

Committee on Rules
of the
United States
House of Representatives

ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH CONGRESS

Adopted on Monday, the twenty sixth day of March, two thousand and twelve

A Resolution

Expressing the gratitude of the Committee on Rules to the Honorable John V. Sullivan, the fourth Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives, on the occasion of his retirement for his service to the Committee, the House, and the Nation.

Whereas the Honorable John V. Sullivan has been a committed government servant for over 40 years and worked in the House of Representatives for 27 years;

Whereas Mr. Sullivan was appointed to the Office of the Parliamentarian in 1987 and, over the ensuing 25 years has served under six successive Speakers, the past eight years as Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives under the appointments of three successive Speakers;

Whereas Mr. Sullivan has displayed extraordinary rigor in the application of pertinent precedent to every parliamentary question and provided sage counsel and advice in matters critical to the institution;

Whereas the Committee on Rules constantly relies on the advice, counsel, and expertise of Mr. Sullivan to meet the Committee's obligations to the House;

Whereas Mr. Sullivan has cultivated and led a team of dedicated and nonpartisan deputies, assistants, and clerks committed to ensuring that the decisions of the Chair and the operation of the rostrum are regarded by all as fair, accurate, and professional;

Whereas Mr. Sullivan has served the House during a period of ongoing transition with shifting majorities, and has done so to the same standard of nonpartisan excellence expected from the Parliamentarian;

Whereas Mr. Sullivan participated in numerous programs of the House Democracy Partnership, providing advice and counsel to legislators from new and reemerging democracies around the globe as they work to strengthen their legislative institutions, reform their rules of procedure, and amend their constitutions;

Whereas Mr. Sullivan has endeavored to update the practices and procedures of the House to reflect developments in technology while remaining faithful to the institution's Constitutional underpinnings; and

Whereas Mr. Sullivan has informed the Speaker that he will be beginning a well-deserved retirement on the last day of March, two thousand and twelve: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Committee on Rules, on behalf of the Committee and the House, expresses its profound gratitude to the Honorable John V. Sullivan for his exemplary record of service and his steady, impartial advice and guidance as the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Clerk of the Committee is hereby directed to prepare this resolution in a manner suitable for presentation to Mr. Sullivan.

Chair of the Committee on Rules

*Ranking Minority Member of the
Committee on Rules*