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With that, Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this very, very important resolution honoring President George Washington.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland for his supporting remarks.

Mr. Speaker, S. Con. Res. 83 remembers the life of George Washington and his contributions to our Nation. This concurrent resolution is similar to H. Con. Res. 209 which I introduced along with Speaker GINGRICH earlier this year.

I want to thank the Speaker and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) who is the distinguished chairman of our Committee on Government Reform and Oversight for his assistance in moving this important resolution. In addition, I would like to thank the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) for his assistance in the Senate and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) for his support.

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#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks in support of this resolution.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, as a Virginian and the former chairman of Fairfax County, where Mount Vernon is located, I am very pleased to be able to speak in support of S. Con. Res. 83, Remembering the life of George Washington and his contributions to the Nation. I am proud to rise in support of this resolution honoring the Father of our country as we near the historic bicentennial of his death.

The death of George Washington on December 14, 1799 was met with a period of national mourning that was unprecedented, even by modern standards. Many Americans believed that the very existence and security of our country would be jeopardized without his leadership and presence. However, in this day and age, many do not know how to respond to the question—who is George Washington?

The answer to this question may seem apparent, but many of our fellow Americans no longer seem to know the

answer. While he may continue to be the most recognized national figure thanks to his image appearing on the dollar bill and due to his name being used by many towns, cities, counties and even a State, evidence suggests that too few Americans truly understand what he stood for or that our country owes its very existence to his leadership, dedication, hard work, and personal sacrifice.

Washington's service to the Nation goes far beyond his remarkable leadership during the Revolutionary War and his precedent-setting terms as our first president. Washington was also considered the "first farmer" of America, a conservationist, and environmentalist ahead of his time. He helped to found the Nation's capital, he supported education with both political influence and personal donations, and he sent a very important message to the world when he freed his slaves in his will. Washington was not just a great man—he was a good man, who always strived to do what was best for his Nation.

As we approach the new millennium, it is imperative that we as Americans not lose sight of the monumental contributions made by George Washington to our Nation. In a eulogy delivered several days after his death, Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee said that George Washington was "A citizen, first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Senate concurrent resolution.

The Senate concurrent resolution was concurred.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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#### ENEY, CHESTNUT, GIBSON MEMORIAL BUILDING

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 120) to redesignate the United States Capitol Police headquarters building located at 119 D Street, Northeast, Washington, D.C., as the "Eney, Chestnut, Gibson Memorial Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

#### S. CON. RES. 120

Whereas the United States Capitol Police force has protected the Capitol and upheld the beacon of democracy in America;

Whereas 3 officers of the United States Capitol Police have lost their lives in the line of duty;

Whereas Sgt. Christopher Eney was killed on August 24, 1984, during a training exercise;

Whereas officer Jacob "J.J." Chestnut was killed on July 24, 1998, while guarding his post at the Capitol; and

Whereas Detective John Gibson was killed on July 24, 1998, while protecting the lives of visitors, staff, and the Office of the Majority Whip of the House of Representatives: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),* That the United States Capitol Police headquarters building located at 119 D Street, Northeast, Washington, D.C., shall be known and designated as the "Eney, Chestnut, Gibson Memorial Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM).

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution 120 redesignates the United States Capitol Police Headquarter Building located at 119 D Street, Northeast, Washington, D.C., as the Eney, Chestnut, Gibson Memorial Building in honor of the three Capitol Police officers who made an ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the line of service.

Officer Eney was killed in training exercises in August 1984. Officers Chestnut and Gibson were struck down in the line of fire defending the Members of this body, congressional staff and visitors just a few weeks ago on July 24.

This certainly is a most fitting tribute to these fallen heroes. I support the resolution and urge my colleagues to join me in support.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my distinguished friend and colleague, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT), who does such an able job representing us on this committee and in the Congress, for yielding this time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S.Con.Res. 120, a concurrent resolution to rename the Capitol Police Headquarters in the memory of Officers Christopher Eney, Jacob Chestnut and Detective John Gibson.

Mr. Speaker, the distinguished majority leader and I had the opportunity today to participate in the laying of a wreath at the memorial which commemorates those brave American police officers, our domestic defenders who have laid down their life for peaceful and safe communities.

Mr. Speaker, almost 15,000 Americans wearing a uniform or in the service of our law enforcement levels at the Federal, state and local have lost their lives. That is a big number. This year alone, Mr. Speaker, 64,000 officers will be assaulted on the streets and in the communities of America. An officer will be killed once every 54 hours in America. Twelve officers, in addition to Mr. Chestnut and Mr. Gibson, Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut, were killed in July of 1998. These stark statistics were given at that memorial service in which the majority leader and I participated today.

I introduced a resolution similar to this in the House with Senator PAUL

SARBANES on September 18, 1998, passed Senator SARBANES' resolution, non-partisan-bipartisan, no pride of authorship, but a pride only in the service that these brave men have given. It passed the Senate on October 8.

I want to thank my colleague and friend, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY); the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER); the ranking member, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR); and, as I said earlier, my good friend the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) as well as the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) for bringing this bill to the floor in a timely fashion. Susan Brita of the Democratic staff I would also like to personally thank for her attention to this bill as well as the majority staff for their hard work in ensuring its consideration here today.

This resolution names; the building does not have a name right now, but this resolution names the United States Capitol Police Headquarters as the Eney, Chestnut, Gibson Memorial Building. It is right and proper that we do this. This name was selected not by any of us, but by the Capitol Police themselves and reflects the order in which each man lost his life. These men are fallen heroes of the Capitol Police Force.

Let me read now, if I can, Mrs. Eney's remarks that are included at the memorial. She said this:

It is not how those officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived.

I hope Mrs. Eney is watching today along with Mrs. Chestnut and Mrs. Gibson. I had the opportunity to talk to Wendy today and to Lynn and see the pain of their loss and the anguish that they were experiencing. There is nothing that we can do perhaps to relieve that pain, but it is proper for us to recognize the sacrifice and service of those they loved.

These men are fallen heroes. Officer Christopher Eney lost his life during a training exercise in August 1984, training to be ready to defend this Capitol with his life, if need be. Just as Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson had trained and were prepared and did, in fact, give their lives in the defense not just of the people in this body, not just of those who work in this building, not even just for those who visit this building, or a combination of all, but in a very real sense in defense of the democracy for which this building stands.

Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson were struck down in the line of duty on July 24 of this year while defending innocent citizens, staff and Members from a maniacal and senseless shooting spree in our Nation's Capitol. Last week indeed, Mr. Speaker, a grand jury indicted the shooter, charged him with murder in the shooting deaths of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson. Hopefully that trial will proceed speedily and will reach a just and appropriate result.

Mr. Speaker, August 24, the day on which Christopher Eney died, and July

24, the day on which Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut gave their lives, those two dates should forever remind us that the risk is always present for those we ask to defend a free society.

As a Capitol Hill family, we in Congress wish to join the Capitol Hill Police Force and the families of the deceased in honoring the memory of their colleagues and loved ones who died while performing their duties by renaming their headquarters after them.

It is appropriate for the Congress to pass this resolution. The men and women of law enforcement, like those we ask to join the Armed Services and defend freedom abroad, are responsible for us being able to meet in this body, in a society that honors peace and order. The least that we could do, as a body and as a people, is to honor our fallen officers by naming the headquarters where they served with dignity and pride and commitment and courage.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the majority whip, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY).

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise certainly in support of this legislation and am very proud to support it. I want to thank my good friend, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) because I went to the same ceremony just to honor not only the Capitol heroes that have fallen but police officers that have fallen around the country, just to support them.

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) was very gracious in including me in the ceremony. It was a great honor for me to be a part of the ceremony and because of his graciousness and hospitality and thoughtfulness, I really appreciate what he did.

This is a resolution that I am very proud that is coming to the floor. It is obviously on a day like today, when we are honoring all the fallen law enforcement officers around the country, and those that are still living, to pass a resolution like this, particularly in light of the fact that Christopher Eney, who died in a training incident, is also being honored along with Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson.

The Capitol Police have only lost three officers in its entire history. Christopher Eney was the first, and unfortunately on the same day we lost two more. The Capitol Police Officers want to name their headquarters for these three officers and I, like the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), think that is more than appropriate and certainly honorable that their fellow officers want to do so.

Earlier this year, the body knows that my office was the scene of this tragic incident that shook the Nation and it was there that a gunman came into the United States Capitol and started shooting and he killed Officer Chestnut, wounded a tourist and then shot and fatally wounded Detective Gibson.

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Before he died, Detective Gibson was able to shoot the gunman, saving the lives of many innocent bystanders, including members of my staff. For that, my staff and I will be eternally grateful.

We also are grateful to the families that sacrificed these officers. As most can expect, these families are having a very hard time but need to understand that the Nation is praying for them and their families; that they have a lot of support not only within the law enforcement community in Washington, D.C. and in the Metroplex area but in this House and around the country.

The memorial fund that was set up for J.J. and John has been more than successful, although I would like it to be even bigger, but we are very encouraged by the kind of support that we are seeing coming from all around the Nation.

Chestnut and Gibson and Eney are certainly American heroes, not only because they died in the line of duty but also because they exemplified the best of the American spirit when they were alive. All three were family men. All three were patriots. All three were dedicated to the proposition that America is the land of the free and the home of the brave.

John Gibson served on my security detail and became a very close friend to me. We discussed many things in our time together. We talked about our families. We talked about our country and we talked about God. I continue to miss the professional manner, the uncommon wisdom and the wry sense of humor that John brought to our office every day, and I will miss him for the rest of my life.

Both John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut died so that others might live. They gave their lives in the defense of the United States Capitol and they died as American heroes. Naming the U.S. Capitol Police headquarters after these three men, J.J. Chestnut, John Gibson and Christopher Eney, is an altogether, if insufficient, way to memorialize their contributions to the United States Congress and to this country, and I am honored to ask the Members to support this resolution.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute, before I pay tribute to these officers, to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) and to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER). They have worked so hard to pay tribute to such a needy, worthy situation in our Nation's history, in our Capitol history, that the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) deserve the thanks of every Member, of every family and every police officer in America.

As an old sheriff, I want to thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) and I want to thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Having said that, as sheriff, I lost a deputy who was shot at short range, Sonny Litch, a beautiful family, left two youngsters, and it is a sad, tragic day.

What we do here today is appropriate and fitting. I want to join with the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) and the good Senator from the other side. I want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM), Rick and Susan, for helping with this, and I hope that this will last forever and their memory will last forever for the great service, the ultimate sacrifice, they give to their Nation. Every law enforcement officer deserves a pat on the back because every day they put their life on the line.

With that, I urge an aye vote.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 120.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. Con. Res. 120.

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

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONCURRENCE BY THE HOUSE, WITH AN AMENDMENT, IN SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2204, COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1997

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 602) providing for the concurrence by the House with an amendment in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2204.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 602

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2204) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, and the Senate amendment thereto, and to have concurred in the Senate amendment with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents.

TITLE I—AUTHORIZATION

- Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 102. Authorized levels of military strength and training.
- Sec. 103. LORAN-C.

TITLE II—COAST GUARD MANAGEMENT

- Sec. 201. Severance pay.
- Sec. 202. Authority to implement and fund certain awards programs.
- Sec. 203. Use of appropriated funds for commercial vehicles at military funerals.
- Sec. 204. Authority to reimburse Novato, California, Reuse Commission.
- Sec. 205. Law enforcement authority for special agents of the Coast Guard Investigative Service.
- Sec. 206. Report on excess Coast Guard property.
- Sec. 207. Fees for navigation assistance service.
- Sec. 208. Aids to navigation report.

TITLE III—MARINE SAFETY

- Sec. 301. Extension of territorial sea for certain laws.
- Sec. 302. Penalties for interfering with the safe operation of a vessel.
- Sec. 303. Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee.
- Sec. 304. Alcohol testing.
- Sec. 305. Protect marine casualty investigations from mandatory release.
- Sec. 306. Safety management code report and policy.
- Sec. 307. Oil and hazardous substance definition and report.
- Sec. 308. National Marine Transportation System.
- Sec. 309. Availability and use of EPIRBs for recreational vessels.
- Sec. 310. Search and rescue helicopter coverage.
- Sec. 311. Petroleum transportation.
- Sec. 312. Seasonal Coast Guard helicopter air rescue capability.
- Sec. 313. Ship reporting systems.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS

- Sec. 401. Vessel identification system amendments.
- Sec. 402. Conveyance of Coast Guard Reserve training facility, Jacksonville, Florida.
- Sec. 403. Documentation of certain vessels.
- Sec. 404. Conveyance of Nahant parcel, Essex County, Massachusetts.
- Sec. 405. Unreasonable obstruction to navigation.
- Sec. 406. Financial responsibility for oil spill response vessels.
- Sec. 407. Conveyance of Coast Guard property to Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida.
- Sec. 408. Penalty for violation of International Safety Convention.
- Sec. 409. Coast Guard City, USA.
- Sec. 410. Conveyance of Communication Station Boston Marshfield Receiver Site, Massachusetts.
- Sec. 411. Clarification of liability of persons engaging in oil spill prevention and response activities.
- Sec. 412. Vessels not seagoing motor vessels.
- Sec. 413. Land conveyance, Coast Guard Station Ocracoke, North Carolina.
- Sec. 414. Conveyance of Coast Guard property in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.