

HOOR OF MEETING TOMORROW

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, for morning-hour debate.

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

There was no objection.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "BILL" ELKINS, JR.

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William "Bill" Elkins, Jr., who was born January 20, 1920, to William and Virginia Elkins. He, sadly, passed way on May 12 of this year.

Mr. Elkins was born and raised in Los Angeles, California, where he was known for his civility, loyalty, discretion, diplomacy, and dedication to civil rights. He was the right-hand man of the late Mayor Tom Bradley for 40 years—before, during, and after the mayor's four times in office—as the first African American to hold that high post and as the elected official who held it the longest to date.

Mr. Elkins met the future mayor while they attended Lafayette Middle School in South Los Angeles. Their friendship strengthened in subsequent years of study in college and work for the City of Los Angeles.

A graduate of Jefferson High School, young Bill Elkins left college to serve his country by enlisting in the Army and was assigned for 4 years to Italy during World War II. He returned to earn his bachelor's degree in political science at UCLA, where he and Tom Bradley pledged Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity together. He worked for the county as a probation officer and earned his juris doctorate from Southwestern University Law School, once again taking classes with LAPD Officer Tom Bradley, who was the best man at his wedding in 1945.

He then became the director of Teen Post. It was an inner-city after-school youth program. He rose to be the general counsel right next to our mayor, Tom Bradley.

He became the Mayor's point-man on affirmative action and was more responsible than any other single individual for remedying the exclusion of people of color and women from employment in responsible positions for the City of Los Angeles. He was also Mayor Bradley's liaison to Washington, DC, and was responsible for several citywide programs, including the city's Area Agency for Aging and multiple youth programs.

After Mayor Bradley left office, Elkins served on the board of the Thomas Spiegel Family Foundation as that philanthropy's vice president, until he retired a few years ago. Elkins

was also a member of Second Baptist Church for more than 70 years.

Mr. Elkins leaves to cherish his memory his wife Eleanor, to whom he was married for 65 years, their sons Bill and Larry, two grandchildren, and a host of family, friends and colleagues.

We honor Mr. Elkins today—a good and decent American whose deeds in life and record of public service deserve to be acknowledged and commemorated.

May God rest his soul.

CUT SPENDING AND GET THE ECONOMY MOVING

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I listened with great interest to the majority leader—the Democrat majority leader's comments about the accomplishments that have been made by this Congress. I would just like to say briefly this: the American people don't want to hear this hyperbole. They don't want to hear these long dissertations about what's being accomplished around here. What the American people want is to cut spending and to get this economy moving again and create jobs. And blowing money like the Democrats are doing and creating a debt that our kids will never be able to deal with is not the answer.

And so I'd like the next time that they have this discussion back and forth for 45 minutes that they cut to the chase and say, We're going to do this to cut spending. We're going to do this to create jobs. And we're going to cut taxes like Ronald Reagan did to get this economy moving again, instead of all this other stuff that's going on.

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE TALKS

(Mr. ELLISON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor today to congratulate Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on their decision to start proximity talks. I believe the United States' national security interest is directly linked to the resolution of this long-standing conflict. I also believe that, like other seemingly intractable conflicts, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can be resolved, especially with the active and even-handed leadership of the United States. Congratulations to President Obama and Envoy Mitchell, who got right to work on Middle East peace right after the President's inauguration and, despite huge hurdles, have both been persistent.

I hope the President continues to encourage all parties to negotiate seriously and in good faith and to move from proximity talks to direct negotiations to reach agreement on final and

permanent status issues. The world needs a secure Israel and it needs an independent, viable Palestinian state. However, simply declaring support for one side or the other does not really help either side. Both sides benefit from peace. We need to build a constituency for peace, and that means support for each side to make the necessary concessions.

NEVER BEEN IN A COURTROOM

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the new Supreme Court pick, Elena Kagan, has never been a judge. News reports say she doesn't have trial court experience as a lawyer. As a lawyer, she never questioned a witness or made an argument before a jury. She's never been a trial judge so she never had to make a constitutional ruling in the courtroom in the heat of trial. She's never heard a civil case. She's never heard a criminal case. She's never even heard a traffic case. She's never ruled on the rules of evidence like the exclusionary rule. She's never instructed a jury on reasonable doubt or sentenced a convicted criminal.

Why should Elena Kagan be confirmed to a lifetime appointment to the most powerful court in the world? She'd be judging trial lawyers and trial judges who've been through the mud and the blood and the beer of courtroom trials. A trial—maybe something she's never even seen. She's an academic elitist that's never tried a case. That's like putting someone in charge of the brain surgery unit that's never done an operation.

And that's just the way it is.

STAMP CAMP USA

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, philately, or stamp collecting, is a hobby that teaches history, art, geography, and even heraldry. As stamps have branched out into film and iconic figures, there seems to be no limit to the subjects they cover, from Elvis to dinosaurs to Laurel and Hardy.

I rise today to honor Stamp Camp USA as it celebrates its 15th year in Elkland, Pennsylvania. The camp is the brainchild of Cheryl Edgcomb, who is the local postmaster in Nelson, Pennsylvania. Her camp introduces stamp collecting from basics, like sorting and handling, up to beginning exhibiting using both creative 3-dimensional and traditional formats.

As the children learn, they earn "stamp camp cash," which they use to purchase supplies for their hobby. There is a whole network of supporters of the camp, including 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, YWCA, public libraries, Experience Works, AmeriCorps

VISTA, Head Start, and others. Stamp Camp USA has expanded to other regions of the country.

This month, we celebrate the 15th anniversary of the camp in an attempt to break a new Guinness world record for the largest evident collection of rainbows on stamps. We wish them luck in the competition and continued success in teaching children to love collecting stamps.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. SUTTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Police Week. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential proclamation that set aside May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week of May 15 as National Police Week. Since that time, we have dedicated this week to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty.

During this week, police officers and their families and people in our communities throughout the country come together to honor and remember those officers who have fallen in the line of duty. It's a week to honor their service, their sacrifice, and their life. But this week is also for the surviving family members and fellow officers of the fallen. It's a time of tribute, and it's a time of healing.

Northeast Ohio has experienced the tragic loss of two police officers recently this year. At the end of his watch on March 15, 2010, Officer James Kerstetter of the Elyria Police Department was shot and killed in the line of duty. Just 2 days earlier, on March 13, Officer Thomas Patton of the Cleveland Heights Police Department collapsed and died while in pursuit of a suspect. Officers Kerstetter and Patton gave their lives in protection of their communities. These brave men knew the risks of the profession, but they also knew the rewards. Our policemen and women are part of the foundation of our communities. They risk it all as they walk the beat and patrol the streets, keeping our families and neighborhoods safe. Police officers go to work every day, committed to the oath that they take to serve and protect. And too often when officers fall, we are reminded of the costs and the sacrifice of the protection they provide us.

But we must not only remember their service in times of loss. We must not only appreciate all that they do for

us during this 1 week. We must appreciate their service and support them every week, every day. We must commit ourselves to the mission of supporting the service of our police and giving them the means to fulfill their oath. That's why this year and in previous years, I supported full funding to the Community Oriented Policing Services, known as the COPS program. Congress created COPS in the 1990s to address increasing crime rates, and it has succeeded in putting over 117,000 more police on the beat. COPS' funding had been cut significantly after the 1990s, but I am proud to say that I have fought to make sure that this funding is continually improved and restored.

The Recovery Act that was passed and was supported by the FOP provided \$1 billion for this competitive grant, aiding police forces that were facing drastic cuts in the face of a declining economy. There were 165 officers' jobs saved throughout Ohio, and in my district alone 30 officers' positions were saved through COPS funding by the Recovery Act, and that doesn't even take into account all of us who were saved and safer because they were on the street.

We must continue to fight for funding and support our police, just as they fight for us every day to keep us safe, just as Officer Kerstetter and Officer Patton fought to keep us safe and gave their lives to protect us, let us always be there for them.

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

(Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HONORING CORPORAL HARVEY DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, National Police Week provides an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our law enforcement officers' countless contributions to building safe communities, not only in the Nation but also in the 19th Congressional District. This week, we pay tribute to those police officers who sacrifice so much for our safety. I am honored to stand behind those who risk their lives on a daily basis to keep our families and our neighborhoods safe. During this week, we also take time to remember those officers who we have lost in the line of duty and their families.

This week, members of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office are in Washington to attend the candlelight vigil in honor of fallen police officers across the Nation, including Lubbock County Sheriff Deputy Corporal Harvey. Cor-

poral Harvey was killed on April 6, 2009, in a vehicle accident while on duty. Corporal Harvey joined the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office in 2001 and was a member of the Texas Tactical Peace Officers Association. Corporal Harvey was a devoted father to sons J.D. and Austin and loving husband to his wife, Stacy.

Corporal Harvey's name will be engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and will be revealed during a ceremony in honor of all 116 officers who were killed in 2009. I will have the great honor to meet Corporal Harvey's parents, Danny and Diana, and his brother Brendan while they are here in Washington and to welcome the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard. We cannot and will not forget the service of Corporal Harvey and the many others who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, we sometimes take for granted that every day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, that men and women go out and put on a different uniform than our Nation's military. They put on a uniform of keeping the peace in our country, keeping our homes safe, keeping our businesses safe, keeping our streets safe. And we thank those men and women that do that. Sometimes I think we take them for granted.

I hope that the American people will use this week to go up to a peace officer, a law enforcement officer and take that opportunity to say "thank you." But also, maybe you live in a neighborhood where a sheriff's officer or a police officer lives in your neighborhood. Maybe they live next door to you. I hope you will take time to say to their family, Thank you for supporting your dad or your mom or your husband or your wife and allowing them to serve our country in this very special way because truly, it is a team sport, because without the support of the families, these men and women could not go and do the great job that we ask them to do. And what we learn is, this is a dangerous job, and unfortunately every year, we lose officers in the line of duty. We've already lost at least one in the 19th Congressional District this year. So from all the people in the 19th Congressional District—and I think I can speak for all the people across America, thank you, peace officers, law enforcement officers all across our country. And may God bless you, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.J. RES. 76

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as cosponsor of H.J. Res. 76.

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

There was no objection.