

her in 1972. The Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1985 from President Reagan. And in 1996, Mother Teresa became the fifth person in the world to be conferred honorary citizenship from the United States by President Clinton.

For historical purposes, the first was Winston Churchill by President Kennedy in 1963, Raoul Wallenberg by President Reagan in 1981, and William and Hannah Penn by President Reagan in 1984.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, we live in an age that is sometimes easy to dismiss as selfish, self-absorbed, cynical, and cruel. Mother Teresa and her selfless dedication to the world's least fortunate serve as a powerful reminder of our age which still includes shining symbols, as Mother Teresa is, for goodness and compassion.

At our schools, wherever she takes us, she is always rededicating herself to the least of these. Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol of the United States for a congressional ceremony to honor Mother Teresa and her life's work is something that I am proud to stand here today and be in full support of.

We will be focusing the attention of all Americans, whatever their faiths, on a symbol that can serve them well in our everyday lives. As we know, Mother Teresa was born in 1910 in Albania. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

She is known as the Saint of the Gutter, where she spent tireless hours giving of herself, educating, providing people with hope who have no hope. I had occasion to meet Mother Teresa when she visited the city of Detroit a few years back. The aura that is instilled in her is there for anyone to see. She is a saint. And she is a person whom we all can take a look at and honor because she has given much of her life so that people have the hope that God has intended each of us to have.

Mr. Speaker, the Missionaries of Charity has branches in 50 Indian cities and about 30 other countries around the world. It numbers more than 3,000 members who have decided to follow Mother Teresa's example and dedicate their lives by serving the world's poor.

Mother Teresa is special to me personally. I am happy this Congress is going to have a dedication ceremony for her.

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

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. CHRISTENSEN].

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS] for his assistance in getting this piece of legis-

lation to the floor so quickly. This came up on rather short notice, and we appreciate all his hard work and the work of the staff to expedite this bill.

The passage of this resolution, Senate Concurrent Resolution 26, authorizes the use of the Capitol rotunda for a congressional ceremony honoring Mother Teresa. This ceremony will take place on June 5. We are looking forward to hearing her comments and honoring her life.

It is during this time that we will present her with the Congressional Gold Medal as a small tribute for her lifelong dedication of service to those who are less fortunate, impoverished, ill, homeless, and destitute.

As we have heard already some of her awards and accomplishments, they go on and on. They are very numerous awards that she has achieved throughout her life. But I think the one thing that Mother Teresa stands out for is that, no matter who is the person she meets, she loves everybody. I think that she has followed the example that Christ laid down in that she loves her brother and her sister.

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

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS] that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate concurrent resolution, Senate Concurrent Resolution 26.

The question was taken.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on Senate Concurrent Resolution 26.

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

There was no objection.

#### AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT TO AWARD CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO MOTHER TERESA

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1650) to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Mother Teresa of Calcutta in recognition of her outstanding and enduring contributions through humanitarian and charitable activities, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1650

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) Mother Teresa of Calcutta has greatly impacted the lives of people in all walks of life in every corner of the world through love and her selfless dedication to humanity and charitable works for nearly 70 years;

(2) Mother Teresa has expanded her personal dedication by founding the Missionaries of Charity, which include well over 3,000 members in 25 countries, who devote their entire lives to serving the poor without accepting any material reward in return;

(3) Mother Teresa has been recognized as a humanitarian around the world and has been recognized in the form of—

(A) the first Pope John XXIII Peace Prize (1971);

(B) the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding (1972);

(C) the Nobel Peace Prize (1979); and

(D) the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1985);

(4) Mother Teresa is a tool of God;

(5) God's love flowing through Mother Teresa has forever impacted the culture and history of the world; and

(6) Mother Teresa truly leads by example and shows the people of the world the way to live by love for mankind.

#### SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

(a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold medal of appropriate design to Mother Teresa of Calcutta in recognition of her outstanding and enduring contributions to humanitarian and charitable activities.

(b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Secretary.

#### SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, and at a price sufficient to cover the costs thereof, including labor, materials, dies, and use of machinery, overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

#### SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.

The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

#### SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; PROCEEDS OF SALE.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is hereby authorized to be charged against the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to pay for the cost of the medal authorized by this Act.

(b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the sales of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be deposited in the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Delaware [Mr. CASTLE] and the gentleman from New York [Mr. FLAKE], each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware [Mr. CASTLE].

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

Mr. Speaker, this afternoon I rise in support of H.R. 1650, the bill to award a