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AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE GREATER WASHINGTON SOAP BOX DERBY

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Con. Res. 43]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 43) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the concurrent resolution be agreed to.

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PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of H. Con. Res. 43 is to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby occurs annually on the Capitol Grounds. The Soap Box Derby allows children to demonstrate their dedication, work, and creativity as they compete for trophies. The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby is one of many local races that will qualify winning competitors to participate in the National Soap Box Derby in Ohio. Pursuant to the resolution, the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby is currently scheduled to be held on June 17, 2023.

The first official All-American Soap Box Derby was held in Dayton, Ohio in 1934 and moved to Akron, Ohio the following year. The Soap Box Derby continued until the beginning of World War II, and after a break resumed in 1946. While initially the Soap Box Derby was only open to boys, in 1971 girls also began racing.

HEARINGS

For the purposes of rule XIII, clause 3(c)(6)(A) of the 118th Congress—

No hearings were held to develop or consider H. Con. Res. 43 in the 118th Congress.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND CONSIDERATION

H. Con. Res. 43 was introduced in the United States House of Representatives on May 17, 2023, by Mr. Hoyer of Maryland and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Within the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, H. Con. Res. 43 was referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 43 on May 23, 2023.

The Committee considered H. Con. Res. 43 on May 23, 2023, and ordered the measure to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by voice vote.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against.

No record votes were requested during consideration of H. Con. Res. 43.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

Clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply where a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the *Congressional Budget Act of 1974* has been timely submitted prior to the filing of the report and is included in the report. Such a cost estimate is included in this report.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the *Congressional Budget Act of 1974*, the Committee has received the enclosed cost estimate for H. Con. Res. 43 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

H. Con. Res. 43, a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on May 23, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2023	2023-2028	2023-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	0	not estimated

Increases *net direct spending* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		Mandate Effects	
Increases *on-budget deficits* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H. Con. Res. 43 would authorize the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to use the Capitol grounds on June 17, 2023, or on such a date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration may jointly designate.

Because the resolution would require that the sponsors assume responsibility for all expenses and liabilities associated with the event, CBO estimates that passage of H. Con. Res. 43 would result in no cost to the federal government.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Pickford. The estimate was reviewed by Chad Chirico, DeputyDirector of Budget Analysis.

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director, Congressional Budget Office.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goal and objective of this legislation is to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(5) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that no provision of H. Con. Res. 43 establishes or reauthorizes a program of the Federal government known to be duplicative of another Federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, AND LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

In compliance with clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, this bill, as reported, contains no congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of the rule XXI.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of Federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the *Unfunded Mandates Reform Act* (Public Law 104–4).

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the *Congressional Budget Act of 1974* requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee finds that H. Con. Res. 43 does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* were created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the *Congressional Accountability Act* (Public Law 104–1).

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION

Section 1. Use of Capitol Grounds for Soap Box Derby races

Section 1 authorizes the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to sponsor a public event—the soap box derby races—on the Capitol Grounds on June 17, 2023, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration jointly designate.

Section 2. Terms and conditions

Section 2 requires the event to be free of admission charge and open to the public and arranged to not interfere with the needs of Congress. This section also makes clear the sponsor of the event

shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

Section 3. Event preparations

Section 3 authorizes the sponsor, subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment, as may be required for the event.

Section 4. Additional arrangements

Section 4 authorizes the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board to make such additional arrangements as may be required to carry out the event.

Section 5. Enforcement of restrictions

Section 5 requires the Capitol Police Board to enforce all the restrictions contained in section 5104(c) of title 40, United States Code, concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the event.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

As reported by the Committee, H. Con. Res. 43 makes no changes in existing law.

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