
DIGEST

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HR No. 135

Abstract: Removes provisions providing for a memorial delegation to attend certain funeral services and provides instead for the appointment of a delegation to organize an appropriate commemoration in May for the U.S. Armed Forces men and women who lost their lives while serving.

Present House Rule authorizes the Speaker to appoint a memorial delegation to attend the funeral services of a person who served as a member of the House of Representatives. Provides that such delegation may be comprised of members, sergeants at arms, or other staff of the House of Representatives, as the Speaker deems appropriate. Provides that the memorial delegation may participate in the funeral services through appropriate activities, which may include any of the following:

- (1) Wearing appropriate coordinating attire, an insignia, or both, designating the delegation as representing the House of Representatives.
- (2) Bearing the national and state flags.
- (3) Standing vigil at the casket.
- (4) Presenting the family of the deceased with a state flag.

Present House Rule further requires the Sergeant at Arms, with the Speaker's approval, to develop procedures for activities of memorial delegations and authorizes the Sergeant at Arms to suggest additional appropriate activities for memorial delegations.

Proposed House Rule removes provisions of present House Rule and requires instead that the Speaker appoint a delegation to organize and coordinate an appropriate commemoration of the men and women who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Provides that the Speaker shall appoint the officers of the delegation including the chairman who shall be a member who is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. The commemoration shall occur on an appropriate day in the month of May.

(Amends House Rule 4.9)