

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Tuesday, July 28, 1998

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BURR of North Carolina).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 28, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable RICHARD BURR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray using the words of the 23rd Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EWING) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. EWING led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, an-

nounced that the Senate passed a bill of the following title, in which concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 2206. An act to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets, and for other purposes.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The chair would now entertain 1-minute requests and then 5-minute special orders until 11:30.

### A SOLEMN TRIBUTE

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, on this solemn day, I rise to join my colleagues in paying tribute, a special tribute, to the heroic actions of Officer Jacob J.J. Chestnut and Special Agent John Gibson. The quick and professional actions that cost them their lives undoubtedly saved the lives of many innocent people last Friday.

My thoughts and prayers, like all Americans, are with their families, friends and fellow officers. As always, the Capitol Police act in a very professional manner and work tirelessly to ensure our safety each and every day. While diligent agents of security, they are also the friendly ambassadors to the emergencies of visitors who come to visit this great building that symbolizes the freedom of our great Nation.

While we mourn the tragic deaths of these two men, and rightly so, more importantly we should thank God that two such men once lived.

As Members of Congress, we must all take the time out of our hectic schedules to stop and thank them for the daily sacrifices they make to protect the innocent visitors to our Capitol. Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson, thank you for your heroism and your sacrifice. May you rest in peace in God's arms.

### MAY THEIR SACRIFICE NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

(Mr. EWING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Officer John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut. Last Friday, these two men willingly gave their lives to defend our Nation's Capitol and its citizens. Their courage and conviction to duty should be a lesson to all of us.

As family men, these two officers had much to live for, much to look forward to, yet day in and day out these two family men worked their jobs knowing that some day they may have to put their lives on the line.

When that day came, they met the challenge with the strength of many, and selflessly placed themselves in harm's way to protect so many others.

I and the people of the 15th District of Illinois greatly appreciate the fact that they gave their lives defending the People's House. Officers Chestnut and Gibson will be missed by all of us, and may their sacrifice never be forgotten.

### IN TRIBUTE

(Mr. BURR of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today a saddened but grateful Nation pays tribute to two brave men, Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson, who gave their lives to protect the lives of others. There are some among us, even as I speak, who might not be here to celebrate the courage of these two men were it not for their actions in a moment of crisis.

Let us pay tribute as well to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center located in Brunswick, Georgia, for the outstanding training of Federal law enforcement officials and the protection they provide.

The Capitol Police undergo intensive training at this state-of-the-art facility, and they learn not only the skills that will allow them to act decisively in the moments of danger but the professional attitudes and corporate culture that make all the difference in a job that serves all America.

The outstanding performance of Officers Chestnut and Gibson was no accident. The arduous training they received at the FLETC Training Center saved the lives of so many who are here today to say thank you and God bless you, Officer Chestnut and Officer Gibson.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

## IN TRIBUTE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the American people have come to learn something that the Congress has dramatically now started to realize. These are not country club jobs. The Capitol Police place their lives on the line like every other police department in the Nation.

My district, the 17th Congressional District of Ohio, joins with the Congress and the Nation in mourning the loss of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson.

The standards of the Capitol Police were always very high, but Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson have now raised the bar several notches, and that bar of excellence is very high. We are all proud, and we all join in as the Nation mourns these two great policemen.

But I want to talk to the Members who may be watching this telecast in their offices; to the Speaker; to my good friend, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) in the back; and to all the staff here. The Uniformed Division of the Secret Service makes more money than the Capitol Police for basically the same service.

I take to the floor today as a former sheriff to say security needs of the Nation's Capitol and the Nation's buildings should be addressed. For all of the Members of Congress, on the tragic bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City, there was only one guard on duty for the three Federal buildings in Oklahoma City, and that guard was a contract guard, not a full-service, Federal-protective-service-system guard.

We now have to put ourselves in Congress under the microscope. Are we doing all we can? Have we gotten involved with budgetary numbers? I think the time to raise the level of compensation of the Capitol Police is at hand. It will cost \$4 million a year to elevate them to parity with the Uniformed Division of the Secret Service.

Let me also say this to the Congress, it is good economics. Good economics I say to the gentleman from New York (Mr. WALSH). Because if we do not, we spend \$50,000 to train our Capitol policemen, and Montgomery County, Fairfax County, Alexandria, they come in and hire after the scrutinization of the FBI background checks, and they recruit and take our young men and women, and they disrupt the flow of continuity. That must not happen.

H.R. 2828 should be now brought to the floor under the unanimous consent, and that is the tribute that should be paid to these two great policemen, Chestnut and Gibson.

They say words are hard to describe them. As a former sheriff, I would just

like to use these words to describe them: They were policemen. Our police officers, the Capitol Police, are some of the best in the world.

The only deaths that occurred were to the officers of the Capitol Police. The people they were responsible for are all breathing. There is not a police department in the United States that could have reacted any better to a crisis of such volatility.

I say to the gentleman from New York (Mr. WALSH), I think H.R. 2828 should have been done. But I understand the legitimate concerns. I know Congress now is reviewing that whole matter. I think the most fitting tribute would be for the Congress of the United States to bring out H.R. 2828 under unanimous consent and take our Capitol Police into parity with the Uniformed Division of the Secret Service. They do the same job. By God, if the Uniformed Division of the Secret Service can do it any better, I would like someone to try and convince me of that.

To the families of Officers Chestnut and Gibson, your husbands, your fathers, they were really heroes. They were policemen for one of the finest law enforcement departments in the Nation, the Capitol Police that protects each and every one of us.

## IN TRIBUTE

(Mr. WALSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, the tragic events of last Friday here in the Capitol have been felt across our entire Nation. Many of my colleagues have risen to praise and honor our two fallen Capitol Hill Police Officers, J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson, for their heroism on that fateful afternoon. I will simply state that I echo those sentiments.

I wish to add my own personal message of sympathy along with the people of New York State's 25th Congressional District in Central New York to the families of both officers. Words do not express, words cannot express the sadness that we all feel and the grief that we all feel for those innocent men and for their families.

□ 1015

This is an unwritten bond that exists here between and among all those who work on the Hill. We are a family; a large one, to be sure, but family in every way possible.

When one loses a member of one's family, it hurts deeply. When they are lost due to an act of violence, understanding that loss is even more painful and difficult. Now is the time to grieve, and we must be allowed to do so in private. In time, the healing will begin, but for this moment, we mourn our fallen friends.

God bless you, J.J.; God bless you, John.

## GOD BLESS OUR FALLEN HEROES

(Mr. COOK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay a brief tribute to the officers who died Friday trying to preserve the safety and sanctity of this hallowed building. We will dissect Friday's events for months, looking for ways to make sure this tragedy never happens again. We should. This is necessary work.

But what sets these Capitol Police apart from the rest of us who do business in this building is their ability to act in a split second, to make decisions that can exact the highest possible price, without hesitation.

Friday reminded me that in the sea of people on Capitol Hill trained to analyze, debate and ponder, there is a small army of men and women trained to act immediately, decisively and heroically. Like John Gibson did. Like Jacob Chestnut did. These people lined up to pay tribute to these two courageous men underscores a fact I have sometimes forgotten: Without the work they do, we could not do the work we do.

I do not think I will ever forget that again. I may not remember to say thank you every single time I rush past an entrance carefully and cheerfully guarded by police, but I am resolved to do that as often as possible. And whether spoken every day or not, I think, for all of us here, the words "thank you" are in our hearts forever. Thank you.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURR of North Carolina). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 11:30 a.m.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 17 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 11:30 a.m.

## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BURR of North Carolina) at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m.

## CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I move a call of the House.

A call of the House was ordered.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 341]

Abercromble	Emerson	Kucinich	Ramstad	Shadegg	Taylor (NC)
Ackerman	Engel	LaFalce	Rangel	Shaw	Thomas
Aderholt	English	LaHood	Reid	Shays	Thornberry
Allen	Ensign	Lampson	Regula	Sherman	Thune
Andrews	Eshoo	Lantos	Reyes	Shimkus	Thurman
Armedy	Etheridge	Largent	Riggs	Siskis	Tiahrt
Bachus	Evans	Latham	Riley	Skaggs	Tierney
Baessler	Everett	LaTourette	Rivers	Skeen	Torres
Baker	Ewing	Lazio	Rodriguez	Skelton	Trafficant
Baldacci	Farr	Leach	Roemer	Smith (MI)	Turner
Ballenger	Fattah	Lee	Rogan	Smith (NJ)	Upton
Barcia	Fazio	Levin	Rogers	Smith (OR)	Velazquez
Barr	Flner	Lewis (CA)	Rohrabacher	Smith (TX)	Vento
Barrett (NE)	Foley	Lewis (GA)	Ros-Lehtinen	Smith, Adam	Visclosky
Barrett (WI)	Forbes	Lewis (KY)	Rothman	Smith, Linda	Walsh
Bartlett	Ford	Linder	Roukema	Snowbarger	Wamp
Bass	Fossella	Lipinski	Roybal-Allard	Snyder	Waters
Bentsen	Fowler	Livingston	Royce	Solomon	Watt (NC)
Bereuter	Fox	LoBiondo	Rush	Souder	Watts (OK)
Berman	Franks (NJ)	Lofgren	Ryun	Spence	Weldon (FL)
Berry	Frelinghuysen	Lowey	Sabo	Spratt	Weldon (PA)
Bilbray	Frost	Lucas	Salmon	Stabenow	Weller
Bilirakis	Furse	Luther	Sanchez	Stearns	Wexler
Bishop	Gallegly	Maloney (CT)	Sanders	Stokes	Weygand
Blagojevich	Ganske	Maloney (NY)	Sandlin	Strickland	White
Billey	Gejdenson	Manton	Sawyer	Stump	Whitfield
Blumenauer	Gephardt	Manzullo	Saxton	Stupak	Wilson
Blunt	Gibbons	Mascara	Schaefer, Dan	Talunt	Wise
Boehert	Gilchrist	Matsui	Schaffer, Bob	Talent	Wolf
Boehner	Gillmor	McCarthy (MO)	Scott	Tanner	Woolsey
Bonilla	Gilman	McCarthy (NY)	Sensenbrenner	Tauscher	Wynn
Bonior	Goode	McCollum	Serrano	Tauzin	Yates
Borski	Goodlatte	McCrary	Sessions	Taylor (MS)	
Boswell	Goodling	McDermott			
Boucher	Gordon	McGovern			
Boyd	Goss	McHale			
Brady (PA)	Graham	McHugh			
Brady (TX)	Green	McIntosh			
Brown (FL)	Gutierrez	McKeon			
Brown (OH)	Gutknecht	McNulty			
Bryant	Hall (TX)	Meehan			
Bunning	Hamilton	Meek (FL)			
Burr	Hansen	Meeks (NY)			
Calvert	Harman	Menendez			
Camp	Hastert	Metcalf			
Campbell	Hastings (FL)	Millender-			
Canady	Hayworth	McDonald			
Capps	Hefner	Miller (CA)			
Cardin	Hill	Miller (FL)			
Carson	Hilleary	Minge			
Castle	Hillhard	Mink			
Chabot	Hinche	Moakley			
Chambliss	Hobson	Mollohan			
Chenoweth	Hoekstra	Moran (KS)			
Christensen	Holden	Moran (VA)			
Clay	Hoolley	Morella			
Clayton	Horn	Murtha			
Clement	Hostettler	Myrick			
Clyburn	Houghton	Neal			
Coble	Hoyer	Nethercutt			
Coburn	Hulshof	Neumann			
Collins	Hunter	Ney			
Combest	Hutchinson	Northup			
Condit	Hyde	Norwood			
Cook	Inglis	Nussle			
Cooksey	Istook	Oberstar			
Costello	Jackson (IL)	Obey			
Coyne	Jackson-Lee	Olver			
Cramer	(TX)	Ortiz			
Crane	Jenkins	Owens			
Crapo	John	Oxley			
Cubin	Johnson (CT)	Packard			
Cummings	Johnson (WI)	Pallone			
Cunningham	Johnson, E. B.	Pappas			
Danner	Johnson, Sam	Parker			
Davis (FL)	Jones	Pascrell			
Davis (IL)	Kanjorski	Pastor			
Davis (VA)	Kaptur	Paul			
Deal	Kasich	Paxon			
DeFazio	Kelly	Payne			
DeGette	Kennedy (MA)	Pease			
Delahunt	Kennedy (RI)	Pelosi			
DeLay	Kennelly	Peterson (MN)			
Deutsch	Kildee	Peterson (PA)			
Diaz-Balart	Kilpatrick	Petri			
Dingell	Kim	Pickett			
Dixon	Kind (WI)	Pitts			
Doggett	King (NY)	Pombo			
Doolittle	Kingston	Pomeroy			
Doyle	Kleczka	Porter			
Dreier	Klink	Portman			
Edwards	Klug	Pryce (OH)			
Ehlers	Knollenberg	Quinn			
Ehrlich	Kolbe	Rahall			

tion's cherished liberties. As I have visited other capitals around the world, it is rare to see the flood of visitors that is found in our Nation's Capitol Building.

The vigilance of our Capitol Police to protect the freedom of access for visitors, as exemplified by the service of Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson, is a cornerstone of the sense of security felt by visitors to the Capitol. These two dedicated officers put the security and safety of their fellow citizens ahead of personal fear, and thanks to their vigilance, many lives were spared. Their dedication to duty stands as a shining example of the men and women who make the Capitol a shrine to be revered by thousands of visitors each day.

In the future, the continued accessibility of our Nation's Capitol to be shared without fear by millions will stand as a sacred testament to the bravery of Officers J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson. To the families of our two heroes, you can take pride in knowing that your husbands and your fathers stood for all that is good about America: bravery, love of fellow citizens, and devotion to duty. I along with millions of Americans join in extending our heartfelt sympathy to the loved ones of Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. REGULA. 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 material on the subject of the tributes to the memory of the two slain police officers, John Michael Gibson and Jacob Joseph Chestnut.

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

There was no objection.

#### IN TRIBUTE

(Mr. VENTO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as many of my colleagues have, to pay tribute to the two fallen Capitol Police officers Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut that so valiantly have demonstrated, I think more than anything, the importance of their work and the meaning of this Capitol Building. These buildings are the citadel of free expression and the rule of law, our Nation's Capitol; but beyond the symbolism and those flags that are today flying at half mast and the buildings and other structures, and is the liberty and freedom and the ideas that live in the hearts and minds of this Nation's pulse.

These two individuals that have sacrificed their lives obviously symbolize

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURR of North Carolina). On this roll-call, 378 Members have recorded their presence by electronic device, a quorum.

Under the rule, further proceedings under the call are dispensed with.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members will proceed through the center doors to the Rotunda for the viewing of Detective John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House stands in recess until approximately 1 p.m.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 56 minutes a.m.) the House stood in recess until approximately 1 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BURR of North Carolina) at 1 p.m.

#### IN TRIBUTE

(Mr. REGULA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, John Curran in his speech "Upon the Right of Election" said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Visiting the United States Capitol is one of this Na-

and exemplify the real meaning of this Nation and the real sacrifice and contribution the essence of our common bond and the cost of freedom that we pledge to one another that has made up our Nation in the past, today, and, we pray, tomorrow the democracy that it is. We extend our sympathies to the families, but celebrate their lives because they made a real difference and mourn the the families losses today.

I know that the people I represent want to extend their sympathy and support for the families and a recognition of the important role that the Capitol Police play in safeguarding our Nation's Capitol.

#### IN TRIBUTE

(Mr. HILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, there are only a handful of words that can describe the emotions that we are all feeling today. But for a moment, all Americans should reflect on the words which describe Friday's actions of J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson: heroism, sacrifice, honor, commitment, duty.

Much has been said, appropriately so, about their heroism and about their dedication to duty. Much has been said about the appreciation and respect we in the Capitol community extend to the family and friends of these brave men who have given us the ultimate sacrifice.

I was traveling back home to Montana at the time of the incident, returning to my home State to speak to Members of the Montana Police Protective Association. In turn, these representatives of Montana's entire law enforcement community have personally asked me to convey their deepest condolences to the families and the associates of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson. All Montanans are feeling the deepest sympathy over these events, and we reach out in prayer and in support and in compassion today.

#### IN TRIBUTE

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, it is truly a sad time for the United States Congress and for the American people. Today we mourn the tragic loss of Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson. We mourn for their families and the children they leave behind. And as we look back on their lives, let us also look forward. Let us look forward to the time when no individual needing mental health treatment falls through the cracks in our health care system. Let us look forward to the day when guns cannot find their way into our streets and our public areas.

Today we are united not just in our grief but in our respect, our admiration, and the utmost gratitude to these two officers. At this time of deep sorrow, words can never be enough to erase the pain we are feeling or to capture the full meaning of the selflessness and the bravery of John Michael Gibson and Jacob Joseph Chestnut. Words are not enough, but in our hearts and in our minds, their heroism will never be forgotten.

#### IN TRIBUTE

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, last Friday America's family room was invaded. I call the Rotunda in the United States Capitol America's family room, because this is where American tourists come and Americans come to see their government in action. The thin line between them, between safety and danger, safety and disaster, is the Capitol Hill Police.

Last Friday, Officers Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the sanctity of America's living room. The system worked. They protected the tourists, they protected Members of Congress, they protected the staff, and they were able to protect everyone but, unfortunately, themselves.

Every day hundreds if not thousands of tourists and employees and Members of Congress walk by these brave men and women, and often we take them for granted, not necessarily in a negative sense, but you know they are there, you know they have got a job to do, and you are doing yours and you do not really think about it, but over time they become family. You know them by face, not necessarily every time by name. You know them, you like them, you exchange greetings and so forth.

Then suddenly something like this happens, and it divides their job from your job and how important their job is and how ultimately their job endangers their lives as it protects our lives. I salute these brave men, I pray for their family, and our hearts and prayers are with them.

#### A PART OF AMERICA DIED

(Mr. RAHALL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, July 24, 1998, just a brief time after the last vote of the day was cast, two seasoned Capitol Hill Police officers were gunned down in one of the entrances to the United States Capitol, the People's House. Hearts were broken, and a part of America died.

There is a poem, one that is very fitting for this occasion, about fallen he-

roes, entitled "A Part of America Died Today." Its author is unknown to me but I ask that it be printed in the RECORD at this point, and I will state it in tribute to Officer J.J. Chestnut and Special Agent John Gibson.

Somebody killed a policeman today, and a part of America died.

A piece of our country he swore to protect will be buried with him at his side.

The suspect who shot him will stand up in court,

with counsel demanding his rights, while a widowed mother must comfort her kids

and spend alone many long nights.

The beat that he walked was a battlefield, too.

Just as if he had gone off to war.

The flag of our Nation does fly at half mast. To his name, they will add a gold star.

Yes, somebody killed a policeman today.

A cop put his life on the line.

Now his ghost walks a beat on a dark city street,

and he stands at each new rookie's side.

He answered the call and gave us his all, and part of America died.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself, my staff and the people of the Third District of West Virginia, I extend our deep sympathy, our prayers and our thanks to the families of these two fallen heroes, Officer J.J. Chestnut and Special Agent John Gibson, placing them in the comforting arms of God, asking his blessings upon them.

Mr. Speaker, on Friday, July 24, 1998, just a brief time after the last vote of the day was cast, two seasoned Capitol Hill Police Officers were gunned down in one of the entrances to the United States Capitol—the People's House. Hearts were broken, and a part of America died.

Despite the chaos that ensued during and shortly after the first shots were fired, killing Officers J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson, both veterans of 18 years on the U.S. Capitol Police Force, it was with cool, deliberate bravery that they pursued and brought down the gunman, even as they themselves were dying. That they died to stop the gunman from getting more than a few feet inside the United States Capitol speaks eloquently of their training, their devotion to duty, their incredible courage, and their willingness to take full responsibility for the safety of others at the expense of their own lives.

These two officers saved countless lives last Friday, for had the gunman been able to breach the security of the United States Capitol by even a few more feet, more would surely have died. Both officers have died in the service of their country, keeping the Capitol secure, so that Members, their staff, and the hundreds of thousands of Americans visiting the "People's House" might live.

I do not want fear or unreason to take hold amidst cries to turn our Capitol into a fortress. There is talk of beefing up security in the aftermath—a review that would have taken place after any violent event in and around the Capitol. I assure you this will not pass us by, but will grow into something positive in the way of added security.

But we must carry on and let nothing stand in the way of the public's access to their Capitol or their representatives. To do otherwise would be to somehow diminish the supreme sacrifice made by these two brave officers. Instead, let us grieve along with the families, and offer them our strength and the comfort of our prayers to see them through the days ahead, by remembering the bravery of the men they lost—men who were husbands, fathers, grandfathers, sons, uncles, friends and above all, protectors of the public trust.

There is a Poem—one that is very fitting—about fallen heroes, entitled: "A Part of America Died Today," and its author is unknown to me. But I reprint it here in tribute to Officer J.J. Chestnut and Special Agent John Gibson:

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A piece of our country he swore to protect will be buried with him at his side.  
The suspect who shot him will stand up in court,  
with counsel demanding his rights.  
While a widowed mother must comfort her kids  
and spend alone many long nights.  
The beat that he walked was a battlefield, too.  
Just as if he had gone off to war.  
The flag of our nation does fly at half-mast.  
To his name, they will add a gold star.  
Yes, somebody killed a policeman today.  
A cop put his life on the line.  
Now his ghost walks a beat on a dark city street,  
and he stands at each new rookie's side.  
He answered the call and gave us his all,  
and a part of America died.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself, my staff, and the people of the 3rd District of West Virginia, I extend our deep sympathy, our prayers, and our thanks to the families of these two fallen heroes, Officer J.J. Chestnut, and Special Agent John Gibson, placing them in the comforting arms of God, asking His blessings upon them.

#### IN TRIBUTE

(Mrs. MORELLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to two heroes, Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut and Detective John Michael Gibson of the U.S. Capitol Police, who sacrificed their lives not only for those of us in Congress and for the staff and for the tourists, but for all of the American people.

J.J. Chestnut guarded the main entrance. John Gibson was assigned to Majority Whip TOM DELAY. Both were veterans of the force, took their responsibilities seriously, so much so that in saving the lives of others, they lost their own.

We take this safety for granted. Who could ever imagine a shooting in the Nation's Capitol, the shrine of liberty and justice to all? Who could ever imagine the death of two officers because of that shooting?

We shall miss these men who guided us, who cheered us, who cared for us, who asked us about our families and we inquired about theirs, who shared their interests, always there, alert and responsive. We will miss them, yes, but they leave behind them their wives without husbands, their children without fathers, the Capitol Police without two colleagues.

We offer our condolences to Officer Chestnut's widow Wen Ling and his five children, Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen and William; and to Detective Gibson's widow Evelyn and his three children, Kristen, John and Daniel. Those of us who are Americans, who are part of the Capitol Hill family, are in mourning over the senseless loss of these two fine men, all across Washington and across the Nation.

I want to close with a quote from Thornton Wilder who said, "There is the land of the living and the land of the dead, and the bridge is love, the only survival and the only meaning." This is the love that they leave behind and this is the love we give to them and to their families.

#### IN TRIBUTE

(Mr. CASTLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself, my staff and the people of Delaware, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut. I also want Congressman DELAY and his staff as well as the visitors to the Capitol who witnessed this tragedy to know that they are in our thoughts today.

Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut were heroes who gave their lives protecting the United States Capitol and those who work here and visit this great building. Words are not able to convey the thanks and respect we owe these two men.

I also want to pay tribute to the other Members of the Capitol Hill Police who responded to this terrible tragedy. They too are heroes. Fortunately, they did not have to pay the price that Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson did, but their commitment to their duty and the safety of others was clearly demonstrated on that fateful day.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank the members of the Capitol Hill Police Force and our law enforcement officers across the Nation for the service they provide to the people of the United States. Unfortunately, I have attended services like this one today for fallen officers in Delaware. They are never easy but they do remind us of the absolute dedication that every law enforcement officer brings to the job and the very real risk they take every day.

Mr. Speaker, our thanks and prayers go to Officer Chestnut and Detective

Gibson. We will always remember them. In their memory, we also thank all the men and women in law enforcement who share the commitment that these two heroes exemplified. Finally, I want to say to the families of John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut, thank you for giving us these two men. We are eternally grateful, and you will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

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#### PROFOUND SYMPATHIES FROM NEW JERSEY'S 11TH DISTRICT

(Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, in this hallowed Chamber we are often separated by differences in policy and politics, but today we stand together as a family, bound in honor of two men who will always be remembered in this Chamber and in this Nation as heroes.

While the horror of Friday's events will be blurred sadly by still other tragedies and the passage of time, the bravery and devotion to duty of Capitol Hill Police Officers John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut will become as lasting as the very democracy contained within these walls. We will not forget them.

This Capitol, the People's House, is honored by the service of each of our Capitol Police Officers, and to all of them today I offer praise and gratitude. By these two fallen heroes the People's House is venerated more so than the presence of any one of us here who have meant liberty, for Officers Gibson and Chestnut surrendered theirs in protection of ours.

To the Gibson and Chestnut families, on behalf of New Jersey's 11th Congressional District, my deepest, most profound sympathies go to them. They should know we share their grief and we also share their tremendous pride of these two men who have given their lives in the preservation of the sanctity of our Nation's Capitol.

#### PRAYERS FROM THE PEOPLE OF BROOKLYN AND STATEN ISLAND

(Mr. FOSSELLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I come here today with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to offer my condolences and prayers to the families of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson. Just on the way over here I was talking to some retired Capitol Hill Police, one of whom trained Detective Gibson. And I guess, in a nutshell, he said, "It could have been one of us," and I guess that really characterizes the mood around here these days: It could have been anybody. But it was two heroes who fell for their country, who fell protecting others without hesitation, without question.

And, Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not offer my prayers for my family and the people of Brooklyn and Staten Island to those of the families of Mr. Chestnut and Mr. Gibson, if I did not mention that, right now, there is a young police officer back home in Staten Island who was shot in the head 2 days ago by a 17-year-old boy, this boy who had killed somebody at the age of 15. So I say that as an example in reflection of that dedication of the Capitol Hill Police and police officers around this country who stand in defense of freedom every single day to protect the innocent, to protect us. And while we pray for the families of Mr. Gibson and Mr. Chestnut, may we also pray for Mr. Carter and hope that he recovers and that in Staten Island we have him back protecting us as well.

#### PROFOUND CONDOLENCES FROM THE 4TH DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

(Mrs. FOWLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, last Friday a terrible and devastating incident occurred here in the Capitol of our Nation. Inside this glistening white marble building one person changed the lives of two families forever and held a Nation captive as we prayed for the lives of two dedicated police officers who have protected us without as much as a second thought.

In our daily rush we may sometimes forget that the officers we see throughout the buildings are there ready to make the personal sacrifices their duty requires. Staff members sometimes feel frustrated if they are stopped by an officer as they give tours, and interns are sometimes flustered if asked for identification. It is so easy to forget that these officers are trying to protect us despite ourselves.

Winston Churchill once said: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

The recent events bring their duty into clearer focus and force us to realize that, despite our occasional complacency, these officers must be prepared every day to face danger. Last Friday, in little more than a heartbeat, a delusional person was able to cowardly snuff out the life of a dedicated and professional officer. Jacob Chestnut was, however, much more than just a police officer. He was a good husband and father, and he was a caring member of his community and church.

Unfortunately, he was not alone. Officer John Gibson had three children and made time in his life for many others. He was the kind of person who was willing to dress up as Santa Claus to thrill children at Christmas. As a deputy whip to majority whip TOM DELAY, I came to know John Gibson as a man assigned to protect the majority whip.

Many days I would go in the side entrance to the office, and Detective Gibson would be there with his reassuring presence and smile. We all came to know and care for Officer John Gibson.

Despite the tragic turn of events on Friday it is my personal belief that the police security worked. The intruder was stopped before he was able to roam freely throughout the U.S. Capitol Building killing innocent civilians. I am proud of Officers Gibson and Chestnut. I am also proud of all the other officers on duty that day for their quick and professional response in bringing down the alleged killer, helping their fallen comrades and managing the hundreds of people who were either working or touring in the Capitol.

I would also like to express my own profound condolences as well as those of the people of the 4th District of Florida to the families of Officer Jacob Chestnut and Officer John Gibson. May God bless them.

#### HOW CAN WE HELP?

(Mr. HOUGHTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, so many people have talked so eloquently about these two brave men that I am not going to try to do that. However, in less than an hour and a half we will be having this service in the Rotunda which the President, the Vice President, the members of the Cabinet and Senate and the House are going to be paying their final respects to these two courageous, courageous men. But I guess I ask myself how can we help? What goes on afterwards?

We have had 2 days of mourning. There will be other mournings that go on. But sooner or later those families are going to be on their own, and they are going to need our help, and I hope we can be of help to them whether it is through any contributions we can make to funds, whether it is some help to their children, whether it is in a variety of different ways. I think those are the times when we will be needed.

Also, I would like to feel that we can do what is needed to be done for the Capitol Police in terms of buttressing them and making sure that they have the proper protective equipment.

Another thing I think is that there are a great many people out there who were not in Washington but have the same types of functions, and these people need our protection and our help. I know in my communities and the district in which I live similar people are exposed daily to the type of dangers that these two brave officers were.

And also I think that there are a variety of people who are not in self service but are in service to this country, whether it is in the military or judiciary or a whole variety of things that

really we should be aware of and sensitive to the conditions under which they work.

#### OFFICER J.J. CHESTNUT AND DETECTIVE JOHN GIBSON MADE A DIFFERENCE

(Mr. CUNNINGHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, President Ronald Reagan in his inaugural address talked about a man named Martin Treptoe. Martin Treptoe, like J.J. Chestnut, John Gibson, had not ever been heard of by America before that time, but Martin Treptoe was a baker. During World War I, when it was raging, he volunteered to go to the front. He became a message carrier. He got to the front, and three other message carriers had been killed, but yet Martin Treptoe volunteered again. And like the other three, they found Martin Treptoe dead about halfway to the front, and they found his message pouch, and I would like to quote from that pouch. It says:

"This is a very difficult war. I don't think I will survive. But I must treat every action as if that action determined the outcome of this conflict."

Both J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson treated every one of their actions as if the outcome made a difference for the Members of Congress and the safety of the public. We honor those two individuals today. May God bless.

#### TRIBUTE TO OFFICER J.J. CHESTNUT AND DETECTIVE JOHN GIBSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Officers J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson, and I hope something that has been said over these last 2 days will continue to help and comfort those who mourn.

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 mortality." Officers J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson truly upheld this lofty standard.

And I also thank all other Capitol Hill Police Officers and all law enforcement officers throughout this Nation who protect us.

As responsible defenders of our country, these two slain officers protected our citizens from mortal danger, and it cost them their very lives. But they protected more than the people around them. Officers Chestnut and Gibson protected the very core of our American society and our belief in the preservation of life and democracy.

Today I would like to acknowledge the courage and dedication that Officers John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut exemplified this past Friday. Today I seek to honor the memories of these brave men who served their country with the utmost dignity.

On a personal note I want to offer a very personal thanks, for I was here in these very Chambers when the shootout started, and I know that their bravery served and saved so many others.

As I say goodbye to our fallen officers, I am reminded of the Psalm of David where it is written:

Trust in the Lord, and do good, so you will dwell in the land and enjoy security. Take the light in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord. Trust in Him, and He will act. He will bring forth your vindication as the light and your right as the noon day.

Last Friday, Officers Chestnut and Gibson did do good, and I am certain that they will bask in the Lord's glory when they reach the heavens.

This event has brought the pall of sorrow across the expanse of our great Nation. We all grieve today for two heroes whose lives were prematurely ended. However, we are gratified that democracy and freedom still lives in these halls and in our Nation. We can find comfort knowing that Officers Chestnut and Gibson will glorify the heavens as their spirits ascend ever upward.

As written in Matthew 5:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

And blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

In addition to these two brave officers, we must also thank the entire Capitol Police Force whose value was clearly evident during these trying hours this past Friday. The fast response of all of the Capitol's Officers diminished the severity of this heinous event. Not only did the Officers respond to the threat, but they also maintained a sense of calm that averted panic and comforted Congress Members, staff members and the members of the public touring the capital grounds.

I personally thank the police force for their mere presence comforts me when I step on these grounds, and I am comforted knowing that valiant officers like John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut watch over all of us.

It is so very important to remember Officer Chestnut. This honorable man was dutifully providing directions for a man and his son when he was gunned

down from behind by a sick and confused perpetrator. It is cruel irony that Officer Chestnut was summarily executed as he performed an act of kindness. As we remember him we must not only remember his gallantry. It is likely that we would be grieving the loss of a far greater number of lives if he had not acted.

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Officer Gibson's quick action protected, not only the lives of the majority whip and his staff, but it also protected the multitude of innocents who were touring the Capitol and its grounds. Who knows what carnage would have unfolded had Officer Gibson not brought an end to this violence.

I offer my utmost sympathy to the families. Officer Chestnut was the consummate family man. He shared precious moments with his wife and his children. He generously spent time with his father-in-law. He moved forward and helped all of those who wanted to help him. He helped and stood by his wife's side, and he savored the moments with his children and his grandchildren.

Detective Gibson was also a loving man, a good husband, and a father of three. Detective Gibson spent much time with his family. He took his children to their athletic events, played with the family dog, and gladly offered assistance to his neighbors.

The fact that Detective Gibson had planned to vacation with his family the moment he left work last Friday is a testament to his sense of family togetherness. That vacation on this Earth will never take place, but I know there are better days ahead.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself, my family, the constituents of the 18th congressional district in Texas and my staff, I offer to those who mourn my greatest sympathy and love. And on behalf of all of us, I offer these words of comfort in Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall line up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint."

God bless the families of Officer J.J. Chestnut and Officer Gibson. God bless America.

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Officers Jacob J. Chestnut and John Gibson truly upheld this lofty standard. I also thank all other Capitol Hill police and all other law enforcement officers who protect us. As responsible defenders of our country, these two slain officers protected our citizens from mortal danger, and it cost them their very lives. But they

protected more than the people around them. Officers Chestnut and Gibson protected the very core of our American society, our belief in the preservation of life and democracy.

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I personally thank the police force because their mere presence comforts me whenever I step inside the Capitol. I am comforted knowing that valiant officers like John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut watch over me.

This incident represented a rare event in our American history. Violent events in the Capitol, however, have occurred before. In February 1890, Charles E. Kincaid, Louisville Times correspondent, shot former representative William P. Taulbee on stairs leading from the House. Mr. Taulbee later died from his injuries. In December 1932, Marlin R.M. Kemmerer entered the House gallery and demanded time to address the House while brandishing a revolver.

Fortunately, Representative Melvin J. Haas persuaded the gunman to drop the weapon. In March 1954, five Congressmen were shot on the floor of the House by three Puerto Rican nationalists who were in the visitors' gallery. Until last Friday, the latest act of violence in the Capitol was the bombing of the second floor of the Capitol. Fortunately, no one was injured.

What makes this recent event more serious than past events is the sense of security and safety that was shattered by the gunman's weapon. Given the heightened security at the Capitol, I have to think that few of us expected to face the violent assault on the Capitol, much less the loss of two Capitol officers.

We must forever remember Officer Chestnut. This honorable man was dutifully providing directions for a man and his son when he was gunned down from behind by a sick and confused perpetrator. It is cruel irony that Officer Chestnut was summarily executed as he performed an act of kindness.

We forever remember Officer Gibson. Were it not for his gallantry, it is likely that we would be grieving the loss of a far greater number of lives. Officer Gibson's quick action protected not only the lives of the Majority Whip and his staff, but it also protected the multitude of innocents who were touring the Capitol and its grounds. Who knows what carnage would have unfolded had Officer Gibson not brought an end to the violence?

Authorizing the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for the memorial services for these brave men is fitting because they truly are national heroes, and they deserve a hero's tribute. I am also honored that a plaque bearing the names of Officers Chestnut and Gibson will grace the walls of the Capitol, so we will forever remember their selfless acts of valor.

I offer my utmost sympathy to the families of our fallen heroes. Officer Chestnut was the consummate family man. He shared precious moments with his wife and his children, and he generously spent time with his father-in-law in the garden that the two maintained. Because of the terrible acts of one man, Officer Chestnut will not be able to enjoy his retirement by his wife's side, he will not be able to savor moments with his children and grandchildren, and he will not be able to till that garden he loved so dearly.

Detective Gibson was also a loving family man. A good husband and the father of three, Detective Gibson spent much time with his family. He took his children to their athletic events, played with the family dog, and gladly offered assistance to his neighbors. The fact that Detective Gibson had planned to vacation with his family the moment he left work last Friday is testament to his sense of family togetherness. Sadly, this vacation will never be taken, and Gibson's family will never again spend time with their beloved husband and father.

Mr. Speaker on behalf of myself, my family, the constituents of the 18th Congressional District in Texas and my staff, I offer my deepest sympathy and I leave you with the words of Isaiah 40:15, "Those that wait upon the Lord shall walk, run and not faint."

Given the loss felt by the families of our fallen officers, I feel that we must do what we can to provide assistance to these survivors.

By paying for the funeral services, creating a survivor's gratuity to the widows of the two officers, and by urging the establishment of a Capitol Police Memorial Fund, we can acknowledge the courage of Officers Chestnut and Gibson in the best way possible, by helping their family members.

#### IN TRIBUTE

(Mr. WICKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, I do not know if Detective John Gibson or Officer Jacob Chestnut ever met anyone from the 1st congressional district of Mississippi in the performances of their duties. But my constituents feel a kinship with these two slain heroes today.

They realize that these brave men gave their lives, not simply to defend hundreds of innocent people during last Friday's shootout but to protect and preserve 222 years of history and freedom symbolized by this majestic Capitol building.

The gunshots which rang out in these hallowed halls last week were heard around the Nation. E-mails and messages from my North Mississippi district reflect the same sorrow and shock other Members of Congress heard from the people they represent all across our great country this weekend.

This was not simply a shooting incident on a piece of fed property, it was an attack on the People's House, an attack on us all. This e-mail from constituents in Olive Branch, Mississippi is one example.

It reads, and I quote:

Congressman Wicker, please express the heartfelt condolences of the people of Mississippi to the families and friends of the two slain Capitol policemen. They served and died honorably and in the best traditions of all those who placed their lives on the line for the citizens of this country. We trust they will be given the finest remembrance available in accord with the wishes of their families.

The American people join us today in honoring Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson. We lift them up as the role models and dedicated servants they were, professionals who took seriously their obligation to defend and protect the foundation of our democracy.

It is fitting that we honor these two men as heroes and that we make sure their sacrifice is never forgotten. Beyond the words we utter on the House floor and in memorial services, a more lasting tribute to them is to ensure that we carry on the orderly functions of government inside this building that they died to preserve.

It is important that we send a message to all those who would tear at the fabric of our democracy that we will not be deterred from keeping open this historic building which stands as the most visible symbol of freedom in the world.

I share the sentiment echoed in this chamber that we stand united in reassuring our citizens that our free and open government represented so powerfully by all that goes on in the U.S. Capitol will not be disrupted by the actions of one disturbed individual.

Never again will we take for granted the job our law enforcement officers do in and around the Capitol. They come to work each day prepared to give their lives in service to our country.

Last week, for the first time in history, two of these brave officers made the ultimate sacrifice. They saved lives in the process. We share the grief their families feel because they were part of all of our families, and they will remain so.

Mr. Speaker, the people of the 1st congressional district of Mississippi join me in saluting the bravery and courage of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson.

#### IN TRIBUTE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to express my sympathy and that of Michigan's 1st congressional district to the families of our two fallen officers of the Capitol Police Department, Detective John Michael Gibson and Officer Joseph Jacob Chestnut.

They are our officers because those of us who were and those of us who are in law enforcement know that Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut are our fellow officers. When a law enforcement officer was injured or killed, each of us who have been there are injured in a personal way.

As an Escanaba City police officer and later as a Michigan State Police trooper, unfortunately, too often, I felt and I have witnessed the outrage, the mourning, the sadness like that that has been expressed here in the Nation's Capitol and all across this great country.

It happens all too often, Mr. Speaker. Every other day a law enforcement officer dies in the line of duty here in America, every other day. Today we salute Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut. In response to their death, there has been calls for a visitor's center or to move the security perimeter farther away from the Capitol, farther to protect our brave law enforcement officers.

Mr. Speaker, I really wish it was that easy. I wish we could just pass a law that here in America we could say no more law enforcement officers would have to be killed or to be injured in the line of duty. But it just does not work that way Mr. Speaker.

If we ask Officer Chestnut or Detective Gibson, I am sure they would tell

you that, in law enforcement officers, we rely on that personal contact with the public that we serve. We need that permanent contact to do our job. We need that contact.

You see, while Officer Chestnut probably really never had a chance, Detective Gibson knew what he had to do. He had to protect employees. He had to protect the visitors. He had to protect the Nation's Capitol.

He knew what the job demanded. They both understood their job. They had that sixth sense, that, even in the time of danger, they understood and they knew what had to be done.

Mr. Speaker, when I came here in 1993, I realized that law enforcement officers, not just here in the nation's Capitol but all across America, officers who knew how to do their job, officers who sacrificed their lives or maimed or injured each day to protect all of us, I realized when I got here they really had no voice in this House. They had no caucus in the Nation's Capitol.

What did the law enforcement officers ask? They ask for understanding of what they do. They ask for understanding of what their job entailed. So I and other Members in this Congress back in 1993 formed a Law Enforcement Caucus.

The bipartisan caucus promotes law enforcement ideas, promotes the needs of law enforcement officers and hopefully, hopefully we promote an understanding of their job, an understanding of the duty of what it is to be a law enforcement officer.

Those of us in law enforcement understand the dangers we face. We understand how a peaceful day is shattered by gunfire and tragedy each day in America. We know that, and we understand that.

So I hope that you understand that a visitor's center or maybe a larger perimeter cannot really protect law enforcement officers from doing their job or the dangers that is in their job. But we ask that, as they do their job, can we not give them our understanding that when our peace is shattered by death or injury they need to know that their children will be taken care of so they can go to college, get an education, fulfill their dreams.

We hope you understand that we need a Police Officer Bill of Rights, so you understand that law enforcement, all law enforcement officers, their needs and concerns can be addressed.

Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson understood, and they did their job. I am not quite sure America understands their job. I am not quite sure this Congress understands. I am not quite sure America understands, but I know that Members of this Congress, the citizens of this great Nation and America, appreciates them. I am not so sure that we understand their job.

As I paid my respects in the Rotunda and witnessed the Honor Guard at the

caskets give the slow hand salute, it reminded me of other officers like Sergeant Dennis Finch of Traverse City, Michigan, who was murdered ten weeks ago. It reminded me of some of the officers I served with. Michigan Police State Trooper Darryl Rantanen of the Gladstone Post was killed by a teenager who had stolen a car and he rammed the police car and it went off the road and slammed into a tree. Darryl Rantanen recruited me into the Michigan State Police.

It reminded me of Trooper Craig Scott of the Lansing Post. He was a good friend of mine. He was also a law client of mine. He stopped by my office, signed some papers went out on the expressway and was gunned down. I was a pall bearer. He was a friend. He is buried in Muskegon, Michigan.

There was Trooper Paul Hutchins of the Detroit Post, where I counseled him when I was an instructor at the State Police Training Academy.

Mr. Speaker, there are officers throughout this great Nation, and as the Capitol Police officers gave their slow hand salute, we salute all law enforcement officers, past and present. We salute their families. We say thank you. We pray for you. We thank you.

#### TRIBUTE TO TWO FALLEN HEROES

(Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to our two fallen heroes. I spoke on the floor last night discussing actions that we can take in light of this terrible tragedy. All of our colleagues have come together in discussing ways that we can assist the families of these two brave heroes.

As I mentioned last night, over the past 12 years I have been in this body I have had the pleasure of working with public safety leaders around America in both law enforcement, fire, EMS and life safety concerns. In fact, in this city I have had the pleasure of working closely with the Capitol Hill Police in a number of exercises and in a number of situations that I have been able to witness their activities.

We take our Capitol Police, as we do our law enforcement and public safety officials, for granted across this country. Just in the 12 years that I have been here, I have seen our Capitol Hill police respond to fires in the Cannon Building, the Longworth Building, again in the Longworth Building just a month ago; emergencies in this building, bomb threats, situations involving people who become ill or are struck with heart attacks or other situations. The Capitol Police are always there.

Mr. Speaker, it takes an event like this where we lose two lives to realize how valuable these people are day in

and day out. In fact, 3 months ago my colleague, a good friend of mine, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and I, after the fire in the Longworth Building, decided that we should take the time to recognize these brave heroes. So we went to Bill Livingood, the Sergeant at Arms and the chief, and we said, how about if we in the Congress recognize those people in your department who were taken to D.C. hospitals for smoke inhalation and for anxiety caused by their efforts in removing our constituents and ourselves and our staffs from the Longworth Building during that fire?

We assembled them all in a House hearing room in the Rayburn Building, and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and I both spoke to them. At the end of the service, one of the officers said, this is the first time that the Congress has actually recognized what we do in a formal way.

Last night, Mr. Speaker, in our bipartisan caucus meeting here in this body I suggested, along with the gentleman from Maryland, that we establish a permanent Congressional Recognition Program for our Capitol Hill Police; not just to recognize these brave heroes when they pay the ultimate sacrifice but to make sure that we have a way of paying attention to what they do every day that we are in session.

I would say to America, in this time of national grief, in this time of tremendous outpourings of emotion and sympathy from all over the country, and having walked down the front steps you see police officers from across America coming to this city to pay their respects to our two heroes, I would say to America, let us use this opportunity, this low point in terms of our national morale, to renew ourselves in two ways: First of all, that is to make sure that the families of these two brave heroes never forget that we care, nor forget their loved ones. We are doing that.

The leadership on both sides of the aisle has put into place a memorial fund. We passed special legislation. We will do everything possible to make the lives of the siblings and the wives of these brave heroes comfortable for the rest of their lives, as much as we can, given the fact that they have lost their fathers and husbands.

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But I would say to America, there is something else we can do. Besides taking care of these two families, each of us in this country needs to reach down and understand. As I said last night, looking for role models in this country should not divert us toward Hollywood, should not divert us toward the movies or TV, should not even divert us to athletic competition, because the real role models, the real American heroes, if you will, are not in Hollywood. They

are not on the ballfields. They are false heroes. The real heroes and the real role models are the men and women in our neighborhoods who serve as our law enforcement officials, our sheriffs, our paid and volunteer firefighters, our paramedics and EMS personnel, because not only do they do their job and work to save lives and property every day, as these two brave individuals did, but they also make our community strong.

Every American that wants to pay tribute to Officer J.J. Chestnut and Detective John Gibson should make it a personal, a personal challenge to reach out in their own communities, maybe establishing a Hero Scholarship Fund such as the Heroes Program in Washington; maybe establishing a support group, but getting involved locally with those public safety heroes in America who every day protect all of our lives.

We are doing that in Washington, and I would just ask this country to come together in this time of national sorrow and allow us to all more fully appreciate the public safety heroes and role models in America who truly are the best that America has to offer.

IN HONOR OF DETECTIVE JOHN M. GIBSON AND OFFICER J.J. CHESTNUT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURR of North Carolina). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, as a representative of the people of the Third Congressional District of Maryland, I rise today to speak in honor of Detective John M. Gibson and Officer J.J. Chestnut of the Capitol Hill Police.

These last few days here on Capitol Hill have been somber ones and many of us have been given to thoughts of the abruptness of life; how one minute you can accept the greeting of an officer as you walk to work and the next you learn that you will never hear those words again, that he has been slain in a heroic stand to save your life and the lives of your coworkers and hundreds of strangers.

These are sad times, Mr. Speaker. Yet we should not, we cannot, allow the sadness to overwhelm the message of the lives of Officers Chestnut and Gibson. There is a message rooted in the ideas of democracy and duty. Democracy has a price. In a day and age when life for so many of us is so good, some of us may have forgotten that.

Tragically, the Chestnut and Gibson families know that the price for their father and husband was life itself. But it was their sense of duty, their commitment to protecting this building that stands for democracy and the people in it, that should force all of us to consider our own duty to democracy.

It is said that Robert E. Lee once wrote to his son, and I quote: "Duty, then, is the sublimest word of our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more, you should never wish to do less."

I wish to offer my condolences to the Chestnut and Gibson families. I want to tell them that the lives of these great men and what they did for me, my colleagues, and all America last Friday will always be remembered and honored, but also remembered and honored for what it meant to the twin ideals of democracy and duty.

I want them to know that even if Officers Gibson and Chestnut had never heard these words from General Lee, they lived them, nonetheless. These two men could not have done more for me, and I hope to use their example to never wish to do less.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT).

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, as the representative of the Third District of Virginia, I rise to add my voice to the chorus of supporters of families and friends of Special Agent John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut in these painful hours.

"Senseless" is the word that keeps coming back to me as I think of the loss to the families and to our community of the lives and contributions of these two fine public servants. The only thing that was not senseless about the tragedy was their bravery and sense of duty in sacrificing their own lives to protect the lives of others and to keep the people's House open to the public.

Any loss of life as a result of tragedy is painful to the entire community, but when it comes as a result of a senseless tragedy such as this, we also feel anger, disgust and bewilderment over the loss of their lives and the suffering brought upon their families, friends, and our Nation as a result of a senseless act. No words are ever adequate under these circumstances. Yet I wish to join the long line of my colleagues in Congress to express my deep sorrow and sympathy to the families of these brave officers and to try to find a way to come to grips with this tragedy in our midst.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate and honor the lives and contributions of Special Agent John Gibson and Officer J.J. Chestnut to this Congress and to this community and to our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO THE BRAVERY OF DETECTIVE JOHN GIBSON AND OFFICER J.J. CHESTNUT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, shots rang out in the Halls

of this Capitol, and today we come together to remember two officers and the tragedy that has befallen all of us. Even in the midst of tragedy, we must reflect on the fact that these two men were defending this Capitol, the Capitol which is a symbol of freedom around the world. These two men not only gave their lives in the line of duty and in order to protect innocent citizens, but also to protect freedom.

Throughout the history of this Nation, there have been several demonstrations perpetrated on the walls of this Capitol in a way to scar the symbol of freedom. In each instance we have reached within us to find the strength to go on because we realize that which is so precious must continue.

Officers Gibson and Chestnut have made the ultimate sacrifice for us, and they would want us to continue on, to take up their post and to continue to preserve this Democratic institution. We as a nation owe it to them to do just that.

Although they are not here anymore with us, we remember them as the heroes they are. There is no way to fill the void they have left in their families. I can only say to the families of Officers Gibson and Chestnut, may not a month, not a week, not even a day go by that you and we do not forget that these two men will always be our heroes in the truest sense of the word.

As the light on top of the Capitol burns bright at night, may it be a constant reminder of our freedom and our fallen heroes. May that light always shine bright for the memories of Officers Gibson and Chestnut, because they paid the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the principles of this country and for which that light burns so bright.

We must continue to hear the sound of freedom that rang out Friday afternoon and every day here, not the sound of one cowardly, solitary enemy of freedom. Let freedom ring in our ears, and their memories in our hearts, as we stand here in the people's Chamber and as we also stand in the rotunda of the Capitol Building itself, which, in its majesty, fairly reaches up to the heavens, just as the souls of these two brave officers rose Friday to heaven to join our Lord God in eternal bliss.

In God they trust, and as the words raised in marble behind me state, In God We Trust, Now and Forever.

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF OFFICER JACOB CHESTNUT AND DETECTIVE JOHN GIBSON

(Mr. DAVIS of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the tragic loss of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson serve as a painful reminder that every day the men and

women of the United States Capitol Police put their lives on the line, prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice. Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson were called upon to make that sacrifice without any second thought. They simply did that to protect others.

So much of what is said and done in these Halls is a symbol for communities across the Nation. Sadly, the service and sacrifice of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson represent the 91 law enforcement officers who have given their lives just this year alone in the United States. Three of these slain officers served in the community I represent, the city of Tampa in Hillsborough County.

When we lost Police Detectives Randy Bell, Ricky Childers and Trooper James Brad Crooks, it dug a hole in our heart and took our breath away. That tragedy also brought our community closer together, and it deepened our respect and appreciation for the men and women who serve as law enforcement officers and their families as well.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share a poem that brought comfort to our community at that time of tragedy. It was read at the funeral of the slain officers in Tampa. It is an anonymous poem, it is entitled, "Miss Me, But Let Me Go."

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that was once shared,  
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,  
Go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrows in good deeds.  
Miss me, but let me go.

Mr. Speaker, our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these courageous officers. May they rest in peace.

I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE).

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a tremendous sense of loss and sadness that I rise today to express my sincere condolences to the families and friends of Detective John Gibson and Capitol Police Officer Jacob Chestnut and to their colleagues in the Capitol Police. I would also like to offer my sincerest gratitude to all of our Capitol Hill security personnel who each and every day risk their lives for us, and whom oftentimes we take for granted. Thank you for your service, your commitment and your valor.

Detective Gibson was truly an officer's officer. His work exemplified the truest meaning of service. He is re-

membered by colleagues, friends and neighbors alike as someone who would do whatever he could do to help, someone who always made people feel safe.

Officer Chestnut was a stalwart of service and professionalism. He always exhibited genuine kindness and gentleness to all of us who were privileged to know him. My family and I remember his assistance during my swearing-in ceremony, his incredible kindness, his guidance, his tremendous warmth.

These two heroes gave their lives in the line of duty in protecting their fellow citizens. They paid the supreme price so that others may live. They leave behind families, friends, coworkers, communities and Americans who will never forget their commitment and their sacrifice. Their passing leaves a void that will never be filled.

We join with the families to remember the special times, and in doing so, Detective John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut will have a permanent place in our hearts. May they rest in peace.

#### HONORING THE BRAVERY OF DETECTIVE JOHN GIBSON AND OFFICER J.J. CHESTNUT

(Mr. SKEEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, the Nation mourns the death of two Capitol law enforcement officers whose lives were taken in the tragic shooting incident last Friday during a busy time in our Nation's Capitol.

As we reflect on this sadness, I cannot help but think what could have happened if these two men had not been so courageous and sacrificed their own lives so that others may live, and for this we owe them a great deal of thanks and gratitude for protecting the lives of all who visit and work in the Nation's Capitol. Today we honor their memory and pay tribute to their heroic action.

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We offer our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Officers Chestnut and Gibson, to Mrs. Chestnut and Mrs. Gibson. We know your deep sense of loss. For that we pray, so that you may somehow feel comfort during this difficult time.

And to your children, we can only hope that your pain will heal in time by knowing that your father is a national hero, and will always be remembered as a courageous and honorable man who gave his life to protect others. May God bless you and may God bless America.

Let me say one other thing that was a gift from these gentlemen. They unified this House, this great Capitol, the two Houses, and we are unified

throughout the United States in awe of this great gift that these two gentlemen have afforded us. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts, and will remember them always.

#### COMMENDING AND HONORING OFFICER JACOB J. CHESTNUT AND SPECIAL AGENT JOHN M. GIBSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURR of North Carolina). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise for the constituents of the 10th Congressional District of New Jersey in support of two great men who gave their lives on Friday to protect our Nation's Capitol and its visitors. I send my greatest condolences out to the families of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Special Agent John M. Gibson for their bravery and quick action last Friday.

It is the Capitol Hill Police Force that makes it possible for us to do our jobs every day. They also make it possible for all visitors to the Capitol to be able to experience the legislative process, the proceedings which taken here.

I would like to commend and honor those two great men today for their years of service and bravery while protecting everyone who comes to this Nation's Capitol. This tragedy has touched all of our lives, because it reminds us that no one is protected from violence and guns and people in need of mental care, even in the halls of Congress.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know many who serve on the Capitol Police Force, and I commend them, as always, for their sharp responses to situations, in addition to their friendly disposition. It has been an honor to have such men as Officer Chestnut and Special Agent Gibson, who protected us while we were in these hallowed halls.

I will forever be indebted to them for their commitment and protection, and for the safety of the public. They are true heroes, and their bravery is testimony to the best of what our country has to offer.

The Capitol Police officers who selflessly gave their lives are not the only ones who need to be remembered. There was also an innocent bystander who was injured by stray bullets as she escorted her family around the Capitol, Angela Dickerson. I want to send my deepest condolences to her and husband Steve, and their entire family.

Angela was the innocent victim of that random act of violence. I wish her the best of luck in her recovery. We are rooting for her quick and painless recovery, and Angela, we hope that you will come back again to join us in the Capitol, despite your unfortunate experience. This is the people's House, and

it must remain just that, open to the people of this Nation.

Angela's experience remains us that no one is protected from random acts of violence. One of my interns, Teresa, was directly above the shooting after delivering a resolution to the floor, and she was lucky not to be directly at the scene. This has been a sad and emotional experience for all of us, whether we knew the victims or not.

Let me just say that prior to my time in Congress, I served as an elected official in municipal and county offices. On the local level, law enforcement, outside of education, is the largest expenditure of local budgets. Because of this, a lot of time is spent with law enforcement people, and we become more cognizant of their sacrifices, the long hours of the police officers, their time away from their families, the day-to-day danger, and their overall dedication of public service.

Let me conclude by saying that an old Negro spiritual said, Let the work that I have done speak for me. There was the age-old saying that, if you can help somebody along the way, then your living shall not be in vain. Officer Chestnut and Agent Gibson's work that they have done speaks for them, and certainly their living has not been in vain.

Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentlewoman from Missouri (Ms. DANNER).

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOHN GIBSON AND  
JACOB CHESTNUT

Ms. DANNER. Mr. Speaker, the Bible tells us, greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. I rise today to join my fellow Members of Congress to honor the memory of John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut, who died defending not only our lives but democracy itself.

These men were our friends, like so many Capitol Hill police officers who serve and protect us day after day, Congress after Congress, decade after decade. They do so with a quiet dedication and an obvious devotion. Whether helping a Member of Congress or any of the millions of visitors who come to Capitol Hill every year, Capitol Hill police play a vital role in assuring that American democracy works. They do so with thousands of acts of devotion and dedication to their duty. We know they may have to perform the ultimate act of devotion, but we also pray that they never do.

John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut made the supreme sacrifice, and we know they did so without hesitation. They were our friends, our protectors, and they laid down their lives, not only for us, but for the freedom that this institution represents.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES  
OF OFFICER CHESTNUT AND  
SPECIAL AGENT GIBSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, as the Nation and the Capitol Hill family and, of course, the families of Special Agent Gibson and Officer Chestnut deal with this extraordinary tragedy, we, of course, extend our condolences to the immediate family members and their dear friends, including all of our friends here on Capitol Hill who have been so impacted by this.

One cannot help but think of what it is we can learn from this, and what it is that this has taught us. Of course, we have all, over the past few days, expressed greater appreciation for those men and women who are on the front line as Capitol Hill police officers than we have ever have.

I have always prided myself on being friendly and talking with them, but there have been more than a few occasions where I have been in a hurry and rushed by. Over the weekend and yesterday and today, of course, like all of my colleagues, we have stopped and taken a moment to express our appreciation. We all know how important gratitude is.

We also must remember, as we have just had the opportunity to walk by the two caskets in the great rotunda, and in about 45 minutes we will be moving into the Rotunda for this service, but we have to remember that this experience shows us the magnitude of man's humanity to man. We know it is, from this experience, our deeds that make us great, and while we have been talking, as we do so well here, we know that our words are important, but it is our deeds that will be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, these two men exemplify the simple, everyday greatness of self-sacrifice. I join in extending condolences to the Gibson and Chestnut families, and wish them God speed.

IN TRIBUTE TO OFFICER JACOB  
JOSEPH CHESTNUT AND DETEC-  
TIVE JOHN GIBSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. OWENS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, without excessive repetition, I would like to join my colleagues in the House to pay tribute to Officer Jacob Joseph Chestnut and Detective John Gibson, who gave their lives dutifully protecting this hallowed institution.

These two heroes were great points of light for all Americans. It is important that we all come together across party lines and across all other differences to pay homage to these two heroes. As we pay tribute to the dead, let us also

honor the other police and protective forces and other staff members whose reverence for this institution is no less than and sometimes even greater than the reverence of elected members.

In paying tribute to our defenders, we reaffirm the fact that this House of Representatives and the democratic process, this government, belongs to all of the people. We reaffirm the fact that we are the guardians of a sacred process that takes place within the halls of this Capitol.

This democratic process cannot survive without institutional support. This process and the institution have become inseparable. This is the great democratic process that guarantees our freedom and guards our national progress.

It is the process that inspired the bravery and the courage on the beaches of Normandy. It is the same process that applauded and rewarded the returning World War II heroes with more than merely marches and medals.

This Congress, this institution, passed the G.I. Bill, that offered unprecedented educational opportunities to every veteran. This is the democratic process and the institution that followed the leadership of the assassinated President, Abraham Lincoln, and passed the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments, ending slavery and guaranteeing equal treatment and the right to vote.

This is the process and the institution that, while mourning the death of John F. Kennedy, accepted the wise and forceful guidance of President Lyndon Johnson in the passage of the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act.

This is a sacred place and a sacred process. They must at all times be protected and defended. Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson instinctively understood the nature of our mission. The workings of this institution are more complex than the wiring or gadgets of any nuclear submarine. The impact of the results of what we conclude here has more explosive power and long range consequences than any space rocket ever fired at NASA.

To keep this institution relevant and capable of meeting the challenges of our rapidly changing and demanding world, we need the elevator operators, the cleaning staff, the receptionists, the analysts, the secretaries, the directors, chiefs of staff, coordinators, counsel, information specialists, administrative assistants, and yes, we need the detectives and the police. All are vitally necessary. A complicated world demands an intricate governmental infrastructure.

The democratic process within this infrastructure must be protected because the twin monsters of insanity and violent savagery are always scratching out there at the door. In the last 50 years, the bullets of assassins have dramatically altered history in

America. Some victims were President John F. Kennedy; Martin Luther King, Jr.; Robert Kennedy; and the almost-murdered President Ronald Reagan.

Against the twin monsters of insanity and savagery, we must do more than merely mourn the loss of our heroes. Most Americans can only grieve with the families of J. J. Chestnut and John Gibson. We 435 Members of Congress can do much more.

In paying tributes to these heroes, we Members of Congress should seek a solidarity across party lines and beyond the usual philosophical and ideological agendas. In defense of this great institution and to protect all vulnerable Americans, we must unite and act as one. Let this be a time of new reflections, new insights, and new resolve to find ways to disarm the proliferating number of insane and savage assassins.

The second amendment was designed to make us safe from tyranny, to bolster our sense of security. No well-regulated militia should allow the rampant and random distribution of firearms among the populace.

In the name of our Capitol heroes, Officer Jacob Joseph Chestnut and Detective John Gibson, and for the sake of the families of all similar victims, let us resolve, as powerful decision-makers, as Members of Congress, let us resolve to end the escalating terror of handguns in America.

#### ON THE DEATHS OF OFFICER JACOB CHESTNUT AND DETECTIVE JOHN GIBSON

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, we gather today to honor two men in a way that has been reserved for Presidents and military heroes. Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that we would honor these two slain Capitol Police officers as only 26 other Americans have been recognized.

Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson were heroes. They chose to place themselves in harm's way every day they came to work. In that awful moment last Friday, they did not flinch from making the ultimate sacrifice to protect coworkers, friends, and even complete strangers.

They were more than just officers, though. They were husbands, fathers, and a grandfather. We grieve with their families, mourning their loss and ours. Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson were part of that thin blue line that runs through every community in America.

As we remember their heroism this week, let us not forget that their colleagues here at the Capitol and in law enforcement agencies throughout the Nation still stand ready to protect and search. Let us appreciate the contribu-

tions they make and the risks that they take each day when they put on that uniform.

As Ronald Reagan said, those who say we don't have heroes anymore, well, they just don't know where to look. We lost two of those heroes on Friday.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE SLAIN OFFICERS WHO DEFENDED THE U.S. CAPITOL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the slain officers who valiantly have defended the people's House last Friday, Special Agent John Gibson and Special Agent Jacob Chestnut.

Shakespeare wrote, "All the world is a stage, and all the men and women, merely players. Each has his entrance and his exit. One man in his time may play many parts."

So it was with Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson. They, too, played many roles. They were sons, husbands, fathers, friends, coworkers. They were great men, great not because of the titles they carried, not because of the uniforms they wore. They were great not because of where they worked, nor because of who they worked with.

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No, they were great because, measured by the true standard of greatness set by Jesus, that is, "he who is great among you shall be your servant and he who is greatest shall be servant unto all," they measured up.

They served us all. They stood by the door to protect us and thousands who visit this Capitol each day. Both literally and figuratively, they served us and America by giving their last full measure of devotion and to protect us and the House of Democracy.

Too often, those in exalted places of power overlook the nameless persons who serve and wait. Whether those who sweep the floors, hold the doors, service or drive the elevators, serve the food, cut the grass, or clean the toilets, they are too often overlooked. But they, too, are great, because they also serve.

We are grateful to God and to the families of Officers Gibson and Chestnut for allowing us in America to benefit from their service.

Yes, all the world is a stage and all the men and women merely players. Each has its entrance and his exit and these two in their time played many parts. For their service and their friendship, we are grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS).

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a sad heart to ex-

tend my condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of officers J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson. I do this on behalf of my wife, Simone, and our family, my staff, and the constituents of the Sixth Congressional District of New York.

I have only been a Member of the Capitol community for about 5 months, and it has been a learning experience for me and my staff, as most us are new to Washington. One of the things that we have learned is that there is a strong sense of community here. Members and staff view each other as colleagues, and we view our staffs as part of our families.

The Capitol Police, in my opinion, are indeed an extension of that spirit of professional respect, friendship, and family. They protect Members, they protect our staffs, and they protect the many visitors that visit the Capitol every day. They risk their lives for us and for America. But we must ask ourselves, what is it that they are protecting?

I believe, as I am sure all Americans believe, that they are defending the crucible of freedom. It is the crucible of freedom that is on display every day in this building. The fact that Officers Chestnut and Gibson gave their lives defending this place will serve as a reminder to me what the words "duty" and "service" really mean. The senseless act of this past Friday truly define the words "defending the Constitution."

Yes, I still learn every day that I am here, as I had learned before I arrived here, that we cannot place a value on human life. But a person who is willing to give their life, make the ultimate sacrifice so that someone else might continue to live, is one who really understands life and its value.

Yes, as others have said, freedom is not free. And it is with a tremendous sacrifice that we are free in this country, a freedom that we all too often take for granted.

But I just pray that we all understand what sacrifice means after this tragedy. I again send my prayers to the families of these heroes. I know, and I want them to know, that they are not alone. This House, this Congress, and indeed America's prayers are supporting them.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4328, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-651) on the resolution (H. Res. 510) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4328) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and

for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

**REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 629, TEXAS LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT CONSENT ACT**

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-652) on the resolution (H. Res. 511) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 629) to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

**STAFF TRIBUTES TO DETECTIVE JOHN GIBSON**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I probably will not take the entire 5 minutes, for those who are waiting to speak. I just wanted to add to last night, when I read into the RECORD some of my staff's memories of Detective John Gibson. Today I had a few more that my staff offers, and I wanted to read them into the RECORD as well.

From Jim Morrell,

Working in the front office at the Whip Office for a year and a half, I had the opportunity to come to know John; the opportunity to know what an outstanding human being he truly was. When the nights got late with Congressman DeLay up in leadership meetings or on the House Floor, there would often be just a few of us left in the office. I can remember staying up there until 11:00 or 12:00 at night with John watching TV or talking about the latest events in the sports world. With John being a die-hard Red Sox fan and me being a die-hard Cubs fan, we often commiserated on the respective futility of our favorite baseball teams.

I walked into the Whip's office last Friday, minutes before the tragic events unfolded. Although I came in the front door, I turned my head towards the back hallway before continuing on. There sat John at the back desk dutifully guarding his post.

For the rest of my life, that image of John will stay with me. The image of a guardian, a defender, a protector. I can imagine John, even as shots were being fired, thinking, "There is no way you are going to harm the people in this office."

Well, no one in our office was harmed, thanks to John. The hardest part of this tragedy is that I will never have the opportunity to thank John personally. In every sense of the word, he was a part of our office, a part of our family, and he will be sorely missed. God was very gracious to allow me to know John Gibson. I will always remember his life and will always remember his sacrifice.

From Shannon Graves, she says,

John was my father, my uncle, my brother, my protective shield. For the year and a half that I sat in a desk right in front of him, I saw John from sunup to sundown. Gibson, as I would always call him, was always there with a cheery "good morning" and a smile throughout the day.

He took on the role of a father to a very young female in the office. He was there to give you congratulations, give you that stern lecture that was needed, and if someone was ever bothering you he was there to make it go away.

As we sat together, it became the competition of dueling TVs, always helping him with the Internet, e-mail, and loading the latest computer games for him, Doug, and Bob to play.

I remember the day he was on detail for John Travolta. It was about 6:30 at night. He came running into the office asking me to grab any film that I might have. He would give no details, except to grab the film and follow him. I ran with him, and the next thing I know, I am handing the film over to John Travolta's photographer. It seems that she ran out of film and Travolta was going into a meeting with the Speaker. I spent the next hour up on the balcony and then was ushered over to have my picture taken.

John was always watching out for everyone. He wanted to make sure that everyone benefited. He escorted Stephanie and myself to see Mother Theresa when she was leaving the Capitol. He was always right there for you. Now my Hill father is gone.

From Dani DeLay, my own daughter, who is now Dani Ferro,

John always treated me like he was another father. Whenever I was in Washington, he always was looking out for me and watching me like a hawk.

I liked to tease him and tell him I feel sorry for his own daughter. I was sure that, at age 17, he still had not let her go out on a date.

I feel so safe knowing that now he will always be watching over me wherever I am.

The last conversation John and I had, he told me how much me and my family meant to him and how much he loved us. John, I love you, too.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to just thank all the Members for all the wonderful words they have said on this floor on behalf of J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson.

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DELAY. I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), the majority whip, yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to make two points. One is this House has come together in an extraordinary way in the last 24 hours. Last night's meeting, a joint caucus and conference meeting between the Democrats and the Republicans, was this institution at its finest.

I think in the memory of these two outstanding men, we should all commit ourselves to love each other more, to be more civil, to hold this institution up in the way that they deserve. In memory of them, that we would, as a people, find some good in this and come

together in an extraordinary and historic way.

Mr. Speaker, I also wanted to come today to this floor and recognize a great "Tennessee Volunteer," Senator BILL FRIST, whose second nature was to help; to put himself in an awkward position as a physician, though to always put that patient first, regardless of who that patient is.

A great Tennessean of whom we are all very proud, Senator FRIST came where he was needed most and gave of himself in an extraordinary way.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) and the Speaker and the minority leader for this House coming together for these two remarkable men.

**IN HONOR OF OFFICER JACOB J. CHESTNUT AND DETECTIVE JOHN M. GIBSON WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, like my colleagues before me, I rise to extend my heartfelt sympathies and deepest condolences to the families of Officers Jacob Chestnut and Detective John Gibson. We pay this special congressional tribute today in honor of these extraordinary and courageous Americans who sacrificed their lives so that the Members of this institution and the public could be protected from harm and from danger.

Mr. Speaker, sometimes we take it for granted that our Capitol Hill officers perform their duties day and night, faithfully, steadfastly, without complaint and with quiet dedication. At all times, they are willing to assist us and assist our constituents, going out of their way to be helpful and courteous. They serve this institution with dignity, with selflessness and, Mr. Speaker, as this tragedy as shown us, they serve this institution with great courage.

My colleagues in the House, for all I know, it could have been any one of us walking down that Capitol hallway last Friday afternoon, any one of us or any one of the thousands of more than 18,000 staff members and visitors who enter that hallway of the Capitol building every day. It could have been any one of us. The violence was that random.

Mr. Speaker, several members of Congress could have been hurt or killed last Friday. These brave officers, John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut, took the bullets instead. They took the bullets that recklessly endangered everyone in that hallway, including visitors who wanted very much to see America's greatest monument, a building that

symbolizes freedom and democracy throughout the world.

In this moment when there was only time to act, we saw the true nature of both of these men. We saw their courage and saw their deeply selfless impulse to protect life and to protect the sacred space which is at the very heart of this democracy, the House of Representatives of the American people.

So while this tragedy has shocked all of us, Mr. Speaker, I would join my colleagues who have urged that it not result in undue restrictions of public access; restrictions that would change the very essence and character of the People's House.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all the men and women in uniform, along with these two gentlemen, who perform their duties day and night to protect us and to protect all Americans who grace the people's House with their presence to witness the world's greatest democracy. We know that all of them are sworn to protect this institution, as were Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson.

Mr. Speaker, words simply cannot express our great sorrow and the depth of gratitude. Mr. Speaker, in our Samoan tradition we say—(The gentleman from American Samoa spoke in Samoan)—“May your voyage be one of greatness and with great success.”

Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN).

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALCOMA) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to add my condolences, and that of my constituents in the U.S. Virgin Islands, to the family of our slain officers, as well as our respect, honor, and gratitude to these officers for their years of exemplary service and their supreme sacrifice.

We are all the beneficiaries of their service and bravery and that of their fellow officers who greet us daily, look after our welfare, protect us and our families and our constituents.

On a personal level, they help me find my way between meetings; they greet me as I arrive and leave. When necessary, they have seen to it that I have gotten home safely and have been helpful above and beyond the call of duty in many ways.

Officers Chestnut and Special Agent Gibson have served us and their country at the highest level of service. May the sorrow of their families be eased by the fact that so many share the burden of their loss.

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May God bless them and us, and may our beloved officers rest in peace.

#### TO SAY THANK YOU TO OFFICER CHESTNUT AND SPECIAL AGENT GIBSON

(Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say thanks to Capitol Police Officer Jacob Chestnut and Special Agent John Gibson for being there when we needed them the most.

I really shudder to think of how much worse this tragedy could have been if these two men had not been there to make the ultimate sacrifice at their posts.

Today, as we honor them, I want to take a moment to recognize the reassuring presence of the Capitol Police who guard their institution with their lives every day. Thank you.

As Friday's events so vividly demonstrated, without you, the exercise of democracy in this House, the People's House, would not be possible. You do a great service to your country. I ask for God's blessing to the family, to friends, to the other officers in this time of tragic loss.

#### DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURR of North Carolina). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, Special Agent John Gibson, Officer Jacob “J.J.” Chestnut, duty, honor, country.

Many Members of Congress have expressed our collective grief over the loss of Special Agent Gibson and Officer J.J. Chestnut, but it is worth repeating over and over again. Officers, law enforcement, fire personnel over the country every year lose their lives helping all of us, American citizens. We should express our grief today and remember them as they remembered us, helping us through difficult situations. Condolences to the family. God bless you all.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. OXLEY).

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I also add my voice to the chorus of sympathy being sung on this day of mourning here at the Capitol for the Chestnut and Gibson families. To them we give thanks in the memory of their fallen heroes. We pray that their grief will be comforted.

They died protecting freedom and protecting the lives of all of us here in the Capitol. They died as any U.S. soldier would have in any war. It is now just to remember how much we appreciate and admire their leadership and their service, and we send our deepest sympathies to the family as we proceed to the memorial service in the Rotunda.

I thank the gentleman from California for yielding to me.

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

#### IN TRIBUTE TO JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT AND JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON

(Mrs. MINK of Hawaii asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I join a mournful Nation to express my deepest sympathy to the families and loved ones of Officer Jacob Joseph Chestnut and Detective John Michael Gibson. These two brave and courageous officers gave their lives to the protection of Members of Congress, our staff and visitors who come to see the Capitol from all over the country.

On behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District of the State of Hawaii, I stand to pay tribute to the gallantry and bravery of these two men who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Many people from Hawaii visit the Capitol each year and have felt the assurance of safety provided by the dignified and diligent service of our Capitol Police. To learn that two of them died in the line of fire is shocking news everywhere in America.

I returned home to Hawaii the next day after the event to find that all of the people I saw received word of this terrible loss with a sense of personal loss. Everyone felt that their safety had been compromised with such an assault upon our House. The feeling of warmth and compassion for the families of the slain officers was deep and very moving.

As we reflect on these events, I realize how guilty we all are in taking for granted officers like Chestnut and Gibson who stand in the line of fire every day that they serve us here and in our home communities. I pray for their eternal peace and for the life and safety of every one of their colleagues who serve us here in the Nation's Capitol.

#### HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON AND JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT

(Mr. MINGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, this last week of July, 1998, we honor Officers Gibson and Chestnut. We honor them for the ultimate sacrifice that they have made on behalf of this country and on behalf of this institution.

I join my many colleagues in all of their eloquent remarks. We certainly cannot be too eloquent to thank, compliment those officers and share with their families the bereavement of their loss.

On behalf of the people of the State of Minnesota, I wish to extend our condolences.

Finally, on behalf of the Members of this institution, I think it is fair to say that we recognize a renewed obligation to meet the challenges that we face with the same dedication that the officers who have given their lives met their obligation.

I share in the comments of my colleague, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. WAMP) in the desire to see this institution work on a collegial basis in the months and years to come.

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, the attached transcript is of my radio address to the nation on Saturday, July 25, 1998. During this address, I discussed the tragic attack at the Capitol and the courage of those officers who responded to this tragedy. The officers who were killed—and all those who helped apprehend the gunman, assist the injured and evacuate the building—are true heroes of democracy, and every American owes them a deep debt of gratitude. They gave their lives to protect the lives of hundreds of tourists, staff, and Members of Congress. If not for their quick and courageous action, many innocent people would likely have been injured or killed. I submit the transcript to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[Republican response to the President's Weekly Radio Address, July 25, 1998]

GINGRICH: Good morning. I'm Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

And I want to report to you on the tragic attack on the United States Capitol, your Capitol, on the professionalism of the Capitol police, on the heroic actions of two fine policemen who sacrificed their lives in defense of the Capitol, and in their sacrifice, saved many innocent lives.

I also want to talk briefly about their families, the tragic loss they've suffered and the loss that the entire Capitol Hill family has suffered.

And finally I want to emphasize that this building is the keystone of freedom, that it is open to the people because it is the people's building. And that no terrorist, no deranged person, no act of violence will block us from preserving our freedom and from keeping this building open to people from all over the world, and to every American who wants to come and visit the center of their self government.

This is the people's building. Up to 23,000 people a day visit this Capitol, their Capitol, to see their government at work, to stand in the shrine of freedom and teach their children—and we have many, many school children who visit on a regular basis.

But those who hate or fear freedom, sometimes seek to attack this Capitol and those in it precisely because they symbolize America, self government, authority and the process of freedom.

The Capitol police protect the Capitol as the Secret Service protects the White House. Each day thousands of people enter the Capitol and are greeted by our protectors and our ambassadors to the world. The thin blue line of the Capitol police, both provide safety and provides information.

Yesterday, as officer J.J. Chestnut was advising a visitor how to get to the subway, a deranged man tried to force his way into the Capitol. He killed Officer Chestnut and wounded Angela Dickerson, a visitor to the Capitol.

J.J. Chestnut's partner, who was getting a wheelchair to help a visitor, returned the

gunman's fire. As the gunman fled, he ran into Whip Tom Delay's office and there exchanged fire with Officer John Gibson.

Officer Gibson, at the sacrifice of his own life, saved the lives of dozens of innocent people in those offices, including Missy Jenkins, a member of my staff who said to me last night very emotionally, that—and she had even more trouble than I am saying this to you—that she really felt that Officer Gibson had died literally so she was alive.

Now, forgive me for my emotions, but these two men are genuine heroes. You see, they literally every day, knowingly and voluntarily, put their lives on the line. They understood that to be free, somebody had to be willing to take this risk.

In the case of J.J. Chestnut, a man who had served 20 years as an MP in the Air Force, his wife told me last night when I visited on behalf of the Congress and she said, that he was so proud to serve his country—seventeen years on the Capitol Police force, he was only two years away from retirement.

And I remember because that's the door I go in and out of every day, how often he would quietly but firmly insist that you go through the magnetometer, that you obey the rules, doing his job to protect this Capitol.

We should remember that Officer J.J. Chestnut is still here in the spirit with his wife, Gwenling. He has children—Joseph, Janice, Janet, Karen and William. And they remember. And I think each of you wants to join us in remembering this true hero.

In addition, Officer John Gibson had become a member of Tom DeLay's family. He had been assigned to protect the Majority Whip and Christina DeLay told me last night that they were so close. And Mrs. Gibson told me that he had enjoyed so much working in that close relationship, knowing that his job was to protect Tom DeLay and that he was doing something important for his country.

He responded immediately to the crisis. I was told by those in the room that he promptly told everyone to get down, close the doors, and he drew his gun as the gunman entered and they exchanged shots.

Officer Gibson's wife Evelyn and their three children Kristin, John and Daniel have a very large hole in their lives because their father, her husband, served his country.

And yet I hope of each of them will realize that he was a true hero, a hero in the deepest sense, a man who when confronted with danger, moved towards it to save others when he could have moved away.

As this was happening, the Capitol police were doing their job, responding immediately to the crisis, sealing off the perimeter, protecting the tourists, protecting the staffs and members who were around. A number of people responded and made it possible both to suppress the gunman and to save lives.

Dr. Eisell, the Capitol's attending physician and his staff, Dr. Bill Frist who is a Senator, had just finished presiding over the U.S. Senate went immediately to the scene and then went on to the emergency room.

The Washington D.C. Emergency Medical Service, including the D.C. Fire Department, MedStar at the Washington Hospital Center, the George Washington Hospital, the U.S. Park Police whose helicopter arrived to help save lives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Washington Metropolitan Police Force, who promptly intervened in the investigation—again and again professional people did a professional job to make sure that your Capitol was safe and that the visitors and workers in it, were safe.

We can all be proud of them. But we can also do more.

We will be establishing a trust with the U.S. Capitol Police for the two families, and anyone who wishes to help—these are families who have sacrificed for their country and for freedom. And the U.S. Capitol Police Memorial Fund, which you can reach simply by writing U.S. Capitol Police Memorial Fund, Washington, D.C., will be there for those who want to join and help.

But we must do more. Each of us everyday, should recognize that many people are in uniform in this country—the police, the Capitol police, the Secret Service, your local police, your local sheriff's office, your state police, the Border Patrol, the United States military—people who get up every morning and risk death because they want you to be safe. And because they believe that they and their children should share the freedom and the security that America has provided for over 200 years. We're not going to back off.

I want to thank the president both for his call last night, for his concern, for his statement this morning, for his plan to visit the families—it will mean a great deal to them.

I want to thank each of you who has called. The tourists I saw out front who are here to visit, the people who have been calling in to C-Span, all the people back home who have called Marianne and me. It does mean a lot to the Capitol Hill family when the American family comes together.

Let me close by asking you to join me for just a moment in prayer.

Dear God, please watch out over the Chestnut family and the Gibson family. Help them in their time of grief. Help them to come to understand, to be comforted by the love and the thanks of many, many grateful people. Help them to remember the heroes who they sacrificed for their country.

Please take to your bosom, Officer J.J. Chestnut, and Officer John Gibson. Please watch over all of us and watch over all who defend and protect us and keep us safe.

Please help this country learn to live with its freedom. Please help those who are troubled learn to live peaceful with their problems. Please help each of us as we strive to do our duty and to reach out to each other in this American family.

Please forgive us our sins, and bless America and the American people. Amen.

Thank you for allowing me to share this with you.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of southwest Florida, I would like to offer not only our deepest sympathy to the families of Officers Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson, but also our greatest admiration for the total professionalism and full sacrifice these men gave to protect the People's House and its visitors. Officer Chestnut and Officer Gibson truly understood exactly what the U.S. Capitol Building represents to the people of this country and to people everywhere. With honor and courage they stood their ground for the world to see.

Early one morning a while ago, as I neared the Capitol, I watched some visiting foreign tourists with tears of joy kiss the Capitol steps; to them this great building meant freedom and democracy. Now our friends, Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson, join so many other Americans paying unhesitatingly with their lives to defend us and our freedom.

And without question in this needless tragedy, they did save the lives of citizens, visitors, staff, and Members.

I also would like to thank and praise their fellow Capitol Police officers who dedicate their lives to defending our freedom. Their bravery and professionalism does not go unnoticed nor unappreciated. Their conduct in containing this tragedy and coping with its aftermath has been exemplary.

It really is "family" up here on Capitol Hill. We all have our own memories and associations of Officer J.J. Chestnut and Detective John Gibson. J.J. pulled weekend guard duty on occasion for the House Intelligence Committee and served those of us on that committee well and faithfully. John was true family to JOE MOAKLEY, our distinguished former chairman and current ranking member on the Rules Committee. He was also a regular feature in the workings of our whip chores as deputy whips under TOM DELAY.

Other Members had other contacts with these officers but we are all of one mind in knowing J.J. and John will be missed—that we are deepful grateful for their lives and fiercely proud of their work and that, above all, all our sympathy and love go out to their families in a way that seeks to share the burden of their losses.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to two American heroes who have lived, worked, and now died in our midst. John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut epitomized the very finest in the tradition of public service and law enforcement.

Every day as we arrive at work and as we move about the Capitol Hill complex, we are greeted and protected by members of the Capitol Police force. They are not only our protectors, they are also an integral part of the Capitol Hill "family." We exchange stories of children and grandchildren, the news of the day, and the joys and pains of everyday life. They are our friends—indeed a part of our extended family.

It is easy to forget that their profession is a dangerous, life-threatening one. Seemingly endless hours of uneventful duty can be broken, without warning, by violent events.

Last Friday, Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut answered the call to duty, and paid the ultimate sacrifice in performing their duty. Their presence and their actions saved countless lives of innocent people caught in the crossfire.

Mr. Speaker, it is completely right and fitting that we take this day to honor and remember the lives of John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut. They served their country with dignity, they performed their duty with integrity, and they gave their lives in the defense of our Capitol and our democracy. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I would like to pay tribute to Officers Jacob Joseph (J.J.) Chestnut and John Michael Gibson of the United States Capitol Police and extend my condolences to their families and colleagues. This is a solemn duty that I undertake on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of people who live in the sixth district of Maryland and elected me to represent them in the 105th Congress of the United States of America.

John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut were exemplary members of the thin blue line of the United States Capitol Police. The men and

women in this law enforcement force protect and defend the most important symbol of our representative democracy, the magnificent Capitol building. Their joyful but anonymous and humble service touches and enriches the lives of thousands of their fellow Americans and visitors who work in or visit the Capitol on a daily basis. They serve and protect millions of us.

The excellence, quiet dignity, and anonymity that were the hallmarks of the careers of Officers Chestnut and Gibson was swept away in a matter of seconds by a violent attack. The fury may have been directed by madness, but it is clear that this deliberately deadly attack was unleashed upon the Capitol because this building is open to everyone and is the most central and sacred symbol of our democratically elected government. Moreover, it is clear that members of the Capitol Police were the special and first targets of this assault.

I don't believe as human beings we will ever be able to understand why it was the fate of Officers Gibson and Chestnut to be called upon to face the fire that was unleashed during those moments of utter chaos. Officers Chestnut and Gibson instantly stepped into that awful breach. Without hesitation, they swiftly ended that attack and protected the lives of hundreds of others by willingly sacrificing their own lives.

It is fitting and proper, I believe it is our duty to honor their bravery and the courage of their sacrifice. Words are inadequate to express how grateful we as a nation are today to John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut. I believe President Abraham Lincoln perhaps said it best when he honored the fallen heroes at Gettysburg for "offering the last full measure of devotion" to preserving and protecting the cause of freedom and "government of, by, and for the people." Words are inadequate to express the condolences we as a nation pay to the Gibson and Chestnut families and to the members of the Capitol Police on the loss of their loved ones. We cannot erase their grief. We can only offer this small tribute to comfort them.

As a living tribute to the memories of Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson, I hope the Capitol will continue to remain open and accessible under the unsurpassed protection of our thin blue line, the United States Capitol Police. Our democratically elected government was attacked, but the thin blue line was not breached. The line held. Our freedom and liberty have been secured once more by the terrible and brave sacrifice of two good men.

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, this week, our Nation mourns the deaths of Capitol Hill policemen John Michael Gibson and J.J. Chestnut. In the aftermath of the shooting in the Capitol, as Members of Congress reflect on whether this event was avoidable, we must take responsibility for this and other acts of violence attributable to the mentally ill. The Capitol shooting was all too familiar an occurrence, a scene that has been played out in our schools, on our streets, our subways, and in homes throughout America.

The movement in the 1970's and 1980's to deinstitutionalize persons with mental disorders was not an unqualified success. It's time that we admit that closing the institutions did not negate the need for further care; the

mentally ill still need consistent treatment and many of them are not getting it.

Two to three percent of the population experience severe mental disorders. Many more suffer from milder forms of mental illness. In almost every town, we see people on the street whose illness precludes them from working or connecting with other people in a meaningful way. Many of them could be helped with medication and therapy, but only if they had access to care.

We must provide that care. We can and must prevent future unnecessary violence so that other families do not have to endure what the Gibson and Chestnut families go through today.

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I sadly join my many colleagues who have taken the floor to mourn the loss of Detective John Gibson and Officer J.J. Chestnut. I want to extend my deepest sympathy to their families and my thanks and appreciation, and that of the people I represent in Nebraska, for the ultimate sacrifice they have suffered.

The men and women who serve on the United States Capitol Police force guard our Capitol. They protect the people who serve and work here and the millions of visitors each year from across the country and around the world. They stand guard for the principles on which the nation was founded and which make this Capitol building such an attraction and source of pride. We pass them everyday as we enter and leave the Capitol and House and Senate office buildings, as we walk the hallways, and as we go about our business in our offices and committee rooms.

And until Friday, July 24, it had been all too easy to forget they came to work each day ready and willing to put their lives on the line for their job and their country. It will be a very, very long time before any of us again pass a Capitol Police officer and not remember John and J.J. and that they all put at risk their lives everyday.

Over the past two days, as Members have taken the floor to pay tribute to our two fallen heroes, there have been wonderful stories about both men. A story I'd like to share with my colleagues comes from one of my constituents, a farmer, from a town with a population of only 1,900 in the Nebraska Panhandle. The story speaks to how a dedicated man, who would be the first to say he was just doing his job, makes an impact and leaves behind a legacy.

Bob Busch, from Mitchell, Nebraska, first met Officer J.J. Chestnut in 1988. It was Bob's first trip to Washington, DC. Bob and a fellow Nebraskan were attending a meeting and reception in the Hart Senate Office Building. Neither of them had ever been inside the Capitol. On the way out of the reception, they asked how best to see the Capitol. They were told to go to a certain door at the Capitol and ask for Officer Chestnut.

At the door, Officer Chestnut answered their query and, even though it was late, offered to take them on a tour of the Capitol himself. That was the beginning of quite an evening—a complete behind-the-scenes tour of the Capitol—and a new friendship. Bob got to see things I'm not sure I've ever seen. Since that first tour in 1988, Bob has taken the time to seek out Officer Chestnut each time he's been

in Washington. In 1995, he introduced his wife to J.J.

In addition to the tour, Bob and Officer Chestnut shared a love for this earth. Officer Chestnut was an avid gardener. Bob is a sugarbeet farmer. Bob recounted to me how Officer Chestnut was always interested in farming and how his operation was doing. Bob said Officer Chestnut had a real kinship with farmers. Bob called my office upon hearing that Officer Chestnut had lost his life in the line of duty. He said how much he admired Officer Chestnut, how personable he was, so tall and so proud, such a fine man who did his job.

Like all of us, Bob and his wife are grieving for Officer Chestnut and his family. And as we all know, there are countless stories similar to Bob's about both John and J.J. They touched many lives, and did so in a manner that can only make their families proud knowing that it is not just their Capitol Hill family grieving, but that they have the sympathy and gratitude of people across the nation.

Nothing can ease their pain or lessen their loss, but an excerpt from a poem has always given me comfort:

The sun goes down, but gentle warmth still lingers on the land,  
The music stops, and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains,  
And reminds us that for every joy that passes, something beautiful remains.  
May the memories that remain bring you comfort and keep your loved one close at heart.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Second Congressional District of Alabama, we extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families of Special Agent John Gibson and First Sergeant Jacob Chestnut. The heroism that these two men displayed in protecting the people's House cannot be overstated. They gave the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the freedom's we Americans enjoy in our free and open society. The following editorial ran in today's Montgomery Advertiser reminds us that freedom is not free.

#### FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

##### OFFICERS GAVE LIVES FOR PUBLIC

Two men gave their lives Friday to once again prove what U.S. history has shown time and again—freedom isn't free.

When a gunman opened fire at the U.S. Capitol, two Capitol police officers, Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson, were killed.

They died while protecting the occupants of the Capitol and the public, which is in itself a noble sacrifice. But they also died protecting the public's freedom of access to its government, something U.S. citizens may enjoy to a greater extent than citizens of any other nation.

That is an essential freedom in a democratic nation. We suspect Officers Chestnut and Gibson were well aware of that. It makes their sacrifice all the more noble.

These officers deserve all the praise and honor a grateful nation can bestow upon them. But we doubt that any would have pleased them more than the reopening of the U.S. Capitol to citizens on Saturday.

It is only common sense for government authorities to review security measures at the Capitol and to take whatever reasonable steps are necessary to close breaches in that security.

But care needs to be taken that nothing is done to significantly limit the public's ac-

cess to "America's house." If authorities overreact and make it difficult for the public to gain ready access to the halls of Congress, it would amount to capitulation to whatever insanity prompted this despicable act.

There were a lot of heroes Friday. Among them was U.S. Sen. Bill Frist of Tennessee, a heart surgeon who helped treat the injured. There were scores of tales of adults—parents and strangers—who used their bodies to shield children. There was also the quiet dignity of Sgt. Dan Nichols, who noticeably struggled to hold his emotions in check while ably serving as spokesman for the Capitol police.

But at the head of the list of heroes are Officers Chestnut and Gibson. They, like so many others before them, paid the ultimate price of freedom.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, July 24, 1998, is a day that none of us will ever forget for many reasons, but mostly for the heroism displayed by Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Special Agent John M. Gibson. Mere words cannot express our gratitude for their actions, our grief for their fates or our sorrow for their families.

To the families of Officer Chestnut and Special Agent Gibson, we offer our most heartfelt condolences and pray that God provides comfort and assurance to you in your time of need.

When the House of Representatives is in session, we enter this building many times a day. Usually, we offer a nod or an off-hand comment to the officers at the entrance and they respond in kind. Sometimes, we are in a rush or preoccupied and may not say anything. But it must be made clear that we appreciate the work these officers do.

So, to all of the officers of the Capitol Police force, all I can say is "Thank You." It's only a two-word phrase, but it means so much. You are not taken for granted. Our prayers are with you and for your continued safety.

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reiterate the special and heartfelt sentiments that many of my colleagues have been making during the past several days. Last Friday, July 24, 1998, United States Capitol Police Officers John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut paid the ultimate sacrifice defending our nation's Capitol. In a tragic moment, these two brave and courageous men gave their lives to defend and protect the safety and dignity of the United States Capitol.

Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson, although slain in a tragic moment, embody the very spirit that is the United States Capitol Police Force. Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson, without a second thought, put themselves in harms way to protect the lives of others. These men approached their jobs each day with the highest commitment, dedication, and honor. The brave men and their colleagues put their lives on the line each day knowing that the perils of danger may be just around the corner. But, without high praise or recognition, they do their jobs with incredible grace and extraordinary professionalism.

Although we, in the Capitol Hill family, have lost two close members, this institution and the freedom and democracy for which it stands will continue for those of us who work here and for the millions and millions of visitors who join us here each year. From the heroic efforts of Officer Chestnut and Detective

Gibson, the world will continue to look to the United States and the United States Capitol as the true symbol of freedom, liberty, and perseverance.

Mr. Speaker, for myself and my family, my staff, and the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, I rise to pay this most honorable tribute to Detective John Gibson and Officer J.J. Chestnut. To their families, friends, and colleagues, please know that their legacy of unwavering loyalty and supreme dedication will forever live in the hearts and minds of those who pass through these halls. On behalf of a grateful nation, we are eternally indebted. Our hearts and prayers are with you. God Bless you.

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the two Capitol Police Officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. Officer Jacob (J.J.) Chestnut and Officer John Gibson died protecting the freedoms of our nation. For that we owe them a debt of gratitude. The tragedy that transpired last Friday has shaken this nation. We will continue to mourn the loss of these two fine officers.

Officers Gibson and Chestnut died heroes. Because of them no visitors to this institution lost their lives. Because of Officers Chestnut and Gibson this Capitol Building remains open and safe. Officers Gibson and Chestnut gave the ultimate sacrifice. They remind us that our freedom can come at a personal cost. Let us be clear, they did not die in vain. Officers Gibson and Chestnut will forever be remembered for bravely defending the Capitol.

As a former law enforcement officer, I am especially saddened when a fellow officer's life is taken in an act of violence. I would like to express my sincere condolences to the families of Officers Jake (J.J.) Chestnut and John Gibson. Officer Gibson and Officer Chestnut will be missed.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, today is a sad day in the United States Capitol. The murder of two U.S. Capitol Policemen last Friday was a tragedy that words cannot convey. As legislators in the U.S. Congress, we are committed to making laws to protect the people and create a more peaceful society for all Americans. Today we gather in this Chamber to recognize the supreme sacrifice that those who are sworn to protect this institution may be called upon to make.

Officer Jacob Chestnut and Special Agent John Gibson are heroes who gave their lives to protect this institution. I join my colleagues in saluting these fallen officers—history will forever record the last acts of heroism to two of the Capitol's Finest.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of Officer Chestnut and Agent Gibson. May time ease the burden of their loss and bring peace and understanding to all who have shared the sorrow of their untimely passing.

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in expressing my deepest sympathies to the families of Officer Jacob Chestnut and Special Agent John Gibson. I would like to also extend my sincere regrets to the members of the United States Capitol Police who have also lost two members of their family.

It is at times like this that we are reminded of the inadequacy of our language. How do

we properly express our regret and sorrow to the wives of Officer Chestnut and Special Agent Gibson at the loss of their husbands? How do we share with their children the appreciation we feel for the valor displayed by their fathers? How do we share with the other officers of the Capitol Police our thanks and admiration at the bravery displayed by Officer Chestnut, Special Agent Gibson and their fellow officers for risking and giving their lives so others might live? Thank you, I'm sorry, brave, hero—all words that pale in the face of the loss of a husband, father, colleague, friend.

It has been said often in the last several days that freedom is not free. Since before the founding of our Nation, men and women have been willing to stand up and give their lives for their country and their countrymen. Often, this price has been paid on the fields of battle in distant places. We should not, however, diminish the price paid by these two men solely because they gave their lives here at home. The heroes of the past gave their lives in the defense of democracy. Special Agent Gibson and Officer Chestnut gave their lives in defense of democracy's house.

We are told that Officer Chestnut loved to work in his garden and share the fruits of his labor with his friends and colleagues here on the Hill. I know the struggles and rewards of gardening. The frustration when a promising spring becomes a parched summer. The satisfaction that comes with a plentiful harvest. We are also told that Special Agent Gibson was a Red Sox fan. Sooner or later every Sox fan comes to know the age-old frustration of a promising season that disappears as July becomes August. And sooner or later, every Sox fan learns to take satisfaction in the hope that the Sox will make it next year for sure.

Today, the Nation will have the opportunity to pay their respects and express their sorrow and thanks. As we move on, we must not forget these two officers and their families. We must also remember those members of our Capitol Police—our own thin blue line—and the thousands of men and women all over our Nation who are willing to place themselves between their fellow citizens and danger.

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in expressing my deep grief over the tragic loss of Officer Jacob Chestnut and Officer John Gibson who were lost last Friday in the line of duty. I know that the men and women of Ohio's 7th Congressional District share our grief and I know their thoughts and prayers, as are mine, are with the families and friends of these two officers.

I honor the long service of these two officers who died bravely while protecting our Nation's Capitol. Law enforcement is one of the highest forms of public service, and today we are reminded of our deep debt to those individuals who daily risk their lives to protect the public's safety.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Capitol Hill community and our country suffered a personal loss of two fine Capitol Police officers on Friday, July 24, 1998. On that afternoon, a lone gunman invaded the People's House and put many visitors, staffers and Members of Congress in danger and peril. If it were not for the sacrifices of Special Agent John Gibson and Officer Jacob "J.J." Chestnut, we would be

mourning the passing of other human beings on this day.

On behalf of the constituents of the 30th Congressional District, I would like to extend my personal condolences to the families and friends of Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut. While we take for granted the fact that such tragic incidents can happen to us, we must not take for granted the lives of those two Capitol Police officers who gave their lives so that we may live.

Mr. Speaker, the spirit and dedication of those officers will live on and truly embody what this place means. Our Capitol symbolizes service, duty and honor. Both the life and death of those officers were examples of those qualities. It is because of their duty and service, our work can go on. Indeed, it must. We cannot let an individual who is distrustful of our Government to allow our democracy to cease. Officers Gibson and Chestnut would not want our business to stop because of real or perceived threats to our system. Officers Gibson and Chestnut would not want us to cower and hide in fear of any group or individual who would seek to disrupt the proceedings of our Government in such violent methods.

One of the best tributes to those officers would be for all of us, staffers and Members, to be just as dedicated to service and duty as Officers Gibson and Chestnut were. I believe that this will be the finest remembrance that we can offer.

Mr. Speaker, after the brief moments of chaos and tragedy, I received many calls from worried family members and friends inquiring about my whereabouts and safety at that moment. If not for the service of Officers Gibson and Chestnut, and the entire Capitol Police Force, I may not have been in the arms of safety, telling my family and friends that I was safe. We literally owe our lives to our two fallen officers, our friends whose heroism protected many others from harm and possible death.

Mr. Speaker, along with my condolences, I offer the families and friends of Officers Gibson and Chestnut my prayers and ask that our Lord give them the strength to deal with such a terrible tragedy. Most importantly, I would like to give Officers Gibson and Chestnut my gratitude. It was once said that, "gratitude is the memory of the heart." Therefore, my heart goes to Officers Gibson and Chestnut with the utmost gratitude.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the resolution agreed to yesterday to remember and honor the lives of two American heroes, Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police.

Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson died in the line of duty last Friday while courageously protecting Members of Congress, congressional staff and visitors to the U.S. Capitol. Their heroic actions, and those of other U.S. Capitol Police officers, saved countless lives—including my Health Subcommittee staff, two interns in my office, and a family from my congressional district visiting Washington, D.C.

We cannot forget that the men and women of the U.S. Capitol Police put their lives on the line every day for us. They are dedicated pro-

fessionals who protect our nation's foremost symbol of freedom and democracy. More important, they protect our lives, those of our staff, and the millions of tourists who visit the Capitol each year.

Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut are heroes. Their selfless act of courage exemplifies the valor, dedication, and professionalism of the men and women who serve on the U.S. Capitol Police force. As the resolution before us so eloquently states, "those who guard the Capitol guard our freedom."

I extend my deepest sympathies to the families of these two guardians of freedom and all of the officers of the U.S. Capitol Police. Although words are little solace, I hope their families and colleagues will take comfort in the admiration and respect of a grateful nation for these fallen heroes. May they rest in peace.

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, as a former law enforcement officer, I understand the pain and difficulty associated with the continuation of lives without fathers and husbands, brothers and friends. As I was a sheriff before coming to Congress, I keep up my contacts with other law enforcement types, both here and back in Texas.

So I knew both officers who died in the brief combat inside the doors of our Nation's Capitol, and my staff and I mourn their loss, along with their families, and their extended families here on Capitol Hill in the larger family of Congress.

I know this: There is nothing that either of these officers would have wanted more than to fulfill their mission and be hailed by the institution they served, as well as their country, as heroes for democracy. That is an honor of the highest order. Those of us who walk these hallways each day understand the perils we face at the end of the 20th century. There is no grand military conflict consuming the world today.

Yet the minds of some of our citizens are badly tormented, to the point that they believe they can only resolve that conflict by doing damage to their government. This man was not an enemy of the state \* \* \* he was mentally disturbed. What was fundamentally different about him was that he carried a gun and apparently had no fear of being killed in an attempt to violate this sacred building.

We cannot protect this building, nor the people who work here, from the evil in the minds of individuals who are unafraid to die and have the nerve to rush a security checkpoint with a gun. This is a democracy in pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. If we lock off elected officials from those they govern, our democracy will come out of this tragedy a little weaker.

Democracy is not easy. It has never been easy. For those people who work for the Federal Government, this particular time in history is occasionally dangerous. We all know it. It was never more apparent than in 1995 when a fanatic blew up the Oklahoma City Federal building. It is part of our consciousness, but we know that if we let them dictate how we behave, the bad guys win.

I won't stand for that. My colleagues in this hallowed hall won't stand for that. Officers Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson didn't stand for that, and they laid down their lives as they were trained to do to protect the civilians who

inhabited the building at the moment the gunfight broke out. They gave the last full measure of devotion to their country and to this institution they were sworn to protect.

My personal thanks today to the officers, and to their families, for standing firm on that thin blue line.

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson, the two brave officers who sacrificed their lives to protect the lives of hundreds of others visiting this sacred symbol of freedom. No words can begin to ease the pain and suffering that the Chestnut and Gibson families are feeling at this moment. I hope, however, that these grieving families can take some solace in the outpouring of love and support from grateful Members, staff, fellow police officers, and citizens from across this country.

The bravery and sacrifice exhibited by these officers are characteristics of the entire Capitol Hill Police Force. Far too often, all of us take their work in protecting these grounds for granted. We forget that in a moments notice someone intending to cause harm to others can disrupt the order and normalcy that many of us have come to expect as we work here. It is during this time that we depend on those brave men and women who work to ensure that the Capitol remains a safe haven for those working and visiting. Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson did not let us down. At the first sign of trouble, both officers intervened and took the appropriate action. As a result of their selfless and heroic actions, I am confident that many were spared injury or death.

Mr. Speaker, it is highly appropriate to see these heroes be given the ultimate tribute of lying in honor in the Rotunda of the building where they served, protected, and perished. No one deserves this honor more than Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson. May God bless each of them.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Officer Jacob Chestnut and Detective John Gibson who valiantly gave their lives this past Friday, July 24, in the Capitol. If it were not for the courage and composure which they displayed in the face of mortal danger, more lives may have been lost. Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson made the greatest sacrifice that a human can make in order to save the people that were working in or visiting the Capitol. We are forever in their debt and will not forget their bravery and valor.

Both Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson were husbands and both were fathers. I know that these moments are difficult ones for their wives and children and that words are unlikely to ease their pain. They should know, however, that they are in my prayers and are in the hearts of all Members of this Congress and of all the American people. What these officers did will not be forgotten. They placed the lives of others above their own, and for that they are heroes. Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson did not die in vain; they died honorably, saving the people that they had sworn to protect.

Friday's attack on the Capitol was a surprise and a shock that has left everyone shaken. It was a tragic incident without any known moti-

vation. Though we may not be able to understand what prompted it we can ensure that the Capitol remains guarded by dedicated officers who make it a safe place in which to work and visit.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I ask you and my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Detective John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut. They were good men who were loved dearly by their families and who were respected deeply by those who worked with them. They are true heroes whose courageous actions will always be remembered. Moreover, for those who knew them and interacted with them on a daily basis, their loss is deep. Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut have moved us with their deeds. In protecting the lives of others, they gave their own.

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise both with grief and with pride in support of House Concurrent Resolution 311. Like all of my colleagues and, indeed, like all Americans, I am grieving over the tragic, violent deaths on Friday of two valiant U.S. Capitol Police Officers, Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut and Detective John Michael Gibson. And I am proud of these two heroes, members of our Capitol Hill family, who made the paramount sacrifice by giving their lives to protect the Members, staff, and guests of this Congress.

Mr. Speaker, J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson were special men every day. They loved their families and their jobs. They were courteous and friendly, generous and professional. On Friday, they did what they had to do, what they were trained to do, and became heroes. Their deaths leave tremendous holes in the fabric of our lives.

These crimes were particularly alarming because they took place inside the Capitol building, the People's House, which is and must always remain open to the public, and where people expect to be safe. Witness after witness, tourist after tourist told the press that they had never imagined they would hear gunfire here.

But, Mr. Speaker, the heroism of J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson demonstrate that the Capitol is safe. It may not be challenged very often, but on this terrible Friday the security system worked. Two officers gave their lives and many others responded swiftly and capably to protect the public and apprehend the gunman, but only one visitor was wounded. Without our Capitol Police Officers' professionalism, readiness, and training, and their heroic responses to a terrible threat, the harm would undoubtedly have been much greater.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my condolences to the wives and children, other family members, neighbors, and friends of J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson and to assure them that we share their sorrow over their loss, and that they are in our thoughts and our prayers. They, too, are heroes, who every day sent their loved ones to work, never certain they would return. They, too, have paid an enormous price for the safety of Members, staff, and visitors to the Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution, like House Concurrent Resolution 310 passed yesterday, is necessary and appropriate, and I urge all my colleagues to support it.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic courage displayed by Officer

Jacob Chestnut and Special Agent John Gibson during Friday's violent episode that took place in our nation's Capitol.

These two brave men, in the ultimate act of selfless defense of others, put themselves in harm's way to protect the public, members and staff in the United States Capitol building. Through their heroic actions, they averted a potentially more tragic situation. These two men are a tribute and a testament to law enforcement officers everywhere who risk their lives daily to defend the citizens of this nation.

In light of this grave tragedy, let us not be swayed from keeping our nation's capitol open to the people. Let us also recognize this tragedy as a harsh reminder of the price we sometimes pay for freedom in our country. We are grateful for these men who, in the ultimate sacrifice, gave their lives in the defense of others. We are thankful for the law enforcement officers who risk their lives in the defense of freedom in our country and pay tribute to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

I offer our deepest gratitude to the officers who work day in and day out for the protection of the citizens of this nation and I offer my deepest sympathies to the families of these two heroes, Officer Chestnut and Special Agent Gibson. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Chestnut and Gibson families.

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my fellow colleagues to honor both Detective John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut, who selflessly gave their lives in the protection of this Capitol and all those who work and visit here.

Mr. Speaker, it's easy to overlook the efforts of those who protect and serve on these grounds. It's easy to overlook because they do their jobs with the greatest efficiency and professionalism every hour of every day, all year long. This past Friday, we were all reminded of just how important a part these brave men and women play in protecting this "House of the People."

Mr. Speaker, we were also reminded that there is often a price to pay for the freedom we enjoy in this great nation. Every day, thousands of men and women across this nation risk their lives to protect and to serve. Police, firefighters, military personnel—all have committed their lives to protecting others.

This past Friday, Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut did more than protect Members of Congress, congressional staff and visiting tourists—these two men gave their lives to protect our very unique form of government. They gave their lives so this building could remain open, accessible and safe for all Americans to participate in their democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that every American keep the families of Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut in their daily prayers and thoughts. Both of these men are genuine heroes whose selfless and courageous deeds will not be soon forgotten.

I commend my colleagues who have joined in support of a resolution which authorizes the establishment of a fund to provide financial support to the families of these two men. I hope those that wish to help these families will do so by contacting the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund, Washington, DC 20515.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, we gather today to honor two men in a way that has been reserved for presidents and military heroes.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that we would honor the two slain Capitol Police officers as only 26 other Americans have been recognized. Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson were heroes. They chose to place themselves in harm's way every day they came to work. And in that awful moment last Friday, they did not flinch from making the ultimate sacrifice to protect co-workers, friends, and even complete strangers.

They were more than just officers, though. They were husbands, fathers, and a grandfather. We grieve with their families, mourning their loss and ours.

Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson were part of the "thin blue line" that runs through every community in America. As we remember their heroism this week, let us not forget that their colleagues—here at the Capitol and in law enforcement agencies throughout the nation—still stand ready to protect and to serve. And let us appreciate the contributions they make—and the risks they take—each day when they put on that uniform.

As Ronald Reagan said, "those who say we don't have heroes anymore just don't know where to look." We lost two of those heroes on Friday.

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two men who gave their lives in defense of freedom—Officer J.J. Chestnut and Special Agent John Gibson. They will be deeply missed by all who had the great privilege of knowing them.

As one of my colleagues so eloquently stated, we are the land of the free because we are the home of the brave. Last Friday, our freedom was preserved by the bravery of Officers Chestnut and Gibson, when a deranged gunman tried to invade the People's House.

These two heroes were both dedicated family men. Officer Chestnut's wife, Wen Ling, and their children—Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen, and William—and Officer Gibson's wife, Evelyn, and their children—Kristen, John, and Daniel—should know that their husbands, their fathers, each served his country with the utmost dedication and honor. They will not be forgotten.

The men and women of the Capitol Police are dedicated to preserving and protecting the People's House. They put their lives on the line for us—Members of Congress, our staffs, and each American who comes to visit our great Capitol—every day.

Through their selfless act of bravery, Officers Chestnut and Gibson saved the lives of countless Members, staff, and tourists who were working in and walking through the Capitol last Friday. We literally owe our lives to them.

I know that the House, Senate, and indeed the entire nation joins me in expressing our deepest sympathies and prayers for the families of Officer Chestnut and Special Agent Gibson. These two men are true American heroes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, in honor of the memory of John Michael

Gibson and Jacob Joseph Chestnut, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 392, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 41, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 342]

#### YEAS—392

Abercromble	Cummings	Hill
Ackerman	Cunningham	Hilleary
Aderholt	Danner	Hilliard
Allen	Davis (FL)	Hinchee
Andrews	Davis (IL)	Hobson
Army	Davis (VA)	Hoekstra
Bachus	Deal	Holden
Baesler	DeFazio	Hooley
Baker	DeGette	Horn
Baldacci	Delahunt	Hostettler
Ballenger	DeLauro	Houghton
Barcia	DeLay	Hoyer
Barr	Deutsch	Hulshof
Barrett (NE)	Diaz-Balart	Hunter
Barrett (WI)	Dickey	Hutchinson
Bartlett	Dingell	Hyde
Barton	Dixon	Inglis
Bass	Doggett	Istook
Bateman	Dooley	Jackson (IL)
Becerra	Doolittle	Jackson-Lee
Bentsen	Doyle	(TX)
Bereuter	Dreier	Jefferson
Berman	Duncan	Jenkins
Berry	Dunn	John
Bilbray	Edwards	Johnson (CT)
Bilirakis	Ehlers	Johnson (WI)
Bishop	Ehrlich	Johnson, E. B.
Blagojevich	Emerson	Johnson, Sam
Bliley	Engel	Jones
Blumenauer	English	Kanjorski
Blunt	Ensign	Kaptur
Boehler	Eshoo	Kasich
Boehner	Etheridge	Kelly
Bonilla	Everett	Kennedy (MA)
Bonior	Ewing	Kennedy (RI)
Bono	Farr	Kennelly
Borski	Fattah	Kildee
Boswell	Fawell	Kilpatrick
Boucher	Fazio	Kim
Boyd	Filmer	Kind (WI)
Brady (PA)	Foley	King (NY)
Brady (TX)	Forbes	Kingston
Brown (CA)	Ford	Klecza
Brown (FL)	Fossella	Klug
Brown (OH)	Fowler	Knollenberg
Bryant	Fox	Kolbe
Bunning	Frank (MA)	Kucinich
Burr	Franks (NJ)	LaFalce
Callahan	Frelinghuysen	LaHood
Calvert	Frost	Lampson
Camp	Gallely	Lantos
Campbell	Ganske	Largent
Canady	Gejdenson	Latham
Capps	Gekas	LaTourrette
Cardin	Gephardt	Lazio
Carson	Gibbons	Leach
Castle	Gilchrest	Lee
Chabot	Gillmor	Levin
Chambliss	Gilman	Lewis (CA)
Chenoweth	Goode	Lewis (GA)
Christensen	Goodlatte	Lewis (KY)
Clay	Gordon	Lipinski
Clayton	Goss	Livingston
Clement	Graham	LoBlondo
Clyburn	Green	Lofgren
Coble	Gutierrez	Lowe
Coburn	Gutknecht	Lucas
Collins	Hall (OH)	Luther
Combest	Hall (TX)	Maloney (CT)
Cook	Hamilton	Maloney (NY)
Cooksey	Hansen	Manzullo
Costello	Harman	Markey
Cox	Hastert	Mascara
Coyne	Hastings (WA)	Matsui
Crane	Hayworth	McCarthy (MO)
Crapo	Hefley	McCarthy (NY)
Cubin	Herger	McCollum

McCreary	Pickett	Snowbarger
McDade	Pitts	Snyder
McDermott	Pombo	Solomon
McGovern	Pomeroy	Souder
McHale	Porter	Spence
McHugh	Portman	Spratt
McInnis	Pryce (OH)	Stabenow
McIntosh	Quinn	Stearns
McKeon	Radanovich	Stenholm
McNulty	Rahall	Stokes
Meehan	Ramstad	Strickland
Meek (FL)	Remond	Stump
Meeks (NY)	Regula	Stupak
Menendez	Reyes	Sununu
Metcalfe	Riley	Talent
Mica	Rivers	Tanner
Millender-McDonald	Rodriguez	Tauscher
Miller (CA)	Roemer	Tauzin
Miller (FL)	Rogan	Taylor (MS)
Minge	Rogers	Taylor (NC)
Mink	Rohrabacher	Thomas
Mollohan	Ros-Lehtinen	Thompson
Moran (KS)	Rothman	Thornberry
Moran (VA)	Roukema	Thune
Morella	Roybal-Allard	Thurman
Myrick	Royce	Tiahrt
Neal	Rush	Tierney
Nethercutt	Ryun	Torres
Neumann	Sabo	Traficant
Ney	Salmon	Turner
Northup	Sanchez	Upton
Norwood	Sanders	Velazquez
Nussle	Sandlin	Vento
Oberstar	Sanford	Visclosky
Obey	Sawyer	Walsh
Olver	Saxton	Wamp
Ortiz	Schaefer, Dan	Waters
Owens	Schaffer, Bob	Watt (NC)
Oxley	Scott	Watts (OK)
Packard	Sensenbrenner	Weldon (FL)
Pallone	Serrano	Weldon (PA)
Pappas	Sessions	Weiler
Parker	Shadegg	Wexler
Pascrell	Shaw	Weygand
Pastor	Shays	White
Paul	Sherman	Whitfield
Paxon	Shimkus	Wicker
Payne	Sisisky	Wilson
Pease	Skaggs	Wise
Pelosi	Skeen	Wolf
Peterson (MN)	Skelton	Woolsey
Peterson (PA)	Smith (NJ)	Wynn
Petri	Smith (TX)	Yates
Pickering	Smith, Adam	
	Smith, Linda	

#### ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Burton

#### NOT VOTING—41

Archer	Hefner	Riggs
Buyer	Hinojosa	Scarborough
Cannon	Klink	Schumer
Condit	Linder	Shuster
Conyers	Manton	Slaughter
Cramer	Martinez	Smith (MI)
Dicks	McIntyre	Smith (OR)
Evans	McKinney	Stark
Furse	Moakley	Towns
Gonzalez	Murtha	Watkins
Goodling	Nadler	Waxman
Granger	Poshard	Young (AK)
Greenwood	Price (NC)	Young (FL)
Hastings (FL)	Rangel	

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Mr. BERRY and Mr. LEWIS of California changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

Mrs. CAPPS and Mr. GORDON changed their vote from "present" to "yea."

So the motion was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 29, 1998, at 10 a.m.

(Following adjournment of the House, the Speaker pro tempore announced that Members should proceed

through the double doors to the memorial service.)

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HINOJOSA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of a death in the family.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. TRAFICANT for 5 minutes today.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE for 5 minutes today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. STUPAK for 5 minutes today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PAYNE, for 5 minutes today;

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes today;

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes today;

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes today;

Mr. BISHOP, for 5 minutes today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DELAY for 5 minutes today.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA for 5 minutes today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CALVERT for 5 minutes today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. GUTKNECHT) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIVINGSTON, for 5 minutes, on July 29.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GUTKNECHT) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. GINGRICH.

Mr. NEY.

Mr. KIND.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from

the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

10329. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Tomatoes from France, Morocco and Western Sahara, Chile, and Spain [Docket No. 97-016-2] (RIN: 0579-AA88) received July 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10330. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting the Secretary's certification that the survivability and lethality testing of the Navy's CH-60 Fleet Combat Support Helicopter otherwise required by section 2366 would be unreasonably expensive and impractical, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2366(c)(1); to the Committee on National Security.

10331. A letter from the Director, Operation Test And Evaluation, Department of Defense, transmitting the Secretary's certification that the survivability and lethality testing of the DDG 51 Flight IIA otherwise required by section 2366 would be unreasonably expensive and impractical, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2366(c)(1); to the Committee on National Security.

10332. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting a report on the Air Force's study of the reengineering of the 38th Engineering and Installation Wing (38 EIW) for implementation in late FY 99 or FY00; to the Committee on National Security.

10333. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics), Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled "Logistics Augmentation Program"; to the Committee on National Security.

10334. A letter from the Acting Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the 1997 Annual Report of the Comptroller of the Currency, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 14; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10335. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program [7 CFR Part 3565] received July 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10336. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the certification that supplementary resources are needed to forestall or cope with an impairment of the international monetary system and that the International Monetary Fund has fully explored other means of funding; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10337. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan; Indiana [IN75; FRL-6129-7] received July 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10338. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: South Carolina [SC-34-1-9816a; FRL-6129-9] received July 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10339. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Minnesota; Control of Landfill Gas Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills [MN51-01-7276a; FRL-6128-8] received July 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10340. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Extension of Operating Permits Program Interim Approval Expiration Dates [FRL-6128-9] (RIN: 2060-AF70) received July 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10341. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Reconsideration of Petition Criteria and Incorporation of Montreal Protocol Decisions [FRL-6129-2] (RIN: 2060-AG48) received July 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10342. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Kentucky: Adoption of General Conformity Regulations [KY-90-1-9735a; FRL-6130-3] received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10343. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Kentucky [KY-100-1-9814a; FRL-6126-1] received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10344. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Kentucky [KY-93-9821a; FRL-6125-8] received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10345. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans and Redesignation of the South Coast Air Basin in California to Attainment for Nitrogen Dioxide [CA-189-0078 (a);#FRL-6127-1] received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10346. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—OMB Approval Numbers Under the Paperwork Reduction Act: Technical Correction [FRL-6125-1] received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10347. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Promulgation of Federal Implementation Plan for Arizona—Phoenix PM-10 Moderate Area; Disapproval of State Implementation Plan for Arizona—Phoenix PM-10 Moderate Area [FRL-6129-4] (RIN: 2060-ZA02) received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10348. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Michigan: Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule [MI67-01-7275; FRL-6128-6] received July 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10349. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Pauls Valley, Ratliff City, and Sulphur, Oklahoma, Abilene, Bowie, Highland Village, Mount Pleasant, and Overton, Texas [MM Docket No. 97-84; RM-9021; RM-9095] received July 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10350. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Amendment of Rules Governing Procedures to Be Followed When Formal Complaints are Filed Against Common Carriers [CC Docket No. 96-238] received July 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10351. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Adjustment of the Maximum Retrospective Deferred Premium (RIN: 3150-AG01) received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10352. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a report on the effect of the U.S./Russian Highly Enriched Uranium Agreement on domestic uranium mining, conversion, and enrichment industries through April 1998; to the Committee on Commerce.

10353. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Taiwan [DTC 1-98] received July 20, 1998, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

10354. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with the United Kingdom [DTC 17-98] received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

10355. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the 26th and 27th Annual Reports on the operation during water years 1996 and 1997 for the reservoirs along the Colorado River, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1544; to the Committee on Resources.

10356. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Texas Closure [I.D. 070298E] received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10357. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on plans to establish a program to support the Iraqi democratic opposition; jointly to the Committees

on International Relations and Appropriations.

10358. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on Medicare coverage of lung volume reduction surgery (LVRS); jointly to the Committees on Commerce, Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. COBLE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3891. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to prohibit the unauthorized destruction, modification, or alteration of product identification codes, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-650). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 510. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4328) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-651). Referred to the House Calendar.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 511. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 629) to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact (Rept. 105-652). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. LOBIONDO:

H.R. 4340. A bill to require certain notices in any mailing using a game of chance for the promotion of a product or service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. BOB SCHAFFER:

H.R. 4341. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in the State of Colorado as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. TRAFICANT:

H. Con. Res. 312. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the right of the Albanian People of Kosovo to self-determination and independence from the repressive, authoritarian, and barbaric Serbian regime of Slobodan Milosevic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of March 17, 1998]

H.R. 2951: Mr. ALLEN and Ms. SLAUGHTER.

[Submitted July 28, 1998]

H.R. 1134: Mr. DELAHUNT.  
H.R. 1202: Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington.  
H.R. 1362: Ms. WILSON.  
H.R. 1401: Ms. DANNER.  
H.R. 2031: Mr. WYNN.  
H.R. 2537: Mr. DOYLE.  
H.R. 2613: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 3411: Ms. WILSON, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. HILLIARD.  
H.R. 3500: Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut.  
H.R. 3506: Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Ms. WILSON.  
H.R. 3652: Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. LAMPSON.  
H.R. 3821: Mr. HYDE, Mr. GREEN, and Mr. DICKEY.  
H.R. 3905: Mr. PASCRELL.  
H.R. 3988: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. LOFGREN, and Ms. KAPTUR.  
H.R. 4028: Mr. MCCREERY, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, and Mr. MCGOVERN.  
H.R. 4046: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.  
H.R. 4149: Mr. HILLIARD.  
H.R. 4196: Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. CAMPBELL.  
H.R. 4213: Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas.  
H.R. 4220: Ms. CARSON.  
H.R. 4257: Mr. KLINK.  
H.R. 4281: Mr. FOLEY.  
H.R. 4283: Mr. FARR of California, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. HILLIARD, and Mrs. MEEK of Florida.  
H.R. 4285: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.  
H. Con. Res. 239: Ms. LOFGREN.  
H. Con. Res. 254: Mr. DOOLITTLE and Mrs. ROUKEMA.  
H. Res. 218: Mr. SPRATT.

#### AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 4276

OFFERED BY: MR. GILCHREST

AMENDMENT NO. 24: Page 62, beginning at line 15, strike section 210.

H.R. 4276

OFFERED BY: MS. HOOLEY of Oregon

AMENDMENT NO. 25: Page 52, line 13, after the dollar amount insert "(increased by \$2,300,000)".

Page 52, line 25, after the dollar amount insert "(increased by \$2,300,000)".

Page 53, line 1, after the dollar amount insert "(increased by \$2,300,000)".

Page 53, line 7, after the dollar amount insert "(increased by \$2,300,000)".

Page 56, line 19, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$2,300,000)".

H.R. 4276

OFFERED BY: MR. SANDERS

AMENDMENT NO. 26: Page 101, line 21, insert "(increased by \$4,000,000)" after the dollar amount.

Page 100, line 13, insert "(decreased by \$4,000,000)" after the dollar amount.

H.R. 4276

OFFERED BY: MR. SANDERS

AMENDMENT NO. 27: Page 101, line 21, insert "(increased by \$4,000,000)" after the dollar amount.

Page 40, line 8, insert "(decreased by \$4,000,000)" after the dollar amount.