

Whereas on June 23, 1997, Betty Shabazz succumbed to injuries suffered in a tragic fire;

Whereas Betty Shabazz personified the roles of wife, mother, and professional woman; and

Whereas Betty Shabazz will be forever remembered for her love of family, her commitment to humankind, and for the joy and laughter she brought to all those who knew her: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors the life of Betty Shabazz.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Small Business:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Washington, DC, July 30, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: As of today's date, I will be taking a leave of absence from the Small Business Committee so that I can continue serving on the Budget Committee.

Sincerely,

BOB WEYGAND,  
*Member of Congress.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

#### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, July 30, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I would like to inform you that I am resigning from my assignment on the House Committee of Banking and Financial Services.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY,  
*Member of Congress.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 208), and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 208

*Resolved*, That the following named Members be, and that they are hereby, elected to

the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

To the Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Robert Weygand of Rhode Island.

To the Committee on National Security: Cynthia McKinney of Georgia.

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, but I was here on the floor before and wanted to add just a couple of words to the tribute to Betty Shabazz.

Betty Shabazz was my constituent for many years in Mount Vernon, NY, and was truly a friend and a great lady, and I stood up before, but I was not seen, and so I wanted to just very briefly say a few words on her behalf and ask that my words be put into the RECORD behind Mr. RANGEL's remarks.

I last saw Betty Shabazz in my district at a church in a celebration, a ceremony, dealing with United States and African relations and investment in Africa. I have known Betty for many years, am familiar with her work and education and caring about young people and caring about the future of this country.

I want to say that Betty Shabazz was truly a woman of valor, truly a woman who was color-blind and cared about all Americans, regardless of race, creed, color, or religious origin. Her life personified, I think, what makes this country great, how someone can take adversity in their own personal lives and just move themselves forward, going to school and getting her doctorate and sharing what she knew with the community.

I remember sitting next to her last year at the Democratic National Convention, and we chatted about all the things that she cared about, and I just wanted to add my voice to say that we truly miss her already. She was a great woman, but her legacy will live on. She cared not only about the people in my district again, but about all people, and I represent the communities of Mount Vernon, NY and Yonkers, NY in which she lived, and she really made us all proud.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ENGEL. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, if I might just ask the indulgence of the Speaker on behalf of the constituents of the 18th Congressional District of Texas, we admire the fact that New York claimed Dr. Betty Shabazz, but she is truly a national treasure, and for those of us in Texas, we acknowledge that Betty Shabazz was a symbol of motherhood in the fact that she rose as a single mother to raise six daughters and steadfastly continued her work on behalf of all children in this Nation. So those of us in

Texas benefitted from her love of education and children as well as her great work at the Medgar Evers College and her great work with Coretta Scott King and Merlie Evers, of course widows who lost their husbands to tragedy, but as well to the cause of civil rights, like her husband, Malcolm X.

So I just wanted to join my colleague from New York [Mr. ENGEL], and on behalf of my constituents. We acknowledge her as a national treasure, and I am very proud to be able to stand here and salute the Honorable Dr. Betty Shabazz through her death. She has helped to consolidate those of us who would support children and be able to continue her fight for equality and justice.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ENGEL. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to join the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] and the gentleman from New York [Mr. ENGEL] for their work on behalf of Betty Shabazz, who has become a mother figure for our entire land, the tragedies she suffered in the loss of her husband, the tragedy in her own life, and yet was able to go through so many wonderful things in her life. She will long be missed, and she has left her mark on our society.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### LIMITING AMENDMENTS DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2159, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2159) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, pursuant to the order of the House of July 24, 1997, no other amendment shall be in order (except for forma amendments offered for the purpose of debate) unless printed before August 1, 1997 in the portion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII.

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

There was no objection.