

Hulshof	Melancon	Schmidt
Inglis (SC)	Mica	Schwartz
Inlee	Michaud	Scott (GA)
Israel	Miller (FL)	Scott (VA)
Issa	Miller (MI)	Sensenbrenner
Jackson (IL)	Miller (NC)	Serrano
Jackson-Lee	Mitchell	Sessions
(TX)	Mollohan	Sestak
Jefferson	Moore (KS)	Shays
Johnson (GA)	Moore (WI)	Shea-Porter
Johnson (IL)	Moran (KS)	Sherman
Johnson, E. B.	Murphy (CT)	Shimkus
Johnson, Sam	Murphy, Patrick	Shuler
Jones (NC)	Murphy, Tim	Simpson
Jones (OH)	Musgrave	Sires
Jordan	Myrick	Slaughter
Kagen	Nadler	Smith (NE)
Kanjorski	Napolitano	Smith (NJ)
Kaptur	Nunes	Smith (TX)
Keller	Oberstar	Smith (WA)
Kennedy	Obey	Snyder
Kildee	Olver	Souder
Kilpatrick	Ortiz	Space
Kind	Pallone	Spratt
King (IA)	Pastor	Stearns
King (NY)	Payne	Stupak
Kingston	Pearce	Sullivan
Klein (FL)	Pence	Sutton
Kline (MN)	Perlmutter	Tanner
Knollenberg	Peterson (MN)	Tauscher
Kucinich	Peterson (PA)	Taylor
Kuhl (NY)	Petri	Terry
LaHood	Pickering	Thompson (CA)
Lamborn	Pitts	Thompson (MS)
Lampson	Platts	Thornberry
Langevin	Poe	Tiaht
Larsen (WA)	Pomeroy	Tiberi
Larson (CT)	Porter	Tierney
Latham	Price (GA)	Towns
Lee	Price (NC)	Tsongas
Levin	Pryce (OH)	Turner
Lewis (GA)	Putnam	Udall (CO)
Lewis (KY)	Radanovich	Udall (NM)
Linder	Rahall	Upton
Lipinski	Ramstad	Van Hollen
LoBiondo	Rangel	Velázquez
Loeb sack	Regula	Visclosky
Lofgren, Zoe	Rehberg	Walberg
Lowey	Reichert	Walden (OR)
Lucas	Renzi	Walsh (NY)
Lynch	Reyes	Walz (MN)
Mack	Richardson	Wamp
Mahoney (FL)	Rodriguez	Wasserman
Maloney (NY)	Rogers (AL)	Schultz
Manzullo	Rogers (KY)	Waters
Marchant	Rogers (MI)	Watson
Markey	Rohrabacher	Watt
Marshall	Ros-Lehtinen	Weiner
Matsui	Roskam	Welch (VT)
McCarthy (CA)	Ross	Weller
McCauley (TX)	Rothman	Westmoreland
McCollum (MN)	Roybal-Allard	Whitfield
McCotter	Royce	Wicker
McGovern	Ruppersberger	Wilson (NM)
McHenry	Rush	Wilson (OH)
McHugh	Ryan (OH)	Wilson (SC)
McIntyre	Ryan (WI)	Wolf
McKeon	Salazar	Woolsey
McMorris	Sali	Wu
Rodgers	Sánchez, Linda	Yarmuth
McNerney	T.	Young (AK)
McNulty	Sarbanes	Young (FL)
Meek (FL)	Schakowsky	Schiff
Meeks (NY)	Schiff	

NOT VOTING—57

Abercrombie	Fossella	Murtha
Baker	Gingrey	Neal (MA)
Berry	Gohmert	Neugebauer
Boehner	Hinojosa	Pascarell
Calvert	Hookey	Paul
Capps	Hunter	Reynolds
Carson	Jindal	Sanchez, Loretta
Coble	Kirk	Saxton
Cubin	Lantos	Shadegg
Culberson	LaTourette	Shuster
Davis, Lincoln	Lewis (CA)	Skelton
Davis, Tom	Lungren, Daniel	Solis
Deal (GA)	E.	Stark
DeGette	Matheson	Tancredo
DeLauro	McCarthy (NY)	Waxman
Dicks	McCrery	Weld (FL)
Doolittle	McDermott	Wexler
Eshoo	Miller, Gary	Wynn
Farr	Miller, George	
Ferguson	Moran (VA)	

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Ms. PRYCE of Ohio changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CONGRESSIONAL HUNGER FELLOWS PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4404(c)(2) of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Act of 2002 (2 U.S.C. 1161), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following member to the Board of Trustees of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Program for a term of 4 years:

Mr. James P. McGovern, Worcester, Massachusetts

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE JOHN A. BOEHNER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 29, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to section 4404(e)(2) of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Act of 2002 (2 U.S.C. 1161) I am pleased to re-appoint the Honorable Jo Ann Emerson of Cape Girardeau, Missouri to the Board of Trustees of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Program.

Mrs. Emerson has expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill her request.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Republican Leader.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

THE HOSTAGE OF BAGHDAD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, in the deserts of Iraq a war is going on against the enemies of America. In the heat and dust of the summer of 2005, a young American went to fight, not against al Qaeda, but for her own survival. She became the “Hostage of Baghdad,” held against her will by vil-

lains of the desert, thousands of miles away from home in Texas. This is her story.

Madam Speaker, Jamie Leigh Jones was a 20-year-old woman who worked for Halliburton KBR. She was sent to Iraq as part of her employment. She was sent to Baghdad to a place, ironically, called Camp Hope, in the supposed Green Zone that was supposed to be safe.

After being in Iraq only a few days, she said she was held against her will, drugged, gang-raped by Halliburton KBR firefighters, and the people in charge of her held her hostage in a ship cargo container for 24 hours without any food or water. She became an American hostage, held hostage by fellow Americans.

She convinced one of the people guarding her to let her borrow his cell phone. After obtaining the cell phone, Jamie called her dad in Texas and pleaded for help and begged to be rescued. She was scared, she was hurt, she was half a world away from home, and she was alone.

Jamie's dad called me because I represent him in Congress. Her father relayed the tragic assault and crime, and of course needed immediate assistance. My staff and I were able to contact the right people in the United States State Department, and within 48 hours two agents from the embassy in Baghdad found and rescued Jamie, made sure she received appropriate medical attention, and brought her home.

Jamie had been seen by Army doctors in Baghdad and had been given, apparently, good medical care while being treated in Baghdad. A forensic sexual assault examination was performed on her. This examination is commonly called a rape kit. Doctors take forensic samples from a sexual assault victim and then they are preserved as evidence for trial in this rape kit.

But, Madam Speaker, for some unknown reason, the Army doctors turned this rape kit over to Jamie's employer, Halliburton KBR. KBR then lost the rape kit. The rape kit was later found, but it had been tampered with. The photographs are now missing, and the Army doctor's cover sheet with the medical findings are not there. These are critical for prosecution of the rapists.

Madam Speaker, Jamie's brutal injuries were severe. She has had to have reconstructive surgery because of the extent of these injuries by these rapists in Iraq. Once she was home, we pressured the State Department to find out who these villains of Baghdad were; where are they, and why haven't they been prosecuted. After so much time, there is little progress on the investigation. We need to know also if KBR had knowledge of the crime and if they are involved to any extent.

Jamie has decided to go public with her case. This case, like all such cases, remains confidential in our congressional office. Congressional offices do

not divulge the content of personal case files like this because they are considered privileged communication and they are private.

My tremendous case worker, Patti Chapman, worked with Jamie since her rescue and has helped her in this most tragic way, and helped her in a compassionate way. Patti Chapman, like many congressional caseworkers, are angels to the people in our communities. Jamie has had the courage to publicly tell about this most personal crime against her. So my office and now Chairman CONYERS of the House Judiciary Committee have contacted the Attorney General and the State Department and we want answers about this case and the investigation.

Specifically, what is going on over there in Iraq? American citizens have civil rights overseas as well. Crimes committed against them must be investigated. Criminals must be held accountable. Our government has the legal and moral duty to capture these villains of Baghdad. Also, hundreds of American civilians like Jamie are in Iraq working in support of America's military mission. When these American civilians become victims of crimes by other Americans, it is unclear who's enforcing the law. Our government must clear up this confusion, because currently there seems to be an environment of lawlessness. These criminals must be held accountable.

Madam Speaker, let me tell you about sexual assault. I was a former judge and saw these victims and their perpetrators in court, and these demons that do these dastardly acts against victims don't commit these crimes for sexual pleasure, but, Madam Speaker, they do it to destroy the inner soul of these victims. Jamie Leigh Jones survived and has been rescued, but the outlaws still roam the deserts of Iraq like the outlaws in the days of the Old West. We need justice. We need the law to intervene and round up these outlaws for their day in court. Let justice be swift, let it be severe, let it be serious, because justice is what we do in America.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO SYLVIA PRESSLEY WOODS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of South Carolina's own, Sylvia Pressley Woods, affectionately known as the "Queen of Soul Food." In August of 1962, Sylvia put her charismatic personality to the test by purchasing a restaurant, which at the time was only a small luncheonette, from her boss.

Almost 50 years later, Sylvia's, as she named it, has become a landmark at 126th Street and Lenox Avenue, and a place where everyone knows they can get a taste of authentic southern soul

food cuisine. The restaurant also serves to remind the community's residents that hard work, determination, and love of family can lead to success.

Madam Speaker, Woods herself has a remarkable story that encapsulates much of the 20th century African-American history. She was born Sylvia Pressley on February 2, 1926, in Hemingway, South Carolina, a small rural town which I proudly represent in this august body. On December 22, next week, many of her friends will gather at Sanders Point near Santee, South Carolina, to celebrate the holidays with Sylvia. Tonight, I am being joined by members of the New York delegation in honoring a loving mother, an astute restaurateur, an enterprising businesswoman, and an outstanding South Carolinian, Mrs. Sylvia Pressley Woods.

With that, Madam Speaker, I would like to yield to the dean of the New York delegation, the Honorable CHARLES RANGEL.

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, a special thanks to JIM CLYBURN, our Whip and leader, for reaching back to pay tribute to an American that so often people forget what one can accomplish in this great country if they are willing to work hard.

You know, Mr. CLYBURN, I knew the world famous owner of Sylvia's when she was a waitress at a restaurant just one block away where she anchored her success, and she and her husband came together and went to South Carolina, two friends, in order to get the money necessary for her to start her own future. Mr. Woods, and we just lost him a few years back, would be up at 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning with that truck, going to the produce markets, picking the best vegetables, and then she would have her children and now her grandchildren, all a part of this wonderful family, and now that she's reached a point that her products are sold in supermarkets and throughout the world and that she has acclaimed a great deal of attention from tourists all over the world as these tourist buses are lined up, it doesn't surprise anybody to see Sylvia there asking these customers that she probably will never see again in life, How did you enjoy the meal and what can we do to help?

So let me thank you on behalf of all of Harlemites, even Congressman GREGORY MEEKS from the borough of Queens, who has to admit that coming from Harlem means a special thing to us, because he was one of us before he lost his way. And so when I heard that you were doing this on behalf of Harlem, who cherishes the rise of Sylvia's late husband, her children and her wonderful grandchildren, who still bring people from all over the world into the village of Harlem, let me thank you, JIM CLYBURN, for reminding us that we have so many heroes and "sheroes" in our country, and they deserve what you're doing for them in South Carolina. I thank you.

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I would like to now yield to one who has lost his way and will refind it tonight, the Honorable GREGORY MEEKS from the Sixth District of New York.

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Thank you, Mr. Whip, and I thank you also for bringing this recognition to Sylvia; because as a former Harlemit, I can recall going to Sylvia's. It was a place that brought families together. I can recall my parents bringing me to Sylvia's to have a family dinner or having breakfast in the morning. And it united people and it made us proud because it did say just what the chairman said, talking about African Americans owning their own business and feeding the masses as she did. And it was affordable.

So it was a family place. And, for me, I can remember those breakfasts. Those grits and salmon cakes were just delicious and fantastic. As I am here now standing and looking, and we are talking about trade all over the world. You talk about reducing the trade deficit for the United States? Sylvia is helping to reduce the trade deficit as she now cans her food and sends it all across the world so they all can enjoy the delicious food.

Thank you for honoring Sylvia Woods today because she is truly a shero, one that I can recall as a young child looking up to and saying that one day that we could be prosperous like her. Thank you for never forgetting her roots and where we come from, Mr. Whip.

Mr. CLYBURN. Thank you, Mr. MEEKS.

Let me close my 5 minutes, Madam Speaker, by reiterating something that I think all of us ought to think about. Sylvia Pressley Woods' father died when she was 3 days old. He died from the effects of chemical weapons that he had encountered in World War I. Her grandfather was hanged when her mother was a little child. But all of that experience helped to toughen her and make her the outstanding entrepreneur that she is today. On February 2, she turns 82 years old, but she gets up every morning and still goes to that restaurant. She is a great woman.

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, Sylvia's Restaurant of Harlem is known as one of this country's greatest restaurants which has a selection of mouth-watering dishes that each time will leave you wanting more. This is one of the best-known restaurants in New York and serves its patrons good southern cooking with a dash of Sylvia's secret seasoning.

Sylvia Woods worked at Johnson's Luncheonette as a waitress. Her opportunity came when the owner offered to sell her the business. She purchased the original luncheonette by borrowing \$20,000 from her mother who had to mortgage her farm in Hemingway, SC.

The establishment, which consists of not only the restaurant but catering and banquet facilities, was started in July of 1962. back then the menu consisted of very simple things; pigtales, lima beans, hamhocks, and neck bones. There was only one cook on staff and they picked their food up in the trunk of a car.