

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

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 356) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 356

*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 (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 June 22, 2002, 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. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.**

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1946 (40 U.S.C. 193d; 60 Stat. 718), concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, with respect to the event to be carried out under this resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO).

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

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 356 authorizes the use of the Capitol grounds for the greater Washington Soap Box Derby qualifying races to be held on June 22, 2002.

The event is open to the public and free of charge and the sponsor assumes responsibility for all expenses and liabilities related to the event.

The races are to take place on Constitution Avenue between Delaware

Avenue and Third Street Northwest. The participants competing in the events are residents of the Washington metropolitan area and range in ages from 9 to 16. Participants will compete in three open divisions based on their experience in building their vehicles. This event is currently one of the oldest of its kind in the country, having taken place for over 55 years. The winner will go on to represent the Washington metropolitan area at the national finals to be held in Akron, Ohio, later in the summer.

Participants in these events learn the value of hard work, dedication and attention to detail, since any loose parts or screws may affect their time in the event.

I support the resolution and urge my colleagues to do the same.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to join the sponsor in supporting H. Con. Res. 356 and acknowledging the efforts of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), who has been such a great champion for his constituents for this event.

As usual, this event has bipartisan support with co-sponsors including the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), and myself.

H. Con. Res. 356 authorizes use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. Youngsters ages 9 through 16 construct and operate their own soap box vehicles. On June 22, 2002, these youngsters of the greater Washington area race down Constitution Avenue to test the principles of aerodynamics in hand-designed and -constructed soap box vehicles.

Many hundreds of volunteers donate considerable time supporting the events and providing families with a fun-filled day. The event has grown in popularity and Washington is now known as one of the outstanding race cities. In keeping with standard procedures, the event is conducted under conditions prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Police Board. It is free and open to the public.

Mr. Speaker, I support H. Con. Res. 356 and thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) for his work in originating this resolution.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, for the past ten years, I have sponsored a resolution for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby to hold its race along Constitution Avenue.

Once again, I am proud to have sponsored H. Con. Res. 356 to permit the 65th race of the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. It is scheduled to take place on the Capitol grounds on Saturday, June 22, 2002.

This resolution authorizes the Architect of the Capitol, the Capitol Police Board, and the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to negotiate the necessary arrangements

for conducting the race in complete compliance with the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol grounds.

I request my colleagues to join with me, and other co-sponsors including representative JIM MORAN, CONNIE MORELLA, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, FRANK WOLF, and ALBERT WYNN in supporting this resolution.

The Soap Box Derby has been in the Washington, D.C., area since 1992. It has attracted over 50 contestants each year. The participants range from ages 9 to 16.

The participants work very hard to prepare for the local Soap Box Derby. They are given an opportunity to learn basic skills of workmanship. They build their own race cars from a kit provided by the All-American Soap Box Derby Program. The participants are able to enhance their building skills to create a basic style car.

Winners of three levels of the local race become eligible to compete in the National Soap Box Derby races held in Akron, Ohio. Prior to the National races, they attend a week of camp in "Derbytown" where they make lasting friendships while participating in a variety of sporting activities. The National races are held in August and give the participants a chance to win scholarships and merchandise prizes.

Mr. Speaker, this even has been called "The Greatest Amateur Racing Event in the World". This is a wonderful opportunity for our children from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia to venture into the world of science, while experiencing the spirit of competition.

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

Mrs. CAPITO. 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 gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 356.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Concurrent Resolutions 347, 348, 354, 356, the measures just considered by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from West Virginia?

There was no objection.

**SUPPORTING NATIONAL BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH**

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 358) supporting the goals and ideals of National Better Hearing and Speech Month, and for other purposes.