

debate and effort, Congress authorized the National Liberty Memorial.

The National Liberty Memorial will serve as an important remembrance. I am very pleased that we are able to consider this bill today. When Congress authorizes the establishment of a memorial in Washington, D.C., it then takes years of planning to select a design and location. Fortunately, for the Liberty Memorial, a site has been selected. One of the last hurdles is approval from Congress, and with the adoption of H.J. Res. 120, that is why and what we are here to do today.

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Getting this far would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the bill's sponsor, Representative BUTTERFIELD from North Carolina. I would like to thank him and congratulate him for his work and look forward to soon visiting the new National Liberty Memorial.

We support this legislation and thank the majority for bringing it up for consideration. With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD), the sponsor of the legislation.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. First, I want to thank you, Mr. LOWENTHAL, for those kind words and thank you for your leadership. Thank you for yielding time today and for working very hard to bring this important resolution to the House floor. I also appreciate the work of the Natural Resources Committee chairman, DOC HASTINGS, and Ranking Member PETE DEFAZIO, and you, Mr. YOUNG, for considering this resolution expeditiously and for seeing that it was favorably reported by the committee.

Also, let me thank Senator CHRIS MURPHY from Connecticut, who used to serve in this body and now serves in the United States Senate, for introducing a companion bill in the Senate. His support is critical, and I thank him for his commitment to this important issue. I hope that the Senate will act as expeditiously and in as bipartisan a fashion as has the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Joint Resolution 120, a bill that I introduced that will formally approve the location that was selected by the Administrator of the General Services Administration of a memorial that will recognize the thousands of slaves and free persons of color, or as historians sometimes refer to, free Negroes, who fought for independence during the American Revolution.

Federal law requires, Mr. Speaker, that the location for the memorial identified by the Administrator of GSA be formally approved by Congress within 150 days of receiving the recommendation by the GSA Administrator.

The memorial that will eventually be constructed to honor tens of thousands of slaves and free people of color who helped to secure American independence during the Revolution will be a fitting tribute to their heroic actions that helped shape the very foundation of our Nation.

For generations, historians estimated that at least 5,000 African Americans—both slave and free—fought for American independence. Revised estimates now show more than 10,000 brave men joined the fight. At least 252 of these patriots came from North Carolina, and at least 109 of those came from my congressional district, the counties of Bertie, Chowan, Craven, Edgecombe, Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton, Pasquotank, and Perquimans.

The president general of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution wrote of the brave souls who fought for freedom when they themselves were not free that “they deserve special recognition in order to help better educate our country.”

In 2008, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution published landmark research containing the names and communities of these African American patriots. The research is continuously updated with the discovery of new heroes. Scores of African American men and women have been accepted by heritage societies that had not been previously open to their membership.

The desire to honor these brave men and their descendants in a permanent and meaningful way had long been championed by a distinguished Member of this body who has since passed away, Congressman Donald Payne, Sr. Congressman Payne introduced authorizing language as far back as 2005. After Congressman Payne's death, I have worked to get this effort to the finish line, guided by his words that “this memorial is an important chapter in the reclamation of African American history.”

There are over 2 million descendants of these Revolutionary War patriots nationwide. This eventual memorial will show the Nation, and it will show the world, Mr. Speaker, that the sacrifices and heroic efforts of African Americans—both slave and free—who took up arms to secure America's independence are not forgotten. It will permanently affirm what we know to be true: these patriots and their service to our then-infant Nation will forever be of preeminent historical and lasting significance to our country that they fought to create.

Again, I thank you for the time, Mr. LOWENTHAL.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, again, I want to thank Representative BUTTERFIELD from North Carolina for helping us get this across the finish line.

We are really going to honor these brave Americans, both slaves and free blacks, who fought for American independence, and I think this is a wonderful bill.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 120.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the joint resolution was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOLDING) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 5089, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 5019, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 4283, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS DANIEL M. FERGUSON POST OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5089) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the “Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office”, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 401, nays 0, not voting 30, as follows:

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YEAS—401

Aderholt Duncan (SC) Kingston
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 Barletta Engel Labrador
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 Barrow (GA) Eshoo Lamborn
 Barton Esty Lance
 Bass Farenthold Langevin
 Beatty Farr Lankford
 Becerra Fattah Larsen (WA)
 Benishek Fincher Latham
 Bentivolio Fitzpatrick Latta
 Bera (CA) Fleischmann Levin
 Bilirakis Fleming Lewis
 Bishop (NY) Flores Lipinski
 Black Forbes LoBiondo
 Blackburn Fortenberry Loebsack
 Blumenauer Foster Loggren
 Bonamici Foxx Long
 Boustany Frankel (FL) Lowenthal
 Brady (PA) Franks (AZ) Lowey
 Brady (TX) Frelinghuysen Lucas
 Braley (IA) Fudge Luetkemeyer
 Bridenstine Gabbard Lujan Grisham
 Brooks (AL) Gallego (NM)
 Brooks (IN) Garamendi Lujan, Ben Ray
 Broun (GA) Garcia (NM)
 Brown (FL) Gardner Lummis
 Brownley (CA) Garrett Lynch
 Buchanan Gerlach Maffei
 Bucshon Gibbs Maloney,
 Burgess Gibson Carolyn
 Bustos Gingrey (GA) Maloney, Sean
 Butterfield Gohmert Marchant
 Byrne Goodlatte Marino
 Calvert Gosar Massie
 Camp Gowdy Matheson
 Campbell Granger Matsui
 Capito Graves (GA) McAllister
 Capps Graves (MO) McCarthy (CA)
 Capuano Grayson McCarthy (NY)
 Cárdenas Green, Al McCaul
 Carney Green, Gene McClintock
 Carson (IN) Griffin (AR) McCollum
 Carter Griffith (VA) McDermott
 Cartwright Grimm McGovern
 Castor (FL) Guthrie McHenry
 Castro (TX) Hahn McIntyre
 Chabot Hall McKeon
 Chaffetz Hanabusa McKinley
 Chu Hanna McMorris
 Cicilline Harper Rodgers
 Clawson (FL) Hartzler McNehey
 Clay Hastings (FL) Meadows
 Cleaver Hastings (WA) Meehan
 Clyburn Heck (NV) Meeks
 Coble Heck (WA) Messer
 Coffman Herrera Beutler Mica
 Cohen Higgins Michaud
 Cole Himes Miller (FL)
 Collins (GA) Hinojosa Miller (MI)
 Collins (NY) Holding Miller, George
 Conaway Holt Moore
 Connolly Honda Mullin
 Conyers Horsford Mulvaney
 Cooper Hoyer Murphy (FL)
 Costa Hudson Murphy (PA)
 Cotton Huelskamp Napolitano
 Courtney Huffman Negrete McLeod
 Cramer Huizenga (MI) Neugebauer
 Crawford Hultgren Noem
 Crenshaw Hunter Nolan
 Crowley Hurt Nugent
 Cuellar Israel Nunes
 Culberson Issa O'Rourke
 Cummings Jackson Lee Olson
 Daines Jeffries Owens
 Davis (CA) Jenkins Palazzo
 Davis, Danny Johnson (GA) Pallone
 Davis, Rodney Johnson (OH) Pascrell
 DeFazio Johnson, E. B. Paulsen
 DeGette Johnson, Sam Payne
 Delaney Jolly Pearce
 DeLauro Jones Pelosi
 DelBene Jordan Perlmutter
 Denham Joyce Perry
 Dent Kaptur Peters (CA)
 DeSantis Keating Peterson
 Deutch Kelly (PA) Petri
 Diaz-Balart Kennedy Pingree (ME)
 Doggett Kildee Pittenger
 Doyle Kilmer Pitts
 Duckworth Kind Pocan
 Duffy King (NY) Poe (TX)

Polis Schakowsky Tipton
 Pompeo Schiff Titus
 Posey Schneider Tonko
 Price (GA) Schock Tsongas
 Price (NC) Schrader Turner
 Quigley Schwartz Upton
 Rahall Schweikert Valadao
 Rangel Scott (VA) Van Hollen
 Reed Scott, Austin Vargas
 Reichert Scott, David Veasey
 Renacci Sensenbrenner Vela
 Ribble Serrano Visclosky
 Rice (SC) Sessions Wagner
 Richmond Shea-Porter Walberg
 Rigell Sherman Walden
 Roby Shimkus Walorski
 Roe (TN) Shuster Walz
 Rogers (AL) Simpson Wasserman
 Rogers (KY) Sinema Schultz
 Rogers (MI) Sires Waters
 Rohrabacher Slaughter Waxman
 Rokita Smith (MO) Weber (TX)
 Rooney Smith (NE) Webster (FL)
 Ros-Lehtinen Smith (NJ) Welch
 Roskam Smith (TX) Wenstrup
 Ross Smith (WA) Westmoreland
 Rothfus Sutherland Whitfield
 Roybal-Allard Speier Williams
 Royce Stewart Wilson (FL)
 Runyan Stivers Wilson (SC)
 Ruppersberger Stockman Wittman
 Ryan (OH) Stutzman Wolf
 Ryan (WI) Swailwell (CA) Womack
 Salmon Takano Woodall
 Sánchez, Linda Terry Yarmuth
 T. Thompson (CA) Yoder
 Sanchez, Loretta Thompson (MS) Yoho
 Sanford Thompson (PA) Young (AK)
 Sarbanes Thornberry Young (IN)
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YEAS—399

Aderholt Duncan (TN) Kirkpatrick
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 Barletta Engel LaMalfa
 Barr Enyart Lamborn
 Barrow (GA) Eshoo Lance
 Barton Esty Langevin
 Bass Farenthold Lankford
 Beatty Farr Larsen (WA)
 Becerra Fattah Larson (CT)
 Benishek Fincher Latham
 Bentivolio Fitzpatrick Latta
 Bera (CA) Fleischmann Levin
 Bilirakis Fleming Lewis
 Bishop (NY) Bishop (NY) Flores
 Black Forbes LoBiondo
 Blackburn Fortenberry Loebsack
 Blumenauer Foster Loggren
 Bonamici Foxx Long
 Boustany Frankel (FL) Lowenthal
 Brady (PA) Franks (AZ) Lowey
 Brady (TX) Frelinghuysen Lucas
 Braley (IA) Fudge Luetkemeyer
 Bridenstine Gabbard Lujan Grisham
 Brooks (AL) Gallego (NM)
 Brooks (IN) Garamendi Lujan, Ben Ray
 Broun (GA) Gardner (NM)
 Brown (FL) Garrett Lummis
 Brownley (CA) Gerlach Lynch
 Buchanan Gibbs Maffei
 Bucshon Gibson Maloney,
 Burgess Gibson Carolyn
 Bustos Gohmert Maloney, Sean
 Butterfield Goodlatte Marchant
 Byrne Gosar Marino
 Calvert Gowdy Matheson
 Camp Granger Graves (GA)
 Campbell Capito Graves (MO)
 Capps Grayson McCarthy (CA)
 Capuano Green, Al McCaul
 Cárdenas Green, Gene McClintock
 Carney Griffin (AR) McCollum
 Carson (IN) Griffith (VA) McDermott
 Carter Grimm McGovern
 Cartwright Guthrie McHenry
 Castor (FL) Hahn McIntyre
 Castro (TX) Hall McKeon
 Chabot Hanabusa McKinley
 Chaffetz Hanna McMorris
 Chu Harper Rodgers
 Cicilline Hartzler McNehey
 Clawson (FL) Hastings (FL) Meadows
 Clay Hastings (WA) Meehan
 Cleaver Heck (NV) Meeks
 Clyburn Heck (WA) Messer
 Coble Herrera Beutler Mica
 Coffman Higgins Michaud
 Cohen Himes Miller (FL)
 Cole Hinojosa Miller (MI)
 Collins (GA) Holding Miller, George
 Collins (NY) Holt Moore
 Conaway Honda Mullin
 Connolly Horsford Mulvaney
 Conyers Hoyer Murphy (FL)
 Cooper Hudson Murphy (PA)
 Costa Huelskamp Napolitano
 Cotton Huffman Negrete McLeod
 Courtney Huizenga (MI) Neugebauer
 Cramer Hultgren Noem
 Crawford Hunter Nolan
 Crenshaw Hurt Nugent
 Crowley Israel Nunes
 Cuellar Issa O'Rourke
 Culberson Jackson Lee Olson
 Cummings Jeffries Owens
 Daines Jenkins Palazzo
 Davis (CA) Johnson (GA) Pallone
 Davis, Danny Johnson (OH) Pascrell
 Davis, Rodney Johnson, E. B. Paulsen
 DeFazio Johnson, Sam Payne
 DeGette Jolly Pearce
 Delaney Jones Pelosi
 DeLauro Jordan Perlmutter
 DelBene Joyce Perry
 Denham Kaptur Peters (CA)
 Dent Keating Peterson
 DeSantis Kelly (PA) Petri
 Deutch Kennedy Pingree (ME)
 Diaz-Balart Kildee Pittenger
 Doggett Kilmer Pitts
 Doyle Kind Pocan
 Duckworth King (NY) Poe (TX)
 Duffy Kingston Polio
 Duncan (SC) Kinzinger (IL) Pompeo

NOT VOTING—30

Bachmann Gutiérrez Nadler
 Bishop (GA) Harris Neal
 Bishop (UT) Hensarling Nunnelee
 Cassidy Kelly (IL) Pastor (AZ)
 Clark (MA) King (IA) Peters (MI)
 Clarke (NY) Larson (CT) Ruiz
 Cook Lee (CA) Rush
 DesJarlais Meng Sewell (AL)
 Dingell Miller, Gary Tierney
 Grijalva Moran Velázquez

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Mr. PAYNE changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIALIST THEODORE MATTHEW GLENDE POST OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5019) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office”, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 0, not voting 32, as follows: