



H.RES. 1016 – EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR.

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1016 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Tom Feeney (R-FL) on March 4, 2008. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform agreed to the bill, as amended, by voice vote on March 13, 2008.

H.Res. 1016 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 23, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1016 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Honors and thanks William F. Buckley, Jr., for all he did to advance a conservative vision for America and a capitalist, democratic vision for the world;
- Expresses its profound sorrow at the death of William F. Buckley, Jr.; and
- Expresses its condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of William F. Buckley.

BACKGROUND

William F. Buckley, Jr. was born November 24, 1925 in New York City to William Frank Buckley, Sr. and Aloise Steiner. Mr. Buckley was the sixth of ten children raised briefly in Connecticut and then Europe where he attended grade school. After studying Spanish at National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mr. Buckley served in the US Army from 1944 to 1946, and was promoted to second lieutenant.

After the Army, Mr. Buckley studied political science, economics, and history at Yale University. At Yale, he was a member of the debate team, chairman of the Yale Daily News, and a member of the Skull and Bones secret society. After graduating from Yale, Mr. Buckley was recruited by the CIA where he worked for one year and was stationed in Mexico City. Mr. Buckley married Patricia Alden Austin Taylor in 1950. Mrs. Buckley died on April 15, 2007.

Mr. Buckley published over 50 books in his lifetime, including political commentaries in addition to history books and spy novels and thousands of columns. In 1955, Mr. Buckley founded the *National Review*, which continues to provide readers with a conservative perspective on current political issues. Mr. Buckley is best known for being an intellectual leader of the conservative movement over the past five decades, and is credited with mobilizing voters to help Barry Goldwater capture the Republican presidential nomination in 1964, and with helping Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush win their presidential elections. Mr. Buckley died on February 27, 2008, and is survived by his and Mrs. Buckley's son, Christopher.

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