

on the three bills just considered, H.R. 2187, H.R. 107, as amended, and H.R. 3334.

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

There was no objection.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL MOTIVATION AND INSPIRATION DAY

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 308) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the establishment of a National Motivation and Inspiration Day, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 308

Whereas motivation and inspiration have played important roles in the greatest achievements of civilized society and are characteristics common to all great leaders;

Whereas both children and adults need motivation and inspiration in order to achieve success and happiness in their lives;

Whereas the inspiration to define goals at school, home, and work and the motivation to achieve those goals is critical to achieving success and happiness;

Whereas all children and young adults need mentors to inspire them to achieve their goals and to motivate them to direct their energies toward positive and constructive activities and goals;

Whereas adults who mentor children and young adults become inspired and motivated themselves;

Whereas a renewed focus on motivation and inspiration is particularly important in the wake of the tragedies of September 11, 2001;

Whereas the beginning of the year is often a time of reflection, planning, and goal setting;

Whereas the establishment of a National Motivation and Inspiration Day would provide an opportunity for the people of the United States to focus on the importance of maintaining motivation and inspiration in their lives; and

Whereas prominent citizens of Long Island, New York, are attempting to establish January 2 as National Motivation and Inspiration Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives supports the goals of a National Motivation and Inspiration Day.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. 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 matter on House Resolution 308, as amended.

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

There was no objection.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 308, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of the goals of a National Motivation and Inspiration Day.

Furthermore, I commend my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GRUCCI), for introducing this important resolution.

Mr. Speaker, motivation and inspiration have played important roles in the greatest achievements of civilized society, and are characteristics common to all great leaders.

Both children and adults need motivation and inspiration in order to achieve success and happiness in their lives. Children and young adults need mentors to inspire them to achieve their goals, and to motivate them to direct their energies toward positive and constructive activities and goals. Furthermore, the adults who mentor the children and young adults become inspired and motivated themselves.

Mr. Speaker, a renewed focus on motivation and inspiration is particularly important in the wake of September 11 tragedies. The inspiration to define goals at school, home, and work, and the motivation to achieve those goals is critical to achieving success and happiness in our current trying circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, the beginning of the year is often a time of reflection, planning, and goal-setting. For that reason, prominent citizens of Long Island, New York, are attempting to establish January 2 as National Motivation and Inspiration Day. This would set a good example for the rest of our Nation, and provide all with the focus of maintaining motivation and inspiration in their lives.

If successful, their efforts would provide an opportunity for the people of the United States to focus on the importance of maintaining motivation and inspiration in their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this important resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to endorse House Resolution 308, a resolution expressing the support of the House of Representatives of the goals of a National Motivation and Inspiration Day.

I commend my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GRUCCI), for introducing such a resolution, and call upon all Members of the House to begin to focus on the importance of motivation and inspiration, especially as we embark upon a new year, 2002.

After reading House Resolution 308, I was immediately reminded of an important passage in the Bible: First Corinthians, Chapter 13. This passage discusses the love man can have for his fellow man, and how we should not worry about ourselves, but worry about others.

The ideals embodied in the First Corinthians passage not only embrace the message contained in House Resolution 308, they also speak to two legislative proposals we will consider today: H.R. 3072 and H.R. 3379.

H.R. 3072 seeks to honor Mr. Vernon Tarlton, a man of great faith and dedication to his community, by naming a post office after him in his hometown. H.R. 3379 names a post office after New York City Fire Department Chief of Rescue Operations, Mr. Ray Downey. Chief Downey, a firefighter for 39 years, died in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

These two men are and were great leaders who directed their energies towards positive and constructive activities and goals. Chief Downey led a New York fire department special unit to assist in recovery efforts at the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City. He directed rescue efforts at the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center, and helped the Federal Emergency Management Agency found a national network search and rescue team.

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He truly motivated and inspired and led the way for his team. He did not worry about himself; rather, he directed his efforts to save others.

Mr. Tarlton spent his lifetime working on behalf of others in his community and along the way being recognized for his efforts. In a time of uncertainty in the world and here at home, at a time when we as a Nation are called upon to show greater compassion and appreciation for the diversity of our people and religious faith, we need to take stock and focus on the importance of maintaining motivation and inspiration in our lives.

As part of that, we must open our arms wide and embrace and educate our children and young adults. They too must learn the value of helping others, not for glory, but because it is the right thing to do.

Mr. Speaker, I again commend my colleague for introducing this measure and urge its swift passage.

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

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GRUCCI).

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the September 11 attacks against our Nation, it is now important than ever to live

each day with a sense of renewed spirit. It is for this reason that I stand before you today in support of my bill, H.R. 308, which supports the goals of National Motivation and Inspiration Day.

Throughout history, motivation and inspiration have been vital components of all great movements. They are qualities that have played an invaluable role in the intellectual movements, the civil rights movements, the suffrage movements and many more. All great leaders from Martin Luther King, Jr., and Winston Churchill to Ronald Reagan and Mother Theresa have all shared, among other things, the ability to motivate the masses and inspire them to achieve great goals.

In our daily lives we look to our teachers, parents, coaches, and clergy to do the same, whether it is in the victory at the end of a sporting event, a record-breaking year in the sales department, making the dean's list, or earning the rank of officer in our fine military forces, progress and betterment for all people is certain to arise from motivation and inspiration.

On September 11 we were all inspired by the hundreds of firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers who ran up and into the Twin Towers to save the lives of the thousands of people while sacrificing their own. The actions of these brave men and women on September 11 have motivated each American to do something to better contribute to the good of our society. Today we need to publicly recognize the importance of motivation and inspiration in our daily lives.

House Resolution 308 supports the goals of celebrating National Motivation and Inspiration Day on January 2 of each year, a time that is traditionally used for reflection, planning, and goal setting. There is no better time to celebrate motivation and inspiration than during the season of New Year's resolutions, when we are all trying to find ways to maintain our goals throughout the year.

While this resolution does not directly designate this day, it highlights the importance of motivation and inspiration and the valuable role those qualities should play in the education of our children in the United States and around the globe.

I would like to thank the Committee on Government Reform chairman, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BURTON), and the majority leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), and their staff for helping me bring this measure to the floor. I would also like to thank my constituent and my friend, Kevin McCrudden, whose birthday it is today, for coming up with this idea and for working closely with me and my staff to see that this comes to fruition.

Mr. Speaker, you do not have to be inspired by the greatest things in life. It is some of the smaller things that inspire people to move to greatness. One

of the things that has inspired and motivated me on this House floor is the day that I traveled to New York with the Congressional delegation to visit the infamous Ground Zero. And as I was walking down the streets and getting closer and closer and recognizing the enormity of the damage and the severity of what transpired, the pain in people's hearts as I moved closer, what inspired me most was the passion in the eyes of the firefighters and the police officers. As you can look down into their soul and see what motivated them, that is what has been motivating me on the floor to continue that fight and to help them to move and to get accomplished the things that they have set out to accomplish.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in support of this resolution.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers; and as I prepare to close, let me again congratulate the gentleman for his very thoughtful resolution and for it coming at a time of great need. Because even as we stand here today, a great shadow is being cast across America, the shadow of economic crisis, of recession. We are now in our 14th month of decline in industrial production. There are 100,000 workers losing their jobs each week. More than 1.3 million Americans have lost their jobs this year. Poverty and homelessness are on the rise. And as usual, the largest group of the poor are the children. Tens of millions of them are without affordable health care.

Suddenly thousands of people cannot pay their mortgages, cannot afford to continue college education. The hopes of millions of Americans who struggle to enter the mainstream of American economic life, to share in the American dream during the past decade, are now being dashed.

The economic crisis has been worsened by the terrorist attacks of September 11. But despite the heartfelt outpouring of support from Americans of every socio-economic group for the victims of the terrorists, there still remain masses of poor people who are finding it difficult to survive in our country.

So this resolution, this resolution calling for the inspiration and motivation that people need to dream, to believe that their lives can become whatever it is that they would endeavor to make life be, to know that no matter how dark it is at night, that there is sunshine in the morning. And so the idea of hope, of motivation, of inspiration of helping people to know that they can overcome any obstacles, overcome any fears, that they are in control of their own destinies, and they can help to make America and the world even greater than anything that we have ever experienced.

Again, I commend the gentleman and urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the chairman of the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON), and the ranking member, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS), along with the chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, and ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), for expediting consideration of this resolution. I commend my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GRUCCI).

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support House Resolution 308.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 308, as amended.

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

The title of the resolution was amended so as to read: "Resolution supporting the goals of a National Motivation and Inspiration Day."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

VERNON TARLTON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3072) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Main Street in Forest City, North Carolina, as the "Vernon Tarlton Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3072

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. VERNON TARLTON POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Main Street in Forest City, North Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "Vernon Tarlton Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Vernon Tarlton Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) and the