

(December 6, 2006) Capitol Room Renamed In Honor of Congressman Henry Hyde

A room of his own: Colleagues honor Hyde

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House International Relations Committee Chairman Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) is wrapping up a 32-year career in the House this week.

His colleagues on Tuesday renamed a room on the first floor of the Capitol -- known for a few more weeks as H-139 -- as the "Henry J. Hyde" room.

Co-sponsors of the resolution included a handful of members of the Illinois delegation: Democrats Lane Evans and Daniel Lipinski and Republicans Mark Steven Kirk and Don Manzullo.

"It is an unexpected, but very welcome, honor to be able to lend my name to the hallowed halls of our nation's Capitol. I am humbled to share this standing with such eminent leaders as Presidents Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy," Hyde said in a statement.

"When I first entered the House chamber 32 years ago, I never dreamed that, in my career, I would have the opportunity to serve with men and women of such distinction. With the support of all my friends and constituents, a great many victories have been achieved, including increasing the protections of the unborn and strengthening our homeland security while guarding our civil rights.

"I came to Congress to make a difference, and, now that my time is through, I entrust the continuation of that dream to the very capable hands of my friends and colleagues in the House."

Hyde, who represents a west and northwest suburban Chicago district, will be replaced by Republican state Sen. Peter Roskam, who defeated Tammy Duckworth in a close race in November.

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