

Wax Museum. I introduced this bill to help bring long overdue recognition of African Americans who have served our Nation with great distinction, but whose names, faces and achievements may not be well-known by the average citizen. Rest assured that this recognition can and will be accomplished and preserved through expansion of the Great Blacks in Wax Museum—a national treasure located in my district in Baltimore, Maryland.

In addition to the 200 existing figures at the museum, I am pleased to inform my colleagues that a priority will be placed on exhibits presenting the twenty-two Black Americans who served in Congress during the 19th century. Several of these 22 were born into slavery. All of these Americans proudly served their constituents and their Nation. Other members from the 1990s such as Senator Edward Brooke, Representatives Julian Dixon (D-CA), Oscar Stanton De Priest (R-IL), Louis Stokes (D-OH), Parren J. Mitchell (D-MD), J.C. Watts, Jr. (R-OK) and others will also receive special recognition. Some of the existing distinguished figures depict Collin Powell, Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mary McLeod Bethune and former Representatives Mickey Leland of Texas as well as Shirley Chisholm and Adam Clayton Powell of New York.

The expanded museum will focus on Black military veterans of various military engagements, including the Buffalo Soldiers and Tuskegee Airmen; on Black judges and prominent attorneys; and the role of Blacks in the discovery and settlement of America. It will also showcase Blacks who served in senior civilian Executive Branch positions, such as Ralph Bunche (FDR administration), E. Frederic Morrow (Eisenhower administration), Robert Weaver (Johnson administration), William Coleman (Ford administration), Patricia Harris (Carter administration), Louis Sullivan (George H.W. Bush administration), and others who have not received appropriate recognition.

Lastly, this legislation authorizes assistance in establishing a Justice Learning Center as a component of the expanded Museum complex. The Justice Learning Center will include state-of-the-art facilities and resources to educate the public, especially at-risk youth about the role of African Americans in our Nation's judicial system. It will include a special focus on the civil rights movement, on the role of African Americans as lawmakers, attorneys and in the Judiciary.

Mr. Speaker, the Great Blacks in Wax Museum was founded in 1983 by Dr. Elmer Martin and Dr. Joanne Martin, who started the museum with their own funds carrying a few figures and exhibit materials around the country in their car. The museum currently occupies part of a city block in East Baltimore, and includes more than 200 wax figures. It is America's first wax museum of Black history. The museum now receives over 200,000 visitors a year; over half of these visitors are school children. I also will mention that several members of Congress and their staff have visited and relayed to me the awesome nature of their visit—how the figures and exhibits both moved and informed. Passage of this bill will ensure that the Museum can continue its mission to preserve a great part of our Nation's history.

I would be remiss if I did not relay to you how important and inspiring this Museum is to its East Baltimore community. The Great

Blacks in Wax Museum functions as more than just a museum. It is a stalwart in its community. The Martins established the Museum with the primary motivation "to use education, history and example to help mainly disadvantaged youth overcome feelings of alienation, defeatism and despair." It provides a safe-haven for at-risk youth and offers opportunities for young people in the community to take part in employment, intern and volunteer programs. The Museum has enrichment programs for individuals, families, daycare centers, churches, schools and other non-profit organizations. In keeping with its commitment to community involvement, the Museum's many programs serve as a means for taking learning and cultural enrichment beyond the school walls. The Justice Learning Center will extend the outreach efforts of the Museum to homeless shelters, halfway houses, adult day care, domestic violence centers, youth residential facilities and other places to reach disadvantaged and/or at-risk youth and families.

Mr. Speaker, passage of this bill will be seen as a testament to the Martins' persistence and vision. Passage will also mean that the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum—a national treasure will receive needed Federal support to ensure that generations yet unborn will be told the story of these great Americans. The Museum will ensure that history never forgets this legacy.

Finally, I want to thank Representative SENBRENNER and his staffers Joseph Gibson and Katy Crooks, Representative CONYERS and his staffer Lillian German, as well as Representatives POMBO and RAHALL and their staffers, Frank Vitello, Richard Healy and David Watkins for all of their hard work in moving this legislation through their respective Committees. I would especially like to thank my staff, Kimberly Ross in seeing this legislation through to its successful end.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MURPHY). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1233, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TERRY) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Con. Res. 295, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 612, by the yeas and nays; and H. Con. Res. 417, by the yeas and nays.

The vote on S.J. Res. 28 will occur tomorrow.

The first and third electronic votes today will be conducted as 15-minute votes. The second vote in this series will be a 5-minute vote.

CONGRATULATING AND SALUTING FOCUS: HOPE ON ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 295.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 295 on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 374, nays 0, not voting 59, as follows:

[Roll No. 210]  
YEAS—374

Ackerman	Buyer	Dunn
Aderholt	Calvert	Ehlers
Akin	Camp	Emerson
Alexander	Cannon	Engel
Allen	Cantor	Eshoo
Andrews	Capito	Etheridge
Baca	Capps	Evans
Baird	Capuano	Everett
Baker	Cardin	Farr
Baldwin	Cardoza	Fattah
Ballenger	Carson (IN)	Feeney
Barrett (SC)	Carter	Ferguson
Bartlett (MD)	Case	Filner
Barton (TX)	Castle	Flake
Beauprez	Chandler	Foley
Bell	Chocola	Forbes
Berman	Clay	Ford
Berry	Clyburn	Fossella
Biggert	Coble	Frank (MA)
Bilirakis	Cole	Franks (AZ)
Bishop (GA)	Cooper	Frelinghuysen
Bishop (NY)	Cox	Frost
Bishop (UT)	Cramer	Gallegly
Blackburn	Crane	Garrett (NJ)
Blumenuaer	Crenshaw	Gerlach
Blunt	Crowley	Gibbons
Boehlert	Cubin	Gilchrest
Bonilla	Culberson	Gillmor
Bonner	Cunningham	Gingrey
Bono	Davis (CA)	Gonzalez
Boozman	Davis (IL)	Goode
Boswell	Davis (TN)	Goodlatte
Boucher	Davis, Jo Ann	Gordon
Boyd	Davis, Tom	Goss
Bradley (NH)	Deal (GA)	Granger
Brady (TX)	DeFazio	Graves
Brown (OH)	Delahunt	Green (TX)
Brown (SC)	DeLauro	Green (WI)
Brown, Corrine	DeLay	Greenwood
Brown-Waite,	Diaz-Balart, L.	Grijalva
Ginny	Diaz-Balart, M.	Gutknecht
Burgess	Dingell	Hall
Burns	Doggett	Harman
Burr	Doyle	Harris
Burton (IN)	Dreier	Hart