

(Mr. HOYER), who annually introduces this resolution to authorize use of the Capitol Grounds for such a worthwhile event.

This year's Greater Washington Soap Box Derby is scheduled to take place on Constitution Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Third Street, N.W., in Washington, DC, on June 20, 2009. This will be the 68th running of the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

This annual event encourages all boys and girls, ages nine through 16, to construct and operate their own soap box vehicles. The event is supported by hundreds of volunteers and parents.

It is an excellent opportunity for parents to have direct involvement in their children's activities. The derby's mission is to provide children with an activity that promotes technical and social skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

The derby organizers will work with the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police to ensure the appropriate rules and regulations are in place during the event. I am confident that this year's event will once again be a huge success.

I urge my colleagues to join me in agreeing to H. Con. Res. 37.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise as a proud sponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 37, legislation which will allow the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to hold the 68th Annual Greater Washington Soap Box Derby on the grounds of the United States Capitol on Saturday, June 20.

Since 1938, when 223 racers descended on Washington, DC, soap box derby racing has had a long and rich tradition in our Nation's Capital.

Although the race location has moved from the original site on New Hampshire Avenue to Capitol Hill, with stops on Massachusetts Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue, and Eastern Avenue along the way, the ingredients of the race remain the same: home-made engine-less, gravity-powered cars, the spirit of competition, and the pure exhilaration of racing.

The soap box derby consists of dozens of drivers, boys and girls ranging in age from 8 to 17, who have designed and built the cars they race.

These racers are divided into three divisions: stock, super stock, and masters. The local winner of each division will automatically qualify to compete with racers from around the country in the 72nd All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio on July 25.

Community groups, police departments, fire departments, and others sponsor children each year, children who may not otherwise be able to participate.

Over the years thousands of the region's young people have participated in this great race. I am proud to report that the last two winners of the Soap Box Derby competition have been neighbors of mine and constituents of the Fifth District of Maryland.

In 2007 Miss Kacie Rader, a neighbor of mine from Mechanicsville, Maryland, and a rising senior in high school at the time, won in the masters division of the 66th Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. Kacie then went on to become the first Marylander to win the national soap box derby title, after competing against 550 other soap box champions.

Kacie's great success was followed last year by another winner, Miss Courtney Rayle. Sixteen years old and also a neighbor from

Mechanicsville, Maryland, Courtney won the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby in June 2008. She became the seventh person in her family to do so.

Mr. Speaker, this event has been called "the greatest amateur racing event in the world" and it is an excellent opportunity for the contestants from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia to learn basic building skills while gaining a real sense of accomplishment.

The soap box derby is not just a race. It is an enriching way to engage our youth, and teach them the importance of ingenuity, commitment, and hard work.

I strongly encourage my colleagues to join with me and the other original cosponsors, Representatives CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, FRANK WOLF, JAMES MORAN, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, DONNA EDWARDS, and GERRY CONNOLLY, in supporting this resolution.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 37.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 38) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

#### H. CON. RES. 38

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

#### SECTION 1. USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary (in this resolution referred to as the "sponsor") shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the 28th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (in this resolution referred to as the "event"), on the Capitol Grounds, in order to honor the law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 2008.

(b) DATE OF EVENT.—The event shall be held on May 15, 2009, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate.

#### SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board, the event shall be—

(1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and

(2) arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsor shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

#### SEC. 3. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsor is authorized to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment, as may be required for the event.

#### SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 5104(c) of title 40, United States Code, concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the event.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Maryland.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous materials on House Concurrent Resolution 38.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Concurrent Resolution 38, which authorizes the use of the Capitol grounds for the 28th National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

According to the National Law Enforcement Fund, 140 Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty in 2008. These officers will be honored at this memorial service. During 2008, 15 women officers were killed; the average age of all officers killed was 40 years; and the average years of service was 12 years. According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, there are more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. This first official memorial service took place on May 15, 1982, at which 91 law enforcement officers were honored. Over the past 28 years, the memorial service has honored over 3,000 law enforcement officers from around our Nation. This event has become one in a series of well-attended events during Police Week. I urge support for this resolution.

Activities on the Capitol grounds conducted under House Concurrent Resolution 38 will be coordinated with the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and will be free and open to the public. I support this resolution and urge its passage.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman from Maryland has done a great job explaining this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 38, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15, 2009.

In October 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which that date falls as "Police Week". Each year on this day, our country honors the devotion and service of the peace officers who protect our neighborhoods, our cities, our friends, and our families.

This year's Memorial Service will honor the more than 140 Federal, state, and local law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 2008, and will mark the 28th time the Capitol grounds will be used for this noteworthy event. During 2008, 41 officers were killed by gun fire, 71 officers were killed in traffic related accidents, and 15 women were killed in the line of duty.

Activities on the Capitol Grounds conducted under H. Con. Res. 38 will be coordinated with the Architect of the Capitol, will be free, and open to the public.

The selfless work of our police and firemen has always been a model of courage and moral strength. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Con. Res. 38.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 38.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 39) authorizing the use of

the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 39

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

#### SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR DC SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN.

On June 5, 2009, 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, the 2009 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run (in this resolution referred to as the "event") may be run through the Capitol Grounds as part of the journey of the Special Olympics torch to the District of Columbia Special Olympics summer games.

#### SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITY OF CAPITOL POLICE BOARD.

The Capitol Police Board shall take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the event.

#### SEC. 3. CONDITIONS RELATING TO PHYSICAL PREPARATIONS.

The Architect of the Capitol may prescribe conditions for physical preparations for the event.

#### SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 5104(c) of title 40, United States Code, concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the event.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Maryland.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous materials on House Concurrent Resolution 39.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

House Concurrent Resolution authorizes the use of the Capitol grounds for the District of Columbia's Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. The Capitol Police, along with the D.C. Special Olympics, will participate in the torch run to be held on June 5, 2009.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics is run nationwide by law enforcement officers, leading up to each State or national Special Olympics summer games.

Each year, nearly 50 local and Federal law enforcement agencies in Washington, D.C., participate to show their

support of the D.C. Special Olympics. This torch relay event is a traditional part of the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics.

Since its inception, over 15,000 District of Columbia citizens with disabilities have participated in the Special Olympics. Funds raised from the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics helps support year-round training and programs for Special Olympics in the District of Columbia. This type of support led to seven Special Olympics athletes competing in the Penn relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 2008.

The D.C. Special Olympics will work closely with the Capitol Police and the Architect of the Capitol to make sure that the event is in full compliance with the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol grounds. The event will be free and open to the public. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 39 authorizes the use of the Capitol grounds for the District of Columbia's Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be held on June 5 of this year.

The Special Olympics is an internationally recognized organization dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults with disabilities through athletic competition and through athletic events in general.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest grassroots effort that raises funds and awareness for the Special Olympics program, Mr. Speaker. The event in D.C. is one of the many law enforcement torch runs throughout the country and across 35 Nations leading up to the summer Special Olympics.

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The Torch Run is a special event during which members of law enforcement run the "Flame of Hope" to the site of the local Special Olympics games.

Mr. Speaker, this event has become a regular occurrence on the Capitol Grounds. And this year's event will represent the 24th time it has occurred on these grounds. I am pleased to be a cosponsor of this resolution along with the chairwoman of our Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

I support this resolution and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

If I may at this time, Mr. Speaker, if I might inquire of the gentlewoman from Maryland if she has any further speakers.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. I may have additional speakers, and I reserve the time.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the time.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, the D.C. Special Olympics is a