

House Joint Resolution 56 which calls for the celebration of the end of slavery. The need to celebrate the end of this most dubious time in America's short history, pervades the thoughts of many, though more so during this month of June.

During the month of June and, specifically, June 13–19, thousands of people, especially blacks, come together to celebrate the end of slavery. The celebration, called Juneteenth, commemorates the date in 1865 when slaves in Texas discovered, a full 2½ years after the fact, that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation. Slave-owners in eastern Texas successfully hid the news of their emancipation for 2½ years. They were not notified of their freedom until Union army officers told them on June 19, 1865, hence the name Juneteenth.

Juneteenth has been recognized as a holiday in Texas for quite some time, but has extended beyond Texas borders in recent years. Juneteenth is celebrated throughout many communities nationwide, incorporating parades, musical performances, and other festivities.

Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation did much to dismantle the structure of slavery, but did not dismantle the institution. The story of those eastern Texas slaves is a visceral reminder of the fact that even after the Emancipation Proclamation, many slaves were indeed, not free. Throughout the South, slaves were not notified of their freedom by land-owners for years. The problem was not confined to the South.

In my home State of New Jersey, as of the same year, 1865, the Democratic controlled State legislature still refused to ratify the 13th amendment, which abolished slavery. Clearly they were not free either. In 1866, the republican State legislature ratified the 13th amendment along with the 14th amendment, which guaranteed the citizenship rights of everyone born in the United States. But this same legislature refused to grant the franchise to blacks. In 1868, the again Democrat controlled State legislature rescinded the ratification of the 14th amendment and 2 years later in 1870, refused to ratify the 15th amendment which extended the franchise to all races.

The saving grace of the New Jersey blacks was that enough States ratified the amendment to make it national law. It is evident that the plight of the slave and black families did not end with Lincoln's proclamation, nor was it confined to Southern boundaries.

Even after such amendments, it took still longer for blacks to acculture themselves to rights afforded to the free American citizen. It is the cultural metamorphosis of the African and the slave into the unique experience of the African-American that truly marks emancipation. The Juneteenth celebration is much larger than a celebration commemorating the long-overdue emancipation of the eastern Texas slaves, it is a celebration of the long overdue emancipation of all slaves. It is a celebration of the dismantling of the slavery institution; a dismantling of the bureaucratic engine that sought to halt black's freedom, long after their emancipation was declared, not unlike the Texas slave master.

Though Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery, it is by no means just an African-American holiday. Juneteenth is a celebration

which brings together everyone. It is important for everyone to remember and acknowledge this chapter in American history. We all have to take responsibility.

This past week President Clinton made a great stride in opening a national dialog on race relations. His plan to establish a Presidential advisory board to allow Americans to speak out about racial issues shows initiative and a willingness to confront the ongoing racial tensions in our multicultural society. We can only hope that President Clinton's good intentions will be buttressed by action. In closing I ask that you join me and my colleagues in supporting House Joint Resolution 56. I thank you for your time and consideration.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. GIBBONS]. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PAPPAS] that the House suspend the rules and pass to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 56.

The question was taken.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. 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. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on House Joint Resolution 56.

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

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 5 p.m.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 5 p.m.

□ 1700

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS) at 5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained and then on the approval of the Journal.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 1057 by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 1058 by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 985 by the yeas and nays;

House Joint Resolution 56 by the yeas and nays;

and approval of the Journal de novo.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

ANDREW JACOBS, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1057, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1057, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 0, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 204]

YEAS—413

Abercrombie	Canady	Ehrlich
Ackerman	Cannon	Emerson
Aderholt	Carson	Engel
Allen	Castle	English
Andrews	Chabot	Eshoo
Archer	Chambliss	Etheridge
Armey	Chenoweth	Evans
Bachus	Christensen	Everett
Baessler	Clay	Ewing
Baker	Clayton	Farr
Baldacci	Clement	Fattah
Ballenger	Clyburn	Fawell
Barcia	Coble	Fazio
Barr	Coburn	Filner
Barrett (NE)	Collins	Flake
Barrett (WI)	Combust	Foglietta
Bartlett	Condit	Foley
Barton	Conyers	Forbes
Bass	Cook	Ford
Bateman	Cooksey	Fowler
Becerra	Costello	Fox
Bentsen	Cox	Frank (MA)
Bereuter	Coyne	Franks (NJ)
Berman	Cramer	Frelinghuysen
Berry	Crane	Frost
Bilbray	Crapo	Furse
Bilirakis	Cubin	Gallegly
Bishop	Cummings	Ganske
Blagojevich	Cunningham	Gejdenson
Bliley	Danner	Gekas
Blumenauer	Davis (FL)	Gephardt
Blunt	Davis (IL)	Gibbons
Boehlert	Davis (VA)	Gilchrist
Boehner	Deal	Gillmor
Bonilla	DeFazio	Gilman
Bonior	DeGette	Gonzalez
Bono	Delahunt	Goode
Borski	DeLauro	Goodlatte
Boswell	Dellums	Goodling
Boucher	Dickey	Gordon
Boyd	Dicks	Goss
Brady	Dingell	Granger
Brown (CA)	Dixon	Green
Brown (FL)	Doggett	Greenwood
Bryant	Doolley	Gutierrez
Bunning	Doolittle	Gutknecht
Burr	Doyle	Hall (OH)
Burton	Dreier	Hall (TX)
Buyer	Duncan	Hamilton
Calvert	Dunn	Hansen
Camp	Edwards	Harman
Campbell	Ehlers	Hastert

Hastings (FL) McHale
 Hastings (WA) McHugh
 Hayworth McInnis
 Hefley McIntosh
 Hefner McIntyre
 Herger McKeon
 Hill McKinney
 Hilleary McNulty
 Hilliard Meehan
 Hinchey Meek
 Hinojosa Menendez
 Hobson Metcalf
 Hoekstra Millender-
 Holden McDonald
 Hooley Miller (FL)
 Horn Minge
 Hostettler Mink
 Houghton Moakley
 Hoyer Molinari
 Hulshof Mollohan
 Hunter Moran (KS)
 Hutchinson Morella
 Hyde Murtha
 Inglis Myrick
 Istook Nadler
 Jackson (IL) Neal
 Jackson-Lee Nethercutt
 (TX) Neumann
 Jenkins Ney
 John Northup
 Johnson (CT) Norwood
 Johnson (WI) Nussle
 Johnson, E. B. Oberstar
 Johnson, Sam Obey
 Jones Olver
 Kanjorski Ortiz
 Kaptur Owens
 Kasich Oxley
 Kelly Packard
 Kennedy (MA) Pallone
 Kennedy (RI) Pappas
 Kennelly Parker
 Kildee Pascrell
 Kilpatrick Pastor
 Kim Paul
 Kind (WI) Paxon
 King (NY) Payne
 Kingston Pease
 Kleczka Pelosi
 Klink Peterson (MN)
 Klug Peterson (PA)
 Knollenberg Petri
 Kolbe Pickering
 Kucinich Pickett
 LaFalce Pitts
 LaHood Pomeroy
 Lampson Porter
 Lantos Portman
 Largent Poshard
 Latham Price (NC)
 LaTourette Pryce (OH)
 Lazio Quinn
 Leach Radanovich
 Levin Rahall
 Lewis (CA) Ramstad
 Lewis (GA) Rangel
 Lewis (KY) Redmond
 Linder Regula
 Livingston Reyes
 LoBiondo Riggs
 Lofgren Weldon (FL)
 Lucas Weller
 Luther Rivers
 Maloney (CT) Rodriguez
 Maloney (NY) Roemer
 Manton Rogan
 Manzullo Rogers
 Markey Rohrabacher
 Martinez Roukema
 Mascara Roybal-Allard
 Matsui Royce
 McCarthy (MO) Rush
 McCarthy (NY) Ryun
 McCollum Sabo
 McCrery Salmon
 McDermott Sanchez
 McGovern Sanders

NOT VOTING—21

Brown (OH) Ensign
 Callahan Graham
 Capps Jefferson
 Cardin Lipinski
 DeLay Schiff
 Deutsch McDade
 Diaz-Balart Mica

Sandlin
 Sanford
 Sawyer
 Saxton
 Scarborough
 Schaefer, Dan
 Schaffer, Bob
 Schumer
 Scott
 Sensenbrenner
 Serrano
 Sessions
 Shadegg
 Shaw
 Shays
 Sherman
 Shimkus
 Shuster
 Siskisky
 Skaggs
 Skeen
 Skelton
 Slaughter
 Smith (MI)
 Smith (NJ)
 Smith (OR)
 Smith (TX)
 Smith, Adam
 Smith, Linda
 Snowbarger
 Snyder
 Solomon
 Souder
 Spence
 Spratt
 Stabenow
 Stark
 Stearns
 Stenholm
 Stokes
 Strickland
 Stump
 Stupak
 Sununu
 Talent
 Tanner
 Tauscher
 Tauzin
 Taylor (MS)
 Taylor (NC)
 Thomas
 Thompson
 Thornberry
 Thune
 Thurman
 Tiahrt
 Tierney
 Torres
 Traficant
 Turner
 Upton
 Velazquez
 Vento
 Visclosky
 Walsh
 Wamp
 Waters
 Watkins
 Watt (NC)
 Watts (OK)
 Waxman
 Weldon (FL)
 Weldon (PA)
 Weller
 Wexler
 Weygand
 White
 Whitfield
 Wicker
 Wise
 Wolf
 Wynn
 Yates
 Young (AK)
 Young (FL)

Miller (CA)
 Moran (VA)
 Pombo
 Ros-Lehtinen
 Schiff
 Towns
 Woolsey

□ 1722

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to designate the building in Indianapolis, Indiana, which houses the operations of the Indianapolis Main Post Office as the 'Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building'."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 204 on H.R. 1057 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 204, on a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1057, designating the Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building, I was unavoidably absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device may be taken on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

JOHN T. MYERS POST OFFICE BUILDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1058.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1058, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 416, nays 0, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No 205]
 YEAS—416

Abercrombie	Barrett (WI)	Blumenauer
Ackerman	Bartlett	Blunt
Aderholt	Barton	Boehlert
Allen	Bass	Boehner
Andrews	Bateman	Bonilla
Archer	Becerra	Bonior
Armey	Bentsen	Bono
Bachus	Bereuter	Borski
Baesler	Berman	Boswell
Baker	Berry	Boucher
Baldacci	Billbray	Boyd
Ballenger	Bilirakis	Brady
Barcia	Bishop	Brown (CA)
Barr	Blagojevich	Brown (FL)
Barrett (NE)	Bliley	Brown (OH)
Bryant	Bunning	Goode
Burton	Burton	Goodlatte
Buyer	Calvert	Goodling
Camp	Campbell	Gordon
Canady	Cannon	Goss
Capps	Carson	Graham
Castle	Castle	Green
Chabot	Chabot	Greenwood
Chambliss	Chenoweth	Gutierrez
Christensen	Christensen	Gutknecht
Clay	Clayton	Hall (OH)
Clement	Clement	Hall (TX)
Clyburn	Coble	Hamilton
Coburn	Coburn	Hansen
Collins	Collins	Harman
Combest	Combest	Hastert
Condit	Condit	Hastings (FL)
Conyers	Cook	Hastings (WA)
Cook	Cooksey	Hayworth
Cooksey	Costello	Hefley
Cox	Cox	Hefner
Coyne	Coyne	Herger
Cramer	Cramer	Hill
Crane	Crane	Hilleary
Crapo	Crapo	Hilliard
Cubin	Cubin	Hinchee
Cummings	Cummings	Hinojosa
Cunningham	Cunningham	Hobson
Danner	Danner	Hoekstra
Davis (FL)	Davis (FL)	Holden
Davis (IL)	Davis (IL)	Hooley
Davis (VA)	Davis (VA)	Horn
Deal	Deal	Hostettler
DeFazio	DeFazio	Houghton
DeGette	DeGette	Hoyer
Delahunt	Delahunt	Hulshof
DeLauro	DeLauro	Hunter
DeLay	DeLay	Hutchinson
Dellums	Dellums	Hyde
Diaz-Balart	Diaz-Balart	Inglis
Dickey	Dickey	Istook
Dicks	Dicks	Jackson (IL)
Dingell	Dingell	Jackson-Lee
Dixon	Dixon	(TX)
Doggett	Doggett	Jenkins
Dooley	Dooley	John
Doolittle	Doolittle	Johnson (CT)
Doyle	Doyle	Johnson (WI)
Dreier	Dreier	Johnson, E. B.
Duncan	Duncan	Johnson, Sam
Dunn	Dunn	Jones
Edwards	Edwards	Kanjorski
Ehlers	Ehlers	Kaptur
Ehrlich	Ehrlich	Kasich
Emerson	Emerson	Kelly
Engel	Engel	Kennedy (MA)
English	English	Kennedy (RI)
Ensign	Ensign	Kennelly
Eshoo	Eshoo	Kildee
Etheridge	Etheridge	Kilpatrick
Evans	Evans	Kim
Everett	Everett	Kind (WI)
Ewing	Ewing	King (NY)
Farr	Farr	Kingston
Fattah	Fattah	Kleczka
Fawell	Fawell	Klink
Fazio	Fazio	Klug
Filner	Filner	Knollenberg
Flake	Flake	Kolbe
Foglietta	Foglietta	Kucinich
Foley	Foley	LaFalce
Forbes	Forbes	LaHood
Ford	Ford	Lampson
Fowler	Fowler	Largent
Fox	Fox	Latham
Frank (MA)	Frank (MA)	LaTourette
Franks (NJ)	Franks (NJ)	Lazio
Frelinghuysen	Frelinghuysen	Leach
Frost	Frost	Levin
Furse	Furse	Lewis (CA)
Galleghy	Galleghy	Lewis (GA)
Ganske	Ganske	Lewis (KY)
Gejdenson	Gejdenson	Linder
Gekas	Gekas	Livingston
Gephardt	Gephardt	LoBiondo
Gibbons	Gibbons	Ryun
Gilchrest	Gilchrest	Sabo
Gillmor	Gillmor	Lofgren
Gilman	Gilman	Lucas
Gonzalez	Gonzalez	Luther
		Maloney (CT)
		Maloney (NY)
		Manton
		Manzullo
		Markey
		Martinez
		Mascara
		Matsui
		McCarthy (MO)
		McCarthy (NY)
		McCollum
		McCrery
		McDermott
		McGovern
		McInnis
		McIntosh
		McIntyre
		McKeon
		McKinney
		McNulty
		Meehan
		Meek
		Menendez
		Metcalf
		Millender-
		McDonald
		Miller (FL)
		Minge
		Mink
		Moakley
		Molinari
		Mollohan
		Moran (KS)
		Morella
		Murtha
		Myrick
		Nadler
		Neal
		Nethercutt
		Neumann
		Ney
		Northup
		Norwood
		Nussle
		Oberstar
		Obey
		Olver
		Ortiz
		Owens
		Oxley
		Packard
		Pallone
		Pappas
		Parker
		Pascrell
		Pastor
		Paul
		Paxon
		Payne
		Pease
		Pelosi
		Peterson (MN)
		Petri
		Pickering
		Pickett
		Pitts
		Pomeroy
		Porter
		Portman
		Poshard
		Price (NC)
		Pryce (OH)
		Quinn
		Radanovich
		Rahall
		Ramstad
		Rangel
		Redmond
		Regula
		Reyes
		Riggs
		Riley
		Rivers
		Rodriguez
		Roemer
		Rogan
		Rogers
		Rohrabacher
		Rothman
		Roukema
		Roybal-Allard
		Royce
		Rush
		Sabo
		Salmon
		Sanchez
		Sanders
		Sanford
		Sawyer
		Saxton
		Scarborough
		Schaefer, Dan
		Schaffer, Bob
		Schumer
		Scott