



H.Res. 1026 – Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1026 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 Sanford Bishop, Jr. (D-GA) on March 6, 2008. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform approved the resolution by voice vote on April 9, 2008.

H.Res. 1026 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 19, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1026 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club;
- Acknowledges the contribution of political spouses to public life in America and around the world through the Congressional Club for the past 100 years;
- Honors the past and present membership of the Congressional Club;
- Encourages all Americans to strive for greater friendship, civility, and generosity in order to heighten public service, elevate the culture, and enrich humanity; and
- Encourages all Americans to seek out opportunities to give financially and to volunteer to assist charitable organizations in their own communities.

BACKGROUND

The Congressional Club was organized in 1908 by a group of 25 women from Washington who sought to establish a nonsectarian and nonpolitical group to bring the spouses of Members of Congress together when in Washington, D.C. Today, the Club is a charitable organization active in the D.C. community and nation, and hosts events for the spouses of foreign dignitaries.

The Congressional Club was unanimously established by an Act of Congress in 1908, and remains the only club to be established by Congressional action. President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Congressional resolution into law on May 30, 1908.

Several members of the Congressional Club have been elected to Congress, among whom are Past President Mrs. Lindy Boggs, Mrs. Jo Ann Emerson, Mrs. Lois Capps, Mrs. Mary Bono, and Mrs. Doris Matsui.

Congressional Club will celebrate its 100-year anniversary with festivities and ceremonies during 2008 that include the ringing of the official bells of the United States Congress, a Founder's Day program, a birthday cake at the First Lady's Luncheon, an anniversary postage stamp and cancellation stamp, a 100-year pin/pendant designed by Past President Lois Breaux, and invitations to President and Mrs. Bush, Speaker and Mr. Pelosi, Chief Justice and Mrs. Roberts to visit and celebrate 100 years of the Congressional Club.



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