn	Gutknecht	Luther
Collins	Hall (OH)	Maloney (CT)
Combest	Hall (TX)	Maloney (NY)
Condit	Hastings (FL)	Manzullo
Conyers	Hastings (WA)	Markey
Costello	Hayes	Martinez
Cox	Hayworth	Mascara
Coyne	Herger	Matsui
Cramer	Hill (IN)	McCarthy (MO)
Crane	Hill (MT)	McCarthy (NY)
Crowley	Hilleary	McCrery
Cubin	Hilliard	McDermott
Cummings	Hinchee	McGovern
Cunningham	Hinojosa	McHugh
Davis (FL)	Hobson	McInnis
Davis (IL)	Hoefel	McIntyre