

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

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

Mr. Speaker, it is again a pleasure to be here with my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO), and to lay before the House Senate Joint Resolution 20, which provides for the appointment of Roger W. Sant to serve as a citizen regent on the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents.

This governing board of the Smithsonian is comprised of 17 members, which includes the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Vice President of the United States, three Members each of the U.S. House and Senate, 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.

Roger Sant currently serves as the chairman of the board for AES Corporation, which is a leading global power company and was cofounded by Mr. Sant in 1981. He graduated from Brigham Young University and received his MBA with distinction from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

Mr. Sant chairs the board of the Summit Foundation and several other prominent boards, including Marriott International Resources for the Future, the Energy Foundation, and the National Symphony.

He has previously been director of the Mellon Institute's Energy Productivity Center and has authored books on energy conservation. Mr. Sant has also served in the Ford administration and was a key player in forming early initiatives to create an energy policy in the United States.

Roger Sant's broad business background and his educational experience, particularly in the area of energy conservation, make him a strong candidate for nomination to the Smithsonian Institution's governing Board of Regents. I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 20.

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

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I rise in support of Senate Joint Resolution 20 to appoint Roger W. Sant to be a citizen regent of the Smithsonian Institution. He is the choice of the Smithsonian Institution's nominating committee to fill an existing vacancy on the Board of Regents.

Mr. Sant is the chairman of the board of AES Corporation, a global energy company which does business in 27 countries. He has been a member of a number of boards of cultural institutions, including the National Symphony and the World Wildlife Fund International.

He is the author of "Creating Abundance—America's Least Cost Energy

Strategy," which advocates energy conservation. Mr. Sant's background and record of service should make him a fine candidate to take on the challenges of running the world-class museums and cultural activities through which the Smithsonian Institution has served the American people so well.

Mr. Speaker, the joint resolution would appoint Mr. Sant for a 6-year term, and he would replace Howard H. Baker, Jr., the distinguished former Senate majority leader and White House Chief of Staff. The joint resolution passed the Senate on September 13 by unanimous consent, and I urge House passage here today.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate joint resolution, S.J. Res. 20.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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 Senate joint resolution just passed, S.J. Res. 20.

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

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF ANNE d'HARNONCOURT AS CITIZEN REGENT OF BOARD OF REGENTS OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate joint resolution (S.J. Res. 19) providing for the reappointment of Anne d'Harnoncourt as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Clerk read as follows:

S.J. RES. 19

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 Anne d'Harnoncourt of Pennsylvania, is filled by reappointment of the incumbent for a term of 6 years. The reappointment shall take effect on December 29, 2001.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO) 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.

Senate Joint Resolution 19 provides for the reappointment of Anne d'Harnoncourt to serve on the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents.

Anne d'Harnoncourt currently serves as the George D. Widener director and chief executive officer of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She graduated magna cum laude from Radcliffe College in Cambridge and received her master's degree with distinction from the Courtauld Institute of Art in London.

Mrs. d'Harnoncourt started her museum career at the Tate Gallery in London. She has also worked at the Art Institute of Chicago and has worked in several different levels within the Philadelphia Museum of Art before being named the chief executive officer in 1997.

Anne d'Harnoncourt has an extensive background, as you can see, Mr. Speaker, in the arts, and is head of one of our Nation's premier museums. I believe her strong background makes her an excellent candidate for reappointment to the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents, and I urge my colleagues to support S.J. Res. 19.

I also want to thank the ranking member, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), and my colleague here today, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO), who have made this resolution possible.

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

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

I rise in support of Senate Joint Resolution 19, reappointing Anne d'Harnoncourt as a citizen regent of the Smithsonian Institution for a second 6-year term. She is currently the director and CEO of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and was originally elected to the Smithsonian Board of Regents in 1995. She has more than 30 years of experience as a museum curator and director. At the Philadelphia Museum of Art, she has been curator, director, and CEO in a distinguished career.

Mr. Speaker, S.J. Res. 19 was passed unanimously by the Senate on September 13, and I urge its adoption by the House today.

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

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) that the House suspend the rules and