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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM).

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

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 263 authorizes the use of the Capitol grounds for the Seventeenth Annual Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15th, 1998, or such a date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration jointly designate. The resolution also authorizes the Architect of the Capitol, the Capitol Police Board and the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, the sponsor of the event, to negotiate the necessary arrangements for carrying out the event in complete compliance of the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol grounds.

The Capitol Police will be the hosting law enforcement agency. In addition, the sponsor will assume all expense and liability in connection with the event. The event will be free of charge and open to the public and all sales and advertising will be prohibited.

This service will honor over 160 Federal, State and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 1997. It is a fitting tribute to the men and women who give their lives for our lives.

I support this measure, and I urge my colleagues to agree to the concurrent resolution.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution. I would like to say that I will be introducing legislation that will make the murder of a law enforcement officer a Federal offense, and the punishment shall be the death penalty. I think we put too many names on memorials, and, for some reason, we have yet to truly protect the law enforcement community in America.

Now, this National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service always has a special meaning for me. During my time as sheriff, one of my deputies was gunned down. He was transporting a prisoner. The MO is very simple: A car ran up in the back of him, forced him out, and an individual with a shot gun at close-range took his life to help that prisoner escape. That murderer is still on death row being paid by the taxpayers of our valley and the family of

Sonny Litch. This is stupid. This is ridiculous.

I want to read since 1980 the names of eight officers in just my Congressional District that have given their life in service to their fellow people: John R. "Sonny" Litch of the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office; John Utlak, Niles Police Department; Richard Elton Becker, Poland Police Department; Charles K. Yates, Poland Police Department; Ralph J. DeSalle, Youngstown Police Department; Paul Joseph Durkin, Youngstown Police Department; Millard Williams, Youngstown Police Department; and Carmen J. Renda, Youngstown State University Police.

How many more names do we read, how many more memorials do we build, until we act?

I support this resolution, but I would like to say to the Congress, it is time to take seriously anybody who would take the life of one of our law enforcement officers, and the Congress should be protecting the 160 to 180 potential victims each year. You do that by making it a Federal offense to target one of our law enforcement agents, and you also attach to it the death penalty for anyone who would take their life.

So I am proud to stand here and support this resolution, and I would hope that my legislation would not fall on deaf ears in the Congress of the United States.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Concurrent Resolution 263, which authorizes the use of Capitol Grounds for the seventeenth annual National Peace Officer's Memorial Service. I have a long and active history of supporting our nation's law enforcement officers and believe that the vital service that they provide our nation is invaluable.

One hundred and sixty law enforcement officers lost their lives in the line of duty in 1997, which is almost 40 percent higher than the number of police deaths recorded in 1996.

There were 160 federal, state and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty during 1997, compared to 116 police fatalities during 1996, according to a joint announcement issued by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and the Concerns of Police Survivors. The 1996 death total was the lowest since 1959. Prior to 1997, there had been an average of 151 law enforcement fatalities annually during the 1990s.

For the fourth straight year, California was the deadliest state in the nation for the law enforcement community, with 14 police fatalities. California was followed by Texas with 10 deaths, Illinois with nine, Florida with eight, and Indiana and Georgia with seven each.

Unfortunately these statistics represent real lives which have been lost in the service of our nation. They represent people who have dedicated themselves to the protection of our communities and their residents.

In the City of Houston, Officer Cuong Trinh lost his life of April 6, 1997, when he was shot by a robbery suspect. Officer Trinh is greatly missed by his colleagues and his family who felt his loss most intimately. His contributions to the Houston Police Department will never be forgotten nor should it. It is very fitting that

we honor fallen heroes like Officer Trinh through a National Police Officers' Memorial Service.

There have been more than 14,000 peace officers who have been killed in the line of duty throughout our nation's history. It was not until 1991, when the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was commemorated that a national symbol of their courage and sacrifice was created. This important memorial bears the names of all federal, state, and local law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

I join with my colleagues in support of this important event. It is my hope that we find ways to make the lives of law enforcement officers safer.

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

Mr. KIM. 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 California (Mr. KIM) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res 263, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR GREATER WASHINGTON SOAP BOX DERBY

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 255) authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 255

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF SOAP BOX DERBY RACES ON CAPITOL GROUNDS.

The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association (hereinafter in this resolution referred to as the "Association") shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, soap box derby races, on the Capitol grounds on July 11, 1998, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may jointly designate.

SEC. 2. CONDITIONS.

The event to be carried out under this resolution shall be free of admission charge to the public and arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress, under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board; except that the Association shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

SEC. 3. STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.

For the purposes of this resolution, the Association is authorized to erect upon the Capitol grounds, subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment as may be required for the event to be carried out under this resolution.

SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board are authorized to make any such

additional arrangements that may be required to carry out the event under this resolution.

SEC. 5. APPLICABILITY OF PROHIBITIONS.

Nothing in this resolution may be construed to waive the applicability of the prohibitions established by section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1946 (40 U.S.C. 193d; 60 Stat. 718), concerning sales, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM).

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

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 255 authorizes the use of the Capitol grounds for the 57th Annual Greater Washington Soap Box Derby qualifying races to be held on July 11, 1998, or such date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration jointly designate.

The resolution authorizes the activities of the Architect of the Capitol, the Capitol Police Board and the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association, the sponsor of the event, to negotiate the necessary arrangements for carrying out the event in complete compliance with the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol grounds.

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The event is open to the public and free of charge. The sponsor will assume all the responsibility for all the expenses and liabilities related to the event. In addition, sales, advertisements, and solicitations are explicitly prohibited on the Capitol grounds for this event.

The races are to take place on Constitution Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Third Street, Northwest. The participants come from Washington, DC and the surrounding communities in Virginia and Maryland, and range in ages from 9 to 16. This event is currently one of the largest races in the country, and the winners of these races will represent the Washington metropolitan area in the National race to be held on August 8, 1998 in Akron, OH.

I support the resolution and urge my colleagues to join in support.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, one of the best friends of young people 9 through 16 is the sponsor of this legislation, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER). Not the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM), but the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER). The people just love him and he always takes the time to not forget them, and this event is one of the most highlighted events down in our area.

This is a very good resolution and I want to commend the gentleman for what he has done in this regard.

So I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), a friend of young people, a friend of all people, and if all the people liked the Democrats as much as they like the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), we would be in the majority for sure.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT), my friend, for those very kind remarks. I want to thank the Committee for reporting this resolution out in a timely fashion.

For the last 7 years, Mr. Speaker, I have sponsored a resolution for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby to hold its race along Constitution Avenue, as the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) has said.

I proudly introduced H. Con. Res. 255 to permit the 57th running of the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, which is to take place on the Capitol grounds on July 11 of this year.

This resolution authorizes the Architect of the Capitol, the Capitol Police, and the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to negotiate the necessary arrangements for carrying out the running of the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby in complete compliance with rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol grounds.

In the past, the full House has supported this resolution, once reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. I ask my colleagues to join again with me along with the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS); the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON); the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN); the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF); the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA); and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN) in supporting this resolution.

From 1992 to 1997, the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby welcomed over 40 contestants which made the Washington DC race one of the largest in the country. This event has been one of the largest steps in turning the local area into a grand event for kids. Participants, as it has been said, range from 9 to 16, and hail from communities in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia. The winners of this local event will represent the Washington metropolitan area in the national race, which will be held in Akron, OH on August 8, 1998.

The Derby provides our young people with an opportunity to gain valuable skills, such as engineering and aerodynamics. Furthermore, the Derby promotes teamwork, a strong sense of accomplishment, sportsmanship, leadership and responsibility.

These are positive attributes that we should encourage children to carry into adulthood. The young people involved spend months, Mr. Speaker, preparing themselves for this race, and the day that they complete the race makes it all the more worthwhile. In addition,

this event provides parents, local residents, and tourists with a safe and enjoyable day of activities.

I hope my colleagues will support this resolution on behalf of the children and families of the Washington metropolitan area.

Mr. Speaker, this is somewhat like motherhood and apple pie, the Soap Box Derby. Young people using their talent, with an objective and goal in mind, teaching them lessons that will be good for them throughout their lives. It is young people like these contestants in the Soap Box Derby who, I might say, Mr. Speaker, are all winners, all winners for having participated, set for themselves a goal, exercised their talent and enterprise to achieve that goal, and then participate in the competition that is so much a part of life.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again thank the committee for reporting out this resolution in a timely fashion.

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, as they say on the streets, I resemble those remarks of our distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), and I support the resolution.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 255, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Concurrent Resolution 255, House Concurrent Resolution 262, and House Concurrent Resolution 263.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of 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.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Resolution 423, by the yeas and nays;