

Before he died, Detective Gibson was able to shoot the gunman, saving the lives of many innocent bystanders, including members of my staff. For that, my staff and I will be eternally grateful.

We also are grateful to the families that sacrificed these officers. As most can expect, these families are having a very hard time but need to understand that the Nation is praying for them and their families; that they have a lot of support not only within the law enforcement community in Washington, D.C. and in the Metroplex area but in this House and around the country.

The memorial fund that was set up for J.J. and John has been more than successful, although I would like it to be even bigger, but we are very encouraged by the kind of support that we are seeing coming from all around the Nation.

Chestnut and Gibson and Eney are certainly American heroes, not only because they died in the line of duty but also because they exemplified the best of the American spirit when they were alive. All three were family men. All three were patriots. All three were dedicated to the proposition that America is the land of the free and the home of the brave.

John Gibson served on my security detail and became a very close friend to me. We discussed many things in our time together. We talked about our families. We talked about our country and we talked about God. I continue to miss the professional manner, the uncommon wisdom and the wry sense of humor that John brought to our office every day, and I will miss him for the rest of my life.

Both John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut died so that others might live. They gave their lives in the defense of the United States Capitol and they died as American heroes. Naming the U.S. Capitol Police headquarters after these three men, J.J. Chestnut, John Gibson and Christopher Eney, is an altogether, if insufficient, way to memorialize their contributions to the United States Congress and to this country, and I am honored to ask the Members to support this resolution.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute, before I pay tribute to these officers, to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) and to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER). They have worked so hard to pay tribute to such a needy, worthy situation in our Nation's history, in our Capitol history, that the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) deserve the thanks of every Member, of every family and every police officer in America.

As an old sheriff, I want to thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) and I want to thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

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Having said that, as sheriff, I lost a deputy who was shot at short range, Sonny Litch, a beautiful family, left two youngsters, and it is a sad, tragic day.

What we do here today is appropriate and fitting. I want to join with the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) and the good Senator from the other side. I want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM), Rick and Susan, for helping with this, and I hope that this will last forever and their memory will last forever for the great service, the ultimate sacrifice, they give to their Nation. Every law enforcement officer deserves a pat on the back because every day they put their life on the line.

With that, I urge an aye vote.

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 (Mr. GUTKNECHT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 120.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

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 S. Con. Res. 120.

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

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONCURRENCE BY THE HOUSE, WITH AN AMENDMENT, IN SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2204, COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1997

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 602) providing for the concurrence by the House with an amendment in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2204.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 602

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2204) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, and the Senate amendment thereto, and to have concurred in the Senate amendment with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

TITLE I—AUTHORIZATION

Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 102. Authorized levels of military strength and training.

Sec. 103. LORAN-C.

TITLE II—COAST GUARD MANAGEMENT

Sec. 201. Severance pay.

Sec. 202. Authority to implement and fund certain awards programs.

Sec. 203. Use of appropriated funds for commercial vehicles at military funerals.

Sec. 204. Authority to reimburse Novato, California, Reuse Commission.

Sec. 205. Law enforcement authority for special agents of the Coast Guard Investigative Service.

Sec. 206. Report on excess Coast Guard property.

Sec. 207. Fees for navigation assistance service.

Sec. 208. Aids to navigation report.

TITLE III—MARINE SAFETY

Sec. 301. Extension of territorial sea for certain laws.

Sec. 302. Penalties for interfering with the safe operation of a vessel.

Sec. 303. Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee.

Sec. 304. Alcohol testing.

Sec. 305. Protect marine casualty investigations from mandatory release.

Sec. 306. Safety management code report and policy.

Sec. 307. Oil and hazardous substance definition and report.

Sec. 308. National Marine Transportation System.

Sec. 309. Availability and use of EPIRBs for recreational vessels.

Sec. 310. Search and rescue helicopter coverage.

Sec. 311. Petroleum transportation.

Sec. 312. Seasonal Coast Guard helicopter air rescue capability.

Sec. 313. Ship reporting systems.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 401. Vessel identification system amendments.

Sec. 402. Conveyance of Coast Guard Reserve training facility, Jacksonville, Florida.

Sec. 403. Documentation of certain vessels.

Sec. 404. Conveyance of Nahant parcel, Essex County, Massachusetts.

Sec. 405. Unreasonable obstruction to navigation.

Sec. 406. Financial responsibility for oil spill response vessels.

Sec. 407. Conveyance of Coast Guard property to Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida.

Sec. 408. Penalty for violation of International Safety Convention.

Sec. 409. Coast Guard City, USA.

Sec. 410. Conveyance of Communication Station Boston Marshfield Receiver Site, Massachusetts.

Sec. 411. Clarification of liability of persons engaging in oil spill prevention and response activities.

Sec. 412. Vessels not seagoing motor vessels.

Sec. 413. Land conveyance, Coast Guard Station Ocracoke, North Carolina.

Sec. 414. Conveyance of Coast Guard property in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.