

FAA will follow Congress' lead in affording them the respect they deserve.

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5449, which would send the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association back to the negotiating table to reach a fair resolution to their contract dispute.

On April 5, 2005, the FAA declared an impasse in its contract talks with NATCA. The current process for resolving an impasse in contract talks between FAA and NATCA allows the FAA to unilaterally impose its contract upon the controllers if the agency sends the contract to Congress and there is no legislative intervention within 60 days. On June 5, the 60-day window ended and the FAA announced that it intended to begin implementing its last contract offer.

Not only is this process unfair, but it creates a level of distrust between the two parties responsible for ensuring a safe and efficient air traffic control system. Congress should not be in the business of negotiating contract disputes. Instead, we should help ensure an equitable resolution to this situation by sending both parties back to the negotiating table and H.R. 5449 does just this.

Mr. Speaker, our nation's dedicated, highly-skilled air traffic controllers are on the front lines of ensuring safety for the millions of Americans who fly each year. Under the unfavorable terms of the FAA's last offer, many of them would have an incentive to quickly retire. Such a retirement exodus would have serious safety implications for the flying public. It is imperative that Congress acts now and sends the two parties back to the negotiating table.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5449.

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. MICA. 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. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 5449, the matter just considered by the House.

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

There was no objection.

#### AMENDING HOUSE RESOLUTION 517, RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF WELLINGTON TIMOTHY MARA

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that House Resolution 517 be amended as follows: in the first Resolved clause, strike "61 years" and insert in lieu thereof "51 years".

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

There was no objection.

#### SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF THE VIGIL FOR LOST PROMISE DAY

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 422) supporting the goals and ideals of the Vigil for Lost Promise day.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 422

Whereas over 26,000 citizens die from the effects of drug abuse each year;

Whereas the damage from drugs is not limited to drug abusers; the collateral damage from drugs is enormous, and drug abuse costs society over \$60 billion in social costs and lost productivity;

Whereas drugs rob users, their families, and all Americans of dreams, promise, ambitions, talent, and lives;

Whereas drug abuse affects millions of families in the United States;

Whereas the stigma of drug abuse and the cloak of denial keep many individuals and families from dealing with the impact of drugs;

Whereas many friends and families are ashamed to acknowledge the death of their loved ones caused by drug abuse;

Whereas all Americans can benefit from illuminating the problem of drug abuse and its impact on families, communities, and society;

Whereas the futures of thousands of the Nation's youth have been cut short because of drug abuse; and

Whereas law enforcement, public health and research organizations, community coalitions, drug prevention outreach organizations, individual parents, siblings, friends, and concerned citizens are joining together on June 8, 2006, in a Vigil for Lost Promise, to call public attention to the tremendous promise which has been lost with the deaths of those affected by drugs: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress supports the goals and ideals of the Vigil for Lost Promise day.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 422, offered by the distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS), the committee chairman. This resolution would support the goals and ideals of the Vigil for Lost Promise Day.

Mr. Speaker, drug use and abuse is a national crisis that affects the health of many of our citizens and affects all our communities. Drugs affect people from all walks of life, and addiction does not discriminate. Millions of families and friends have experienced the loss of a loved one to drug use. Addiction has many dimensions and disrupts multiple aspects in an individual's life. Drugs rob users, their families and their friends of dreams, promises and their ambition, their talents and their vitality.

This resolution honors those family members and friends who feel the pain and tragedy each day from the loss of life to drugs. The Vigil for Lost Promise is a national event which brings together parents and friends who have lost someone to drugs and for those who are dedicated to the promise and potential of our Nation's youths.

The stigma attached to drug use causes many friends and families to feel ashamed to acknowledge the death of their loved ones. However, this event offers an opportunity for families to remember those and is dedicated to the education of others on the importance of keeping our youth drug free.

I ask that all Members join with me in supporting H. Con. Res. 422 in the hope that we can offer support to the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones to the perils of addiction.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, many people view drug abuse and addiction strictly as a social problem. Parents, teens, older adults and other members of the community tend to characterize people who take drugs as morally weak or as having criminal tendencies. They believe that drug abusers and addicts should be able to stop taking drugs if they simply are willing to change their behavior. These myths have stereotyped those with drug-related problems, their families, their communities and the health care professionals who work with them. Drug abuse and addiction comprise a public health problem that affects many people and has wide-ranging social consequences.

A Vigil for Lost Promise Day will help replace the myths and long-held