

On April 5, we honored the spouses of military servicemembers who died while defending our freedom and serving our country.

This day serves not only as a moment of remembrance but also a tribute to the strength, resilience, and sacrifice of these courageous individuals.

As an Army dad, I consider myself profoundly blessed that my son returned home. I recognize that not all families share that same blessing. That truth weighs heavily on my heart and should remind us all of the price that has been paid.

Gold Star Spouses Day brings much-needed awareness to the grief and enduring strength of these spouses. Their sacrifice did not end with their loved one's passing. It continues every day as they carry forward the legacy of their fallen heroes.

Mr. Speaker, let us all take a moment to remember that our freedom is not free.

Gold Star families have lost a loved one in the name of protecting our freedom, and they deserve our gratitude today and every day.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BRITISH-AMERICAN INTER- PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. McDOWELL). The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group:

Mr. CROW, Colorado  
Mr. MEEKS, New York  
Ms. DELBENE, Washington  
Mr. GOMEZ, California  
Ms. MATSUI, California

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR) at 4 p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

#### AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE NA- TIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMO- RIAL SERVICE AND THE NA- TIONAL HONOR GUARD AND PIPE BAND EXHIBITION

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 9) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

##### H. CON. RES. 9

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

#### SECTION 1. USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMO- RIAL SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the 44th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service (in this resolution referred to as the "Memorial Service"), on the Capitol Grounds, in order to honor the law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 2024.

(b) DATE OF MEMORIAL SERVICE.—The Memorial Service shall be held on May 15, 2025, 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, with preparation for the event to begin on May 9, 2025, and takedown completed on May 16, 2025.

#### SEC. 2. USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NA- TIONAL HONOR GUARD AND PIPE BAND EXHIBITION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition (in this resolution referred to as the "Exhibition"), on the Capitol Grounds, in order to allow law enforcement representatives to exhibit their ability to demonstrate Honor Guard programs and provide for a bagpipe exhibition.

(b) DATE OF EXHIBITION.—The Exhibition shall be held on May 14, 2025, 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. 3. 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 sponsors of the Memorial Service and Exhibition shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the events.

#### SEC. 4. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsors referred to in section 3(b) are authorized to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment, as may be required for the Memorial Service and Exhibition.

#### SEC. 5. 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 events.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STANTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material into the RECORD on H. Con. Res. 9.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have introduced this bipartisan resolution along with the Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Subcommittee Ranking Member GREG STANTON of Arizona.

This resolution authorizes the use of these Capitol Grounds for the 44th Annual Peace Officers' Memorial event to honor the law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in 2024.

According to the Fraternal Order of Police, last year, there were 342 on-duty officers who were shot, 50 of whom were killed.

In February of this year, tragedy occurred in the district I am honored to represent when multiple police officers were shot while in the line of duty. One, Officer Andrew Duarte of the West York Borough Police Department, made the ultimate sacrifice. Mr. Speaker, he was only 30 years old.

Police officers across the country put their lives on the line every single day to keep us safe. Every day that they go out, they put their uniforms on and leave their families, and they don't know what they are going to run into. Every day can be a boring day where nothing happens. They can go through a whole career that way, but they never know and their families never know. Every single day, they are prepared. They are ready to give everything as a sacrifice to their communities to make sure that safety is preserved.

That is why I and my friend, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STANTON), are extremely honored to once again be able to sponsor this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 9, which authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 44th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15, 2025. I thank the gentleman

from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) for his leadership as the subcommittee chair.

This incredibly important event, which is hosted by the National Fraternal Order of Police, will honor Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who lost their lives performing their duties in the year 2024.

In addition to the family and friends of the deceased, event organizers expect up to 25,000 police officers from around the country to be in attendance.

Among those honored and remembered will be Officer Adam R. Buckner of the Tucson Police Department, Officer Joshua Briese of the Gila River Police Department, Detective Ryan So of the Scottsdale Police Department, and Officer Zane Tristan Coolidge of the Phoenix Police Department.

Police Officer Zane Coolidge was shot in the line of duty while responding to reports of larceny, passing away at the hospital. He served with the Phoenix Police Department for 5 years and is survived by his wife and infant daughter.

Officer Buckner was killed on March 31, 2024, when he was hit by a car while responding to a reported crime. He is survived by his wife, mother, sister, and three brothers.

Mr. Speaker, 23-year-old Joshua Briese was shot and killed while responding to a disturbance call in the Gila River Indian Community. He had served with the Gila River Police Department for less than 1 year and was still completing field training. His father, Deputy Sheriff David Leroy Briese, Jr., of the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department, Montana, died in the line of duty on November 3, 2006. We owe a special debt of gratitude to this family that has lost two of their family members, police officers who died in the line of duty.

Ryan So was accidentally shot and killed after serving a search warrant and conducting an arrest in Scottsdale. A United States Navy veteran who served with the Scottsdale Police Department for 9 years, Detective So is survived by his wife and three daughters.

Mr. Speaker, this is an important resolution. This is an important event to honor police officers who died in the line of duty and also to honor those living who are willing to die in the line of duty to serve their community.

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

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

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, like my friend, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STANTON), implied, these are heartbreaking, heart-wrenching stories about real people. Oftentimes, in our country, people look for heroes. They look to sporting fields. They look to pop culture for their heroes, but their heroes walk right among them, right in their own

communities every single day, again, being willing when they put on that uniform, when they sign up, to say, "I will give all for my community," running to the sound of the gun, running to the danger, unlike most other people whose senses, whose sensibilities, tell them to go the other way.

This is the smallest thing we can do to acknowledge the enormous sacrifice that law enforcement makes every single day in our community, to acknowledge that sacrifice and to honor those heroes who are near and far.

In closing, I reiterate my support for H. Con. Res. 9, which will honor the fallen men and women serving our Nation as law enforcement officers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 9.

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.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to the following resolution:

##### S. RES. 155

Whereas Ludmya "Mia" Bourdeau was born in Brooklyn, New York, December 6, 1975, to Haitian immigrant parents Jean Maxime and Marie Bourdeau and was raised in a family steeped in faith, freedom, compassion, and hard work;

Whereas the values instilled in Representative Love by her parents inspired a life of service, excellence, and courage;

Whereas Representative Love graduated from the University of Hartford, and upon moving to Utah, began a lifetime of public service and civic leadership;

Whereas she was elected to the Saratoga Springs City Council and then made history in 2009 as the first African-American woman elected mayor in the State of Utah;

Whereas, in 2014, Representative Love was elected to the United States House of Representatives, becoming the first Black Republican woman ever elected to Congress;

Whereas, in Congress, she was a principled voice for the people of Utah, for fiscal responsibility, for opportunity, and for the enduring values of family, faith, and freedom;

Whereas, throughout her life, she used her voice not only to shape policy and uplift civic discourse, but also to comfort friends, encourage family, and testify about her faith;

Whereas, after her time in Congress, Representative Love continued to serve the public as a political commentator, author, and national thought leader, fostering more honest, civil, and inclusive conversations on the pressing issues of the day;

Whereas Representative Love's deep faith as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was central to her life, and her leadership and commitment to discipleship shaped her every endeavor;

Whereas she was a devoted wife to Jason Love, a loving mother to Alessa, Abigale, and Peyton, and a joyful grandmother to Mera, and built her life around strengthening her family, encouraging their dreams, and walking beside them with grace and strength;

Whereas Representative Love inspired countless women, immigrants, public servants, and young leaders to find their voice, stand firm in their values, and believe they too could lead;

Whereas even in the face of illness and adversity, Representative Love demonstrated faith, courage, authenticity, and resolve, recording her memoir "Qualified" after her cancer diagnosis to ensure her voice would continue to uplift her family and the people of the United States; and

Whereas Representative Love passed away on March 23, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of integrity, inspiration, and purpose that will resound for generations: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, That—*

(1) the Senate—

(A) has heard with profound sorrow and deep respect the announcement of the death of the Honorable Mia Bourdeau Love, former Representative for the State of Utah; and

(B) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate—

(i) communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives; and

(ii) transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of the Honorable Mia Bourdeau Love; and

(2) When the Senate adjourns on the date of the adoption of this resolution, it stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Mia Bourdeau Love.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 24. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers".

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 107-252, Title II, Section 214, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, reappoints the following individual to the Election Assistance Commission, Board of Advisors:

Dr. Barbara Simons of California

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Matthew Hanley, one of his secretaries.

#### VETERANS EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY AND TRAINING ACT

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill