

## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Whereas the Capitol is the people's house, and, as such, it has always been and will remain open to the public;

Whereas millions of people visit the Capitol each year to observe and study the workings of the democratic process;

Whereas the Capitol is the most recognizable symbol of liberty and democracy throughout the world and those who guard the Capitol guard our freedom;

Whereas Private First Class Jacob “J.J.” Chestnut and Detective John Michael Gibson sacrificed their lives to protect the lives of hundreds of tourists, staff, and Members of Congress;

Whereas if not for the quick and courageous action of those officers, many innocent people would likely have been injured or killed;

Whereas through their selfless acts, Detective Gibson and Private First Class Chestnut underscored the courage, honor, and dedication shown daily by every member of the United States Capitol Police and every law enforcement officer;

Whereas Private First Class Chestnut, a Vietnam veteran who spent 20 years in the Air Force, was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police, and was married to Wen Ling

and had five children, Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen, and William;

Whereas Detective Gibson, assigned as Representative Tom DeLay's bodyguard for the last three years, was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police, and was married to Evelyn and had three children, Kristen, John, and Daniel;

Whereas Private First Class Chestnut and Detective Gibson were the first United States Capitol Police officers ever killed in the line of duty;

Whereas Private First Class Chestnut and Detective Gibson, 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: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2       *concurring), That—*

3               (1) Congress hereby honors the memory of De-  
4       tective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class  
5       Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol  
6       Police for the selfless acts of heroism they displayed  
7       on July 24, 1998, in sacrificing their lives in the line  
8       of duty so that others might live; and

9               (2) when the Senate and the House of Rep-  
10       resentatives adjourn on this date they shall do so  
11       out of respect to the memory of Detective John Mi-

- 1 chael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph
- 2 Chestnut.

Passed the Senate July 27, 1998.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

105TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

## **S. CON. RES. 110**

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Honoring the memory of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police for their selfless acts of heroism at the United States Capitol on July 24, 1998.