

floor. And I urge my colleagues to support it.

And I'd like to thank the gentlelady from Illinois (Mrs. HALVORSON) for her help today. This is a great piece of legislation, and I urge tonight we vote unanimously for this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 1513.

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

There was no objection.

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I too want to thank my fellow freshman colleague, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROE) for his help today, as well as Chairman FILNER and Ranking Member BUYER for the wonderful work we've been able to do this year.

Madam Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to unanimously support H.R. 1513.

Ms. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I thank the Speaker for allowing me the opportunity to address the bill I sponsored—H.R. 1513, "The Veterans" Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009."

Many of my constituents in Greater Arizona are hurting, and the Nation's economy, while showing some signs of improvements, still has a long road to a full recovery.

No one feels this pressure or deserves the support of a grateful Nation more than our disabled Veterans.

Our Nation's veterans have made costly sacrifices to ensure the safety of America's families. For that reason, our country provides both compensation payments to service-disabled Veterans and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation benefits to the survivors of servicemembers who die in service to our Nation.

However, without this bill, these payments would not keep up with rising prices for everyday items like gas and groceries.

That's why, on behalf of the over 3 million veterans nationally—including 65,000 in my home state of Arizona—who are currently receiving disability compensation, I am asking you to join me in support of this bill.

This bill keeps the promise to our Nation's veterans to honor the sacrifice that these brave men and women have endured while serving our country in uniform.

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam 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 Illinois (Mrs. HALVORSON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1513.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING PAUL HARVEY

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 223) Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Paul Harvey, affectionately known for his signature line, "This is Paul Harvey . . . Good Day," as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 223

Whereas Paul Harvey, a son, brother, husband, father, friend, pioneering American, and a cherished voice, passed away on February 28, 2009;

Whereas Paul Harvey Aurandt was born on September 4, 1918, in Tulsa, Oklahoma;

Whereas prefacing a storied career in radio by making radio receivers as a young boy and a fill-in announcer while a student at the University of Tulsa, he epitomized American values and American ideals proving that one can lead a decent life with hard work and solid values;

Whereas Paul Harvey, through open expression, pioneered the format of radio broadcasts that so many now find commonplace;

Whereas Paul Harvey was a blogger before it was a known medium, he just did his blogging on the radio;

Whereas Paul Harvey was elected to the National Association of Broadcasters Radio Hall of Fame and Oklahoma Hall of Fame and appeared on the Gallup poll list of America's most admired men;

Whereas in 2005, Paul Harvey was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' most prestigious civilian award, by President George W. Bush;

Whereas Paul Harvey's career in radio spanned over 70 years and he is considered one of the United States' most accomplished radio personalities and a trail blazer;

Whereas Paul Harvey was beloved by his family, friends, neighbors, and vast listening audience for his great generosity, good humor, and spirited charm;

Whereas Paul Harvey, the "largest one-man network in the world", was heard on 1,200 radio stations, 400 Armed Forces Network stations around the world, and in 300 newspapers; and

Whereas Paul Harvey's broadcasts and newspaper columns have been reprinted in the Congressional Record more than those of any other commentator: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives honors the life and accomplishments of Paul Harvey.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. FORTENBERRY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, it is with profound honor that I rise in support of House Resolution 223, which celebrates the life of legendary radio and television personality, Paul Harvey.

I'd first like to thank my colleague from Oklahoma, Congressman JOHN SULLIVAN, for sponsoring this afternoon's condolence measure, which has amassed over 60 cosponsors here in the Congress since being introduced on March 9, 2009.

I'd also like to thank Chairman TOWNS from Brooklyn and my colleagues on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee for their unanimous support in bringing this resolution to the floor.

We live in an age of unprecedented access to the news. Between the 24-hour cable news networks and the Internet, there's no shortage of sources from which citizens are informed.

Most of us remember a different time when Americans relied on a small number of outlets for each day's events. Before everybody had a blog, we placed our trust in a few individuals to represent the voice of the average citizen. And I am proud to say that Paul Harvey was certainly one of those trusted individuals.

There is no greater testament to Paul Harvey's distinguished career than its longevity. He was no more than a teenager when he first hit the airwaves, reading advertisements and news clips. After studying speech and literature at the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mr. Harvey worked at radio stations across the American heartland.

In 1941, Mr. Harvey sacrificed his personal aspirations in order to defend our country. He was a reporter in Hawaii during the attack on Pearl Harbor, and decided to enlist in the United States Army immediately following.

Upon conclusion of his national service, Paul Harvey set about redefining what it meant to be a radio host by delivering news in his own unique and humble way. Paul Harvey was never afraid of controversy, and he was not one to forfeit his principles. His style was part journalist, part showman and, fortunately for America, part everyman.

As many as 22 million people tuned in daily to hear Mr. Harvey give his take on the day's news. Perhaps it was his plain-spoken ability to connect with and reassure the American people that made him so popular. Consider this remark, which is as relevant today as it was when first spoken. "In times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these."

Paul Harvey was constantly recognized for his achievements, both as a broadcaster and as an outstanding citizen. He received accolades from the State of Oklahoma, the National Association of Broadcasters, the Salvation Army, the United States Air Force, The Humane Society and the American Legion, just to name a few.

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In 2005, he was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor available to American civilians.

Throughout his life, Mr. Harvey was rarely without his loving wife, Lynn, whom he called "Angel." Married in 1940, Lynn passed away on May 3, 2008. They are survived by Paul Jr., who followed his parents into broadcasting.

I ask that this body join the American people in celebrating the life of Paul Harvey, whom we lost on February 28, 2009 at the age of 90. We will certainly miss his contributions to the national dialogue. So, Madam Speaker, let us collectively and formally express our appreciation for Paul Harvey's life and career by adopting House Resolution 223.

I now reserve the balance of our time.

Mr. FORTENBERRY. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 223, "Honoring the Life, Achievements and Contributions of Paul Harvey."

Born in 1918 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Paul Harvey's fascination with radio started at a very young age when he would pick up radio stations on his homemade cigar box crystal set. As a teenager, he worked, sweeping the floors at the station KVOO until the station manager decided to give him a job. The rest, as they say, is radio history.

Mr. Harvey moved from Tulsa to accept a position working at KXOK in St. Louis. While working in St. Louis, Mr. Harvey met his beloved wife of 68 years, who later became the producer of his show.

From St. Louis, the Harveys moved to Chicago, where his daily program for ABC Radio, Paul Harvey News and Comment, became the highest rated radio program in the region. Building on his audiences in Chicago, his show was soon broadcast throughout the entire country. In 1976, Harvey started a second daily radio show, *The Rest of the Story*, telling anecdotes about famous people or historic incidents, always with a little twist at the end.

Mr. Harvey's upbeat, positive demeanor and the ability to weave together the stories of life in America made him a national treasure. His uncanny ability to find a story, then to give it his own folksy style, delivered in his unique cadence, was remarkably popular. Mr. Harvey never lost sight of the significance of everyday life and of the stories of ordinary people in America.

With well over a half century of broadcasting experience, Mr. Harvey's show reached an estimated 24 million listeners daily. Receiving countless honors over the years for his broadcasts, he received the highest acknowledgment of his career when, in 2005, Mr. Harvey was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President George W. Bush.

Sadly, after more than 70 years on the air, Mr. Harvey passed away in February at the age of 90. The loss of Paul Harvey is the loss of a symbol of a simpler era in America. Even with the passage of time, his broadcast stories were as timely at the end of his life as they were back in Tulsa, where his career started. As Mr. Harvey would say at the end of each story, at the end of each show, "And now you know the rest of the story."

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, we have no further speakers, but I continue to reserve.

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. SULLIVAN), the author of this resolution, and yield him as much time as he may consume.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life, achievements and contributions of one of Tulsa, Oklahoma's favorite sons and one of America's most cherished voices, Paul Harvey.

Perhaps best known for his signature line "Good Day," Paul Harvey began his storied career in radio in Tulsa, making radio receivers and working as a fill-in announcer while a student at the University of Tulsa. Little did he know then that over the next 70 years he would go on to become one of America's most accomplished and beloved radio personalities of all time.

Referred to as the "largest one-man network in the world," Paul Harvey was heard on 1,200 radio stations and 400 Armed Forces networks around the world. His broadcast and newspaper columns have been reprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD more than those of any other person. Through the use of free expression, Paul Harvey pioneered the format of radio broadcasts that we now find commonplace. He was a blogger before we knew what that was. He just did his blogging on the radio.

Over the course of his trailblazing career, Mr. Harvey received numerous accolades for his work, including being elected to the National Association of Broadcasters Radio Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. He received 11 Freedom Foundation Awards as well as the Horatio Alger Award. In 2005, Paul Harvey was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our Nation's most distinguished civilian award.

Prior to his passing on February 28, 2009, Paul Harvey was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, and friend. It is with great pride that I stand here today to say, "Good day to you, Paul Harvey."

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a man who epitomized American values and ideals. With that, I urge the passing of my resolution, H.R. 223, honoring his life and legacy.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve.

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers and would yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, in closing, I was introduced to Paul Harvey 30 years ago as an ironworker, working at the Inland Steel Plant in East Chicago, Indiana. Every day, when that lunch whistle would blow, all the ironworkers would gather at the lunchroom or in the trailer where we had lunch, and every ear was glued to that radio set. It was the plain-spoken, moral and commonsense views of Paul Harvey's that I think enlightened us all.

So, with that, I just want to ask all of my colleagues to join with me and with the chief sponsor of this resolution, JOHN SULLIVAN, the gentleman from Oklahoma. I ask that we pass this unanimously in memory of the life of Paul Harvey.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 223, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF EGYPT-ISRAEL PEACE TREATY

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 282) recognizing the 30th anniversary of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 282

Whereas the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel signed in Washington, DC, on March 26, 1979, set an unprecedented example of reconciliation following decades marked by nearly unremitting tension and confrontation, including the 1948 War of Israeli Independence, the 1956 Suez War, the 1967 Six-Day War, the 1968-70 War of Attrition along the Suez Canal, and the 1973 Yom Kippur War;

Whereas United States diplomatic efforts and initiatives in the aftermath of the 1973 Arab-Israeli War helped build the foundations of a lasting peace between Egypt and Israel;

Whereas pursuant to an invitation by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, President Anwar al-Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel on November 20, 1977, when he delivered a historic address before Israel's Parliament, the Knesset, calling for Egypt and Israel to ". . . stand together with the . . . boldness of heroes who dedicate themselves to a sublime aim . . . to erect a huge edifice of peace . . . an edifice that . . . serves as a beacon for generations to come";

Whereas Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Sadat demonstrated remarkable character and courage in their willingness to move beyond decades of hostility,